



First Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2009

Ministry Schedule

St. Mary

Sat. 3/14 6:00 PM
Team 3

Sun. 3/15 10:30 AM
Team 1

Sun. 3/15 12:15 PM
Team 4

Ushers: Bill Snyder
Team 1

Vern Birgenheir
Team 3

Victor Olmos

St. Francis

Sun. 3/8 8:00 AM

Team 2- Wil Hutchinson

Altar Servers: Team 3

Mass Intentions

St. Mary

Sat. 3/7 6:00 PM † Sean Strittmatter

Sun. 3/8 10:30 AM Joseph Pablo

" 3/8 12:15 PM Father Patrick Persinger

Tue. 3/10 5:00 PM † Antonio Perez
Jose Pablo-Happy Birthday

Wed. 3/11 8:00 AM John and Sandra Bergum-Anniv.

Thur. 3/12 8:00 AM † Ada Campellone

Fri. 3/13 8:00 AM † Shirley Strohmer

Sat. 3/14 6:00 PM † Ramon and Herlinda Lujan

Sun. 3/15 10:30 AM † Frank A. Cruz

Sun. " 12:15 PM † Rev. Ezeziel Pascoal

St. Francis

Sun. 3/8 8:00 AM Federico Avina Rivas

Tue. 3/10 8:00 AM † Rev. Valentin Closa

Wed. 3/11 5:00 PM † Rev. Timothy Cummins

Thur. 3/12 5:00 PM † Rev. John Yarbero

Fri. 3/13 5:00 PM † William C. Valpey Sr.

Sun. 3/15 8:00 AM † Essie Spilbough

Thought of the Week

**I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

Retreats, Conferences and Seminars

Catholic Engaged Encounter

St. Anthony Retreat at 43816 Sierra Dr. (Hwy.198) in Three Rivers, CA is sponsoring an Engaged Encounter Weekend March 13-15. This retreat is open to all, including non Catholics. For more information and registration please call (559)265-3365.

CATHOLIC SENIOR ADULTS

St. Anthony Retreat is sponsoring a retreat for, March 24-26, 2009. The cost is \$140 (shared occupancy), \$260 (couples), and \$170 (private room). Facilitators are Fr. John Griesbach and Sr. Danielle Witt. The retreat begins Tuesday with lunch at noon and ends on Thursday after the noon meal. For more information and to register please call (559) 561-4595 or log on to: www.stanthonyretreat.org

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille helps couples through times of trouble, disillusionment, and misery in their marriage. The next workshop weekend will be held on April 17-19 in Modesto. For confidential information call: 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Please Pray for the Sick

Father Patrick Persinger, Edward Hays, Lula Olmos, Wil Hutchinson, Tim Miller, Carol Capko, Ronae Winroe and her baby, Ginger Turcotte, Nancy Glover, Oralia Torres, Tom Quinn, Bud Staudenraus, L. J. Pope, Connie P. Alfred, Rosemarie Lampino, Mario and Lucy Carreño, Omar A., Wayne Lester, Pat and Donna Ryan, Jonathan Barnum, Dean & Betty Ziegler, Grace Sanchez, Anthony Langsine, Maggie Hopkins, Mike Nehl, Gloria Barr, Teresa Hernandez, Roy Gallagher, Florence Stratman, Joe Britt, John Klay, Heriberto Villegas, John Lite, Ben Canaday, Martha Perry, Shelly Bryant, Joe Gonzales, Kristian Silva, Al Charlberg, Kathleen Lindstron, Carol Caniete, Marcos Avina, Christopher Avina, Dennis Focht, Autumn Ginn, Erwin Stratman, Sandy Hamman, James Smith, Joshua Borne, Frances Branham, Peggy and Randy Medford, Ray Baxter, Diane Muzach, Maribel Scoglio, Mary Valdez, and all those in need of prayer.

Please keep us informed of the progress of those listed and let us know when a name should be removed.

Help us keep the list up to date.

Visiting Priests

We wish to welcome Father Tom Baker of Sacred Heart in Lancaster as our celebrant for the Saturday vigil and to Father Augustine of St. Francis of Assisi in Bakersfield as our celebrant of the Holy Masses on Sunday.

Thank you for your assistance while Father Patrick is recuperating.

Baptism Class

The class will be Monday, March 9th, 7pm, St. Mary's church Hall in Spanish and English.

There will be no baptisms in April because it is Lent. The next baptisms will be May 2nd and 9th.

Church Council Meetings

St. Mary

The Church council will meet on Saturday, March 14th at 9:00am in Rosamond. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

St. Francis

The Ladies of St. Francis will meet Friday, March 20th at 6pm in the Hall to discuss this year's plans. We will also be having a pot-luck supper.



Confirmation

Our Bishop, John T. Steinbock and his Master of Ceremony, Pat Lane will be here for the Confirmation Mass on March 21, 2009 at 6:00pm, along with Father Casel from Our Lady of Lourdes in California City.

The Confirmandi this year are from Our Lady of Lourdes, Cal City; St. Francis of Assisi, Mojave; St. Mary of the Desert, Rosamond.

Mandatory Practice: March 14th at 1:00pm in St. Mary's Church for the **Candidates, parents and Sponsor(s).** **Please be prompt and be in your seats by 1:00pm. After practice Fr. Patrick will be available for Confessions.**

All CCD classes are canceled on Saturday, March 21st.



Easter Flowers

St. Mary

Parishioners who wish to donate flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, there are special envelopes in the pew. Please turn in the "flower donation" envelopes as soon as possible to allow enough time to order the flowers.

St. Francis

You may use the envelopes or you may bring in a live potted flower on Saturday, April 11th.

Hospitality

St. Mary

Coffee and Refreshments

Come and enjoy the fellowship of your Parish family!

We are pleased to announce the return of our "social hour" after the Sunday Masses at St. Mary's.

Please come and visit with other parishioners in the Hall after the Sunday masses beginning this weekend.

St. Francis

Visitation for the Homebound and Nursing Homes:

Please contact:
Nancy Valpey 824-4201

Special Occasion Cards:

Please contact:
Frances Valpey 824-2840

Can You Afford an Hour With the Lord?

Eucharist Adoration

St. Francis

The next First Friday Eucharist Adoration at **St. Francis** will be **April 3rd**, from 9:00 am to 4:45. The sign-up sheet is in the front right pews. If you can, please give one hour of prayer to our Lord.

St. Mary

If we can get enough people to participate we will have First Friday Adoration at St. Mary, **April 3rd**, please call the Office to schedule your time with The Lord.



Palms

Please bring in the blessed palms you received last year on Palm Sunday so they can be **properly** disposed of. You may continue to bring them in until Holy Week.

Assistance Needed

A parishioner at St. Mary is in need of some help at home for a few hours a week.

If you are interested please call the Office for more information.

Gift Store

The new shipment of Confirmation and Communion gifts has arrived. Please come and see the lovely assortment of gifts and religious articles.

The store is open after the Sunday Masses and Monday

1:00-5:00, Tuesday through Friday 9:00-5:00.



www.ekklisialifeteen.com

Calling all teens!
Come and join us on
March 16th in Mojave
"Consumed"

Second Collection

On Sunday, **March 22nd**, our second collection will be for the Catholic Relief Services. This international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States provides relief in emergency situations and helps people in the developing world break the cycle of poverty.

Free Health Clinic

There will be a free dental/health clinic from 9am-2pm on March 15th at Glendower Park. Open to all!



Calendar 2010

We need to have people to work together as a committee for the creation of a Parish calendar.

Come with your creative ideas.

This calendar would be in place of the commercial calendars that are handed out at the beginning of the year.

Ministries

We have several ministries at St. Francis and at St. Mary that would greatly appreciate your time and talents. Confirmation Students have you thought about what Ministry you would like to join?

The front cover of our bulletin has a list of ministries and contact persons for more information.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults

There are many reasons to attend/participate in R.C.I.A. Here are a few to consider:

1. I am Catholic, but have been away from the Church for a while.
2. I am a Catholic and want to learn more about the faith.
3. I have been baptized, but have not received the other Sacraments.
4. I am not Catholic; I want to know what Catholics believe.
5. I am not Catholic; I am thinking about converting.

If you or anyone you know has an interest, please call the Office to make an appointment with Father Patrick.

What Does It Take To Believe?

On some occasion, with all your concentration focused on one item, do you find yourself in a "comfort zone"? All of a sudden do you feel it all coming together in a special way?

There are other versions of this sort of thing. Maybe it's similar to the "feel" for music a singer gets when his/her part is practiced so much and so well it takes on a life of its own. They are singing rather than thinking about singing.

The apostles experienced something unique in Jesus at the transfiguration. Was it like being in that singer's zone? No. Their experience was fuller, more specially graced. Something monumental and

spiritually singular --- a divine apparition, a special gift --- happened on that mountain, and the apostles became part of it.

In Christ, we know his humanness is every bit as human as we are and yet it was something profoundly more --- it is where God meets us.

So if someone told you he or she had been transformed by one of these experiences, what would it take for you to believe it? What would it take to describe it? What does it take to believe?

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****New Monday*** Hours*

The Office will open
at 1:00 pm
On Mondays only.

Last Sunday's Offerings

St. Mary General: \$ 3,380.00
Building Fund: \$ 2174.73
St. Francis General: \$ 928.03
Building Fund: \$ 266.99

Registered Parishioners: 357
Envelopes Used: 178

Soup's On! Lenten Soup Supper



Come! Hear the Word of the Lord as we gather for a soup supper at 6pm, after our Mass and Stations of the Cross. Each week during Lent a Ministry will host the soup supper in the Church Hall. There are no restrictions on the contents of the soups, (**EXCEPT NUTS or NUT BY-PRODUCTS**)

Soup Suppers Hosted by:

- 3/10 Spanish Prayer Group
- 3/17 Life Teen
- 3/24 Sacristans
- 3/31 Knights of Columbus
- 4/7 Hospitality/Latin Choir (?)

Tuesdays Schedules

St. Mary

- 5:00pm Mass
- 5:30pm Stations
- 6:00pm Soup Suppers (Staff)
- 7:00pm St. Paul Classes

8:00am Mass at St. Francis

Thursdays Schedules

St. Francis

- 5:00pm Mass
- 5:30pm Stations
- 6:00pm **Soup Suppers** **
- 7:00pm St. Paul Classes

**Please bring enough soup and bread for your family plus four. Contact Carol Flores for more information (661)917-9134.

8:00am Mass at St. Mary

Reflections: Day by Day

Sunday 3/8

We all have difficult times in our lives, yet God is always present. Ask for His love and grace during these times.

Mark 9:2-10

Lord, help me know your presence every day as I face the hardships and temptations of life.

Today's reflection:

Take the time to seek God in your everyday life and the people around you.

Monday 3/9

Let us look at everyone with compassion and really try and understand their pain and suffering.

Luke 6:36-38

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Today's reflection:

Do an extraordinary kindness for someone who would never expect it.

Tuesday 3/10

When we do something good, we like to be praised for it.

Matthew 23:1-12

"Help me, O Lord, to be truly good for you alone."

Today's reflection:

It is good to be good for goodness sake.

Abraham Lincoln said that people are who they really are when no one is looking.

Wednesday 3/11

Jesus came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for our salvation.

Matthew 20:17-28

Keep me humble Lord that I may serve others.

Today's reflection:

Thank those who serve at Mass. Pray for vocations.

Thursday 3/12

Treasure what you have, be grateful always.

Luke 16:19-31

Lord, you give us so much and you call us to be good stewards of your many gifts to us. Help us see the abundance in our lives so we may give generously to others.

Today's reflection:

Take a look around your home and your life and discover what it is that you truly treasure.

Friday 3/13

"God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next"

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

O God you have wonderfully made me and given me many things. Help me fulfill my mission so I can be happy with you in the world to come.

Today's reflection:

God give us an abundance of time, money and ability to use in His service. Put some of your time, money and ability into fulfilling your purpose.

Saturday 3/14

The Lord is kind and merciful; he is eager that few be close to Him.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Lord help us to forgive others as you always forgive us.

Today's reflection:

It is never too late to return to the closeness of God. Go to Confession.

Family Prayer

Prayer is the raising of our hearts and minds to God:

To adore Him, to thank Him, to ask for forgiveness, to ask Him for our needs and the needs of others.

May the Lord bless our prayers, especially at home, in the community of our family, in these days of Lent. Amen

Padres Visitantes

Bienvenido a Padre Tomas Baker de Sagrado Corazon en Lancaster para Misa de Sabado Vigilia y Padre Agustín de St. Francis of Assisi en Bakersfield, para celebrar las Misas Santas en Domingo.

Clases de Bautismo

Clase será el lunes, 9 Marzo a las 7 p.m. En la sala de St. Mary's.

Sera en español y Ingles.

En Abril no habrá bautismos porque es Cuaresma.

El próximo bautismo será en Mayo 2 y 9.

Iglesia Cita de Consejo

St. Mary

En St. Mary's será el Sábado, Marzo 14 a las 9 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

St. Francis

Mujeres de St. Francis

Marzo 20 es nuestra próxima reunión, será a las 6:00 pm en la sala de conferencias. Discutiremos los planes del año y tendremos comida informal.

Confirmación

Sera en Marzo 21 a las 6 p.m. El Obispo estará aquí para la Confirmación en Marzo 21 a las 6 p.m.

Practica es obligatorio el 14 de Marzo a la 1 p.m. en la Iglesia de St. Mary's para los candidatos, padres y sponsor.

Después de práctica, Padre Patrick estará disponible para confesiones.

Favor de llegar a tiempo.

CCD Clases serán canceladas el sábado 21 de marzo.

Adoración Eucaristía

Abril 3, el primer viernes en **St. Francis** de 9 am a las 4:45 p.m. La hoja para matricularse Se encuentra en frente en la derecha del banco. Si pueden, favor de dar una hora de oraciones a Dios.

En St. **Mary's** si renemos suficiente personas que participen, tendremos nuestra primer Viernes de Adoración en 3 de Abril. Favor de llamar a la oficina para programar su tiempo con Dios.

Café y Refrescos

Venga y diviértase con su familia de la parroquia después de misa de 10:30 a.m. y 12:15 El domingo, Marzo 8.

Easter Flores

Pascua de Resurrección

Si quiere donar flores en honor o en recuerdo de su ser querido, hay sobres especiales en las bancas.

Oración para la Familia

Si oraciones no ha sido tradicional en su casa, Cuaresma es el tiempo de presentarse. La familia que reza junto, sus oraciones pueden ser sus sueños.

Palmas

Favor de traer las palmas bendecidas que recibió el año pasado para que sean disponibles.

En St. Mary's tendremos una canasta en frente de La Virgen y en St. Francis tendremos una canasta en frente de St. Francis, para la colección de las palmas.

Continuaremos hasta la semana santa.

Durante Cuaresma

Escucha y Reflecta

Venga! Oiga la palabra de Dios. Nos reunimos para un sopero de caldo a las 6 pm después Misa y Las Estaciones. Cada semana durante Cuaresma y deferente ministerio nuestro anfitrión será de una comida en la sala.

Martes-St. Mary

Jueves-St. Francis

5:00pm Misa

5:30pm Estaciones

6:00pm Caldo

7:00pm Clases de San Pablo

Segunda Colección

Domingo, 22 de marzo nuestra segunda colección será para Servicios Alivio Católicos.

Este Agencia Humanitario International de la comunidad católica le da alivio en situaciones de emergencia y ayuda a gente pobre.

Necesitamos Asistencia

Una persona de la parroquia de St. Mary's necesita ayuda en su casa unas horas por semana.

Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina.

Tienda de Regalos

Hay llegado muchas cosas bien bonitas para **Confir-mación** y la **Primera Comun-ión**.

Las horas son lunes a viernes de 9-5 después de la Misa los domingos.

Lunes solamente!

La oficina estará abierta los lunes a la 1p.m.



Posiciones Abiertas

St. Francis

Estamos buscando alguien que tocan el piano o órgano que puedan apuntarse a nuestro equipo de música.

Estamos buscando alguien cantar en el coro.

Por favor de contacte Carol Flores (661)917-9134

Tienda de Regalos

Tenemos muchas cosas nuevas para **Confirmación** y **Primera Comunión**. Tenemos cosa que pueda interesar a todos; joyas, rosarios, libros, cartas benditas, y estatuas para jardín. Las horas son lunes a viernes de 9-5 después de la Misa los domingos.

La oficina estará abierta los lunes a la 1p.m.

Lunes solamente!

Vaya con Dios ;

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