



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009

Ministry Schedule

St. Mary

Sat. 3/28 6:00 PM

Team 3

Ushers: Bill Snyder
Team 1

Sun. 3/29 10:30 AM

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Vern Birgenheir
Team 3

Sun. 3/29 12:15 PM

Team 4

Victor Olmos

St. Francis

Sun. 3/22 8:00 AM

Team 1- Steve Ponting

Altar Servers: Team 2

Mass Intentions

St. Mary

Sat.	3/21	6:00 PM	John Lite
Sun.	3/22	10:30 AM	+ Francisco/Maria Leon Guerrero
"	3/22	12:15 PM	+ Ramon Jacob
Tue.	3/24	5:00 PM	communion service
Wed.	3/25	8:00 AM	+ Mary Lujan Vasquez
Thur.	3/26	8:00 AM	Salvador Martin Rivera + Larry Lujan
Fri.	3/27	8:00 AM	+ Ada Campellone
Sat.	3/28	6:00 PM	Charles Corre
Sun.	3/29	10:30 AM	John Robert/Kim Rivera
"	3/29	12:15 PM	+ Maria Delores Rodriques
"	3/29	7:00 PM	+ Rev. Michael McGivny

St. Francis

Sun.	3/22	8:00 AM	+ Jan Williams
Tue.	3/24	8:00 AM	communion service
Wed.	3/25	5:00 PM	+ Very Rev. Joseph Wanner
"	3/25	7:00 PM	The Unborn Child
Thur.	3/26	5:00 PM	+ Frank Quinn
Fri.	3/27	5:00 PM	+ Rev. Andres Gariga
Sun.	3/29	8:00 AM	+ Helen Lindsey

Thought of the Week

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Retreats, Conferences and Seminars

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

Vicki Ingram, Mariah Trujillo, Frances Lawrence, Judy Kohrs, Anna Godde, Carol Whalen, Dorothy Schrorer, David Schrorer, Luis Perez, 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, Dean and 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.



Thank You

Thank you Bishop John Steinbock for honoring us with your presence at the Confirmation of our young parishioners on March 21st.

Also attending
Pat Lane, Bishop Steinbock's Master of Ceremony
Father Casale of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Confirmandi

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Imelda Flores

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Annette Arvizu
Mario Terazas
Cody Richter

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Sergio Arzate
Claudia Caballero
Brendan Facey
Krysta Morris
Julian Olmos
Nancy Pinon

First Eucharist

March 15, 2009
Krysta Morris

Baptisms

March 14, 2009
Judy-Yazleen Dulce Rubio
Arturo Angel Rubio
Anahi-Rubi Tiffani Rubio
Sillvialicia Bella Rubio
Montana Jones-King

Special Collections

Second Collection

April 4th and 5th the second collection will be for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**

Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child

A special Mass honoring the memory of all the children who have been aborted and also the unborn will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi** in Mojave.

This event is being co-sponsored by Msgr. Baquedano Council 6705, California City/Mojave and Our Lady of the Desert Council 12055, Rosamond.

Founder's Day

Father Patrick will be celebrating Mass on **Sunday, March 29th at 7:00pm at St. Mary of the Desert**, commemorating the founding of the Knights in 1882.



Easter Flowers

For parishioners who wish to donate flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, there are special envelopes in the pews.

Please turn in the "flower donation" envelopes as soon as possible to allow enough time for the flowers to be ordered.

If you would rather bring in a live potted flower yourself, you may. If you chose to bring in a live potted flower, put your name on the flower envelope, along with the name of the person you wish to remember or honor and put it in the collection basket.

The date to bring in the live potted flowers is:

Friday, April 10th at St. Mary's
Saturday, April 11th at St. Francis.

Church Council

St. Francis

The St. Francis Church Council will meet April 6th at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome.



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FREED

Our next gathering will be on Monday, March 30th in Rosamond. Bring a friend or two and join in the fellowship.

Assistance Needed

A parishioner at St. Mary is in need of some help at home for a few hours a week during the day. The person will need to be able to do some lifting.

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

Palms



We will continue to collect the blessed palms you received last year until Holy Week, so they can be **properly** disposed of.

The Lord's Hour

St. Francis

The next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be **April 3rd** from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm. The sign-up sheet is in the front right pew.

St. Mary

If anyone at St. Mary is interested in participating in the First Friday Adoration, please call or come to the Office to sign up.

We need six more people to each spend an hour with the Lord.

Offertory Envelopes

For your convenience the envelopes that have not been picked up will be in St. Mary's Church Hall. These will be available only until April 15th.

Father Patrick

Will be Away

Tuesday, March 24th

There will be Communion Service at 8am in Mojave and at 5pm in Rosamond.



Holy Week

Penance Schedule

These will be the last dates after April 4th for Confessions during Lent.

Confessions are at 7:30 pm

Wednesday April 1

St. Mary – Rosamond

Thursday April 2

Blessed Serra – Quartz Hill

Tuesday April 7

St. Mary – Palmdale

Wednesday April 8

Sacred Heart –Lancaster

Palm Sunday

Mass with blessing of the Palms

8:00 am St. Francis

10:30 am St. Mary

12:15 pm St. Mary

Holy Thursday

Mass of The Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Feet

6:00 pm St. Mary

The Blessed Sacrament will be transferred from the tabernacle to the Altar of Repose.

Adoration in **St. Mary's Hall**

7:00-10:00 pm

We need to have two people each hour from 7pm until 10pm to sit with the Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Church Hall.

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy

12:00 noon St. Francis

7:00 pm St. Mary

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 pm St. Mary

Easter Sunday

8:00 am St. Francis

10:30 am St. Mary

12:15 pm St. Francis



Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be having another recruitment weekend on March 28th and 29th. The Knights is open to practicing Catholic men over 18 years of age. A representative will be outside the church before and after the Masses who will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Grand Knight: Nick Whalen 256-3063.



Lenten Soup Supper

Come! Join the crowd at the Hall for a soup supper at 6pm, after the Mass and Stations of the Cross.

The only restriction for the soups: **NO NUTS or NUT BY-PRODUCTS)**

St. Mary Hosted by:

3/24 Sacristans

3/31 Knights of Columbus

4/07 Hospitality/Latin Choir

Thursday: St. Francis

Come share your pot of soup and bread in the Hall.

Our Faith Our Family

Our Future

If you are having difficulty in fulfilling your pledge that you made to the "Our Faith, Our family, Our Future Capital Campaign" Please take the time to write to the Dioceses Office to request a release from your financial obligation. This request **MUST** be made by **YOU** directly. Mail your request to:

Campaign Office

Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future

1550 North Fresno St.

Fresno, CA 93703-3788

CCD Registration

There will CCD registration on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 am. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

Reminders!!!

The office opens late on Monday's. This means the phone lines also are not answered until 1:00 pm on Mondays.

There is **ABSOLUTELY NO GUM ALLOWED** on Church property!

The **last soup supper** will be **April 2nd at St. Francis.**

The last soup supper will be **April 7th at St. Mary**

Parish Monthly Overview

St. Mary

January Income \$ 16,330.39

January Expenses \$ 24,487.65

(8,157.26)

February Income \$ 15,811.15

February Expenses \$ 22,440.61

(6,629.46)

St. Francis

January Income \$ 5,678.59

January Expenses \$ 10,324.82

(4,646.23)

February Income \$ 4,336.11

February Expenses \$ 9,846.19

(5,510.08)

Last Sunday's Offerings

St. Mary: \$ 2,658.11

St. Francis: \$ 784.81

Registered Parishioners: 357

Envelopes Used: 157

Reflections

Sunday 3/22

God sent his Son, The Light, into the world that we might be saved by him.

John 3:14-21

Guilt keeps us in darkness and away from the light. In God's great mercy the light has come to us. Through the Crucifixion, we are forgiven. This is the Truth. This is the Light.

Today's reflection:

Let us rejoice in the light that the crucified Christ has suffered for us. Let us reconcile ourselves to Christ so we may live in his light.

Monday 3/23

Do we believe in the presence of Christ in ourselves?

John 4:43-54

Faith and doubt are two sides of the same coin. Faith is a belief in what we don't see and what we don't feel.

Today's reflection:

The mystery of the Eucharist that we share says that Christ is really there. Do we believe?

Tuesday 3/24

"In green pastures he gives me rest; he leads me beside the waters of peace."

John 5:1-16

"Lord, thank you for the waters of Baptism, which always flow through our lives."

Today's reflection:

Is our life so busy that we do not heed God's call to "rest beside still waters"? God's love calls us to relax in His love; to renew our mind, body and soul.



Day by Day

Wednesday 3/25

God chooses us according to the trust we have in Him.

Luke 1:26-38

"Dear Lord, thank you for choosing me to be the bearer of Christ's love in the world."

Today's reflection:

God speaks to us in ordinary ways. Today, greet each thing that happens to you as if it were an angel bringing you a message. What can you learn about God today from each of the normal events of your life?

Thursday 3/26

Jesus told us in the gospels there are three ways to know him. Through the witness of John the Baptist, the deeds he does and through the words God has spoken.

John 5:31-47

"These works that I perform, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me."

Today's reflection:

In each decision you make today, listen for the voice of God.

Friday 3/27

Christ is among us in the people who suffer oppression due to our hatred and fear because we view them as "different".

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

"Lord, help me control my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Help me to serve you by serving others."

Today's reflection:

At work, in the neighborhood, at school, and at church, we encounter people who are "different". Make the change of heart to see Christ in them, not the difference.

Day

Saturday 3/28

Making a judgment of others based upon assumption not fact is always risky.

John 7:40-53

"Jesus, help us to hear others and to consider carefully their words and actions before we pronounce judgment."

Today's reflection:

Do we pre-judge others? Have we later found our judgment to be very incorrect? Try to take time to get to know others.

Family Prayer

God of mercy, help us to remember that none of us is perfect. When we become angry with other people for not being perfect, forgive us, and help us to forgive them.

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Guidance

Gracious, merciful Lord,

Be my guide always.

Draw me closer to You.

Help me to suffer as I ought.

You are the Great Comforter.

Be with me, Lord, as I pray and fast.

Teach me to pray and fast so I may join You and all the saints.

Teach me to offer up my suffering to help those most in need.

Guide me to be ever mindful of You and the greater purpose You have in mind for me.

Amen.



Gracias

A Obispo Juan Steinbock
 Por tener el honor de estar con
 Nosotros con su presencia en
 la
 Confirmación de nuestros
 jovencitos
 Feligrés. También atendió Pat
 Lane,
 Obispo Steinbock's Patrón de
 Ceremonia, Padre Casale de
 La Señora
 De Guadalupe.

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Segunda Colección

Abril 4 y 5 Habrá una segunda
 colección
 Para el mantenimiento del
 edificio. Favor
 De ser generosos.

Buen Viernes Colección

En Buen Viernes, nuestra
 iglesia
 Tendrá una anual colección
 para la Tierra
 Sagrada. Su contribución
 financiar
 Ayudara a sostener los
 cristianos
 Luchando en la comunidad y
 para proteger
 Lugares de cristianos sagrados.
 FAVOR
 DE SER GENEROSO.

Día de Bebés que no han Nacido

Una Misa especial para el honor y
 recordarnos de todos los niños
 que fueron abortados y también
 que no han nacido.
 Celebraremos en Miércoles,
 Marzo 25 a las 7 p.m. en St.
 Francis de Assisi en Mojave.
 Este acontecimiento es esponsor
 de MSgr. Baquedano Cónsul
 6705, California City/Mojave y
 Nuestra Señora del Desierto
 Cónsul 12055, Rosamond.

Padre Patrick celebrara Misa en
 Domingo Marzo 29 a las 7 p.m.
 En St. Mary's del Desierto,
 contenedora
 El fundador de Caballeros de
 1882.



Café y Refrescos

Venga y diviértase con su familia
 de la parroquia después de Misas
 en domingos.



Flores para Pascua

St. Mary's y St. Francis

Para la gente de la
 parroquia que guste donar flores
 en honor de recuerdos, hay sobres
 especiales en las bancas. Favor
 de entregar los sobres con sus
 donaciones lo más pronto posible
 para tener suficiente tiempo en
 ordenar flores.

Pueden usar los sobres o traer
 una planta de flores en Sábado,
 Abril 11 por St. Francis; en
 Viernes, Abril 10 por St. Mary.

Necesitamos Asistencia

Una persona de St. Mary's busca
 asistencia en casa por unas
 cuantas horas por semana. Si está
 interesada, favor de llamar a la
 oficina para más información.

Católico Activo

Registración y presencia regular
 en Misa es necesario para los
 sacramentos. El modo de
 confirmar es el uso de sobres
 ofertorios que son grabados.

Nuevos Feligrés

Nuevos feligrés registrados favor
 de venir a la oficina a recoger sus
 sobres ofertorios.

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.

Padre Patrick No Estará

Y en Martes, 24 de Marzo
 Habrá Sagrada Comunión
 A las 8 a.m. en Mojave y a
 Las 5 p.m. en Rosamond