



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2009

Ministry Schedule

St. Mary

Sat. 4/25 6:00 PM

Team 1

Sun. 4/26 10:30 AM

Team 2

Sun. 4/26 12:15 PM

Team 4

Ushers: Bill Snyder
Team 1

Vern Birgenheir
Team 3

Victor Olmos

St. Francis

Sun. 4/12 8:00 AM

Team 2 Wil Hutchinson

Altar Servers: Team 3

Mass Intentions

St. Mary

Sat.	4/18	6:00 PM	Michael Toy
Sun.	4/19	10:30 AM	Bertha Acosta
"	4/19	12:15 PM	Father Patrick Persinger
Tue.	4/21	8:00 PM	† Connie P. Alfred
Wed.	4/22	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Thur.	4/23	8:00AM	Communion Service
Fri.	4/24	8:00 AM	Cyndi Murphy
Sat.	4/25	6:00 PM	Joseph Pablo
Sun.	4/26	10:30 AM	Francine Cruz and Family
"	4/26	12:15 PM	† Rev. Edward F. Bermingham

St. Francis

Sun.	4/19	8:00 AM	† Richard Kapolchok
Tue.	4/21	5:00 PM	No Services
Wed.	4/22	5:00 PM	No Services
Thur.	4/23	5:00 PM	No Services
Fri.	4/24	5:00 PM	Mr. /Mrs. Jaid Tiu-35 th Anniv.
Sun.	4/26	8:00 AM	† Rev. Frederick Deschenes

Thought of the Week

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.

Retreats Conferences Campaigns

Retrouvaille.... a lifeline for marriages

This program helps couples that are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about and/or to register for any of the 2009 Central Valley weekends, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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 Diocese 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

Women's Silent Retreat

Sacred Heart Retreat House, Alhambra, CA. **May 1-3, 2009.** Theme: "God Alone Suffices"

This is a silent retreat with the Carmelite Sisters that consists of: conferences, spiritual direction, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, private prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. The retreat begins at 5:00 pm on Friday and ends at 12:30 pm on Sunday (2 nights, 5 meals). Free bus transportation will be provided from Sacred Heart Church in Lancaster. Space is limited. Please call Ely (661-949-6698) for more information and reservations. **Flyers are also available at the Office at St. Mary of the Desert.**

Please Pray for the Sick

Belen De La Torre, Dean and Betty Zeigler, Sue Leone, Dora Leyva, Hilda Gonzalez, Frank Paulino, Bertha Acosta, Clayton Clifford, Vicki Ingram, Mariah Trujillo, Frances Lawrence, Judy Kohrs, Anna Godde, Carol Whalen, 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, Rosemarie Lampino, Mario and Lucy Carreño, Omar A., Wayne Lester, Pat and Donna Ryan, Shirley Adam, Dean and Betty Ziegler, Grace Sanchez, Anthony Langsine, Maggie Hopkins, Mike Nehl, Teresa Hernandez, 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.

Father Away

Father Patrick will be away Wednesday and Thursday, April 22nd and 23rd. There will be communion services at St. Mary; there will be **NO SERVICES** at St. Francis on April 21, 22, and 23rd.

Thank You

Bless all of the parishioners who kept vigil on Holy Thursday at the Altar of Repose.

On Friday **May 1st** there will be **NO ADORATION** at either Church.

Thank you to all the people who helped to decorate both Churches for the Easter Services.

Special Collections

On **April 26th** the second collection will be for the "Home Missions"

These Home Missions provide assistance to all our Black brothers and sisters as well as to our Native American brethren. They depend greatly on our donations so please be as generous as you have been in the past.

On May 2 & 3: The second collection will be for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

Children of God

Attention all children!

Have you finished the "Alleluia" picture that was in the April 5th, Palm Sunday, bulletin?

Remember to turn them in so they can be displayed in the halls at both St. Francis of Assisi and at St. Mary of the Desert.



Social Hour

Come and visit with your fellow parishioners. Don't be shy, reach out to greet and meet the new members of our community after the Sunday Masses. Refreshments will be available for a donation.

Divine Mercy Sunday

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The Feast came about when Our Lord told Saint Faustina that it is His will that a Feast of Divine Mercy be officially established in the church on the first Sunday after Easter... "I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The very depths of my tender mercy are open on that day..."

The Hour of Great Mercy

At three o'clock every day, implore My mercy, especially for **sinners**; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. We all can mentally pause for a "brief instant," think of His total abandonment at the hour of agony, and say a short prayer such as:

"Jesus, Mercy,"

or

"Jesus, for the sake of your Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Prayer to the Divine Mercy

O Lord, behold here before You a soul who exists in this world in order to allow You to exercise Your admirable **MERCY** and manifest it before heaven and earth. Others may glorify You through their faithfulness and perseverance, thus making evident the power of Your grace. How sweet and generous You are to those who are faithful to You!

Nevertheless, I will glorify You by acquainting others of Your goodness to sinners and be reminding them that Your MERCY is above all malice, that nothing can exhaust it, and that no relapse, no matter how shameful or criminal, should allow the sinner to despair of forgiveness.

I have offended You grievously, O Beloved Redeemer, but it would be still worse if I were to offend You by thinking that You were lacking in goodness to forgive me. I would rather He deprive me of everything else than the TRUST I have in Your Mercy.

Should I fall a hundred times or should my crimes be a hundred times worse than they actually are, I would continue to trust in Your MERCY. Amen

First Confession **Mandatory for those who will receive First Communion on May 3rd**

First Confessions will be heard on Saturday **April 25th**

10:00 am at St. Francis
1:00 pm at St. Mary of the Desert.

Seventh Commandment

Thou shall not steal

The new Missals for April 5-June 6, 2009 were recently put in the pews; unfortunately many have disappeared in the past two weeks. These Missals are Church property. Please return them to the Church.

Special Event Concert

Everyone is invited to a concert to be performed by world famous guitarist, Tony Melendez: a man born with no arms and yet able to play his guitar with his toes.

He and his band "Toe Jam" will be coming to Tehachapi for a one night concert to benefit the religious education program at St. Malachy Catholic Church.

Tony Melendez in Concert

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Tehachapi High School Gym

6:00 pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
\$30.00 VIP (seating: is first come, first serve basis) and \$15.00



www.eklesialifeteen.com

Revitalized: The next gathering will be on Monday, April 27th at St. Mary in Rosamond. Bring a friend!



May 1, 2009

Anointing of the Sick after Mass

May 2, 2009

Finance Council will meet at 11:00 at St. Mary

The First Communion candidates, who did not pass the test, will meet with Father at **4:00 pm on Saturday May 2, 2009**

St. Paul classes will not resume.

The Office opens at 1:00pm on Mondays (this includes the phone lines too)

NO GUM IS ALLOWED ON CHURCH PROPERTIES AT ALL!

Please refrain from food and drink while attending Mass or while visiting the Church. Remember this is the **Lord's House.**

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the Church.

CCD registration for next fall will be in May. The date will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

The next Baptism class will be on May 11th at 7:00 pm in St. Mary Church hall.

2010 Calendar

We are creating our very own pictorial calendar. John Hricko and Hank Morris, who is a professional photographer who also advertizes in our bulletin, have been taking pictures of the various events and gatherings of our Parish.

At present there is not a committee in place.....people are needed to get this project up and moving forward. Are you one of those "people"?

springtime

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Biblical Remedies for Trouble



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Read the 23rd Psalm

If your heart aches,
Read the 3rd Chapter
of the Book of
Revelation

If you don't know where to
look to resolve family
difficulties,
Read the 27th Psalm

If you are lonesome,
Read the 91st Psalm

If the plumbing is leaking,
wrap the pipe, wash your
hands and
Read the first
Chapter of St. James

If you find yourself losing
confidence in men,
Read the 1st Epistle
to the Corinthians

If you talked to harshly and
rudely,
Read the 15th chapter
of John's Gospel and
the
51st Psalm

If you are out of sorts,
Read the 12th chapter
on Hebrews

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Position Available

The Parish Office is looking for a part time receptionist for 20 to 25 hours per week. The position requires answering the phones and some clerical work. If you are interested please call the Office to make an appointment with Sandra.

Gift Store

The gift store has a very nice selection of gifts for First Communion. It is not too early to make your selection with First Communion just around the corner on May 3rd.



Daily Readings

Monday 4-20	Acts 4:23-31
Tuesday 4-21	Acts 4:32-37
Wednesday 4-22	Acts 5:17-26
Thursday 4-23	Acts 5:27-33
Friday 4-24	Acts 5:34-42
Saturday 4-25	Mark 16:15-20

Last Sunday's Offerings

St. Mary

General \$ 4,922.47

St. Francis

General \$ 4,532.28

Good Friday: the Holy Land

\$ 1,499.85

Registered Parishioners:

357

Envelopes Used: 170

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RECUERDE

La oficina está abierto en los Lunes a la 1 p.m.

ATENCION !

NO SE PERMITE CHICLE EN LA PROPIEDAD DE LA IGLESIA.

Favor de no traer comida o bebidas mientras esta en misa o visitando la iglesia. Recuerde que está en la casa de Dios

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