



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 02, 2009

"The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image."

Pray for the Repose of Souls

Marie Facey

Msgr. Patrick Flood

Harold Retzke

Charlie Taylor

Vicky Lynn Ingram

May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Prayer for the Dead

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem. Amen.

Mass Intentions

St. Mary

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| Sat. | 8/01 | 6:00 PM | Bill and Ramona Bossert by Charlene Baker |
| Sun. | 8/02 | 10:30AM | Bill and Ramona Bossert by Charlene Baker |
| " | 8/02 | 12:15PM | + Msgr. Francis Tasy |
| Tue. | 8/04 | 8:00 AM | Communion Service |
| Wed. | 8/05 | 8:00 AM | Communion Service |
| Thur. | 8/06 | 8:00 AM | Communion Service |
| Fri. | 8/07 | 8:00 AM | Communion Service w/ Adoration |
| Sat. | 8/08 | 6:00 PM | Thanksgiving by Margarite Lite |
| Sun. | 8/09 | 10:30AM | + HIS HOLINESS, POPE PAUL VI |
| " | 8/09 | 12:15PM | + Rev. Joseph Murphy, C.Ss R. |

St. Francis

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| Sun. | 8/02 | 8:00 AM | Disesmo by Candida Faunte |
| Fri. | 8/07 | 5:00 PM | Communion Service w/ Adoration |
| Sun. | 8/09 | 8:00 AM | Disesmo by Candida Faunte |

Please Pray for the Sick

Beth Robinson, Delores Stratman, Fr. Leslie Shenoy, Al Charlberg, Steven & Karen Hafmann, Eveyln & Tim Moore, Ron & Adaire Stratman, Glenn & Sandy Ames and new baby Kyler, Lou Charbonneau, Veronica Perez, Joshua McNeese, Shirley Neher, Tony Martinez, Stefan Zink, Louie Cavalletto, John Granholm, Michael Avilez, Viola Ewing, Belen De La Torre, Dean and Betty Zeigler, Sue Leone, Dora Leyva, Hilda Gonzalez, Frank Paulino, Clayton Clifford, Frances Lawrence, Judy Kohrs, David Schrorer, Luis Perez, Father Patrick Persinger, Edward Hays, Lula Olmos, Tim Miller, Carol Capko, Ronae Winroe and her baby, Ginger Turcotte, Nancy Glover, Oralia Torres, Tom Quinn, L. J. Pope, Rosemarie Lampino, Mario and Lucy Carreño, Omar A., Wayne Lester, Pat and Donna Ryan, Grace Sanchez, Anthony Langsine, Maggie Hopkins, Mike Nehl, Teresa Hernandez, Florence Stratman, John Klay, Heriberto Villegas, John Lite, Ben Canaday, Martha Perry, Shelly Bryant, Joe Gonzales, Kristian Silva, 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, 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.

Retreats — Conferences — Campaigns — Pilgrimages Marriage Help - Retrouvaille

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through times of trouble, disillusionment, and misery in their marriages. There is HOPE for your marriage. For confidential information about and/or to register for any of the 2009 Central Valley weekends listed below please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Modesto Aug. 28th - 30 & Nov. 13th - 15th / Fresno Sep. 11th - 13th / Sacramento Oct. 9th - 11th

Holy Cross Ministries - Annual Healing Retreat

The Retreat Master will be Fr. Tom Di Lorenzo. The theme of this year will be "Jesus, Our Divine Physician" starts on Friday, August 21 and ends Sunday, August 23 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers. The cost is \$180 (shared) \$250 (private) **a deposit of \$80 is needed by Aug. 15.** For more information please contact Holy Cross Ministries at (559) 271-1246 or on their website: www.holycrossministries.net.

"Fanning Into Flame the Fire in Our Hearths"



St. Anthony Retreat is offering an annual RCIA Renewal Retreat September 9-11, 2009, as a source of personal spiritual development and renewal for RCIA teams, staff, and sponsors, and for the growing number of people in our parish who have come to faith through the RCIA. Fr. John Griesbach and Sr. Danielle Witt will focus on methods and skills for praying the Scriptures, and will explore the use of rituals that rekindle, deepen and enliven the fire of love in our hearts! Cost: \$150.00(shared); \$190 (private room), \$275 (married couples). Partial scholarships are available. Registration forms are available in the Administration Office or call (559) 561-4595.



Pastor's Corner
*The Cross in the
 Life of the
 Christian*

In Ghana, it is very common to find slogans pasted on some private cars, commuter transport and even on houses expressing one or the other ideologies. The most frequently found slogans are those which allude to the reality of sacrifice and pain in human life such as; “no cross no crown”, “suffer to gain”, “nothing good comes easy”. This tells us that even the secular world knows that a meaningful life demands a bit of sacrifice which could cause us a bit of pain. It becomes even more a reality for us as Christians where the cross of Christ is central to us.

Jesus made a very passionate call on all would be disciples in Luke 9: 23 to be prepared to take up their crosses and follow him through life. The ability to take up the cross flows from the fact Christ took up his own cross for the sake of sinful humanity. When the time for the cross drew near, Jesus set out resolutely to go to Jerusalem where the cross awaited him. He knew perfectly the challenge that lay ahead of him. Yet with a whole hearted determined will to obey and glorify his father, he embraced it with love. Jesus’ whole life could be summed up as one of sacrifice, service to God his father and death for his people. By virtue of our baptism we have made a fundamental option for Christ and have thus chosen his way of life. We are

therefore called to walk the ways of Christ crucified by leading lives of sacrifice, being of service to the neighbor and in effect dying to ourselves.

One of the great barriers, however, to entering into the true discipleship with Christ is our understanding of the role that suffering plays in those who, through faith have dedicated their lives to follow Jesus. The first thing that hinders us about accepting the role of suffering in discipleship is that our natural selves cannot comprehend it. This is because the human tends to seek the maximum of pleasure and the minimum of pain. That is why at the least experience of pain and suffering people tend to ask the great question; “why”, “what have I done to deserve all this”. We tend to see suffering more as a punishment from God than a participation in the mystery of the passion of Christ which is a blessing. That is why St. Paul counted himself fortunate in the face of persecution to be chosen to suffer for the sake of Christ. Let us all remember that Christianity does not insulate us from pain and suffering but gives meaning to it and makes it easier for us to bear as we unit our suffering with that of Christ.

Holy Day of Obligation

On Saturday, August 15, we will celebrate The Feast of the Assumption.

Mass Schedules:

Assumption Vigil Mass - Mojave

Friday, August 14 at 5:00 pm

Assumption Vigil Mass - Rosamond

Friday, August 14 at 7:00 pm

Assumption Day Mass - Rosamond

Saturday, August 15 – 8:00 am

***Diocese of Fresno
 Special Collection***

On **August 15 and 16**, our second collection will be for the maintenance to St. John’s Cathedral. This Cathedral is a tribute to our Catholic heritage in downtown Fresno where it is visible to all who visit or work in the area. Please as generous with your donation.

***Sacrament of
 Reconciliation***

The sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary and at St. Francis will be back to its normal schedule, **Saturday at 5:00pm in Rosamond and Sunday 7:30am in Mojave.**

Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be from **9:00am to 1:00pm on Friday, August 7th** at St. Mary in Rosamond. If you can, please give one hour of prayer to our Lord. Please call the office to sign-up.

At St. Francis, First Friday Adoration will be from **10:00am to 4:00pm on Friday, August 7th**. The sign-up sheet is in the front right pew.

Anointing

There will be no Anointing of the Sick at St. Mary in Rosamond and St. Francis in Mojave **for Friday, August 7, 2009.**



Rest in Peace

It is with great sadness that longtime parishioner Vicky Lynn Ingram passed away last week. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Baptism Class

Baptism classes both in English and Spanish will be on Monday, **August 10**, in St. Mary Hall at 7pm. Both parents and Godparents need to attend.

Church Council Meetings

If the Director cannot attend, please have your alternate. We need one person from each of the following ministries. Try not to represent more than one ministry.

- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Latin Choir Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Ladies of St. Francis of Assisi
- Spanish Prayer Ministry
- Food Bank
- Religious Education (CCD)
- Ushers
- Sacristans
- Hospitality Ministry
- Knights of Columbus

St. Francis

On Monday, **August 3rd** St. Francis Church Council will be meeting at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting room.

St. Mary

On Saturday, **August 8th** St. Mary's Church Council will be meeting at 9 am in Rosamond.

Ladies of St. Francis

The Ladies of St. Francis will not be meeting during the month of August. They are going to start back in September.

Open House

St. Francis of Assisi

will be having an Open House on **Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 am.**

St. Mary of the Desert

will be having an Open House on **Saturday, August 29 at 3:00 pm.**

Parents will be able to introduce themselves to their child(s) teacher(s), visit which classroom their child will be in (remember we have new classrooms), and receive the yearly CCD Schedule and guidelines. We look forward to seeing you in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be served!!!

CCD Registrations

St. Mary and St. Francis

Registration will remain open for all new and returning CCD students. Enrollment hours are from **9 to 5 pm Tuesday to Friday** in the Administration Office.

In July and August the fee will be \$75.00 for the first child and a reduced rate for each additional child in the same family. **In September and thereafter the fee will be \$100.00.**

CCD Teacher Meeting

A meeting for Rosamond CCD teachers and substitute teachers grades K – 5 is set for **Wednesday, August 5th at 5:45pm** to be held in the Rosamond Hall.

EDGE Training

The first training session for EDGE core members from Rosamond and Mojave will be on Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00pm in the Rosamond Hall.

The second training session will be on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00pm in the Rosamond Hall.

R.C.I.A.

(The Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults)

The Christian initiation is an ongoing process, and it is part of the ongoing life of any parish. During this time, one will experience the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in one liturgical cycle. This process will allow God's grace to move in a person's life based on a person's time and place on their faith journey.

There are many reasons to attend/participate in RCIA. Here are a few reasons one might consider:

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

Team

RCIA is looking for individuals for the RCIA Team. Experience required the completion of all sacraments of initiation. If you are interested, please contact John Hricko at (661) 256-4505.

St. Mary

RCIA sessions in Rosamond are schedule to start on **Wednesday, September 9, from 7 pm to 9pm.** RCIA will be in two groups: Youth (18 to 21) and Adult (21+).

St. Francis

RCIA sessions in Mojave are schedule to start on **Thursday, September 10, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.** If you have any question please call Doug Clipperton at (661) 824-4264.



Come and join us! Our next gathering will be on Monday, August 10 in Rosamond for a

“Drive-In Movie”. All teens grades 9 to 12 are welcome.

www.ekklesialifeteen.com

Calendar Inserts

The monthly calendar inserts from the bulletin are available for August. Please ask an Usher for a copy.



Latin Choir News

If you love to sing! Come join us! The Latin Choir is looking for new members. Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. If you have any questions please call Beth at 256-1506.

Tribute To Our Parish Heroes

A tribute to Our Parish Heroes will be on display at St. Mary and St. Francis for Veterans Day. We would like to pay tribute to our Heroes serving on Active duty in the Armed Forces of our Country as well as our Reserves, National Guard and Retired Military.

If you would like to honor your own family hero please provide us with a picture – no larger than 3 ½” by 2 ½”.

Please request a form from the ushers after Mass. We would like to have all information by no later than **October 15**.



Bishops Anniversary Mass for Married Couples

Bishop Steinbock will preside at a special Mass to honor and recognize couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+

year of married life will received special recognition.

The Diocesan Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am on **Saturday, September 12**, in the **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** 355 East Champlain Drive, Fresno, CA.

All married couples, family and friends are welcome to attend. If you are celebrating one of these “milestone” anniversaries, please register by calling the Administration Office (661) 256-4505.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, August 12, 2009. For more information, please contact Joanne Bauer by calling (559) 488-7474 ext 106 or via email at joanfeb@dioceseoffresno.org

Health Care Reform

A Prayer Campaign is organized through Priest for Life, the largest pro-life ministry in the Catholic Church and an approved Association of the Faithful. Congress is working on health care reform, but unless abortion funding is explicitly excluded, this bill could mean the biggest expansion of abortion in decades. Please download the prayer to keep abortion coverage out of health care reform from www.PrayerCampaign.org/legislation.

Please call your representative and Senator at (202) 224-3121 and tell them that you do not want the health care bill to fund abortions. For more information visit: www.priestforlife.org.



Daily Readings

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| Monday 8-03 | Nm 11:4b-15 |
| Tuesday 8-04 | Nm 12:1-13 |
| Wednesday 8-05 | Nm 13:1-2, 25-14 |
| Thursday 8-06 | Dn 7:9-10 |
| Friday 8-07 | Dt 4:32-40 |
| Saturday 8-08 | Dt 6:4-13 |

Days to Remember in August

- 04...St. John Mary Vianney
- 06...The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 15...The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.



Saint

John Vianney Patron Saint of Priest

Dear Lord

You gave Saint John Vianney the strength to pursue a priestly vocation amid trials and adversity. As a faithful servant he became an instrument of Your love and compassion. Please give me that same strength and faith as I face my daily challenges.

I

also pray that more people answer Your call for vocations throughout the world.
Amen

Last Week's Offerings

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| St. Mary | |
| General | \$2,256.64 |
| St. Francis | |
| General | \$709.51 |

Registered Parishioners: **512**
Envelopes Used: 128
Thank You For Your Support!