

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2010

Divine Mercy



We hold the Apostles in high esteem and perhaps envy them because they got to see Jesus and talk with him and lean from him. However, it is good to remember that they were flawed human beings, just like us. Even after all they had seen and learned, they were very afraid and unsure about what to do after Jesus died. Still, Jesus did not give up on them. He appeared to them, reassuring them and giving them his peace. Even more surprising, he sent them to spread the gospel to all who would listen.

***This is the day the Lord has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.***
– Psalm 118:24



Easter Sunday

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat	4/10	5:00	†Charlie and †Theresa Borg
Sun	4/11	9:00	Our Parish Family
		11:00	John Hougham
		5:00	Mateo Secondo Family
Mon	4/12	9:00	
Tue	4/13	9:00	†Lowry Backus
Wed	4/14	9:00	†Jim Huff
Thur	4/15	9:00	Christopher Gomez
Fri	4/16	9:00	†Jim Huff
Sat	4/17	9:00	†Naurene Reese
		5:00	†George and †Nina Sammut
Sun	4/18	9:00	John Hougham
		11:00	†Norma Modena
		5:00	†Paul Zinsky

Meetings This Week

I-Help	Mon,	5:00, hall
RCIA	Tues,	7:00, hall
Scripture Study	Weds,	9:30, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds,	7:00, church
High School Youth Group	Thurs,	7:00, hall
Heart & Soul	Fri,	7:00, kitchen

At the Tuesday RCIA meeting Father Jim will be speaking on **Reconciliation and Anointing of The Sick**. The talk will begin at 7:30 pm.

Remember In Your Prayers

All are welcome.

Laverne Austin, Mary Helen Bemersedser, Mary Carnazzo, Bob Cava, Janet Cohen, Dave, Sally Crescioli, Al DeCarli, David Drew, Garry Ewing, Jasper Foletta, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Chris Gruzaz, Justin, Gerry, Tom, June Hanlon, Julie, Mary Lou Kelner, Joe Leavitt, Madeline, Gene Oliverio, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Anna, Linda Ryan, Mark Ryan, Pearl San Paolo, Rodney Scandrett, Lisa Silva, Robert Sisler, Carson & Pam Souza, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Ally Tissot, Tory, Paul, Logan, and Garrett Weeks.

If you or someone you know would like the faith community of St. Joseph's Parish to join you in prayer for special needs, contact the parish office, 455-2249. We do remove names after one month, so if we have taken a name from the list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on the list.

Calling All Parishioners!!

Do you want to be included in **St. Joseph's list of preferred vendors?** If you have not already done so, let us know your business or profession on your parishioner registration form. If you are not sure if we have your current information, fill one out and put in the collection basket. List any other information that may have changed since you first registered with St. Joseph's so we can update our records. There's some parishioner registration forms in the vestibule. Or you can always call the parish office at 455-2249. Then when we need a certain service or to purchase an item, we can keep it in the parish family.

Raffle Tickets

This weekend students from San Carlos School will be selling tickets for their 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the prize promises to be big money. Winners will be determined on April 24.

Please support Catholic Schools and maybe you will be the big winner!

Vacation Bible School BAOBAB BLAST

Get ready to sign up....Registration Forms coming to the web site, www.stjchurch.org. Visit the Savannah Grasslands of Africa with Faye the Zebra, Bud the Elephant and other animals. Children 1st through 5th Grades...You will have four days of fun learning about the grasslands and how to trust, love, follow, care and share. Mark your calendar NOW for June 1st - deadline to register for this fun-filled four days. Watch the Bulletin for more details or visit the web site, www.stjchurch.org/Education.VBS. Faye, the Zebra will show you how "We trust God to guide us and to lead us."



Please pray for...



Philip Zarate, Brian Flannery, Gene Geraci, Nathan Cuellar, Tim Bianchini, Brian Foote, Anthony DeChristopher, Tyler O'Grady, Ryan Rodney and all the other brave men and women serving our country overseas.

If you have a loved one serving in a foreign country, give us a call so we can put them on our special prayer list.

St. Francis Retreat Center Hope in These Turbulent Times

Monday Through Friday: June 14-18, 2010
Call 831-623-4234 or visit www.stfrancisretreat.com
for more information.

Bishop's Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction May 7, 2010 at Rancho Canada Club, Carmel

Come have fun and invest in a great cause - Children!

Get the registration form at www.dioceseofmonterey.org
or contact Mimi Schwertfeger at the Department of
Catholic Schools 373-1608.

Movie Night Fund Raiser

Confidence Pregnancy Center is excited to present a movie fund raiser night at Salinas Valley Community Church located at 368 San Juan Grade Road in Salinas on Friday, May 21 at 7:00 pm. The movie will be **Sarah's Choice**. You can view the trailer at www.PureFlix.com/sarah. Purchase tickets by calling 261-6754 or email confidencepc@sbcglobal.net. Hurry and get your tickets as we anticipate the event to sell out quickly. Suggested donation per ticket is \$10.00.

♥ Married Couples ♥

Choose God's plan for you to be the most tender lovers you can be for the rest of your life. Choose a Marriage Encounter Weekend to keep you as a priority. The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Central California is June 25-27, 2010. For more details about a weekend call Vic and Joan Penacho at 831-638-9498, email ME@penacho.com or visit www.wwme-centraca.org.

Young Ladies Institute Ignatius #85

Join us for International Night and Official Visit of District Deputy Julie Martin
May, 5 2010 at 5:30 pm at Michael Cross Parish Center
Dress in clothing depicting your heritage.
RSVP with your check by April 30. Make check payable to YLI, Ignatius #85 and send to Angie Plaskett, 1120 Montana Street, Salinas, CA 93905. For more information call 424-5799 or email eplaskett@att.net.



Volunteers ... Save The Date

The Ministry Appreciation Dinner is going to be held **Saturday, May 1, 2010** at 6:00 pm in the Spreckels Memorial Hall. Invitations will be sent out next week to volunteers involved in ministries at St. Joseph's.



Today I would like to give you some information about the second of our stained glass windows. This window is for the people who are involved in the area of agriculture. The saints who are depicted in the glass are a husband and wife, Isidore and Maria, and both are saints. They lived as farm workers outside of the city of Madrid in the later half of the twelfth century. They were poor but not in difficulty. They were working people.

There are several things that make these saints particularly interesting and the first has to do with the time in which they lived. At that time holiness was associated with celibacy and monastic life, yet they were a married couple. It was a time when the Moors were slowly being expelled from Spain in great military engagements that involved most of the resources and population of Spain, yet they were civilians in an age of soldiers.

Another interesting thing about the couple is the miracles associated with them during their lifetime. They had a baby who fell into a well and when the couple prayed for the child, the water in the well rose so that the child could be lifted out.

The most famous miracle is associated with Isidore. At that time the attendance at daily mass was a way of demonstrating that one was wealthy and had the free time to give to prayer. The owner of the fields where Isidore worked noticed that his worker was at daily mass and decided that he was not being given enough work. The work load was increased several times but Isidore continued to attend Mass and complete his work. Finally one morning after Mass the land owner decided to give Isidore a ride home on his horse and ask what was going on. As they neared the field where Isidore was to work, there was a man already plowing the field and the land owner inquired who it was. Isidore said it was his Guardian Angel who worked so that he could attend Mass.

Maria, Isidore's wife, was involved with her husband in the feeding and care of the poor throughout their life together. One of the advantages of the work on a farm was that there was always food and they made their table a place where everyone could eat. When Isidore, died in 1130, Maria lived for many more years and spent her time in prayer and solitude gaining a great reputation for her holiness and the effectiveness of her prayers. People from all over the country would come to her and ask for her prayers. Today she is known by two names. Maria Torribia is her family name, but she is more often know as Maria de la cabeza because her head is in a reliquary in the city of Madrid.

Isidore and Maria are the patrons of all who work in agriculture. Isidore is also patron of the National Rural Conference in the United States. Maria is the saint who is traditionally invoked in a time of drought.

You may also notice that the design of the background is reminiscent of the foothills in the Salinas Valley.

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