

How lovely is your
dwelling place,
O Lord of
Hosts



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The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2009

It is easy to think of the Holy Family as perfect: but the truth is they had their problems too. Jesus goes off on his own without a word to his parents and gives them quite a scare. It gives us an indication that life was not always peaceful and perfect for them. So it is with us. Families can be difficult. Children can be unruly, parents can be too hard or too soft on their children. Family relationships are important. Above all, we want and need to know that our family is there for us. Ready to cheer us on in the good times and lend a helping hand when things go wrong. What is your family like? Do they know they are loved unconditionally? What can you do to make your home a place of love, acceptance, support and encouragement for each person in the family?

**Happy are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in His ways!**
-Psalm 128:1

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat 12/26 5:00	†Bernard Eggerman
Sun 12/27 9:00	†John Hougham
11:00	†Connie Pieralde
5:00	†Lolita Dovolis
Mon 12/28 9:00	†Lowry Backus
Tue 12/29 9:00	†Lolita Dovolis
Wed 12/30 9:00	Marguerite Draper
Thur 12/31 9:00	†Lolita Dovolis
Fri 1/1 9:00	Our Parish Family
Sat 1/2 9:00	
5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun 1/3 9:00	†Carol Thornberry
11:00	†Abel Sobranes, †Abel Thomas
	†Abel Bianchi
5:00	†John Hougham

Remember In Your Prayers

Laverne Austin, Miriam Bradley, Peggy, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Patria Cook, Jackie Daley, Al DeCarli, Anny Delgado, Cliff Escobar, Jasper Foletta, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Chris Gruzgas, Gerry, Tom, Leah Hitchcock, Lorraine Jacop, Mary Lou Kelner, Ruth & Hans Kiessling, Joe Leavitt, Madeline, Dan Menke, Gene Oliverio, John Ottone, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Anna, Linda Ryan, Mark Ryan, Rodney Scandrett, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Melvin Scolari, Annika and Baby Smoot, Sam, Carson & Pam Souza, Hilda and Leonard Souza, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Ray Urquides, AnnMarie Young, 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.

For Your Information...

Sunday Plate

\$17,080.36

Meetings This Week

Scripture Study

Weds, 9:30, 7:00, hall

Religious Education News

RE Classes are on Christmas Break. There will be no RE Classes from 12/21/09 until January 10th when classes resume. Enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

RE Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from 12/21/09 – 1/1/10.... Blessings to one and all.

Carrie and BJ

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

~Edith Lovejoy Pierce



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The Parish Office will be closed
December 28, 31 and January 1.

A Warm Blanket For a Cold Soul!

Do you have an extra blanket around your house that you would be willing to give to someone who desperately needs it? Leslie Russo will be collecting blankets for Dorothy's Kitchen to be distributed on the streets of Salinas. You can drop off your gently used blanket in the parish office or to the parish kitchen. Or if you can't make it here, Leslie would be glad to come pick it up. You can call her at 402-0745. And ask your friends and neighbors to help too!

New Year Renewal Retreat

St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista

December 30, 2009- January 1, 2010

Rediscover the magic and wonder in your own life!

Join us as we celebrate our lives, their lesson and blessing and look forward to the future.

Relax and enjoy the delight of living together free of stress and hurry. Play games; take time for reflection, share good food, alcohol free party, prayer and fellowship.

Call 831-623-4234 or visit www.stfrancisretreat.com



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Madonna del Sasso School Hosts

Pre-Enrollment Information Meeting, January 21, 2010

Madonna del Sasso School of Salinas will host a "Pre-Enrollment Information Meeting" on January 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Student Activity Center.

Dr. Charles White, Principal, will speak about Catholic School education and Madonna del Sasso School. Following this presentation, prospective Preschool and Kindergarten parents will meet with those teachers who will explain their programs.

Screening sign-ups for grades K-8 will also take place on this evening. Screening is necessary to complete the registration process for the 2010-2011 school year.

For more information please call Paddy Jo Castagnetto, Registrar, at 424-7813.

Madonna del Sasso School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age or gender in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.

New Year's Day – Celebrating The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, though an important feast in the Church, is not observed as a holy day of obligation in our ecclesial province. Translation: you are not required to attend Mass on that day. However, what better way is there to start the New Year than to participate in the greatest prayer of the Church, thanking God for the gift of our mother, Mary, and all the other many blessings in our lives? At the same time we can lay at the altar all our needs, fears and concerns and feel secure in the knowledge that God will hear us and answer us. Further, our diocese observes January 1 as a special Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. So if you can, come to Mass at St. Joseph's at 9 AM on New Year's Day.

Magnificat Speaker

At the upcoming Magnificat breakfast, Sr. Briege McKenna will recount what led to her becoming a nun at the tender age of fifteen. After coming to the United States she was crippled by rheumatoid arthritis but received a miraculous, instantaneous healing during prayer. She delights audiences everywhere with her Irish humor and her no nonsense style. This is a story you will want to hear! Join us on January 13 at the Carmel Mission Inn in Carmel. Reservations are \$25.00 by January 9 and \$35.00 thereafter. Call 831-596-8391 or 831-728-5914 for reservations or information.

Good Nutrition and Independent Living go hand in hand...

If you know a senior who is unable to shop or make their own meals, call Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley at 758-MEAL (758-6325) or toll free at 1-877-758-MEAL (1-877-758-6325). We deliver meals to homes throughout the Salinas Valley, from Pajaro and Aromas in the north to San Ardo and Bradley in the south.



**Please pray for... Philip Zarate,
Brian Flannery, Jeff Huff, 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.