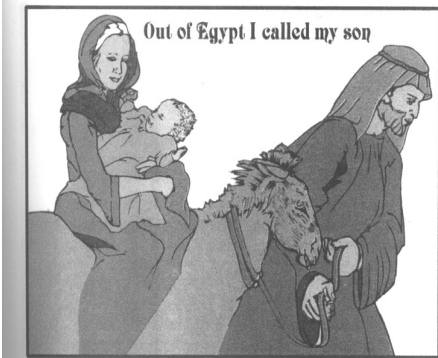


**THE MOST HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 28, 2008**



Each child is born with potential. They have natural qualities and gifts as well as handicaps and weaknesses. Parents have the awesome task of providing a foundation that will help their child grow and reach their potential. It is not just a matter of providing food and clothing and sending them off to school and church. Parents teach by example. What they value is shown by what they make time for and what they do without. They have a major role in helping their child discover and develop their gifts as well as acknowledging and controlling their weaknesses. The good news is that God works with us both as a child and as a parent.

The child grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.
-Luke 2:40

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat 12/27 5:00	†Kathryn O'Neill
Sun 12/28 9:00	Angie & Angelo Gorhulho
11:00	†Martha Ann Brinton
5:00	†Casimir Gorczyca, MD
Mon 12/29 9:00	†Marguerite Draper
Tue 12/30 9:00	Our Parish Family
Wed 12/31 9:00	†Carol Thornberry
Thur 1/1 9:00	
Fri 1/2 9:00	†Jane & †George Spohr
Sat 1/3 9:00	†MaryLouise Boehner
5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun 1/4 9:00	Jessie Rossi
11:00	†Abel Soberanes, †Abel Bianchi & †Abel Thomas
5:00	†Linda Giordano

Remember In Your Prayers

Karen Andresen, Alvin Blair, Dick Bruin, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Al DeCarli, Cliff Escobar, Jasper Foletta, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, John H., Tom, Sr. Marie, Maggie Horowitz, Lorraine Jacop, Sylvia Jaksha, Aaron & Paul Johnson, Lou Kelner, Joe Leavitt, Bill Lee, Petra Macfarlane, Dan Menke, Bill Moreno, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Jessie Rossi, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Tamara Shipley, Catherine Shive, Carson & Pam Souza, Brittany, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Sara Lamb-Thornberry, Jim Thornberry, Gene Tissot, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Bob Whitaker, Penny Austin-Wilson, and Sandy Wilt.

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

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CD's of the Advent Retreat are available in the parish office or by calling Cheyenne Cook at 408-241-4979.

**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.

There are prayer cards at the doors of the church with the names of the confirmation students. Please take one and remember these students in your prayers as they continue their journey to being confirmed in Christ.



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Giving Tree Update



The Giving Tree was a spectacular success again this year. Thank you to all who shared with others this Christmas season. It was much appreciated by all who attended. **May God bless you for your generous spirit.**

A Word From The Office of Religious Education...

Parishioners of St. Joseph's you have an opportunity to provide financial assistance to our Confirmation students attending their retreats. St. Joseph's is a most generous Parish; let us help our young adults who are continuing their journey of faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation II had their retreat December 13-14, 2008 at the Presentation Center in Los Gatos. We ask for your prayers for these students. Confirmation I will be attending Youth Day at the LA Congress in February. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or donating toward their expenses, you may contact the Religious Education office at 455-8720. Thank you, and God Bless!

St. Joseph's Online

Recordings of the weekly readings and homilies are on iTunes, and recordings of the evening sessions of the Parish Advent Retreat are there now too. From iTunes just do a search for Spreckels and St. Joseph's will appear. The recordings can also be found at stjchurch.org under the Bulletins section. Check it out!



Please pray for...

Philip Zarate, Brian Flannery, Jeff Huff, and the other brave men and women serving our country overseas.

If you have a loved one serving in a foreign country, please contact the parish office at 455-2249 so we may include them on our special prayer list.

You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retroville helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 6-8 call 831-479-1260 or email Monterey@RetroCa.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

You are invited to an Ultreya:

Cursillistas and those interested in Cursillo are invited to join us for faith sharing and fellowship at the Ultreya on Saturday, January 10 at 7:00 PM at Resurrection Church in Aptos. This is a great opportunity to find out more about Cursillo and for Cursillistas to rekindle the movement in their lives. If you have any question, please call Cindy Vierra at 831-757-5193 or visit our website at www.montereycursillo.org.



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A Note From The Office of Protection of Children and Young People...

Parents and care givers, please do not allow your children to leave your sight while at church. Do not allow them to go to the restroom or out to the car alone. Children need to be supervised by a parent or adult at all times while attending any church-related function. Children can never be left unsupervised in a car.

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). We deliver meals to homes throughout the Salinas Valley.