

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22, 2009



Human beings have a tendency to dwell on the past and focus on the negative whether it is their own failures or some harm others have done to them. That makes forgiveness impossible to give or receive. God is always willing to forgive us but we are not always willing to be forgiven. We need to live in the present. We cannot undo the past. We can learn from the past how to make better choices today but that benefit is lost when we just wallow in the past. God is with us and providing us with the grace we need for today (not yesterday nor tomorrow). Christ died for our sins – those we commit and those committed against us too. Let us begin each day as a fresh start and an opportunity to be more Christ-like.

**Thus says the Lord: Remember not the events of the past the things of long ago consider not; See I am doing something new!
Isaiah 43:18-19**

MASSES for the WEEK

Sat	2/21	5:00	†George & †Nina Sammut
Sun	2/22	9:00	John H.
		11:00	Our Parish Family
		5:00	†Allan McTighe
Mon	2/23	9:00	†Allan McTighe
Tue	2/24	9:00	†Raymond Lomibao
Wed	2/25	9:00	†Allan McTighe
		5:30	†Jessie Rossi
Thur	2/26	9:00	
Fri	2/27	9:00	†Joan Lowart
Sat	2/28	9:00	†Allan McTighe
		5:00	†Joseph Musso
Sun	3/1	9:00	†Jessie Rossi
		11:00	†Allan McTighe
		5:00	†Allan McTighe

Remember In Your Prayers

Gus Aiello, Karen Andresen, P.M.B., Alvin Blair, Dick Bruhn, Mary Camazzo, Janet Cohen, Al DeCarli, Cliff Escobar, Jacqueline Farr, Jasper Foletta, John Foster, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, John H., Tom, Lynn Huff, Sr. Marie, Maggie Horowitz, Lorraine Jacop, Sylvia Jaksha, Aaron & Paul Johnson, Lou Kelner, Joe Leavitt, Bill Lee, Bea Lynch, Petra Macfarlane, Dan Menke, Bill Moreno, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Clara Robinson, Paddy Roche, Keri Rothouse, Joann Ryan, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Rodney Scandrett, Tamara Shipley, Catherine Shive, Carson & Pam Souza, Brittany, Suzanne Stewart, Bonnie Stoerberl, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Gene Tissot, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Bob Whitaker, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt and Vicky Woods.

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

\$7,994.00

Meetings This Week

RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Bridge	Thurs, 10:00, hall
Soup Supper	Fri, 6:15, hall
<i>(Hosted by Ron & BJ Tempalski)</i>	
Stations of The Cross	Fri, 7:00, church

Tuesday's RCIA class will include a talk by Father Jim on Ash Wednesday and Lent. All our Welcome.

Ashes will be distributed during the 9:00 am and 5:30 pm masses on Wednesday.

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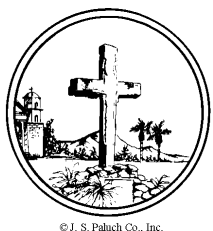
St. Joseph's Annual Fish Fry

Our annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry will be on February 25, following 5:30 PM Mass. We need volunteers to help with set up on Tuesday at 6:00 and clean up after supper on Wednesday. If you can help, please call Richard at 758-3669.

Cost is \$12/adult; \$6/children. Also, there will be tickets sold after the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses on Sunday, February 22.

High schoolers - this one's for you!

Once again the youth of the parish are invited to participate in the re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Our first meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 8 - 9 p.m. After that, practices will be held Thursdays during Lent, from 7 - 9 p.m. and April 10th, Good Friday, starting at 9 a.m., the enactment is at noon. Twenty service hours will be earned. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate. Give us a call or just show up on the 5th, Jennifer @ 229-7629 or Cara @ 455-0917. See you the Thursday, March 5. Bring a friend!



Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal

This week you along with parishioners throughout the Diocese of Monterey are invited prayerfully to consider a pledge to the 2009 Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA). This year's annual Diocesan Appeal reminds us of "LIFE and HOPE." Since every parishioner is a member of the Diocese of Monterey, every household is encouraged to support the work of our Diocese by participating in this appeal. Once we have met the goal for our parish's share for diocesan pastoral services, your donations will be returned to our parish for our specific needs. If you did not receive a mailer, there are some in the vestibule of the church, or you can call the parish office at 455-2249. *Thank you.*

Religious Education

Religious Education Office will be closed 2/25/09.....Staff and Confirmation I teens are leaving the afternoon of 2/25 to attend Youth Day in Los Angeles on Thursday, 2/26. They will be returning late on 2/26. Keep them in your prayers for a safe and Spirit-filled trip.

Old Mission School Principal Position Available for the 2009-2010 School Year

Old Mission School has a current enrollment of 345 students in Preschool through grade 8, is fully accredited with a professionally credentialed faculty and is co-located with Old Mission Church in the historic and beautiful city of San Luis Obispo on California's Central Coast.

For necessary qualifications, more information and application procedures, contact Kim Pryzblski, Ph.D at 831-373-1608 or kpryzblski@dioceseofmonterey.org.

Soup Suppers

Lent is a special time when you can share the concepts of prayer and giving with your family. Take family time each day to offer devotional prayers. Consider as a family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process.



Come enjoy a bowl of soup and fellowship at 6:15 pm before attending The Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Call BJ Tempalski at 455-8720/455-2081 if you would like to bring a pot of soup to share.

Dear Lord, help us to truly live your command to love by forgiving friends and strangers.

Saint Joseph's Table

When you enter the church on Ash Wednesday and all throughout Lent, you will see our beautiful statue of St. Joseph in position on the St. Joseph's Table ready to receive our lenten offerings of non-perishable food items to be given to Dorothy's Kitchen. Unsure what to bring? Here are a few suggestions: rice, beans, pasta, flour, sugar, salt, canned items such as tomato sauce, soup, fruit, beans, vegetables.

Of course, large sizes of everything are welcome, but Dorothy's also provides food to individual families, so smaller sizes are appreciated, too and can include boxed or canned meals. Non-food items can be helpful, as well. Just think what sorts of things your own families use and provide an extra one or two for those who can't provide them for themselves (deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, diapers, feminine hygiene products, etc.) And don't forget, on March 14-15, 2009, you are invited to bring your home-baked bread to be blessed and shared with parishioners and the poor.



Lenten Practices in Brief

Prayer: Pray often and do penance.

Fasting & Abstinence: During Lent those between the ages of 18 & 59 are obligated to observe a day of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken but together they should not equal one full meal. No meat is to be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays during Lent.

Give Alms: Share what you can with the poor. You can make donations to charities such as Franciscan Workers or Catholic Charities as well as contributing to food banks or our own St. Joseph's Table.

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 at all times while attending church related functions.



Please pray for... Philip Zarate, Brian Flannery, Jeff Huff, Nathan Cuellar, and the other brave men and women serving our country overseas.
If you have a loved one serving in a foreign country, please call the office so we may put them on our special prayer list.