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# The First Sunday Of Lent February 21, 2010

Life is full of temptations. Even when we think we have “conquered” some weakness, it is important to remember that we have not been “cured;” but, have simply learned how to deal with it. The alcoholic cannot afford to think that hanging out in a bar will not be a problem or that just one drink is okay. The wise person is one who tries to avoid temptation as much as possible. The humble person knows that given the right circumstances, anything is possible. Such humility helps us be more compassionate with the failings and shortcomings of others. We all need help and encouragement much more than condemnation.

**Say to the Lord,  
“My refuge and my fortress, my God,  
in whom I trust.”**

– Psalm 91:2

## MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat	2/20	5:00	†Charlie Borg
Sun	2/21	9:00	John Hogham
		11:00	Our Parish Family
		5:00	†Fr. Rick Bonjean
Mon	2/22	9:00	†Lowry Backus
Tue	2/23	9:00	†Fr. Rick Bonjean
Wed	2/24	9:00	†Lena Stewart
Thur	2/25	9:00	†Rosa & Mathias Derdak
Fri	2/26	9:00	Maria & Johann Sedlicky
Sat	2/27	9:00	†Sebastian Balch
		5:00	†Jim Huff
Sun	2/28	9:00	John Hougham
		11:00	†Rosa & Hans Sedlicky
		5:00	†Peter & †Rena Breschini

## Meetings This Week

RCIA **	Tues,	7:00, hall
Choir	Tues,	7:00, church
Scripture Study	Weds,	9:30, 7:00, hall
Bridge	Thurs,	10:00, hall
Middle School Youth Group	Thurs,	6:30, hall
Finance Council	Thurs,	7:00, office
Stations Practice	Thurs,	7:00, church

**\*\*Father Jim will talk on Ash Wednesday and Lent at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.**

## Remember In Your Prayers

Cesare Aguccioni, Carrie Aragon, Laverne Austin, Mary Helen Bemersederser, Mary Carnazzo, Bob Cava, Janet Cohen, Christine and Family, Dave, Al DeCarli, Cliff Escobar, Garry Ewing, Jasper Foletta, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Chris Gruzdas, Gerry, Tom, Julie, Mary Lou Kelner, Ruth & Hans Kiessling, Shirley Knappe, Frank La Macchia, Joe Leavitt, Madeline, Dan Menke, Gene Oliverio, John Ottone, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Anna, Brian Rozema, Linda Ryan, Mark Ryan, Rodney Scandrett, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Lisa Silva, Carson & Pam Souza, Hilda and Leonard Souza, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Jim Williams, 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.

## Good Friday Stations of the Cross Calling Parish Youth and Friends!

Those wishing to participate should be prepared to rehearse weekly throughout Lent on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m., and on Good Friday, April 2, starting at 9 a.m. If you are interested come to the next meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Participation is not restricted to parishioners, so please bring your friends along. Hoping to see lots of new and familiar faces! Questions? Call Cara~455-0917.



Join us at the Lenten Soup Supper 6:15pm Friday, 2/26 in the Parish Hall followed by Stations Of The Cross at 7pm. The **Youth Groups** will host this Friday's Soup Supper.

If you have any questions call Christina Brigantino at 455-8414.

Pray that in our actions towards our brothers and sisters in need we may follow the example of Christ's generosity.

*For Your Information...*

Sunday Plate

\$6,566.50

## Operation Rice Bowl

"Operation Rice Bowl" began on Ash Wednesday, 2/17/10, for the children who are struggling to survive in Lesotho and other countries around the world. Have you tried a recipe from a distant land? Made a meatless dish and put the savings in your "Operational Rice Bowl"? Read about a country you hadn't heard of before? Your contributions to "Operational Rice Bowl" and your prayers are needed. Questions, call RE Office at 455-8720.

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### Tickets on Sale This Weekend

Youth Day participants will be pre-selling Pancake Breakfast Tickets this weekend after all the Masses....Your delicious

breakfast on March 7th after the 9 and 11 Liturgies will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit for only \$5 each or \$15 for a family. Come, enjoy a delicious breakfast without any prep or clean-up...AND help defray the cost of their trip to the LA Youth Day on March 18th.

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## Boomer Education 101

**Getting close to 65?** Madonna del Sasso Church, The Salinas Senior Center and The Alliance on Aging are co-sponsoring a new 3 session class to help Baby Boomers prepare for some major changes that are just around the corner. A free seminar is offered on Medicare, Social Security, and long Term Care Insurance designed for people approaching retirement. There will be 3 sessions, March 1, 8 and 15 at the Cross Hall at Madonna Church, 375 E. Laurel Drive in Salinas from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. (Use back parking lot on Maryal Drive) The presenter is Robert M. Petty, PhD. For information call Fely at 229-8655.

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**Thank You**

**St. Joseph's Middle School Youth Group** thanks you hugely for your incredible donations this year for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected a whopping \$1,118.48, all to be

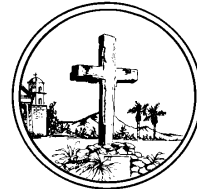
donated to Dorothy's Kitchen. This was our 4th year participating in this powerful movement, and in total, you have donated \$5,005.36. I'm sure Dorothy's Kitchen is thrilled to have received every cent of this and thankful to you as well. We are truly a blessed community!

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**Sacred Heart School**, Salinas, educating Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth grade will be testing for prospective students for the 2010-11 school year on Thursday, March 4, 2010, from 8:30am-4:00pm. To schedule an appointment, please call Lorrie Laughton, Receptionist at 771-1310.

For more information about our school, please visit our website at [www.shschool.com](http://www.shschool.com).

## Annual Ministries Appeal



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This week you along with parishioners throughout the Diocese of Monterey are invited to prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2010 Annual Ministries Appeal, (AMA). This year's annual Diocesan Appeal reminds us to "**Let Your Light Shine Before Others.**" 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. No gift is too small. Once we have met the goal for our parish's share for diocesan services, your donations will be returned to our parish for our specific needs. If you have not received your AMA mailing, there are some in the vestibule of the church or you can call the parish office at 455-2249. *Thank you.*

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### Y.L.I.

### Young Ladies Institute

*A Catholic Women's Organization*

What we offer...We offer you friendship, support, leadership training and the opportunity to make a difference to those in need. Through YLI's participation in charitable projects, you will have the opportunity to promote the work of the Church while working hand in hand with other Catholic women. We will be speaking at Mass at St. Joseph's this month. Our members will be on hand after mass to answer any questions you may have. For more information call Marietta Federico at 455-0705.

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## Mass Intentions

Since we have so many requests for mass intentions here at St. Joseph's and the bishop has now approved more than one intention per mass, we will begin taking as many as two intentions per mass starting in 2011. This change should help to alleviate some of the waiting time for your mass intentions.

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*Please pray for...*

**Philip Zarate, Brian Flannery, Gene Geraci, 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.*