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The Baptism of The Lord January 10, 2010

In Acts, we are told that "God shows no partiality. Rather the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." God does not ask for our "membership card" or references to prove our worthiness. God's love is always with us. God's mercy is always there for those who will accept it. If we believe this how can it not show in our words and deeds? We call ourselves Christians and yet there are those who do not share our beliefs and act more "uprightly" than we do. Perhaps we need to pay more attention to our own words and deeds rather than judging what others say and do.

He went about doing good works.
—Acts 10:38

MASSSES *for the* **WEEK**

Sat 1/9	5:00	†Charlie Borg
Sun 1/10	9:00	†John Hougham
	11:00	
	5:00	†Lowry Backus
Mon 1/11	9:00	†Sebastian Balch
Tue 1/12	9:00	Our Parish Family
Wed 1/13	9:00	Matthew Gunther
Thur 1/14	9:00	
Fri 1/15	9:00	†Penny Allison Wilson
Sat 1/16	9:00	†Sylvia Lenkey Jaksha
	5:00	†George and †Nina Sammut
Sun 1/17	9:00	†John Hougham
	11:00	†John Callahan
	5:00	†Rusty Cochetti

Remember In Your Prayers

Laverne Austin, Miriam Bradley, Barbara Brewer, Peggy, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Patria Cook, Jackie Daley, Al DeCarli, Cliff Escobar, Jasper Foletta, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Chris Gruzaz, Gerry, Tom, Leah Hitchcock, Lorraine Jacop, Mary Lou Kelner, Ruth & Hans Kiessling, Joe Leavitt, Madeline, Dan Menke, Gene Oliverio, John Ottone, Mary Reyes, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Anna, Linda Ryan, Mark Ryan, Rodney Scandrett, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Melvin Scolari, 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	\$7,987.88
Solemnity of Mary	862.00

Meetings This Week

I-Help	Mon,	5:00, hall
RCIA	Tues,	7:00, hall
Altar Servers	Tues,	7:00, church
Scripture Study	Weds,	9:30, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds,	7:00, church
Bridge	Thurs,	10:00, hall
Middle School Youth Group	Thurs,	6:30, hall

Religious Education News

RE Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

Bridge News ♣

Bridge will resume in January on the 2nd and fourth Thursdays of the month. This month that falls on the 14th and 28th. Bridge is played in the parish hall from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Call Jean to reserve your place, 455-8275.

RCIA News

At this weeks RCIA meeting there will be a talk given by Kathy Clift on ***Spiritual Growth Through Suffering***. The talk will begin at 7:30 pm. *All are welcome to attend.*

There is a second collection this weekend for the Diocesan Seminarians and Continuing Education of Priests.

The Parish office will be closed for Martin Luther King Day, January 18, 2010

All The Ways That I Am Words

A Retreat for Spiritual Directors and Prayer Leaders

January 29-31, 2010- Mission San Antonio, Jolon

Total cost is \$150.00 and includes lodging for two nights, meals and retreat.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Monterey - Facilitated by Carmella Dautoff with Margaret Marcroft and Eve Forrest. Call Barbara Winston at 645-2841 or email bwinston@dioceseofmonterey.org, before December 18, for more information.



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.

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. **Thank you to all who have donated already!!**

The Notre Dame Foundation and NDHS Parents' Club 4th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab and Pasta Feed

Saturday January 30, 2010
Notre Dame High School Gym
\$40.00 per person
For ticket sales call: Notre Dame High School
(831) 751-1850 x247
www.notredamesalinas.org

Proceeds to benefit scholarships

FISH FRY



St. Joseph's Annual Fish Fry

Yes, it's that time of year again. It's time to plan for our annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on February 17, following 5:30 pm Mass.

Pre-sale tickets are available by sending a check made out to **St. Joseph's Fish Fry**, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Richard & Sylvia Prader, 451 La Mesa Drive, Salinas, CA 93901. Cost is \$12/adult; \$6/children. Since this is a very popular parish event and tickets are limited due to space, they usually sell out early. We also need help in setting up before hand and cleaning up afterward. If you can help, call Richard at 758-3669.

A Spanish Guitar Concert Benefiting The Carmel Mission Basilica & The Equine Alliance Youth Foundation

Featuring guitarist

TONY HARMON

"One of the top Guitarists of our time"

*Please join us on Saturday, January 23, 2010,
at 7:00pm*

This concert will be held in the Basilica ~\$20.00 Donation
For tickets and information call Nicki at 624 1271 x 214
Or Email: nicki@carmelmission.org

Calling all Cub and Boy Scouts



All BSA scouts are invited to join us in uniform on Scout Sunday, February 7 during the 11am mass in honor of the 100th anniversary of scouting. Catholic scouts who have completed their religious emblem requirements may receive them at this service. Please contact Debra Brau of pack 60, at 261-0875 to participate. Participation patches and religious emblems will need to be ordered in advance of the service.

As part of the Christmas season one of the local papers ran a story on the preparations for Christmas in the churches in the area. I read through it and it was interesting but something really struck me later and I went back to see if I had just imagined it. The reporter chose to focus on one thing with each church although all three things were a part of each of the churches. For one there was the statement that Christmas was all about music, for another there was the implication that the season was about the powerful message contained in the ceremonies but for Saint Joseph's there was the point that this is a special time to care for those in need. There was even a picture of the Giving Tree with the presents. It is not difficult to imagine how very proud that makes me feel. This is a parish that hears and responds to the heart of the teachings of Jesus.

During one of the Liturgies just before Christmas one of the servers warned me that if there were any more gifts we would not be able to move around the altar. We both laughed. But as I thought of it I was hearing more and more of the different things that go on in the parish, many involving the parish and many independent of the parish but the work of parishioners. You certainly remember the sock ladies who accost you as you are trying to enter the church on a particular Sunday each year. They collected over six hundred pairs of socks and over one hundred stuffed toys along with games, other clothing, and almost \$ 3000.00. The money they use to buy clothing for the needy and I have known the negotiations that have gone on. You do not want to be in business and have these women show up at your door. If they do simply take the money and give then the store, it will be easier on everyone.

There are several families who take on one or another family, with gifts and food for the holidays. The people involved in the Catacumenate take gifts and food to the needy in the labor camps. One family regularly gives blankets to the poor and this year bought and wrapped over four hundred of the blankets. You know, because of the notice in the bulletin, that another member of the parish collected blankets and jackets that were distributed to the homeless. Food for twelve families was collected with the giving tree. There were pajama and slipper sets for the victims of domestic violence, a large amount of rice and beans collected for the Triqui Indians, clothing for the Men in Transition, backpacks for the Kinship center and a collection of money for the feeding of horses involved in therapy for handicapped riders. As much food and gifts as you see in the church during the Christmas Season, there is much more done by individuals in the parish for various needs. As I was listening to the server mention that the gifts might keep us out of the Sanctuary, I was thinking to myself – if everything people here were doing were here in the church there would not be room in the whole building. The more people I talk I am becoming aware of more and more that is taking place. It is wonderful to serve a Lord who knows it all and will Himself reward you all. My reward and honor is to be pastor to such a congregation.

One final piece of information: I have received the information for my trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Germany during the early part of July. It is presented every ten years and I attended it in 2000 and really enjoyed the play and the trip. If you are interested contact the office for printed material.

In Mary's Son,

Jim

