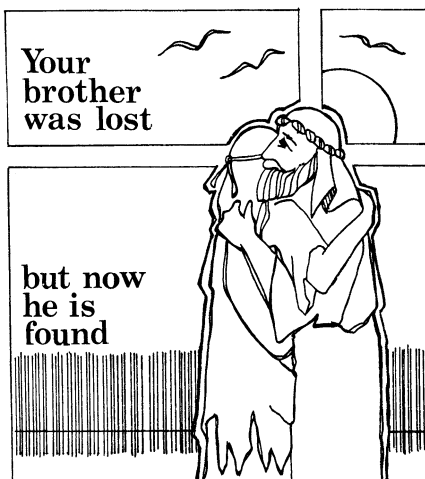


## The Fourth Sunday Of Lent March 14, 2010



The parable of the Prodigal Son is often as annoying to the righteous as it is a consolation to the sinners. However no one fits neatly into either group. There are times when we are the "good son" and times when we are the "bad son". Our focus should not be one who gets what, but on our loving Father, who is always there for us. We need to have a sense of gratitude. Grateful for the times we are doing what we should and can bask in his love. Grateful for his forgiveness when we have strayed and come home. Such gratitude should lead us to appreciate our siblings and free us to both honour those who are faithful and rejoice in the return of those who have strayed.

**Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.  
Psalm 34:6**

### MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat 3/13	5:00	†Charlie Borg
Sun 3/14	9:00	John Hougham
	11:00	†Paddy Roche
	5:00	†Irma McDougall
Mon 3/15	9:00	†Lowry Backus
Tue 3/16	9:00	
Wed 3/17	9:00	
Thur 3/18	9:00	
Fri 3/19	9:00	
Sat 3/20	9:00	
	5:00	†George & †Nina Sammut
Sun 3/21	9:00	John Hougham
	11:00	†Jeffrey Schelueter
	5:00	†Robert Knapp

### Remember In Your Prayers

Laverne Austin, Mary Helen Bemerseders, Mary Carnazzo, Bob Cava, Janet Cohen, Christine and Family, Dave, Stan Corda, Al DeCarli, Cliff Escobar, Garry Ewing, Jasper Foletta, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Chris Gruzaz, Justin, Gerry, Tom, June Hanlon, Julie, 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, Lisa Silva, Carson & Pam Souza, Hilda and Leonard Souza, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Ally Tissot, Tory, Paul, Logan, 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.

### For Your Information...

Sunday Plate \$8,789.68

### Meetings This Week

Choir	Weds, 7:00, church
Stations Practice	Thurs, 7:00, church
First Reconciliation Retreat	Sat, 10:00, church



Soup Supper 6:15pm Friday, 3/19, in the Parish Hall followed by Stations of The Cross at 7pm. This week the **RCIA participants and the RCIA Team** will host the Soup Supper as well as the Stations of the Cross. Call Nic Bianchi 625-2722 if you have questions.

**Pray** that we may follow Christ's example of service to others.

### Lenten Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 23at 7 PM

Give yourself the gift of a quiet time to reflect on your life, to rejoice in your strengths and to make amends for your weaknesses so that you may more fully experience the joy of the Easter mysteries. To give us all an opportunity for that gift there will be a celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 23 in the church at 7 PM.

**This weekend there is a second collection for the American Oversea's Appeal (Catholic Relief Services) and Church in Latin America.**

## Saint Joseph's Table

During March and throughout the remainder of 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 20–21, 2010, you are invited to bring your home-baked bread to be blessed and shared with parishioners and the poor.

### Lenten Retreat at St. Joseph's with Bishop Ryan

March 13-16

#### Entering the Mystery:

Christ's Presence in Liturgy and Life

Bishop Ryan will speak at all the Weekend Masses on **March 13 and 14**, then continue the retreat on **Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16** at the **9 AM** daily Mass and then repeat at **7 PM** Evening Prayer.

Receptions will follow each session.

What a great opportunity for spiritual  
nourishment!

Accept the gift.

Enter the mystery.



The pancake breakfasts on January 24th and March 7th for the teen Youth Day Trip made \$1315 to help with the expenses of the upcoming trip to LA.

Thank you for your patience when you had to wait for your pancakes and for

your generous support of this wonderful experience for our teens. A special thank you to the Melendez family for the donation of all the fruit for both breakfasts.

## Annual Ministries Appeal



Thank you to all the families who have already pledged to support the mission of the church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial contribution to the 2010 AMA. We are almost at our goal. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may do so this weekend by putting your AMA envelope in the collection basket, there are some extras in the vestibule.

Thank you and God bless!

## STAND UP FOR PEACE MARCH

Bishop Richard Garcia and Communities Organized for relational Power in Action (COPA) invite all parishes in the Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties to join them in the STAND UP FOR PEACE MARCH that will take place Saturday, March 27, 2010. The march will start at 11:30a.m. at Alisal High School and it will end at Closter Part at 2:00p.m. Together we can put an end to gang violence and spread hope to young people in the Central Coast.

For more information, please call Rosa Vitela at (831) 728-3210 or Sheilah Lynch at (831) 645-2845

## Diocese of Monterey Path to Peace Post-Abortion Healing Ministry presents...

Day of Healing and Reconciliation ~Come to a special day of prayer and reconciliation to help you work through your grief in a safe and supportive environment. Open to women and men. Lunch and refreshments provided. No charge for retreat, however, donations are accepted. Call 831-840-8017 or email path.to.peace@hotmail.com to register by April 1st

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**9:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Resurrection Catholic Church  
7600 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA**



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.*

# Pastor's Notes

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There are a few things that I would like to share with you this week. This week we are going to have our Lenten Retreat and are privileged to have Bishop Ryan as the preacher. I really hesitate to call him a preacher. He is one of very few Bishops who is truly a teacher. Because of all that is involved with the office of Bishop it is easy to forget that the primary work of a Bishop is to teach. He is specifically ordained to teach. Once after Jesus had cured a woman in Capernaum the disciples were looking to bring him back to the city because everybody wanted to watch him cure some other people. Jesus told the disciples that he had been sent by the Father to teach and he was going on to other villages to teach. And at the end of his life Jesus sent the disciples out "to teach all people, baptizing them in the .....". Notice that the first work is to teach.

There is really no need to advertize or promote this because we all know Bishop Ryan and have all heard him teach. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to prepare for a deeper celebration of the Easter Mysteries. And as all of you also know be sure to go to the fellowship afterward. In this parish to tell you it is the usual is to prepare you for the best in the diocese, and certainly the best I have encountered anywhere. Cookies and coffee it is not!!!!

Also I have to report that the doctor has discovered three more tumors in my bladder. It appears that they are very small, as all the others have been, and the surgery should go as well as all the others have. Please keep me in your good prayers. The operation should be on Thursday March 25 and I expect to be back at the altar by Sunday. Thank you for your concern and support. This is the first assignment I have ever had where I have wondered at times whether I am here for you to take care of me rather than me to take care of the parishioners.

Finally, I am of the opinion that the most dangerous evil in a parish is gossip. I have always done what I could to stop it. I do that by giving you all the information that I have, even non public information like about vacations and my health. I know that when there is a void in information it will be filled by people who love to pretend that they are important by sharing information that they have made up. This week someone told me that someone in the parish had told them that I was retiring in October. To be kind that is a vicious lie! (Or perhaps wishful thinking.) I am looking at retirement in the near future, though not that near. When a date is set it will be in the bulletin the following Sunday. The only people who might know before you would be me, the Bishop, and the financial administrator of the Diocese. P.S. These people are not gossips. If someone tries to gossip about information in this parish please tell them where to go - Of Course I Think It Should Be Done In The Kindest Possible Way!!!! If you do have questions about the parish just ask, if the secretaries and I do not know, trust me neither do the gossips.

*Jim*



# Urgent Important Recall

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed, "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," or more commonly known as "SIN".

Some of the symptoms of this serious defect are:

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| ✓ | Loss of direction                               | ✓ | Selfish, violent behavior |
| ✓ | Lack of peace and joy                           | ✓ | Amnesia of origin         |
| ✓ | Depression or confusion in the mental component | ✓ | Fearfulness               |
| ✓ | Foul vocal emission                             | ✓ | Rebellion                 |

To correct this SIN defect, the Manufacturer, Who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service FREE OF CHARGE.

The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

**No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:**

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|---|-------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
| + | Love  | + | Kindness     | + | Gentleness   |
| + | Joy   | + | Goodness     | + | Patience     |
| + | Peace | + | Faithfulness | + | Self-control |

Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units direct monitoring and assistance from the resident Maintenance Technician, the Holy Spirit. Repaired units need only make Him welcome and He will take up residence on the premises.

## WARNING :

Continuing to operate the human being unit without making these corrections voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to many dangers and problems and will result in the human unit being **permanently impounded**.

For free emergency service, call on JESUS.

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