

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday December 5, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sat	12/04	5:00	+ Jose Roel
Sun	12/05	9:00	John Hougham
		11:00	+ Eugene Fisher
		5:00	+ Anne Walby
Mon	12/06	9:00	+ Charlie and + Theresa Borg
Tue	12/07	9:00	David Drew
		5:30	Ann Brown
Wed	12/08	9:00	+ Josephine Grech
Thu	12/09	9:00	+Thomas Ketcham
Fri	12/10	9:00	+Lonnie and+ Jim Huff
Sat	12/11	9:00	+ Lowry Backus
		5:00	+ Mike Johnson
Sun	12/12	9:00	John Hougham
		11:00	+ Innocente Barera
		5:00	+ Charlene dePratti

Meetings of the Week:

- **Tuesday Dec. 7** RCIA at 7:00 in the Hall.
- **Wednesday Dec. 8** Scripture Studies at 7:00 pm in the Hall, and Choir at 7:00 pm in the Church.
- **Thursday Dec. 9** Bridge at 10:00 am in the Hall.
- **Saturday Dec. 11** Ultreya at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

SUNDAY PLATE: \$8,912.24

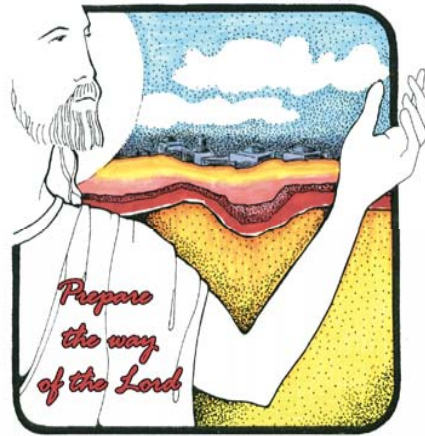
There will be a second collection next week for Retirement Fund for Retired Religious, more information is in the vestibule.

Thank you! From Elfrida Ewing...

Thank you all for your kindness, concern and sympathy during this difficult time.

Frida and Family.

We can look to the Scriptures, the teaching of the Church, and the writings of spiritual people for guidance and insight. How often do you take advantage of these resources? When you are trying to decide difficult choices in life, do you take the time to pray and reflect on some of these resources? Perhaps Advent can be the time for you to prepare the choices that will come by making it a habit to read some of the resources everyday. Your may find future decisions will be easier to make because you will have greater insight into the principals that flow from your faith.



Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand.—Matthew 3:2

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anne, Matthew Albin, Steve & Patty Atwood, Joan Balena, Virginia Baille, Tatum Bakker, Sally Briggs, John Cerna, Gene Cochetti, Richard Courrejou, Jeffrey & Janet Cohen, Al DeCarli, Raelynn Funston, Peggy Eadi, Andree Enos, Christopher Gomez, Henry, Lorraine Jacop, Linda Kerr, Effie Joy, Tony Lancia, Joe Leavit, Mary Means, Joe Micheli, Alex Noland, Matt Rianda, Linda Richmond, Ed Roberti, Emma Smith, Sister Roberta Ann, Robert Sisler, Carson & Pam Souza, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Theresa Velasquez, Garret Weeks, and MaryLou Zehentmayer.

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.

Dorothy's Kitchen, Heart & Soul Ministry

Come and join us in preparing and serving lunch for 200 guests at Dorothy's Kitchen on Saturday, December 11. We will meet at Dorothy's at 9:00 AM on Soledad Street or arrive at 8:30 at St Joseph's to carpool together. There are many ways to serve from the actual serving of the food to the gathering of the resources. It's an amazing experience. For questions or donations, please contact Leslie Russo 655-3754 or Fred Doherty 484-5080.

A Warm Coat - For A Cold Soul

With the time and weather changes, Saint Joseph's will be collecting gently used coats, jackets and sweatshirts for homeless men and women. Winter is a very difficult time for these folks. On these frosty, cold mornings and freezing late nights, there is a very special blessing knowing you have warmed a cold soul. Just drop them off in the parish kitchen after the 9:00 or 11:00 AM Mass. If you attend the 5:00 PM Mass, you may bring your donations to the office or contact Leslie Russo 655-3754 and she will be happy to pick them up.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE Advent Project – “No Room at the Inn” Donations welcomed to aid this Advent Project. Religious Ed students have partnered with Cross International Catholic Outreach's project, “No Room in the Inn,” to help build a home in Haiti. If you want to learn more, you may call Religious Education, 455-8720, or visit www.crosscatholic.org and search the Haiti Advent Project.

- Mrs. Brau's 5th Grade Class toured the Monterey County Food Bank on 11/30/10 and helped fill orders for the needy. Sharing follows God's example.
- Attention: Home School Students Call RE, 455-8720, and make your December Progress appointment. 12/5 – 9AM – 10:30AM 12/6 thru 12/9 - 2:30PM – 4:00 PM
- Confirmation II will meet Sunday at 11:45 AM in the Church. Jeffery Nielsen will share his life experiences.
- Christmas Pageant practice is Tuesday, December 7th at 3:30 -4:30 PM in the Church. Questions, call Mary Ann McCarthy at 484-9316.
- Confirmation I will meet for a movie and BBQ on Friday, Dec 10, at the Parish Hall - 6-9:30PM. SPONSOR INFO SHEETS ARE DUE ALSO TODAY.
- Confirmation Service Opportunity Sunday, December 19th 12:00PM in the church. Separate the Giving Tree gifts by family.
- Confirmation Service Opportunity Thursday, December 23th - 10:00AM in the Church. Installing the poinsettia tree for the Christmas Season.



Schedule for Advent 2010

Evening Prayer: Mondays @ 7:00 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Vigil: Tuesday, December 7 @ 5:30 PM

Day: Wednesday, December 8 @ 9:00 AM

Reconciliation: Monday, December 13 @ 7:00 PM

Children's Christmas Preview: @ 10:00 AM, Sunday, December 19 In the Church.



Pray for... Philip Zarate, Ernesto Zarate, Brian Flannery, Nathan Cuellar, Tim Bianchini, Brian Foote, Anthony DeChristopher, Sean Currie, Mike Albin, and all who serve their countries at personal cost.

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.

GIVING TREE 2010

As Father Jim noted on the First Sunday of Advent, once again we have the opportunity to share Christmas spirit and Christmas bounty through our Giving Tree. For the second year, we are working with Dr. Mandy Jackson and the Franciscan Workers to help brighten Christmas for families in two of the labor camps located near Soledad. In addition to treating illnesses, aches and pains for the people of these camps, Dr. Mandy also takes note of her patients' other needs. Many of these have been reported to us, the people of St. Joseph's, by way of the ornaments on the Giving Tree. Here is what you can do to help: (you know the drill!)

Remove an ornament from the tree

Purchase the item on the ornament

List specific details of package content (e.g. size of clothing)

Wrap the gift

Tape the paper ornament securely (Scotch® Tape works wonders) to the bottom of the gift

Place the gift back under the Giving Tree no later than noon on December 19, 2010 (the Fourth Sunday of Advent).

You may choose to include a card or to remain anonymous. The important thing to remember is to hang on to the paper ornament so you can securely attach it to the bottom of the wrapped gift. This ensures that we get the right gifts to the right families. **Please do make sure all the gifts are returned to the tree before noon on December 19.** This gives the Confirmation class enough time to collect and sort the gifts to be distributed so that when Dr. Mandy comes to pick them up, they can be loaded into her “Magic Van of Christmas Cheer” in good order.

Please be generous in sharing Christmas with the families in these labor camps – it can only make YOUR Christmas merrier!

A Note About Food: Nonperishable food items are always gratefully accepted.

Gift cards to grocery stores are welcome, too.



Dr. Mandy and some St. Joseph's "Elves"

Bethlehem Missions will be selling handmade olive wood crafts after all this weekend's masses. Come and do some Christmas shopping!