



Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2007

Prayer is the key to a fruitful spirit. In prayer we open ourselves to the insights and inspiration of the Spirit. Everyday we are bombarded with messages (not just marketing ads but from people and events in our lives), and it can be confusing and overwhelming. Taking a little time to step aside and reflect can clear the chaos within us. It can help us sift the wheat from the chaff, so we can hold on to what is good.

Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks...

– 1 Theologians 5:16

MASSES for the WEEK

Sat, 12/15	5:00	†August Caresani, Sr.
Sun, 12/16	9:00	†Joe & †Nancy Gibbons
	11:00	†Leopoldine Schulda
	5:00	Tom & Gerry Hitchcock
Mon, 12/17	9:00	†Kevin Sinclair
Tue, 12/18	9:00	Carol Thornberry
Wed, 12/19	9:00	†Dennis Lord
Thu, 12/20	9:00	
Fri, 12/21	9:00	†Peter, †Josephine, & †Norma Venturi
Sat, 12/22	9:00	Our Parish Family
	5:00	†Charlie Borg
Sun, 12/23	9:00	†Barbara Eklund
	11:00	†Hydeus Kiatta
	5:00	

Remember In Your Prayers

Mike Albin, Karen Andresen, Suzette, Laverne Austin, Leah Borg, Leonard Breschini, John Cain, Jerry Carlsen, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Margaret Eadi, Joyce Eastman, Cliff Escobar, Bernadine Fitzsimmons, Jasper Foletta, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Susan Inns, Margaret Kelly, Sr. Marie, Lauren Letzsch, Joe Leavitt, Irma McDougall, GERALYN Moore, Nana Mimi, Connie Ortiz, Ryan Perry, Amy Rianda, Julie Richards, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Yustina Rodriguez, Patricia Roel, Linda Silvestri, Emma Smith, Anthony David Smoot, Carson & Pam Souza, Marlene Stadille, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Carol, Jim Thornberry, Terry Uebelhart, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt.

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

Plate Collection \$9,107.62

Parish Library - Open every Sunday during hospitality after the 9:00 am liturgy, and at 4:30 on Sundays.

Ministry Directory - St. Joseph's Parish Ministry Directories are available in the vestibule. Be sure to pick up this handy reference if you don't already have one.

Meetings This Week

Giving Tree Reception	Sun, 6:00, hall
Youth Group	Sun, 6:00, cry room
I-Help	Mon, 5:00, hall
Reconciliation Service	Mon, 7:00, church
Children's pageant practice	Tues, 3:30, church
RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds, 7:00, church
Christmas Liturgy rehearsal	Thurs, 7:00, church

There will be no Scripture Study classes for the remainder of the year.

Some Advent Dates to Remember...

Reception for the Giving Tree Families - Sunday, December 16 following the 5 PM Liturgy

Reconciliation Service - Monday, December 17 at 7PM



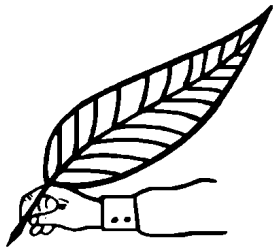
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Advent Retreat

Cheyenne Cook from Nisbet Scripture Study Tapes is offering CD's of the Advent Retreat. You can get one here in the office or order them from Cheyenne at 408-241-4979.

Thank You...

To all who donated socks and money for the homeless. Our wonderful committee collected **391 pairs of socks and over \$2,495.00 in cash!** Dorothy's Place is going to be able to purchase back packs, sweatshirts and many more needed items for the homeless.



Pastor's Notes

I would like to personally thank the people here at Saint Joseph's for your most generous support of the collection for the retired Religious. When I entered school the religious communities were growing so fast that there were four or five schools

opening in the Diocese of San Diego each year. While I was studying in New York I watched a new community of sisters start to care for the elderly and teach in grade schools. They had seventy women enter the first year and it grew after that. While all of this was going on it was thought that it would be a waste of money to invest in Social Security because the older sisters would be taken care of by the huge numbers of women entering. In the sixties, many people left the priesthood and brotherhood, but the sisters suffered the greatest losses of members and the collapse of the numbers entering. This was so profound that today many of those orders are gone. The result was that as that huge numbers of sisters retired there were no people to care for them and no retirement. I am particularly concerned about this because I owe my education to those women. I believe that they created the finest education system that has ever existed (remember that I study history), and I am constantly impressed by their work as I come to know more and more products of their work.

Fr. Jim

Attention Young Men

Young men ages 21-40 are invited to a Priesthood Discernment Retreat Weekend where you can reflect on your call in life and diocesan priesthood. The discernment weekend starts at 4 PM on Friday February 1st to 1PM on Sunday February 3, 2008 at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, California. Interested? Contact the Vocations Office at 831-645-2813 for registration information before January 18.

Young Ladies Institute Ignatius 85

Official visit of Grand President Demova Barrett and Baby Shower for Jesus.

January 2, 2008- 6:00 PM

Michael Cross Parish Hall, Madonna del Sasso Church
320 East Laurel Drive, Salinas
Dinner \$8.00 - Please bring an unwrapped baby gift for Confidence Pregnancy Center

Please RSVP to Angie 424-5799 by December 20.



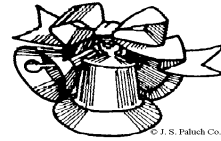
Just a reminder, the Giving Tree Reception is Sunday, December 16 after the 5:00 PM mass. So please bring your presents and put them under the Giving Tree by noon on the 16th.

Bethlehem Catholic Mission

Members of Bethlehem Catholic Mission from the Holy Land are here today. They are raising funds to help Catholic families in Bethlehem. Please take a moment after mass to peruse their items and support their families.

Looking for a babysitter...

A Las Palmas family is looking for a full-time babysitter for their 6 month old child. Maybe a senior citizen? Your own transportation is necessary. If you are interested please call Georgia at 643-1993.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24

4 PM Children's Liturgy
7 PM Christmas Vigil

11:30 PM Christmas Carols preceding Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

9 AM & 11 AM (There is no 5 PM Mass on Christmas Day)



A preview of the Children's Christmas presentation will be Sunday December 23 @ 10:00 AM in the Church. You are welcome to come and take lots of pictures at this time so that the focus on Christmas Eve can remain on the mass.