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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2007

It is not easy to be a true Christian. It is not a matter of declaring that Jesus is our Lord. It is a matter of living according to Jesus' example. We want our world to be just and fair and we are upset because it isn't. However, as Christians, we are called to change ourselves, not the world. We are to bear with each other, to forgive again and again and most of all to love not just our friends but enemies too. The more Christ-like we become, the more peaceful our spirit will be.

Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. -Colossians 3:12

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat, 12/29	5:00	†Bernard Eggerman
Sun, 12/30	9:00	†Rusty Cochetti
	11:00	†Stephanie Lechner
	5:00	Our Parish Family
Mon, 12/31	9:00	†Martha Ann Brinton
Tue, 1/1	12:00	
	9:00	
	11:00	
Wed, 1/2	9:00	
Thu, 1/3	9:00	
Fri, 1/4	9:00	
Sat, 1/5	9:00	
	5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun, 1/6	9:00	†Joe & †Nancy Gibbons
	11:00	†Rusty Cochetti
	5:00	†Abel Soberanos, †Abel Bianchi & †Abel Thomas

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

Choir Weds, 7:00, church

Scripture study classes will resume in March.

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, Kathryn Fishman, 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 Rodriquez, 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.



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Plate collection information for last week will be posted in next week's bulletin.



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.

Retrouaille

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: 1) Romance, 2) Disillusionment, 3) Misery, and 4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th stage of awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th stage.

If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery please contact Retrouaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 25-27 call 831-479-1260 or e-mail Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

This Christmas Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey would like to recognize and thank all of those who have made our mission possible. A mission to assist those in need and comfort those in pain.

God bless you and yours and best wishes for the New Year. We appreciate your continued support.

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Father Barry Brunsman will be celebrating mass with us on New Year's day at 9:00 AM.
(January 1, is not a holy day of obligation)
Welcome Father Barry!



Three Evenings with Dr. Megan McKenna

Sunday, January 27 – The Woman at the Well

Monday, January 28 – The Man Born Blind

Tuesday, January 29 – The Raising of Lazarus

7:30 PM - Free (donations accepted!)

Experience the Power, Wisdom and Grace of Jesus in these Scriptures.

Resurrection Church, 7600 Soquel Drive, Aptos

FISH FRY



St. Joseph's Annual Fish Fry

Yes, it's that time of year again. It's time to start planning for our annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on February 6, 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 \$9/adult; \$4/children. Also, they will be selling tickets after the morning masses on January 27 and February 3. Since this is a very popular parish event and tickets are limited due to space, they usually sell out early.

Help is needed to set up on Tuesday, February 5, and in the kitchen, cooking and serving. We also need help to clean-up immediately following the dinner. Call Richard & Sylvia, 758-3669 (evenings), to let them know where you can help.



Wishing you peace and happiness in the New Year, from the staff of St. Joseph's of Spreckels.

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008.