



Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2007

There are so many people in our lives from those who are close to us to the strangers we pass on the street. We have our beliefs and ideas of what is good and acceptable and it is easy to judge others by our standards – after all we are God-fearing people and we know what is right. Do you ever consider that each person you meet is a gift? They all have something to teach you – from your child to the bum on the street. If we can stop judging others for a moment, perhaps we can discover the gift they can bring to our hearts.

Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God..

– Romans 15:7

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat, 12/8	5:00	†George & †Nina Sammut
Sun, 12/9	9:00	†Michael Johnson
	11:00	†Innocente Barera
	5:00	†Celeste Zamzow
Mon, 12/10	9:00	Our Parish Family
Tue, 12/11	9:00	†John Muller
Wed, 12/12	9:00	†Rusty Cochetti
Thu, 12/13	9:00	
Fri, 12/14	9:00	†Elisabeth McCarthy
Sat, 12/15	9:00	
	5:00	†August Caresani, Sr.
Sun, 12/16	9:00	†Joe & †Nancy Gibbons
	11:00	†Leopoldine Schulda
	5:00	Tom & Gerry Hitchcock

available in the vestibule. Be sure to pick up this handy reference if you don't already have one.

Meetings This Week

Children's pageant practice	Mon, 3:30, church
I-Help	Mon, 5:00, hall
Evening Prayer	Mon, 7:00, church
RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Scripture Study	Weds, 9:30, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds, 7:00, church
Bridge	Thurs, 10:00, hall
Children's pageant practice	Thurs, 3:30, church
Youth Group	Thurs, 6:30, hall
Altar Servers	Thurs, 7:00, church

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, 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, Archie Silveria, 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.

Some Advent Dates to Remember...

Evening Prayer - Mondays of Advent at 7PM

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.

For Your Information

Plate Collection \$9,063.61

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

Sacred Heart School, Salinas

Is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for grade TK-8. Applications from students of all races, nationalities, and creeds are accepted. Placement testing will begin in February. Limited tuition assistance is available. Please phone 771-1310 to apply.

St. Joseph's Podcasts

Podcasts are available of the weekly readings and Father Jim's homilies for most of the weeks of the 2007 Liturgical year and of the Advent retreat.

The easy way to get them is go to the iTunes Store, search for **spreckels**, and the podcast will pop right up and you can subscribe to it.

Operation Yellow Ribbon

As part of our ongoing support of our troops, we will be sending at least 1,000 care packages to Iraq and Afghanistan on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

We are sending hand held computer games, puzzles, playing cards, comic books, etc. **YOU CAN HELP** by writing a letter or card of support and encouragement (unsealed) to be included in our shipment to our men and women far from home.

Other items needed : Chocolate bars, gum, drink mixes, other snack items (no pork or apricots), disposable cameras, hygiene products and toiletries.

Drop off boxes are at the following locations: McShane's Nursery & Landscaping 115 Monterey-Salinas Highway and Star Pharmacy 1273 South Main Street.

Give our troops the support they need & deserve.

Thank You!

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Fr. Barry Brunsman would like you to know how deeply pleased and thankful he is for your generous support in rebuilding the St. Francis Retreat Center.

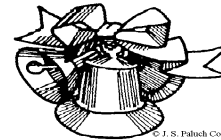
Dorothy's Kitchen and the Franciscan Workers received 107 pies for their Thanksgiving Supper! Thank you to all who donated their pies and their time.



Just a reminder, the Giving Tree Reception will be Sunday, December 16 after the 5:00 PM mass. So please bring your presents and put them under the tree by noon on the 16th. Also, there will be a box for non perishable food items too. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bethlehem Catholic Mission

Members of Bethlehem Catholic Mission from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish next weekend. They are raising funds to help Catholic families in Bethlehem. They will be selling hand made olivewood crafts. Your purchase will help to support those needy families in Bethlehem. The Catholics there used to be 15% of the population and now they are only 1.5%. This is because of the non-stop violence in the region causing them to flee the country. As you may have heard on the news, the war there is hurting the tourism industry, and those families have greatly lost a majority of their income from being unable to sell their crafts. Please take a moment after mass to peruse their items and support their families.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24

4 PM Children's Eucharist

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)

Altar Servers

Don't forget there is a meeting for all Altar Servers on Thursday, December 13 @ 7:00 PM.

The second collection this week is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

To learn more, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

Share In the Care