

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 16, 2008

PALM SUNDAY



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Lent offers us a time to reflect on our discipleship. How well are we following the example Jesus gave us? Instead of comparing ourselves in light of the accomplishments and failures of others, we should be looking at Jesus. How do we treat others – with compassion and forgiveness or with harshness and condemnation? Do we look for ways to help people or do we focus on what they can do for us? What do we do with our resources and gifts – hoard them or share them with those around us? If you think you are doing a great job as a disciple, think again– no one measures up to Jesus. Instead, be thankful for the progress you have made and look to what you can do to improve.

MASSES for the WEEK

But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.. –Psalm 22:19

The parish office will be closed Good Friday through Easter Monday

Sat, 3/15	5:00	†George & Nina Sammut
Sun, 3/16	9:00	†Tony & †Amelia Vosti
	11:00	†Jack Armel
	5:00	†Leroy Gomes
Mon, 3/17	9:00	†Jim Prola
Tue, 3/18	9:00	Deceased & Ill members of YLI
Wed, 3/19	9:00	†Louis & †Ruth Huntington
Thu, 3/20	9:00	
Fri, 3/21	9:00	
Sat, 3/22	8:00	The Wish Family
Sun, 3/23	7:30	†Celeste Gorman
	9:00	†Miriam Bast
	11:00	†Kathryn O'Neill

Meetings This Week

I-Help	Mon, 6:00, hall
RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Rehearsal for Easter Vigil	Tues, 7:00, church
Scripture Study	Weds, 9:30 & 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds, 7:00, church
Environment Committee	Thur, 8:00, church
Stations Practice	Thur, 5:00, church
Youth Group	Thurs, 6:30, hall
Stations Practice	Fri, 9:00, church
Stations of the Cross	Fri, 12:00, church
Environment Committee	Fri, 3:00, church

Remember In Your Prayers

Mike Albin, Karen Andresen, Suzette, Laverne Austin, Silvio Bernardi, Bev Bishop, Leah Borg, Jeffrey Burke, John Cain, Al DeCarli, Mary Clark, Bill & Mary Dekyne, Margaret Eadi, Cliff Escobar, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Sr. Marie, Lauren Letzsch, Stanley Marpel, Ryan Perry, Amy Rianda, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Fanny Rodriguez, Yustina Rodriquez, Patricia Roel, Linda Silvestri, Emma Smith, Carson & Pam Souza, Fr. Leo Sprietsma, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Carol, Jim Thornberry, Mary Jane Vonnegut, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt, Javier Zavala.

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.

Plate Collection	\$8,845.10
American Bishop's Overseas Appeal and Church in Latin America	2,002.02

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All



Lend a Foot!

Every year at the Mass of Lord's Supper, we remember that command and renew our efforts to follow it. On this night, we ritualize the action Jesus showed us in the hope that we will carry the message of that action into our daily lives. So this year, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, when you are invited to come forward to have your feet washed, don't be shy. Come forward and allow your feet — or a foot — to be washed.

2008 Bishops Annual Ministries Appeal

We now have 74 pledges totaling \$32,660. That is a great start, but we have so many parishioners yet to hear from. Since every parishioner is a member of the Diocese of Monterey, every household is encouraged to support the work of our Diocese by participating in this appeal. No gift is too small. After our diocesan goal, all donations will be returned to our parish for our use in the remodeling and landscaping projects Father Jim spoke of in his letter. Remember, if you did not receive an envelope you can find some in the vestibule.

Thank You

I feel compelled to write this short note because of the response to my last missive. I seem to have given the impression that I was on my way to the surgery immediately, but in fact it will take place the week following Easter. So you might want to keep your comments on my appearance to yourself until after Easter.

Also while there was general agreement on the fact that the Joan Rivers look would not be a sign of a successful operation there was great disagreement on what would constitute some kind of a success. The Brad Pitt idea seems to have held no interest for any person over the age of eighteen. But the suggestions were well worth considering. The one that appealed to me the most, and the one heard most frequently was the Paul Newman look. Certainly more age appropriate and a goal well worth the time and effort. One very kind woman, perhaps with a slight sight problem suggested the George Clooney look as more age appropriate. Thank you much!!! Others thought of looks because of side interests. Because I live in such a marvelous place for the enjoyment of golf, it was suggested that I try for a Tiger Woods look to pique an interest in golf and perhaps improve my game. It was suggested that perhaps the financial state of the entire diocese could be improved with the Bill Gates look. One person, whom I presume was bitter about my being gone so long suggested the E.T. look.

I want to thank you for all your suggestions and daily in my prayers I thank God that none of you ever considered becoming plastic surgeons. God Bless and Happy Holy Week.

Fr. Jim

From the Office of Stewardship at the Diocese of Monterey

The Office of Stewardship thanks you and your parish for your generous support of the Annual Ministries Appeal which benefits eleven major ministries in our diocese. Many parishes have already launched in 2008 and we appreciate every donation with prayer. After exceeding our diocesan goal in 2007, over \$700,00 in rebates was returned to parishes.

There will be no Religious Education classes during Easter break. Classes resume 3/25/08.

Stations of



the Cross

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The "Living" Stations of the Cross, dramatized by the youth of St. Joseph's Parish, will be held on Good Friday, March 21 beginning at noon in the church. A brief period of refreshment immediately follows. The Good Friday Liturgy begins at approximately 1:30 PM in the church.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 17, 11:00 AM, at Madonna del Sasso Church, 320 E. Laurel Drive, Salinas. All are invited and encouraged to attend this liturgy where the Oils will be blessed and the Chrism that is used within our parish this year will be consecrated. We have asked members of our parish community to go in the name of our parish to receive the Oils for all of us. Charlisse Lauren will receive the Oil of Catechumens for all who will be baptized this year. Shannon Oberst will receive the Oil of the Sick for all those who will receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick this year. And George Bittorf will receive the Chrism for all of those who will be baptized and confirmed this year. Let us hold all of these people in our prayers today and throughout this week.

Stay with me...

After communion at The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the Chapel of Repose. At St. Joseph's that chapel is set up in the hall. The Blessed Sacrament may remain there until midnight, as long as someone is present to watch and pray. In fact, all the faithful are encouraged to remain in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on this night when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist. All are welcome to stay as brief or as long a time as possible.

Holy Thursday's Collection will go to Women Alive!



Holy Thursday

March 20, 7:00 pm

Good Friday

March 21, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil

March 22, 8:00 pm

There are no morning masses on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (March 20, 21, 22). Also, there is **NO** 5:00 PM mass on Saturday, March 22.

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

(There will be no 5:00 pm Mass)