

MASS INTENTIONS

+ Lynda Dolezal (Sun. 3/15 9:30AM)
+ Tony Azevedo (Wed. 03/18 8:00AM)

Please say "Thank you, Lord" by offering a Mass for your intentions – especially for the gift of your life and all the blessings you receive.

THE 11:30AM MASS IN SPANISH IS FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Joseph Dondero, Loretta Filipelli, Agnes Gogna, Peter Krasinsti, Monte Leoni, Adam Manzo, Alfred Mikelich, Dolores Molini, Cindy Navarro, Joe & Dorothy Nomellini, Pearl Raggio, Vivian Ratto, Andrea Rodriguez, Gary Bailey, Johnnie Vaccarezza, Richard Dondero, Delia Reyes, Margarita Aguado, Irene Camarena, Esperanza Reyes and Louis Solari

*"Are there any who are sick among you?
Let them send for the priests of the Church"
... James 5:14-15*

*In an EMERGENCY to attend to the sick, please call:
Fr. Alex @ (209) 614-9633*

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

Mar. 14th Michael Billigmeier, Brandon Downer, Alyssa Perreault

Mar. 15th Adriana Guzman, Alicia Jasso, Carol Lerner, Wayne Germann

Mar. 16th DeeAnn Watkins, Cristen Cademartori, Jonathan Espinoza, Katrina K. Teller

Mar. 17th Gustavo Rivera, Angelica Meza, Jose Miranda, Patricia Francis Pope

Mar. 18th Rochelle Fraser, Andre Ayala, Lori Mahan, Raymond Avansino, Aracely Peraza

Mar. 19th Jose Villaseñor, Julio Gonzalez

Mar. 20th Scott Berchtold, Eugenia Guerra, Giovanni Freeman, Cesar Jimenez, Patricia Joaquim, Laureen Casale, Patty Kaiser, Annette Torralva, Debbie Colombini, Vanessa Carlos

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

See you for DINNER!

Tickets: \$20.00 adults / \$8.00 children
No host cocktails 5:30pm / Dinner 6:30pm
LINDEN LION'S CLUB.

QUIET MOMENT

Souls that have faith leave to the fools of this world the care of realizing a fortune on this Earth. Seek you to make a fortune for the next life, which shall be eternal.

ST. ALPHONSUS LAGUORI
Italian founder of the Redemptorist Order, 18th century

March 8, 2009 Offering

Sunday Collection: \$2,001.72 \$1,749.12

[Last Year] [This Year]

Children's Collection: \$56.88

Second Collection: MAINTENANCE - \$558.30

Thank you for supporting your parish.

"Give and it shall be given back to you. For the measure you use will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

"IN SERVICE TO THE WORLD!" / "AL SERVICIO DE TODO EL MUNDO"
MINISTRY DAY CONFERENCE 2009

Join over 800 attendees at the annual Diocesan Ministry Conference on **MARCH 21, 2009**, at St. Mary's High School, 5648 N. El Dorado, Stockton.

After Welcome and Opening Prayer by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, and Keynote Addresses by Dr. Michael Horan (English) and Fr. Michael Walsh (Spanish), participants will gather in separate reflection groups.

Following a mid-day Eucharistic Celebration, Bishop Blaire presiding, a variety of workshops will be offered in both Spanish and English. Dynamic speakers include Msgr. Larry McGovern, Fr. Ramon Bejarano, Msgr. John Armistead, St. Gretchen Hailer, Tony Alonso, Jose Lopez-Ceja, and many other well regarded speakers.

Don't miss this opportunity to increase your understanding of your call to the "In Service to the World" – Sign up now! Look for registration booklets at the parish office! Or, go to www.stocktondiocese.org for a registration form, only.

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If you haven't received your March 21, 2009 Ministry Day Conference Book, please call the Office of Religious Education: 209.466.0636 X 622; or go to www.stocktondiocese.org and click on the Ministry Day icon for a direct link.

THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!

Network with Diocesan Catholics, learn the relevance of St. Paul's teachings for the 21st century, and go back to your parish revitalized!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Begins on **March 11th, 2009 @ 7:00PM**
And every **WEDNESDAY** thereafter throughout the Lenten Season

NEW THIS YEAR!

A "SHOWCASE" of publishers - Friday evening, March 20th 6-8PM @ St. Mary's High School. A FREE event to preview new materials, programs and publications available for bilingual catechetical programs, ministry and liturgy, and liturgical music. It will be a one-on-one visit with the representatives of Sadlier, Harcourt, GIA, and Resource Publications, to listen, ask questions, and learn how their resources can enrich and renew parish programs.

Just check the box on the Registration Form and we'll save a seat for you!

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS

BY: HENRI J.M. NOUWEN

Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Luke 4:24

If there is any focus that the Christian leader of the future will need, it is the discipline of dwelling in the presence of the One who keeps asking us, "Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me?" It is the discipline of contemplative prayer. Through contemplative prayer we can keep ourselves from being pulled from one urgent issue to another and from becoming strangers to our own and God's heart. Contemplative prayer keeps us home, rooted and safe, even when we are on the road, moving from place to place, and often surrounded by sounds of violence and war. Contemplative prayer deepens in us the knowledge that we are already free, that we have already found a place to dwell, that we already belong to God, even though everything and everyone around us keeps suggesting the opposite.

Loving God, make our prayer a way to keep us grounded and safe within your loving arms.

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Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?

Matthew 18:21

It is hard for me to forgive someone who has really offended me, especially when it happens more than once ... Maybe the reason it seems hard for me to forgive others is that I do not fully believe that I am a forgiven person. If I could fully accept the truth that I am forgiven and do not have to live in guilt or shame, I would really be free. My freedom would allow me to forgive others seventy times seven times. By not forgiving, I chain myself to a desire to get even, thereby losing my freedom. A forgiven person forgives. This is what we proclaim when we pray, "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us."

Your forgiveness knows no limit, dear Jesus. Help us to avoid the trap of an unforgiving heart.

EASTER OBLIGATION - COMMUNAL PENANCE

Communal Penance will be offered at the following dates and locations. All services will be at 7:00PM

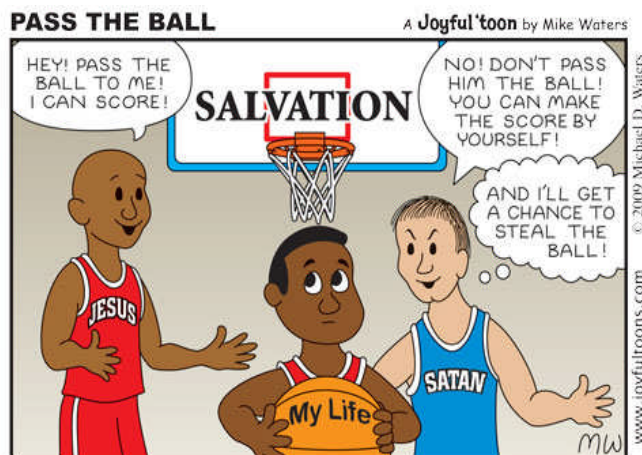
- 3/30 @ ST. JOAQUIN CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 7PM
- 3/31 @ ST. MICHAELS CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 7PM
- 4/1 @ ST. ANNES CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 7PM
- 4/3 @ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 7PM

"JOY OF THE FAITH"

Let's rendezvous at HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH for a lesson on the Ten Commandments. Meetings will be held for two hours on the first and third WEDNESDAY night of each month from 6-8pm. Located in Room 2.

SEE YOU THERE!

Questions? Call Sharon Allen, R.C.I.A. Assistant @ 887-9546. Please be prepared to leave a msg



For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. - MATTHEW 16:25 NIV

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

For the grief that follows an abortion - **PROJECT RACHEL** is the Church's way of saying: "Welcome home". Project Rachel Retreats offer healing for men and women who are carrying the sorrow of a past abortion. Many times the fear of telling their secret prevents people from seeking the help they need. While bulletin notices can list the information, hearing a spoken invitation at Mass offers the encouragement needed to make "the call".

Call the Parish Office for details.

Do you have an announcement that needs to go into the Bulletin?
ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN - FAXED OR E-MAILED -
TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL PAT @ 941-2268