

MASS INTENTIONS

+ Gabriella Bertagnolli (Sun. 3/22 9:30AM)

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, Louis Solari, and Connie J. Jenison

*"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. 21st Frederic Patterson, Norma Toscano, Johnathan Herald, Cortney Kaiser, Pablo Ruvalcaba, Victor Solari

Mar. 22nd Danielle Peterson, Dominic Giambona, Pearl Raggio, William Machado

Mar. 23rd Fredrick Mivazzoli, Francisco Garcia Ruiz, Father Jim Miani, Mario Simanetti, John Dondero Jr.

Mar. 24th David Flatter Jr, Aide Saldate, Victor Rivera, Francine M. Bacchini

Mar. 25th Robert Fraser, Alicia Schmid, Ali Martinez, Peter Pinasco

Mar. 26th Candy Corona, Christina Ann Caprini, John Fugazi

Mar. 27th Michael Schaede, Mario Vaccarezza, Joseph Di Carlo

THANK YOU!

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Thank you to Everyone who made the CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER such a huge success! **Thank you** to all who brought raffle prizes, to **RICK ZOLEZZI** and his **CREW** for cooking, to **JUDY KUNTZ** for decorations and set up, and a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **JOAN SOLARI** for the wonderful job she did with coordinating the raffle!

**Celebrate the half-way point of Lent.
Do something FUN after Mass today!**

March 15, 2009 Offering

Sunday Collection: \$1,946.26 \$1,856.87

[Last Year] [This Year]

Children's Collection: \$27.50

Second Collection: THE LITURGY - \$502.87

Next week's Second Collection will be for Religious Education

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

MASS OF HOPE & HEALING

For those who have suffered the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and for family and friends who have been affected. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE ... JOIN US** for a time of prayer and healing.

DATE & TIME: March 30, 2009 @ 7:30 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean McFalls

LOCATION: St. Mary's of the Assumption Church
203 E. Washington Street, Stockton

For more information, call **St. Mary's of the Assumption** at **209.948.0661** or the Diocese of Stockton Respect Life Office at 209.465.5433

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
And I will give you rest."**

Matthew 11:28

[Parking and Security will be provided]

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

For the grief that follows an abortion - **PROJECT RACHEL** is the Church's way of saying: "Welcome home".

If you are caring the grief and sorrow of a past abortion you are not alone.

Project Rachel Retreats are scripture-based and offer a unique opportunity for all those affected by an abortion to experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

Our next retreat will be May 15-17, 2009. For information, al the Project Rachel program at eh Respect Life Office at 465.5433.

QUIET MOMENT

God forces Himself on no one.

If I cling to things, He lets me have my things.

If I am empty of things, He fills me with Himself.

"HAPPY ARE YOU POOR"

Father Thomas Dubay

American priest and retreat master, present day.

ST. MICHAEL'S LADIES GUILD
LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Michael's Ladies Guild will host their 39th **Annual Luncheon and Card Party** on Thursday, **April 23rd at 12 Noon** in the Father Meyer Center. Cost is \$13.00. Join your friends for lunch and cards or to just visit. For more information and tickets, please call Gemma Giannecchini @ 931.1537 or LaVerne Farr @ 931.2483.

This luncheon is in memory of Joy Juanitas.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

BY: HENRI J.M. NOUWEN

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Dear Lord, even when I know everything about you, even when I have studied all the Scriptures with care, even while I have a great desire and willpower to work in your service, I can do nothing without the gift of your Spirit. Often I realize that the clearest vision of the true life, and the most sincere wish to live it, is not enough to make me a true disciple. Only when your Spirit has entered into the depth of my being can I be a real Christian, a person who lives in and with and through you.

You made it clear to your friends that they should not leave Jerusalem but should "stay in the city until they are clothed with the power from on high." O Lord, I pray for the power of your Spirit. Let this power invade me and transform me into a real disciple, willing to follow you even where I would rather not go.

Dearest Savior, give me the courage to become a true follower despite my doubts and fears.

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For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5

Joy is essential to spiritual life. Whatever we may think or say about God, when we are not joyful, our thoughts and words cannot bear fruit. Jesus reveals to us God's love so that his joy may become ours and that our joy may become complete. Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death – can take that love away.

Joy is not the same as happiness. We can be unhappy about many things, but joy can still be there because it comes from the knowledge of God's love for us. We are inclined to think that when we are sad we cannot be glad, but in the life of a God-centered person, sorrow and joy can exist together. That isn't easy to understand, but when we think about some of our deepest life experiences, such as being present at the birth of a child or the death of a friend, great sorrow and great joy are often seen to be parts of the same experience."

In a world hobbled by pain and distress, loving Lord, help me experience the joy of your unconditional love.

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

TABLE SETTING 2009 

St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School is proud to announce, **TABLE SETTING 2009**.

The luncheon will be held on **Saturday, April 4th**, beginning with table viewing at 11AM followed by Lunch at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the school office.

This is a great opportunity to see beautifully set tables with a variety of themes, created by very talented individuals. Proceeds will benefit the new **Kindergarten** building.

Those interested in purchasing tickets, setting or sponsoring a table, may contact **DANETTE** in the school office ... (209) 464-0801.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

APRIL is national **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month**.

It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children.

Watch the Bulletin for more information during April regarding this essential matter of concern.

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: Linda Dillen, Diocese of Stockton @ (209) 466.0636

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