

**MASS INTENTIONS**

\*\*\*OPEN\*\*\*

*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, Connie J. Jenison, and Eldon Kuntz,

*"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!"**

**Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>** George Figone Jr, Nancy Espinoza

**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>** Steven Andrew Lagorio, Tamara Dondero, Delia Acevedo, Cristina Cruz, Alfred Schaeede, Fabian Sandigo, Marc Jarrett, Lucy Ann Berg, Alonzo Berg, Alonzo Ruiz, Alonzo M. Ruiz-Nava, Adriane Garcia

**Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>** Christopher Caminata, Maria Carrillo, Migel Manzo

**Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>** Steven Matthews, Elisabeth Watkins, Ruth Larranaga Quispe

**Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Carole Piacentine, Michael Zaklan Jr, Ruby Rivera, Jessica Chavez, Mike Zaklan, Francesca Or

**Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Estela Carranza, Christian Becerril, Roberto Guzmán, George Lerner, Race Geesink

**Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>** Angela Miller Hayes, Carlos Moreno, Luis Magaña, Oscar Contreras, Abelardo Martinez, Lynette Michelle Gerlomes, Venere Marciano

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Christine & Steven Michael Lagorio -- 17 years

**HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES**

To JOAN AMODEO and FAMILY on the demise of Salvatore Amodeo – May he rest in the peace of Our Lord.

To GERALD GUADAGNOLO and FAMILY on the demise of Raymond L. Guadagnolo – May he rest in the peace of Our Lord.

**Holy Week 2009 Offering**

04/09/09 Holy Thursday \$ 494.00

04/10/09 Good Friday \$ 463.51

04/11/09 Easter Vigil \$1,102.69

04/12/09 Easter \$4,077.00 \$1,243.00

**[Last Year] [This Year]**

04/12/09 Religious Education/Easter Mailing \$2,320.67

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

**BLESS YOUR FAMILY**

There is a long tradition of the Church to bless the home and family during the Easter season.

This Tradition goes back to the people of Israel who were blessed with the blood of lamb before they left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea to come to the Promised Land, Exodus 12:22.

Jesus is the new Moses to bring us to eternal life.

If you are interested in blessing your household, please contact Fr. Alex at the church office-(209) 887-3341.



**FOR YOUR REGISTRATION**

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**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

**QUIET MOMENT**

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.

DOUG LARSON

American columnist, present day

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of the Parish Bulletin  
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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

(IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT)

**Apr. 24-26 @ 7PM**

Please contact: Raul & Gayla Ponce @

Phone: (886)-825-2046;

E-mail: [srsregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:srsregistrar@comcast.net)

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**"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

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**St. MICHAEL'S LADIES GUILD  
LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY**

St. Michael's Ladies Guild will host their 39<sup>th</sup> **Annual Luncheon and Card Party** on Thursday, **April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**PLANNING A WEDDING LITURGY**

Wedding "season" is fast approaching. Preparations are underway! There are many books published about planning all the details involved in the shower, reception, clothing, etc.

But, how does the couple arrive at their plans for the WEDDING LITURGY? If you want to focus on the *spirituality* of the sacrament, the following resource guides by **Paul Turner** are available to assist in this less-trod territory.

➤ **PREPARING THE WEDDING HOMILY** (ISBN 0-89390-569-0) is much more than the title of the book suggests. It is for the couple and the priest to work together; with reflections to help them plan the wedding ceremony/liturgy. The couple has an opportunity to reflect individually and as a couple on what has brought them to this occasion, with questions that lead from these reflections to the planning of the wedding ceremony itself.

Together, the couple and the priest select the readings and focus the homily so that it is personal to the couple and to their families, giving a message specifically for them.

➤ **THE CATHOLIC WEDDING ANSWER BOOK** (ISBN 0-89390-517-8) answers 101 questions from the basic to the historical and from the practical to the theological. This authoritative work can be used to answer questions by the engaged couple (including about having their marriage "blessed" in the Catholic Church), to offering solutions to pastoral dilemmas, and for determining sensible wedding guidelines.

A sample of questions asked and answered include the following:

- Can I be married outdoors or does the ceremony have to be inside a church?
- We're living together. Can we still be married in the Catholic Church?
- I don't like my pastor. Can I be married in another church?
- Can we incorporate our Hispanic traditions in the wedding?
- Can we write our own vows?
- Are there restrictions on decorations?
- Can we use a unity candle?
- Can communion ever be shared with those who aren't Catholic?
- Does the Scripture reader have to be Catholic?

**MIRROR OF GOD'S WORD**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. - JAMES 1:23,24 NIV

*Do you have an announcement that needs to go into the Bulletin?*  
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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION S, PLEASE CALL PAT @ 941-2268