November 28, 2010

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to heart the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Anthony of Padua

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Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm
(Open during lunch)

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00am, 5:15pm (Vigil Mass), 7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
1:00pm (Spanish), 3:30pm (Latin), 6:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule (September - May):
Monday - Thursday: 6:45am, 8:00am
Friday: 6:45am, 8:45am

First Friday: 5:30pm (Chapel)
Primer Viernes: 7:00pm (Hora Santa) Capilla

St Agnes Mission Church

111 W. Birch St. 439-2100

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 - 3:00pm
(Closed Wednesdays)
Saturday: 12:00 - 2:00pm

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am (Spanish)
Monday - Saturday: 7:00am

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INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT

Advent and the Christmas season are not, as some suppose, a bit of "make believe," when we pretend that we are waiting for the baby Jesus to be born all over again. No, Advent and Christmas are very serious moments of grace, the grace shared with Israel of being ready for the "day of the Lord," the grace of living the message of Christ now, the grace of being called to the fullness of the reign of God.

We begin a new liturgical year by "remembering." In the Hebrew understanding, to remember is to relive, to do again, to commit again to the reign of God. Every sacrament is just such a "remembering." Thus all the sacraments are celebrations of the Christ event here and now. As we move through this Advent season, we are mindful that Jesus is living for us now, and all believers are sharing in his life. We believe that we will share it fully in God's reign at the end of time.

Matthew will guide us this year in a renewed exploration of what it means for us now to be Christians. The themes of hope, peace, mercy, justice, and fulfillment will weave themselves through all the readings. Matthew is alive to the theme of "coming," the continuing self-manifestation of God in the Messiah. We are very much on the cutting edge of time between the two comings of Christ. Communally and personally we share in both the historical and the eschatological coming of God's reign in Jesus Christ, the "already" and the "not yet." Looking back we share the story of Israel, the word of promise, the hope of fulfillment. We actually participate in the expectation. In the present moment, we share with all Christians the blessed story of God-with-us in Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ, even while we await the fulfillment of all things in the final coming.

Because of the precious gift we "remember" this season, nothing will ever be the same again. The story of the Incarnation is not a fable or myth that teaches some lesson, however noble. It is the story of a life lived for others that God's reign might come. In Jesus we experience God's solidarity with us humans in our lives, in our struggles, in our hopes and dreams. Advent and Christmas are profound and marvelous times, to reveal for us so deep and powerful a mystery. They call us once again to say "Yes" to Jesus and his message, to participate in the story of the Incarnation. It is no longer enough for us to say, "I've heard that story before." This is not an old story too often repeated. It is story that is ever new, and it must be told to the whole world. It must be heard. It must be lived. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 7
(Vigil - Feast of Immaculate Conception)
5:30pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation
(Feast of Immaculate Conception)
6:45am, 8:00am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday, December 12 (Las Mañanitas)
5:00am (Procession), 5:30am (Mass)

Monday, December 20 (Advent Penance Service)
7:00pm

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
4:00pm, 6:30pm (Filipino Mass), 9:00pm (Vigil Mass), 12:00am (Midnight Mass)

Saturday, December 25
Holy Day of Obligation
Christmas Day
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
1:00pm (Spanish), 3:30pm (Latin)
No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)
6:45am, 8:45am, 5:30pm (Bi-lingual)

Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
8:00am, 12:15pm (Latin), 5:15pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Please Note: There will be ***no*** confessions on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve or New Years Day.

This permanent calendar outlines meetings and ministries that meet on a regular basis. Please check with the appropriate ministry for weekly changes to this schedule.

Every Sunday

8:00am	Doughnuts & Hospitality	Conference Room
9:30am	Sunday Pre-school	Room #24
9:30am	Children's Liturgy (English)	Choir Loft
11:00am	Children's Liturgy (English)	Choir Loft
1:00pm	Children's Liturgy (Spanish)	Choir Loft
2:00pm	Spanish Mass Hospitality	Conference Room
2:30pm	Infant Baptisms	Call Parish Office
3:30pm	Spanish Jr. High	Hall
3:30pm	Spanish 1st yr Confirmation	Room #21
3:30pm	Spanish 2nd yr Confirmation	Room #22
3:30pm	Spanish HS Pre Confirmation	Room #23
3:30pm	Spanish Parent Classes	Room #24
4:30pm	Latin Mass Hospitality	Conference Room
7:00pm	LIFE Teen	Hall/Event Center

First Sunday

	St. Anthony Parish Improvement Collection	All Masses
1:30pm	Latin Mass Committee Mtg.	Board Room

Second Sunday

	St Anthony Parish Outreach Collection	All Masses

Every Monday

12:00pm	AA Meeting	Choir Loft
6:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Choir Loft
6:00pm	Baptism Class	Call Parish Office
6:30pm	Twin Hearts Rosary	Room#23
6:30pm	Spanish Choir-G Donan Leader	Room#22
7:30pm	Spanish Adult Choir	Choir Loft

First Monday

7:00pm	Hispanic Min Core Group	Room#21

Second Monday

12:00pm	St Ann Bridge Club	Conference Room
6:30pm	Filipino Catholic League	Board Room

Fourth Monday

7:00pm	Union Mutualistas	Conference Room
7:30pm	Taizé Prayer	Main Sanctuary

Every Tuesday

6:30am	Men's Christian's in Commerce	Parish Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary	Board Room
6:30pm	GIFT Classes	Rooms #1-20
6:30pm	Jr. High Edge Program	Hall
6:30pm	RCIA	Conference Room
6:30pm	Intercessory Prayer Group	OLG Chapel
6:30pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room #23
6:30pm	Boy Scouts	Room#24
7:00pm	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study	Board Room
7:00pm	Deacon Ed Valdez Bible Study	Room 21
7:30pm	AA Meeting	Choir Loft

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

9:30am	Seniors Creative Crafts	Conference Room

Third Tuesday

7:00am	Finance Meeting	Board Room

Every Wednesday

6:30am	Men's Christian's in Commerce	Conference Room
8:45am	Morning Reflection	Board Room
10:00am	Marian Rosary for Priests	Board Room
6:30pm	Centering Prayer Group	Board Room
6:30pm	Cenacles of Life	Parish Library
6:30pm	Spanish Adult Sacrament Class	Room #21
7:00pm	St. Anthony Adult Choir	Room #22
7:00pm	Spanish Charismatic Prayer	Room #24

First Wednesday

11:00am	Staff Meeting	Board Room
6:30pm	Life Teen Core Group	Conference Room
7:00pm	Women's Book Club	Parish Library
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus	Hall

Second Wednesday

6:30pm	Italian Catholic Federation	Hall

Second and Fourth Wednesday

9:30am	Knitting & Rosary Making	Conference Room

Third Wednesday

6:30pm	Life Teen Core Group Meeting	Conference Room

First Thursday

6:30pm	Queen of Holy Family Guild	Private residence
	Call Parish Office for information	

Every Thursday

9:00am	Cenacles for Priests	Board Room
10:00am	Woman's Bible Study	Room #21
10:00am	Childcare for Bible Study	Room #24
6:30pm	Camino de Fe Bible Study	Room#21
6:30pm	Divorced/Separated Group	Parish Library
7:30pm	Spanish Youth Practice	Room#22

Every Friday

6:00pm	Spanish Jr. High	Room #22
6:30pm	Spanish RCIA	Room #21
7:00pm	Spanish Youth Group	Hall
7:30pm	English Charismatic Prayer	Room #23

First Friday

5:30pm	English Friday Mass	OLG Chapel
6:00pm	Padre Pio Devotions	OLG Chapel
7:00pm	Spanish Friday Devotions	OLG Chapel
7:30pm	Spanish Friday Mass	OLG Chapel

Saturdays

9:00am	Infant Baptisms	Call Parish Office
11:00am-Noon	Confessions	OLG Chapel
2:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	OLG Chapel
7:30pm	AA Meeting	Choir Loft

BAPTISM CLASSES - CALL PARISH OFFICE

Bulletin deadlines for the holiday seasons November-January are advanced two-three weeks earlier of the normal publishing date. You're invited to contact the Ministry or programs listed to verify the calendar. Our calendar is a work in progress and changes are inevitable. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important systemic changes in low-income communities all over the United Sates. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor. / . . . to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

Readings and Mass Intentions
(November 28 ~ December 5 2010)

Sunday **November 28 ~ Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44 First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 † Richard Timsak by Mr. & Mrs. Willima Klasen
9:30 † Ginger Patterson by Norma Bargamian
11:00 Pro Populo
1:00 †Aurelio Briseño por la familia de Edgar Briseño
3:30 † Georgeen Francesconi by Bob & Georgette Milla
6:00 † Jane Lee Facinto by Lorane Wells

Monday **November 29 ~ Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11**
6:45 † Joe Santiago by Marilou Santiago
8:00 † Alfonso & Maria Pecora by Angelo & Antoinette Pecora

Tuesday **November 30 ~ Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22**
6:45 † Mario Beltramo, Sr by Paul & Kelly Lillies
8:00 † Sam & Angie Megna by Betty Uggla

Wednesday **December 1 ~ Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37**
6:45 † Paul M. Alatore by SJM Class of 1952
8:00 Intentions of Ivan Alvarado by Maria Alvarado

Thursday **December 2 ~ Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27**
6:45 † Bert O'Neill by Frank & Denise Hoffman
8:00 † Bert O'Neill by The Schnetz Family

Friday **December 3 ~ Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31 First Friday**
6:45 † Mario Beltramo, Sr by The Lilles Family
8:45 † Eddie Giannecchion by Diane Gilliam
5:30 † Mario Beltramo, Sr by Marik & Janet Cameron
7:30 Carmen Gonzalez

Saturday **December 4 ~ Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8 First Saturday**
8:00 † Msgr. Patrick Flood by Pat & Linda Mastro
5:15 B-Day Intentions of Mary Socorro Briseño by Maria Alvarado
7:00 Margott de Campos

Sunday **December 5 ~ Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-2 Second Sunday of Advent**
8:00 † Julia & Vaclav Lim by Marketa Limova
9:30 † Froy Alvarez by Rosa Avalos & family
11:00 † Louis Herman by Betty Uggla
1:00 Pro Populo
3:30 Intentions of Nicolas & Jacob Perez by The Perez Family
6:00 † Peppino Primavera by Giuliano, Nikki, Evangelea & Evenia

'†' (deceased)

Banns of Marriage

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Michael Carlile and Theresa Dinning
Matthew Frank and Suellen dos Santos

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the parish office.

Recently Requested:

Stephen Kosadowski by Lorraine Case

Intentions:

Rose Barretto by The McGinnis Family
For the People by The McGinnis Family
All University Students by The McGinnis Family

Pray for the Sick:

We pray for Bishop Steinbock and all those who are sick. May they feel the healing power of our prayers.

Condolences:

We pray for all the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION:
Contact the RICA/Adult Religious Education Coordinator. Classes are held Tuesday evening. No pre-registration necessary.

INFANT BAPTISMS:
Contact the Baptism Secretary at the Parish Office at least 2-3 months before you wish to schedule the baptism. The parents and godparents **must** attend a scheduled class.

ANOINTING of the SICK:
Please inform the Parish Office of anyone who may be in need of an anointing.

COMMUNION & VISITATION of the HOME-BOUND:
Please inform the Ministry Office of sick or elderly who are at home, in hospitals or in convalescent homes.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST:
Contact the GIFT/Children's Religious Education Coordinator. Two years of Religious Education preparation is required prior to receiving First Eucharist (Communion). First Reconciliation (Confession) is usually received several months before First Communion.

MARRIAGE:
Contact the marriage coordinator a minimum of 6 months before the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation classes are available.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION:
Candidates for Confirmation must be at least 16 years of age, preparation begins in Sophomore year of High School. A two-year preparation is required by the Diocese. Contact the Confirmation Secretary or Youth Minister.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

All those who chose an ornament last week , purchase a gift for the person you chose, then drop off your gift on **Sunday, December 5** in the Social Hall from **8:00 - 1:00pm**. If you did not choose one and would like to participate they are in great need for diapers especially size medium and large, Vaseline, umbrellas, rain ponchos, and toiletries. Thank you for supporting this great cause!
For more information, please contact Sharon Christison at 439-0124 ext. 111.

LIFE TEEN

Join us for our Life Nights on Sunday following the 6:00pm Liturgy. Sessions end at 9:00pm. We meet by the glass doors of the Social Hall.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS WELCOME!!!

November 28: LifeTeen Mass ~ No Life Night

December 5: Life Night

December 12: Life Night
"Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"

December 19: No Life Night

For more information please contact,
Sharon Christison at 439-0124 ext 111 or
schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

G.I.F.T.
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER
Religious Education Program for K - 6th grades

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NO CLASS on
Sunday, November 28

For more information, please contact me at:
Mary Briseño at 439-0124 ext. 119
mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org

Regular Classes are held:
Sunday: 3:30 - 4:45pm *or* Tuesday: 6:30 - 7:45pm

2ND YEAR SACRAMENT PREPARATION

GIFT classes in December for 2nd year of Sacrament Preparation children and their parent(s) are scheduled for **Thursdays, December 2nd and 9th** @ 6:30 - 7:45pm.

EDGE

6th, 7th & 8th YOUTH
6:30-7:45 pm In the Social Hall

Nov 30: Popularity – Fake Out
Where do you belong?

Dec 7: Amazing Grace!

December 14 – January 4
No Edge

NEW YOUTH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

2nd Year Sacrament Preparation
Class schedule: Thursdays, December 2 & 9
6:30 – 7:45pm in Room 17
Mandatory Parent Class is in the Church
For more information, contact Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110

"Breakfast with Santa"

December19th
after all morning masses

LifeTeen is hosting "Breakfast with Santa". Let us cook for you. Everyone is invited to attend. It will be held in the Social Hall. Bring your camera and come hungry!

Cost: a donation to our youth group.

Reflection…

- Your future need never be in doubt. We ought to be filled with hope, not dismay.
- We must be concerned – at all times – with the will of God. The concerns of the world are secondary and often just distractions.
- If Christ's return is not an event that ushers in joy and anticipation, it's time to make some changes. Advent is an incredible opportunity to change for the better and forever.

The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

resumes November 30.
New students are always welcome.

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Tuesdays, @ 6:30pm in the Conference Room. If you have any questions, call Martha @ 439-0124, ext. 114

There's still time . . . to sign up your youngsters for our Sunday pre-school which is held during 9:30 a.m. Mass, in Room 24. Children ages 3, 4 & 5 who are classroom ready are welcome to join us. Forms are available online & in the parish office. They can enjoy learning more about our faith with their peers with some time for activities and storytelling.

SENIORS: **The Silver Angels cordially invite you to our Christmas luncheon, which will feature local entertainer: 'Georgie Dayton'**
Date & Time: Tuesday, December 7th, @ 11:30am
Location: PARDINI'S (Shaw & Van Ness)
Entrée: Beef Bourguignon
Price: $6.00 Members - $12.00 Non-Members
Sorry, we cannot accept reservations after Wednesday 12/1/10. Questions? Please call Antoinette @ 431-9536.

CATHOLIC JAIL MINISTRY

The Catholic Jail Ministry is collecting assorted Greeting Cards such as: **'Get Well, Birthday, Thinking of You, and Sympathy Cards, etc...and stamps** If you have any unused cards that you would like to donate along with some stamps. Please bring them to the Parish Office attention Sr. Rosa Maria. We thank you in advance…God bless.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy." ~ *St. Francis of Assisi*

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

This group meets every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room #23 at the School. Anyone is welcome to join in at anytime.

ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB

Come join us for fellowship and fun on ***Monday November 8th, at 12:00noon*** *in the* ***Conference Room.***
For reservations call Rose Marie at: 439-2601 or Ann at: 439-1649. New comers are always welcomed!

English Charismatic Prayer Group
This group meets every Friday @ 7:30pm in Room #23 at the school. If you have any questions please contact: Office of Ministries@ 439-0124, ext. 112.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Time: 10:00am –11am
Where: Room #21
Study: The Book of Romans
Childcare available in Room #24.
If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 105.

Homebound Meeting!

Please be sure to attend the Homebound Meeting on **Monday, December 6th**, @ **10am** in the Conference Room **or 7pm** in the Parish Office Boardroom. Also, if you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister to the Homebound or a Visitor, you are welcome to attend one of these meetings or contact Sr. Rosa for training at: 439-0124, ext. 112, Office of Ministries. Thank you & God bless...

First Friday Mass @ 5:30pm, December 3rd

Everyone is welcome to join the St. Padre Pio Devotees as they gather for Mass in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, immediately following a conclusion of prayers for the intercession of St. Padre Pio.

"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."
~ St. Pio of Pietrelcino

THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY FAMILY GUILD

This group meets every first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **December 2, @ 6:30pm at the home of Marie Motte.** This will be a gift exchange and notices will be sent out. For questions please contact Judy at:435-6829 or Sharon at: 439-1876

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN LEGION OF MARY

This group meets every Tuesday from 5pm-6 pm, in the Board Room. Help us to keep bringing Jesus & Mary to our neighborhood. For more information please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112.

Our 24 Hour Perpetual Adoration Chapel Needs more Hour Captains & Adorers!

Current Hours Most in Need:
Sunday, 10pm, / Monday, 11pm / Tuesday, 1am
Wednesday, 6am & Thursday, 12am

If you would like to be an Adorer and spend at least one hour with Our Lord...***PLEASE***, call Peggy at: 439-0124, ext. 106

"Instead of showing Himself to our eyes, He shows Himself to our soul. Through His own light He notifies us of His presence in us. He is both the light and the object we must contemplate in that light; He is the object and the means of our faith. "The clearness of one's insight into the Eucharist is proportioned to one's greater or lesser love and purity of life. Our Lord said so: 'He that loveth Me, shall be loved by My Father; and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

For the Ride Home

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2010

Scripture

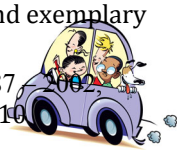
- They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; (Isaiah 2:4)
- I rejoiced because they said, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)
- it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed (Romans 13:11
  if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming he would have stayed awake (Matthew 24:43)

Reflection

- How are you able to place more emphasis on what will last and less emphasis on what is of the moment, and will not last?
- How is your parish community central to your spiritual life and practices?
- What parish ministries could you join that would direct your energy to increasing your spiritual commitment?
- Will you take time now to prepare for what really matters?

The mass culture purveyed by the popular press and the electronic media is preponderantly based on the pursuit of pleasure, wealth and power. It is in many respects alien to Christian ideas and attitudes. ... We readily recognize that we live in a world that is becoming increasingly estranged from Christian values. In order to remain a Christian one must take a resolute stand against many commonly accepted axioms of the world. To become true disciples we must undergo a demanding course of induction into the adult Christian community. We must continually equip ourselves to profess the full faith of the Church in an increasingly secularized society. We must develop a sense of solidarity, cemented by relationships with mature and exemplary Christians who represent Christ and his way of life.[1]

[1]Dulles, Avery Cardinal, *Models of the Church,* Doubleday; New York, 1987—2002, p. 210, 211.



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JESUS IS THE REASON

In today's world the Christmas season starts on the day after Thanksgiving and ends on December 25. For many of us this time is filled with baking, sending cards, choosing gifts, attending parties, and setting up a Christmas tree and decorations. Add to this our daily work schedules and the needs of our children and this time of the year can be very stressful. The Church puts a different emphasis on the next four weeks. This is Advent, the season of expectation, with scripture readings and prayers calling on us to prepare in our hearts and lives for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day. According to our heritage, we may already have Advent customs such as the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath, a Jesse tree, setting up a manger scene ready for the Christ child at Christmas, or special devotions. An Advent tradition from Germany called *Kristkindl* (meaning "Christ child") is suitable for families, small church groups, or even for individuals. The original custom was for the mother of the house to pass a bowl around the family circle containing rolled-up slips of paper with a family member's name on each one. Each would take one slip and carefully looked at the name so no one else could see it. For the rest of Advent the person named on the paper became the *Kristkindl* of the person who took the slip of paper, and he or she would do at least one good deed a day for them, but without them finding out who did it! Even young children could do this. It became a treasured way of preparing hearts to serve Christ through serving other people. Honor Jesus in the person of your *Kristkindl*: pray for them, save money to send to a good cause in their name, donate gifts to a shelter, do extra chores unasked, adopt a needy family.

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FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.—Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO
Win Great Prizes!
Winter Pledge Drive
December 6 - 9
6:00am - 6:00pm

Listen to your favorite shows and enter the drawings for our hourly prize giveaways.

KJPG 1050AM
KJOP 1240AM
KHOT 1250AM

Please join a prayer vigil

Where: Planned Parenthood (650 N. Fulton, Fresno Ca)
When: Wednesdays
Time: 7:00am - 5:00pm
Contact: Marilyn Vierra at 816-0238 or 584-4928

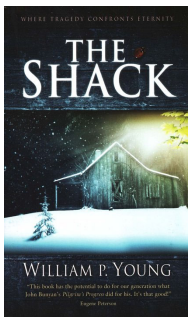
Give me your eyes, Lord, so I can see as you do…

Each day as we arrive at Catholic Charities, there are people waiting outside for our help, sleeping on the pavement, standing in lines…waiting for food, clothing and shelter. For your information, Catholic Charities has given away over 2,186,960.6 pounds of food diocesan wide this year alone. The average income for these families is around $9,000.00 and many are below the age of 18. In this difficult time, as the unemployment rate rises and the challenges of an uncertain economy affect us all; please take a moment to see as the Lord sees, "the least of our brothers and sisters." Please help spread His love to those in need by giving generously to support the mission of Catholic Charities. If you would like to make a donation, please mail to Catholic Charities, 149 N. Fulton St., Fresno, CA 93701. Feel free to email me at klilles@ccdof.org or call at 559-237-0851.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB
DECEMBER CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Join the CP&BC on Friday, December 10th for our annual Christmas Networking Social. Start your morning off by enjoying Christmas music, fine food, and good conversation! Reservations are required for the December 10th breakfast at Pardini's and can be made by calling Denise Correia at 434-2722. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost is $12 for members and $15 for guests. All members and guests should reserve seats early for this popular holiday event!

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the January program in Bakersfield beginning with a weekend on **January 14-16** call 661-747-2212 or email: slmagana12@att.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



"Wisdom from "The Shack"
December 10 - 12, 2010
St. Anthony Retreat, Three Rivers

Fr. John Griesbach and Sister Danielle Witt, SSND will be offering a retreat based on the book "The Shack" by William Paul Young. The retreat is open to women, men and married couples. Although it is not necessary to read the book before the retreat it would be helpful since we will be touching on the many themes this book evokes.

Cost: $160 (shared) $195(private room) $295(married couples)

For more information, please call 561-4595

For the weekend of November 14, 2010

This week's plate income: **$21,765.71**
Last year's plate income: **$20,970.62**
Difference: + $ 795.09

Year to Date Plate Collection:

7/1/2009 - 10/31/2009: **$391,950.90**
7/1/2010 - 10/31/2010: **$415,928.11**
Difference: + $ 23,977.21

ADOPTION…A LOVING CHOICE

Infant of Prague Adoption Service conducts a general orientation for prospective adoptive parents in our Fresno office on the second Tuesday of each month. Do **not** be discouraged by stories of the difficulty of the adoption process. The average wait of families who adopt through Infant of Prague is about one year. We are currently working with birth mothers who will make the loving choice of adoption for their baby. We look forward to answering your questions about adoption. To attend an orientation, or to request an information packet, please call **Infant of Prague at (559) 447-3333.**

St. Agnes Mission Church

Do you enjoy homemade tamales at Christmastime but don't have the time to make your own? You're in luck! We will be selling delicious homemade tamales (pork only) just in time for Christmas, however you will need to pre-order them.

To order, please call the Church Office at 439-2100 by December 11, 2010. You can pick up your order in the Social Hall on Saturday, December 18 from 12:00 - 4:00pm.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 439-2100.

*On behalf of **St. Agnes Mission Church** we would like to thank the many people who contributed to the very successful **Jesse Romero Conference (Catholic Evangelist)** held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Community Center.*

First and foremost we give thanks to God the Almighty for giving us this spirit-filled opportunity, as with everything else, this simply would not have been possible without Him.

A special thank you to Msgr. Rob and Fr. Ricardo Magdaleno, your presence is not only welcomed, but you bring with you an energy that if filled with the Holy Spirit which is simply contagious, thank you!

Thank you to Chris Shiveley, Teri Loera and Mary Mosier for handling the many phone calls, countless questions and accepting/processing the registration forms.

And last, but not least, a very special thank you to our anonymous donors who made this event possible.

May God Bless You,
Annette Amparano ~ Parish Administrator ~ St. Agnes Mission Church
Vince Liscano ~ St. Agnes Bible Study Group

Come and join the **Knights of Columbus** every **first Saturday of the month** directly after the 8:00am Mass, reflecting on the Rosary for Life. This Rosary is the Scriptural Rosary selecting one of the mysteries each month. Each mystery draws on exact bible passages corresponding to each mystery. Come pray and offer this rosary in union with our blessed mother to battle abortion.

SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

San Joaquin Memorial High School is now accepting applications for January 2011 Mid-Year Enrollment. SJM is a college preparatory Catholic high school offering smaller class sizes, high SAT scores, AP classes, Block Scheduling, 99% college-bound success rate, sports, music and arts programs, clubs and community service groups, all within a safe, family-oriented, religious environment. Tuition fees have been lowered. Please contact John Walker for details at 559-268-9251 x139 or jwalker@sjmhs.org.

First Sunday of Advent Prayer

(at the lighting of the first candle)

"Jesus, our Lord (as you light up our room tonight) come to us with your peace.
Give us a deeper claim for hope by experiencing, even more, your kindliness to us.
Then, when you tell us to show such love to others, we will know what you're talking about.
We haven't let thieves rob us of this world.
Please help us continue to give more love to others
and to get more love from you. Amen."

Twenty-Third Publications - Daily Gospel Reflections Advent Blessings, Isaias Pwers, CP

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

La gozosa expectación por la venida del Señor

La Intención de la Misa de hoy es ofrecida por: †**Aurelio Briseño**

Adviento

TIEMPO DE PREPARACIÓN

Sembramos las semillas de la generosidad cuando damos con alegría a nuestra iglesia.

ANUNCIOS

HOY DOMINGO NO HAY CLASES DE CATECISMO O DE CONFIRMACIÓN
PROXIMAS CLASES 5 DE DICIEMBRE

EL GRUPO DE JOVENES (TEENS) "**ANGELES CON DIOS"** ESTARA VENDIENDO COMIDA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO DESPUÉS DE MISA. GRACIAS POR SU APOYO!

Ministerio de Homebound

El ministerio de Homebound en español provee asistencia y lleva la Eucaristía (Hostia) a personas enfermas o desvalidas que no pueden asistir y acompañarnos a la celebración de la misa por rezones de salud o por que no tienen quien los traiga.

Si usted conoce a alguien en estas circunstancias puede indicárselo a uno de los ujieres o llamando al 439-0124 ext. 113 con la hermana Tere.

CABALLEROS DE COLON

¿TE GUSTARÍA SER UN CABALLERO DE COLON?

Habla con Edgar después de misa o llamando al 439-0124

Primer Domingo de Adviento

"Ustedes estén preparados, porque a la hora que menos lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre". *— Mateo 24:44*

ESPERAR CON GOZO

Nuestro año litúrgico comienza con el tiempo de Adviento, una temporada de expectativa por la venida del Señor. En el Primer Domingo de Adviento anticipamos el fin de los tiempos cuando despertaremos al amanecer del nuevo día de Cristo. Las lecturas de este domingo proclaman nuestra fe cristiana en que Jesús es Aquél que al final vendrá a dar cumplimiento al plan de salvación de Dios. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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CUMPLE HOY

Querido Señor, enséñame a ser generoso. Enséñame a servirte como tú te lo mereces; a dar sin contar el costo; a luchar sin reparar en las heridas, a laborar sin buscar descanso, a trabajar sin pedir recompensa, si no es sabiendo que cumplo tu voluntad. *San Ignacio de Loyola*

Misión Guadalupana

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del 4 al 12 de diciembre, 2010 en la **Capilla de Guadalupe** con el Padre, Rafael Velasco, de Xalapa Veracruz, México
Confesiones todos los días a las 6:00pm

Sábado 4	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm Misa**
Domingo 5	**12:30pm rosario – 1:00pm Misa**
Lunes 6	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm Misa**
Martes 7	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm Misa**
Miércoles 8	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm Misa**
Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción – Precepto Día santo de obligación de asistir a misa.	
Jueves 9	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm Misa**
Solemnidad de San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Niños vestidos de San Juan Diego	
Viernes 10	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm**
Misa de Sanación	
Sábado 11	**6:30pm rosario – 7:00pm Misa**
Víspera Solemne, Bendición de la Flores (rosas)	
Domingo 12	**4:30am rosario, danzantes**
	5:00am Mañanitas con Mariachi
	5:30am *Solemne Misa*