St. Anthony of Padua

March 6, 2011

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www.stanthonyfresno.org

Parish Office Hours:
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

Perpetual Adoration

24 hours a day, 7 days a week located in the Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confesiones)

Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm **AND** 2:30pm - 4:30pm

St Agnes Mission Church

111 W. Birch St., Pinedale, Ca 93650
(559) 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Bilingual)

Saturday 8:30 - 9:30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Wednesday: 7:00pm

St. Anthony's School

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Principal: Mr. Tim McConnico

St. Anthony's Parish Staff

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Parochial Vicar, St. Agnes Mission	Rev. Ricardo D. Magdaleno
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Prayer for the selection for our new Bishop

Almighty God,

Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who will advise the Holy Father in the selection of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno.

May he have the zeal of Saint Paul, the priestly gifts of Saint John Vianney, the wisdom of a loving father and brother, and most of all, the heart of your Son, Jesus.

We ask that the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us, and that Saint Therese, our patroness, join us in this prayer, which we make through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

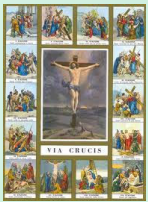
March 9 (Ash Wednesday Schedule)

Mass Schedule *with* distribution of ashes:
6:45am (English), 8:00am (English), 5:30pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish)

Services without Mass (Ashes will be distributed):
9:15am (English - Parish Event Center with school families), 12:15pm (English), 4:00pm (English)

Additional Mass

Beginning Thursday, **March 10** thru Wednesday, **April 20** (during Lent), an additional **5:30pm Mass** will be added Monday - Friday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel.



Stations of the Cross (Every Friday during Lent - beginning March 11)

6:00pm (English), 7:00pm Spanish)

Readings and Mass Intentions (March 6 ~ March 13, 2011)

Sunday **March 6 ~ Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27 ~ Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 † Steven Kosakowski by Lorraine Case
9:30 † Frances Tjomsland by The John Bonner Family
11:00 † Charlene DeVere by The Belton Family
1:00 † Salvador Haro por su familia
3:30 † Cameron Kieffer by Jackie Vander Dussen
6:00 Pro Populo

Monday **March 7 ~ Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12**
6:45 † Douglas Manhire by Ellen G. Manhire
8:00 † Helen Austin by Lynda Snauffer

Tuesday **March 8 ~ Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17**
6:45 † John Damiano by Manuel & Virginia Pacheco
8:00 † Paul Diener by Cathy & Craig Horn

Wednesday **March 9 ~ Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18Ash Wednesday**
6:45 † Bob Mejias by MaryKay Buckley
8:00 † Mario Beltramo, Sr. by Howard & Dottie DeMera
5:30 † David Danks by The Lantis Family
7:30 † Bishop John T. Steinbock by Msgr. Rob

Thursday **March 10 ~ Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25**
6:45 † Lillian Hokr by Knights of Columbus #6092
8:00 † Josephine Ochinero by Jim Ochinero & family
5:30 † Jerry Craveiro by The Correia siblings

Friday **March 11 ~ Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15**
6:45 † Leonard Kozlowski by Knights of Columbus #6092
8:45 † Brigid Byrne by SA Clergy, Parish & School Staff
5:30 † JoAnn Stephens by Cathy & Craig Horn

Saturday **March 12 ~ Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32**
8:00 † David Danks by his parents, Richard & Irene
5:15 † Charlene DeVere by Ramona & John Bonner
7:00 Intenciónes para Gonzalo Perez por su familia

Sunday **March 13 ~ Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11 First Sunday of Lent**
8:00 † John & Gisella Olivero, Sr. by John Olivero, Jr. & family
9:30 † Joseph Santiago, Sr. by Marilou Santiago
11:00 † Deleel Rucher by Ann Sciaroni
1:00 † Carmela Beltran-Zazveta by Yolanda Rodriguez
3:30 Pro Populo
6:00 † George Balber by Simon & Terry

Recently Requested:

Josh Guyette by Gerry & Lauren Scheidt and family
Robert Cochran Ballantyne by Joanie Ballantyne
Josephine Ochinero by Jim Ochinero & family
Marie & Victor Nattali by J. Silva
Roy Silva by J. Silva
Dorothy Timmings by The Frye Family
Alverda Ferguson by The Frye Family
Dorothy Timmings by Mario Lóera & family
Chris Barriga by his mother, Nohemi Barriga
Dorothy Timmings by Betty Uggla
Dorothy Timmings by Mr. & Mrs. John Muro
Dorothy Timmings by Ashley & Jeff Wills
Michael Allen by Lloydell & John Muro
Gary Sampson by Ashley & Jeff Wills
Gary Sampson by Lloydell & John Muro

Intentions:

MariaLuisa & Heriberto Barriga by Nohemi Barriga
Josephine Welch by Lloydell & John Muro
Mrs. Bernie Roznovsky by Lloydell & John Muro
Dr. A.A. Mugnolo by Lloydell & John Muro
Ed Romano by Lloydell & John Muro

Pray for the Sick:

We pray for Sherry Ranken, Vera DeLeon, Daryl Atkins, Henrietta Wells, Sally Rivera, Samuel Ruiz and all those who are sick. May they feel the healing power of our prayers.

Condolences:

We pray for Alverda Ferguson, Mona Rivera, Gary Juarez, Rosaura Adams and all the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

NEWLY BAPTIZED INFANTS

We welcome the infants who were recently initiated into the family of Christ. May they always feel the love of God working through their lives as they are guided by their parents and godparents.

Midori Alexandria Salinas,
Aixa Itzel Santana

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.

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.

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.

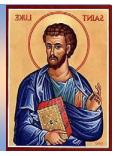
Bible Study for Teens

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Meeting is March 16th

We will meet in the Conference Room from 6pm –7pm bring your bible and a friend.
It will be held on the First and Third Wednesday of each month ending in April.
Questions call Sharon at 439-0124 ext. 111.

The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Board Room of the Parish Center. New students are always welcome. We'd love to have you come join our lively discussions.



R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Sessions continue every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. New inquirers are always welcome.
No pre-registration is required.
If you have any questions, please call Martha @ 439-0124, ext. 114

Reflection…

- Sanctifying grace perfects the soul; it comes through conforming our wills to the Father's will and through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- God's law is a gift and there is grace in obedience.
- True faith is seen and manifested through works of love, acts of mercy and through living in joyful obedience.
- Are we building our homes on the rock of Christ's Church?

2nd YEAR OF SACRAMENT PREPARATION

This month's sessions for families in their 2nd year of Sacrament Preparation are scheduled for **Thursdays, March 10th and 24th.**

Retreat for High School Teens

Steubenville forms are available online and in the front office. This is a 3 day retreat held in San Diego July 29th –31st. A non refundable $50 deposit is required to hold your space.
Any questions contact Sharon Christison at 439-0124x111.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila

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

Classes held on:
Sundays 3:30 - 4:45pm
or
Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:45pm

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

EDGE
6th, 7th & 8th YOUTH
6:30-7:45 pm In the Social Hall
NEW YOUTH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

March 8: Vocation, Vocation, Vocation What's yours?

March 15: Game Night! In honor of St. Patrick

2nd Year Sacrament Preparation
Thursdays: 3/10 & 3/24
Parent class in the church

For more information, contact Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110 or smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org

LIFE TEEN

All High School teens are invited to attend our Life Nights which are held from 7pm - 9pm.
We gather by the glass doors of the Community Center.

March 6 -"Are You A Cereal?"
March 13 -"Veni Sancte Spiritus"
March 27 -"Divine Design"
April 3 -"Windy with a Chance of Fire"
April 10 -"To Save A Life"

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

Parish Ministries

ASH WEDNESDAY: "ADJUST YOUR ATTITUDE"

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

In the readings for Ash Wednesday, Joel and Paul each tell us it's time to change. Right now, we have the chance to reform our lives from the inside out. Matthew cautions us, however, that our change must be heartfelt, not just a show so others can see how holy we are. We've got to be real and honest with ourselves this Lent.

Italian Catholic Federation Branch #308

We are serving our Lenten Dinners on Fridays during Lent, from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the Social Hall

All meals include bread & butter, salad or coleslaw, dessert, wine, water, and coffee. Our first dinner will be:

Friday, March 11 (Fish and Chips)

Friday, March 18 (Clam Chowder)
March 19 (Eggplant Lasagna)
Friday, March 25 (Linguini and Clams)

Price: **$10.00** for **adults** and **$5.00** for **children under.**

Any questions please call Antoinette @ 431-9536.

Women's Bible Study

When: Thursday Morning @ 10:00am –11:30am
Where: Room #21—Childcare provided in Room #24
Study: Discovering the God We Call Father:
"A Catholic Bible Study on The Lord's Prayer"

For questions please call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 105.

Tuesday Night Bible Study Resumes Tuesday, March 8th!

Come and enrich your Catholic Faith every Tuesday night
Time: 7pm to 8:30pm in Room #21at the School
Facilitator: Rev. Mr. Edward Valdez
Drop-ins are also welcome on any Tuesday night
Bring your bibles. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext.,105.

Eucharistic Adoration

24 Hour Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Urgent Hours Need Adorers!!

Sunday 10pm,-Tuesday 1am
Wednesday 6am,-Thursday 12pm, 9pm & 10pm

"Through adoration, the faithful can enjoy a particular experience of 'abiding' in the love of Christ (see John 15:9), entering ever more deeply into His filial relationship with the Father" (Ven. Pope John Paul II)

Don't Forget

Attention Core Members!

Don't forget to attend this Ministry Core Group Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011 @ 7:00pm in the Parish Office Boardroom. Your presence and input is very important to us.

Thank you. If you have any questions? Please contact Sr. Rosa Maria at: 439-0124, ext.112.

ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB

Come join us for fellowship and fun next ***Monday, March 14th, at 12:00 noon*** *in the* ***Conference Room.*** *For reservations call Rose Marie at: 439-2601 or Ann at: 439-1649. New comers are always welcomed!*

Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 19th @ the 5:15pm Mass

At this Mass a list of names will be read out loud and a candle will be lit in memory of those who have passed away a year ago in February 2010, here at St. Anthony's Church. We invite members of the families to come up after Mass to take the candle home as a memorial to your loved one. If you have any questions please call the Office of Ministry at: 439-0124, ext. 105. God bless...

THE SILVER ANGELS SENIOR MINISTRY & WATERCOLOR ART CLASS Are having their 'SPRING BOUTIQUE'

Saturday, March 26th from 4:30pm—7pm
& Sunday, March 27th from 7am–1:30pm
in the **Conference Room.** We will have a variety of items, including baked goods, craft items, watercolor paintings & much more. If possible we would appreciate your donated baked goods, you can bring them to the **Conference Room** on **March 26th after 2pm or March 27th, after 7am.** We thank you in advance for your support! For questions call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 105.

Weekly Bible Study

Attention! There will be *NO* Bible Study on ASH Wednesday, March 9th. Class will resume Wednesday, March 16th thru March 30th from 7pm-8:30pm in Room #17 at St. Anthony's School. This series of classes includes Power Point Presentations on **'The Battle Between Christianity and the New Atheism.'** The classes are intended to equip Catholics against an ever increasing secularization of our society. Atheism is shoving its way into classrooms, television, and our homes. Are you prepared for challenges against your belief in God, in Jesus, in the Resurrection, in His Church, and in Moral Absolutes? DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

For the Ride Home

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 6, 2011

Scripture

- Take these words of mine into your heart and soul. (Deuteronomy 11:18)
- Take courage and be stouthearted, all who hope in the LORD. (Psalm 31:25)
- They are justified freely by grace through redemption in Christ. (Rom 3:24)
- Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. (Matthew 7:24)

Reflection

- Is it possible to hear God's word and act on it without God's grace?
- Are works without faith sufficient to be saved?
- Is faith without works a true faith?
- How do you hear God's word, receive God's grace and change your life?

God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety. His Kingdom is not an imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; his Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is "truly" life.[1]

[1]Pope Benedict XVI, Saved in Hope, 2007, paragraph 31.

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FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

This coming Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

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ARE YOU LAUGHING?

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays sixty minutes of basketball. How people can't find the time to pray, yet have all the time in the world to talk to their friends, and actually complain when a homily is longer than ten minutes. It's strange how long a couple of hours spent at a church meeting can seem, but how short they seem when watching a movie. It may seem boring to read a chapter in the Bible, but it's easy to read a hundred pages of a best-selling novel. It's amazing the effort we make trying to get a front seat at any game or concert, yet we scramble for a back pew at Mass. And how many of us insist we need two or three weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust for other activities in a heartbeat? Maybe you feel it is too hard to learn and pass on the faith, but consider how simple it is to understand and repeat gossip. So many people believe what the TV news says, and question what the Church says. And why does a one hundred-dollar bill looks so big in the offertory basket, but so small when taken to the mall? Ever wondered why you can send a thousand "jokes" through e-mail, but start sending messages regarding faith or Church teaching, and people think twice about sharing with you? How strange that everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything different or difficult. Funny how we always expect the Church to step up to help us, but we don't think we have to step up to help the Church. Funny, isn't it?

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QUEEN OF THE HOLY FAMILY GUILD

Just a reminder. . . send in your Queen of the Holy Family Guild **raffle ticket stubs and donation**, or they may be placed in a sealed envelope in the weekly collection.

Cash prizes, drawing April 2 at Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, need not be present to win.

Ladies, don't miss the **Queen of the Holy Family Guild Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show,** "Somewhere in Time," to be held **April 2** at Pardini's Restaurant, 11:00am. Posh and A. Feliché will provide the fashions! Tickets only $25 available from Roberta Genini, 435-7667, or Sharon Ryno, 439-1876.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB
MARCH SPEAKER – REV. MSGR. MYRON COTTA

Join the CP&BC on Friday, March 11th to hear Reverend Msgr. Myron J. Cotta, Our Diocesan Administrator and Moderator Of The Curia, update us on the search for a new Bishop and other important news of our diocese. Reservations are required for the March 11th 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.

Improve your Prayer Time: Incorporate Prayer in your Daily Life and your Family's Daily Life

Special Lecture and Book Signing by Lisa Hendey, author of The Handbook for Catholic Moms and founder of www.CatholicMom.com at St. Joachim's Church, Madera.

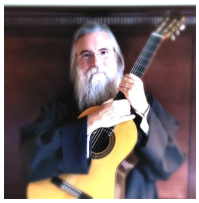
Sunday, March 13

11:00am- 1:00pm: Book Signing at the Bookstore

1:00pm: Special Lecture in the Parish Center Room 31

(St. Marello Bookstore, St. Joachim's Church, Madera)

The **Fresno Catholic Singles Potluck** meeting will be held at St. Paul Newman Center, 1572 E Barstow, on Monday March 14, at 6:30 p.m. Election will be the topic of the evening. Average age is 40 years plus. Information on this and other events: (559) 297-2246 or 801-5792.



JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT IS COMING TO OLPH CHURCH IN CLOVIS!

Internationally renowned composer and author, JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT is coming to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Clovis, California for three distinct spirit-filled evenings of music and teaching on meditation from March 24 - March 26 at 7 p.m. The evenings will progress from the "milk" to the "meat" of prayer and meditation which leads to a deeper relationship with Jesus. This event is FREE, and you are encouraged to give generously to the love offering appeal. John Michael Talbot products will be available for sale. OLPH Church located at 9th & Dewitt Streets in Downtown Clovis. A reception and fellowship will follow the third evening in Notre Dame Hall at 8th & Dewitt Streets (1 block north of the Church). For more information, call Elaine Vela at (559) 307-4216, OLPH Church at (559) 299-4270 or visit www.johnmichaeltalbot.com.

For the weekend of February 27, 2011

This week's plate income:	**$21,585.05**
Last year's plate income:	**$27,732.88**
Difference:	**- $ 6,147.83**

Year to Date Plate Collection:

7/1/2009 - 1/31/2009:	**$717,888.96**
7/1/2010 - 1/31/2010:	**$732,679.03**
Difference:	**+ $ 14,790.07**

San Joaquin Memorial High School is having its 2nd annual "Casino Night" on **Saturday, April 9th** at **6pm** on campus in the SJM gym. Gaming, dinner, drinks, entertainment, silent auction and more. Cash prizes throughout the night! Must be 21 and over. Proceeds to benefit SJM Tuition Assistance. For information, tickets and sponsorships, please contact Lucy Myers at 559-268-9251 x123 or lmyers@sjmhs.org. See you there!

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St. Patrick's Dinner

Saturday, March 12, 2011

St. Anthony's Community Center - 5:30 pm

PROGRAM

Silent Auction – Raffle – Live Auction
Traditional Irish Music
Special Guest Performance

5:30 pm …….. No Host Cocktails
6:30 pm …….. Traditional St Patrick's Dinner
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Boiled New Potatoes/Baby Carrots
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Child Care with Pizza Dinner Available
7:30 pm……Live Auction & Raffles

TICKETS

Tickets available at Parish Office and from K of C Ticket Committee
DEADLINE for Advance ticket sales is Monday, March 7, 2011

ADVANCE TICKET SALE PRICE
Adults $12.50 / Children 3-12 $7.50 (Children under 3 no charge)

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St. Agnes Mission Church

Ash Wednesday Schedule (March 9)
7:00am, 5:30pm (English), 7:00pm (Spanish)

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent 6:00pm

Altar Servers delicious homemade fundraiser breakfast (Sunday, March 6) after both Masses
(Eggs, bacon, sausage, beans, potatoes, pancakes, fresh fruit, juice & coffee)

Altar Server fundraiser (Sunday, March 27) after 9:00am & 10:00am Masses
Delicious homemade taco combo plate: Carne asada tacos with all the fixings, rice & beans. (We will sell tacos separately)

ADORE MINISTRIES "RESTORED TOUR" at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

When: March 2 at 6:30pm. Josh Blakesley and Jackie Francois in Concert. International speaker from Adore Ministries to be announced.

Tickets: $5 $10 $15 Life Teen Kiosk/Youth Ministry Office and website
(Special $15 teen ticket includes dinner/meet and greet with the artists)

SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
PRAYER TO BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

¿TE PARECE INCREÍBLE?

Increíble que una hora con Dios parezca tan larga y que los primeros sesenta minutos de un partido de fútbol se hagan tan cortos. La gente no encuentra tiempo para rezar, pero sí para hablar con sus amistades. Piensa cuánto nos encanta que un partido vaya a tiempo adicional, pero nos quejamos de que la homilía duró quince minutos. Es raro lo largo que parece una hora en una reunión de la iglesia y lo corto que parece el mismo tiempo mirando una novela. Todos quieren los primeros asientos en un concierto, pero las últimas bancas en la Misa. ¿Cuántos de nosotros necesitamos un previo aviso de dos o tres semanas para algún evento de la iglesia, pero para otras actividades podemos estar listos en un instante? Decimos que es difícil conocer y compartir la fe, pero admitimos que es fácil enterarse de los chismes y divulgarlos. Muchos creen todas las noticias de la tele, pero cuestionan las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Considera lo mucho que parece un billete de diez dólares en el ofertorio, pero lo poco que parece en la tienda. Todos queremos ir al cielo, pero estamos renuentes a creer, pensar, decir o hacer nada que parezca difícil para lograrlo. Siempre esperamos que la Iglesia nos ayude, pero no creemos que tengamos que ayudar a la Iglesia. Ciertamente increíble, ¿no? Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

HORARIO DE VERANO
Recuerde de adelantar una hora su reloj el próximo domingo.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

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Oración por un futuro Obispo a nuestra Diócesis

Dios Todopoderoso, envía tu Espíritu Santo para que guíe a los que avisaran el Santo Padre en la selección del próximo obispo de la Diócesis de Fresno.

Que él tenga el celo de San Pablo, los dones sacerdotales de San Juan Vianney, la sabiduría de un padre y hermano amoroso y sobre todo, el corazón de tu hijo, Jesús.

Pedimos que la Virgen María interceda por nosotros, y que Santa Teresa, nuestra santa patrona, se una a nosotros en esta oración, que hacemos a través de Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

ACOMPÁÑANOS TODOS LOS SÁBADOS - MISA EN ESPAÑOL 7:00PM

GRUPOS Y ACTIVIDADES

GRUPO DE JOVENES
EDADES: HIGH SCHOOL 9-12 grados
Lugar: Social Hall - 7:00pm - Viernes

VIA CRUCIS

Próximo viernes 12 de marzo y todos los viernes de CUARESMA - 7:00pm
Meditaremos la devoción del vía crucis como es nuestra costumbre en la Capilla de Guadalupe.
Ven y acompáñanos a caminar con el Señor en su calvario.

ANUNCIOS

MISION de CUARESMA

con el Padre, Rafael Velasco

del 14 al 18 de marzo. Confesiones, Rosario, Reflexión de Cuaresma y Misa todos los días en la Capilla de Guadalupe 7:00pm

ATENCION!

No habrá reunión de grupo de Oración el Miércoles de Ceniza 9 de marzo. Tampoco el miércoles 16 y el jueves 17 de marzo no habrá estudio de la Biblia debido a la misión de Cuaresma. Se anima y se invita a que todos participen a estos eventos!

Talleres de Oración y Vida

Los talleres de oración y Vida son una nueva forma de evangelización; es una presentación mas vibrante y activa de Jesús que posee una mayor adaptación a las necesidades de la sociedad actual y a lo que las personas realmente necesitan.

Cuando: Comenzando el próximo viernes 11 de marzo
Hora: 6:30pm - Salón #21

Para mas información por favor llamar a Nuria Denis-Arrue al 273-4001.

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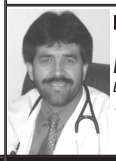

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