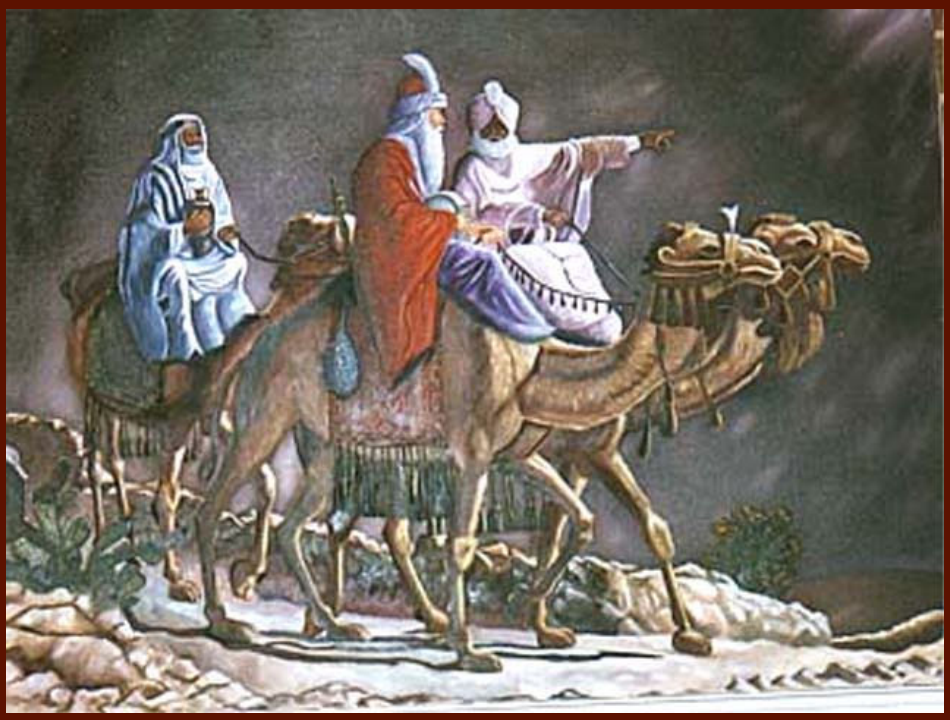

Epiphany Prayer

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen.

St. Anthony of Padua

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Mass Schedule
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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

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Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am (Spanish)
No Daily Mass

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm

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Welcome to St. Anthony's

We at St. Anthony of Padua Church extend our heart in a warm welcome to you. Whether a long term resident or newly arrived in the Parish, we are so grateful you are with us. If you have not registered, or would like to update registration information, please fill out this form; you may place it in the collection basket or mail/drop off at the Parish Office.

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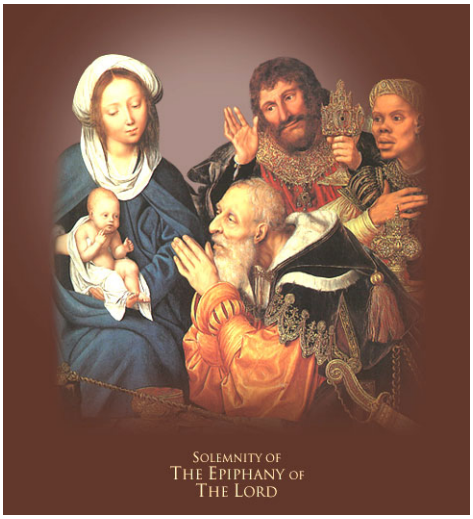

Light

Epiphany has come to us in a roundabout way. Like the magi, this feast came from the East. In the fourth century, a pilgrim to the Holy Land reported that the Nativity of Christ was celebrated in a vigil that began in the darkness of January 5 and lasted well into the sunrise of January 6. Though the Western Church celebrated Christmas on December 25, it eventually adopted this Eastern celebration called Epiphany (from the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearance.") Both Christmas and Epiphany are celebrations of light: Christmas coincides with the winter solstice and the lengthening of daylight; Epiphany follows the light of the star and becomes the great "Festival of Lights" that celebrates the dawning of the Light who is Jesus Christ.

Comment

We can easily see why the first reading opens today's feast of readings. What Christian can fail to connect the mention of the great, shining world bathed in new light and the parade of camels and dromedaries from the East with unmistakably familiar gifts of gold and frankincense? Of course, we connect this to the Magi and the feast of Epiphany.

The story of the Magi is endlessly intriguing. It draws us like moths to light. But only the Gospel of Matthew tells the story. This is consistent with his whole purpose, which is to forge unmistakable links between the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Matthew's Gospel initially addressed members of the Jewish-Christian community, who knew well their own Scriptures. Matthew intentionally adjusted Micah's prophecy, "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, *too small* to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."(5:1). In Matthew, this same prophecy reads, "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are *by no means least* among the princes of Judah" (2:6). Thus Matthew's exaltation of once insignificant Bethlehem signals the need for a radical reorientation. The small will be great; the center of power will shift; a child will be king. The Magi are seekers and seers. They follow all the lights they are given. They find a child and see a king. They go home a new way; they go home renewed.

Reflection

This feast day feels like it should be celebrated on the top of a snow-covered mountain flooded with light and bracing air. This is an exotic feast, a far cry from the quiet, homebound story that began the Christmas season. Here we have Eastern philosopher-astronomers mounted on dromedaries and bearing dazzling, mysterious gifts from the equally mysterious Orient. Not even the stars stay in place.

For all its greatness as a story, the story of the Magi appears briefly in but one Gospel. We are not sure of their home, their number, their occupation or preoccupation. They rise up out of the dark from the East like the rising sun itself and disappear as quickly as they appear.

Nonetheless, the Church sets out this amazing story and invites us to read deeply. The Gospel discloses the manifestation or showing forth of God (*epiphaneia* in Greek). We are asked to contemplate on this feast day the promise of God to the whole world, and to consider the whole world's participation in that promise. Today is a feast of the universal or "catholic" Church.

Today the festival of Christmas comes full circle. Today the Church celebrates the light promised in Isaiah shining brilliantly on all nations and all people. The light reveals something of God and something of ourselves. The light of Epiphany reveals a God who wishes to dwell among us. Like the Magi, God has journeyed from afar to come to us.

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Sacraments

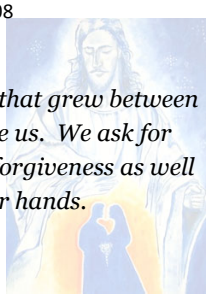
Readings and Mass Intentions (January 8 ~ January 15, 2012)	
Sunday 1/1	**Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12**
8:00 am	† Bob Lund by Mike & Theresa Carlile
9:30 am	Pro Populo
11:00 am	† Msgr Laserian Byrne by Lloydell & John Muro
1:00 pm (Spanish)	† Lucia Dunlap
3:30 pm (Latin)	†Joseph Curcio by Andrew & Ann Casado
6:00 pm	†Jeff Douglas by Mark & Janet Cameron
Monday 1/2	**Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11**
6:45 am	† Maruice Rosa by Don Holmes
8:00 am	† Pietro & Davidina Mastrocinque by Rosanna Lampman
Tuesday 1/3	**1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28**
6:45 am	† Pauline Costa by Jerry & Karen Laval
8:00 am	† Nina Stamoulis by Nikki, Giuliano, Evangelea & Evenia DiCicco
Wednesday 1/4	**1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39**
6:45 am	† AnnMary Perez by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke
8:00 am	† John D. Messina by Marianne Messina
Thursday 1/5	**1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45**
6:45am	† Helen Wilson by Jean Sheldrake
8:00 am	† Carl Maas by Margaret, Jeff & Tim Maas
Friday 1/6	**1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12**
6:45 am	† Dr. Mario Gonzalez by Dr. & Mrs. John Bonner
8:45 am	† Phyllis Andrea Martinez by Rick Martinez
Saturday 1/7	**1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17**
8:00 am	† Josephine Ochinero by Jim Ochinero & children
5:15 pm	† Frank Ochinero by Genevieve & family
7:00 pm (Spanish)	† Elvira Chavez & Javier Franco by Hilda Villasenor
Sunday 1/8	**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42**
8:00 am	† Msgr. Laserian Byrne by Georgina & Jeff Reynolds
9:30 am	† Leona Garber by Leonard & Dtr, Debbie
11:00 am	† Fr. Simpson by Nikki, Giuliano, Evangelea & Evenia DiCicco
1:00 pm (Spanish)	Pro Populo
3:30 pm (Latin)	† Cecilia Moreno by Jeanette Seidel
6:00 pm	† Bernadette Bricco by Jim Bricco

MARRIAGE MATTERS

What brings man and woman together and keeps them together is the goodness each spouse finds in the other, and in the life they share. Without this experience of goodness in each other, the romantic relationship cannot start, nor can the marriage find the energy to last. Do you remember how you felt when your spouse-to-be first caught your attention?

John Bosio – Happy Together: the Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage, © 2008

Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us. To work that love into practical things so nothing can divide us. We ask for words both kind and loving, and for hearts always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive. Dear Lord, we put our marriage into your hands. Amen.



Recently Requested Masses and Intentions

Hai, Thittai & Vins by Lein Le
Richard Danks by SA Clergy & Staff

Pray for the Sick:

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

Condolences:

We pray for Richard T. Danks, Patricia Williams, Jarryd Fierro William Whitehurst, Geraldine Cetti all the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Father of light, unchanging God,
today you reveal to men of faith
the resplendent fact of the Word made flesh.
Your light is strong,
Your love is near;
draw us beyond the limits
which this world imposes,
to the life where Your Spirit
makes all life complete.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

For the weekend of December 25, 2011
Christmas

This week's plate income:	**$59,214.17**
Last year's plate income:	**$57,265.64**
Difference:	**+ $ 1,948.53**

For the weekend of January 1, 2012
New Year's

This week's plate income:	**$20,887.00**
Last year's plate income:	**$26,150.28**
Difference:	**- $ 5,263.28**

Year to Date Plate Collection:

7/1/2010 - 11/30/2010:	**$ 514,838.98**
7/1/2011 - 11/30/2011:	**$ 535,180.64**
Difference	**+$ 20,341.66**

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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

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

2nd YEAR OF SACRAMENT PREPARATION
This month's sessions for families in their 2nd year of Sacrament Preparation are scheduled for Thursdays, January 12 and 26.

RETREAT AND FIRST RECONCILIATION
Saturday, January 14th from 8:30am-12:00pm
Children and Parent(s) meet in the Social Hall

Confirmation II
Retreat make-up will be held on Wednesday evening January 11 in the Chapel.
More information, call Sharon Christison at 439-0124x111.

EDGE

6th, 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry
New Youth are ALWAYS Welcome!
Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:45pm in the Social Hall
Jan. 10: FIRE
The Holy Spirit!
Jan 17: Chapel with Fr. Blessing
2nd Year Sacraments class
1/12, 1/26
Reconciliation Retreat
Saturday, Jan 14, 8:00am-12:00pm
For more information, contact Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110 or smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org

RADIANT JOY
Life Teen
Leading Teens Closer to Christ
January 22: Life Night "Follow the Recipe"
January 29: Life Night "Alpha Omega"
Retreat weekend is February 24 - 26, forms available on the website.
Questions email:
Sharon at schristison@stanthonyfresno.org or call 439-0124 ext. 111

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Our Inquiry sessions will resume on **Tuesday, January 10** at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Those interested in completing their Sacraments of Initiation and those interested in becoming Catholic are welcome to join us. If you have any questions please call Martha @ 439-0124, ext. 114 or contact her @ mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org for more information. May you and your family enjoy a very blessed Christmas season.

Reflection….

- How far are you willing to go for God? He "traveled" even further -- look upon the altar.
- Stewardship is not worthy of praise, the Chief Steward alone is worthy.
- Worship is an authentic response - a recognition, validation, and gratitude toward the revelation of God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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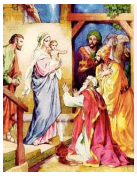

"To the Magi who, guided by the great and mysterious Star of Bethlehem, came to visit Him when He was a Baby." ~ Matthew 2:1-19

FATIMA'S FAITHFUL MONTHLY MEETING

This group will resume with their monthly meetings beginning Thursday, **January 26th** from **6:30pm to 9pm in the Conference Room**. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Rosa in the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext., 112. Thank you.

Taizé Prayer Service resumes on Monday, January 23, 2012
7:30pm to 8:30pm in the Main @ St Anthony of Padua Church

We invite you to come and experience God's presence in our lives. This prayer is for people of all ages. In this busy world, we need to nourish ourselves more and more through prayer, silence, song and on Christ ***Himself, who is the source of all grace and wisdom.***
"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" *~ St. Gerard Majella*
If you have any questions please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, x 105.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION TO END ABORTION!

Please join us for Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday, January 31st from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel we Pray to End Abortion.

From the Letter of Barnabus: "You shall not destroy your conceptions before they are brought forth; nor kill them after they are born."

ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB *Come join u s for fellowship and fun this* ***Monday, January 9th, 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!

St. Anthony Food Drive - January 21st & 22nd Weekend!

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the truck located in the St. Anthony parking lot the weekend of **January 21st & 22nd.** For questions or if you would to volunteer please contact: Rick & Kathy Martinez at: 431-3398. Thank you and May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity!

"When you are called from your prayers or the Eucharistic celebration to serve the poor, you lose nothing, since to serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor." - St Vincent de Paul

JOIN US FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK @ ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH FEBRUARY 11, 2012 @ 10:00AM

Please mark your calendars to bring your sick and elderly family members to receive the comfort of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. More details forthcoming.

The Monthly Memorial Mass

This Mass...will be Saturday, January 21st @ 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 **January 2011, 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 or 112.

MINISTRY CORE GROUP MEETING!

There will be a Ministry Core Group meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 @ 7:00pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing plans for the Ministry Fair. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112.

FAITH STUDY w/ Rev. Mr. Ed Valdez

There will be ***NO*** **Tuesday, Bible Study from January 3rd thru 31st.**
Class will resume the first Tuesday in February. Our guest speakers will be: Sami Shwiyhat & Vince Liscano.
Thank you for your patience, see you soon!

Women's Bible Study Resumes Thursday, January 12th

Every Thursday Morning
Time: 10:00am – 11:30am
Where: Room #21
Study: "Corinthians"
If you have any questions please call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 105 or 112.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT!

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE FEBRUARY BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES THAT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH HAS TO OFFER!
There's a ministry for everyone!!

For the Ride Home

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2012

Scripture

- Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall ... overflow, (Isaiah 60:5)
- For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, (Psalm 72:12)
- ...the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 3:6) the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. ... Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts (Matthew 2:9,11)

Reflection

- Why do the Magi bring gifts to the child Jesus?
- What is the role of loving in the giving or in the receiving of a gift?
- What gifts do you bring to your parish and to your community?
- What gift does your family, parish and community bring to you?
- What gift does the child Jesus offer to you this Christmas season?

Mercy is the fruit of the highest degree of love, because love creates equals and greater love makes us inferior.

First let us establish three premises:

Those who do not love feel superior to everyone else.
Those who love feel equal to everyone else.
Those who love much gladly take the lower place.

Each one of us can identify our place somewhere along this spectrum, which comprises the three degrees of the spiritual life here on earth:

Death to those who do not love.
Life for those who love.
Holiness for those who love much.[1]

[1]Carretto, Carlo, Selected Writings, Orbis: Maryknoll, NY 1994, p. 64 Ted Bergh, © ParishVision LLC 2012 - Visit ParishVision.org.

PRAYER TO THE APOSTLE PAUL

Glorious St. Paul, most zealous Apostle, martyr for the love of Christ, give us a deep faith, a steadfast hope, a burning love for our Lord; So that we can proclaim with you,

"It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me."

Help us to become apostles serving the Church with a pure heart, Witnesses to her truth and beauty amidst the darkness of our days. With you we praise God our Father:

"To Him be the glory, in the Church
and in Christ, now and forever."
Amen.

LORD OF ALL

Saint Paul was born and brought up as a Jew, deeply aware of the Jewish people as the Chosen Race. Thanks to his education by rabbis, Paul was steeped in the Hebrew scriptures, which emphasized God's particular love for Jews. Paul expected a Jewish Messiah for the Jews, and may well have believed such a one would be a great military or royal leader like King David. Jesus did not fit that profile. Paul was ardent in his conviction that all those who believed Jesus was the promised Savior were deluded and dangerous, and he was willing to hunt them down and kill them off. After his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul's change of heart and mind was profound. All his preconceptions were wrong. He was wrong about Jesus and wrong about Jesus' followers. He was wrong about the Messiah being only for the Jews. Paul was a remarkable man who was prepared to admit that he was wrong! He knew that he had been given an insight into the mystery of God's grace, hidden until the world was ready. God's love and grace are universal and no human being is beyond that love; only those who choose not to receive it cannot benefit from God's grace. He was certain that those who were not Jews were also called to be part of the body of Christ. This was an astounding idea and, at first, brought conflict with apostles such as Peter. Yet these convictions took Paul and his companions out into the world around the Mediterranean on long and dangerous journeys. Jesus was born a Jew in Bethlehem yet, as Risen Lord, he is Lord of all nations and peoples. Paul knew this. It changed his mind. It changed his heart. It changed the world.

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News You Can Use

Faith Building Event

When:	**January 20 - 21, 2012** (Youth Conference: January 21, 2012)
Where:	Radisson Hotel (Downtown Fresno)
Speakers:	Fr. Stan Fortuna, Msgr. Patrick McCormick, Fr. Christopher Crotty, Fr. Richard McAlear
	Msgr. Myron Cotta will celebrate the opening Mass on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 6:30pm
Youth Registration:	$25 includes lunch
Adult Registration:	$55/person; $100/married couples
For more information:	271-1246

St. Agnes Mission Church in Pinedale is a Mission of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. The St. Agnes Mission strives to be self funding, but economic times are difficult for all of us. To remedy our financial situation, St. Agnes Mission has launched its 'Pink Envelope' Campaign to continue meeting expenses. Each of the St. Agnes families is asked to pledge an additional $10.00 or more each month above their usual plate donation.

We would love to have you visit our Mission for either Sunday Masses. We celebrate a 9:00am (English) and a 10:30am (Spanish) liturgy. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming fundraising events. Please call St. Agnes Mission office at 439-2100 if you have any questions.

Blessed Sacrament

Do you have a desire to be closer to Jesus?
Would you like to have a more intimate relationship with Jesus?
Have you ever just sat in the presence of Our Lord?
Have you ever wanted to just "get away from it all", but did not know where to go?

We have just the place for you! We would like to **invite** you to visit Jesus in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel (located in the Parish Office). What a special gift we have, to be able to be in His presence - any time, any day. He is there . . . waiting for you! He desires for you to come and visit Him and He is only asking for **one hour.** Just think of all the ways He has been there for you, won't you come and visit? Please call Sr. Rosa Maria at 439-0124 ext. 112 to schedule your hour.

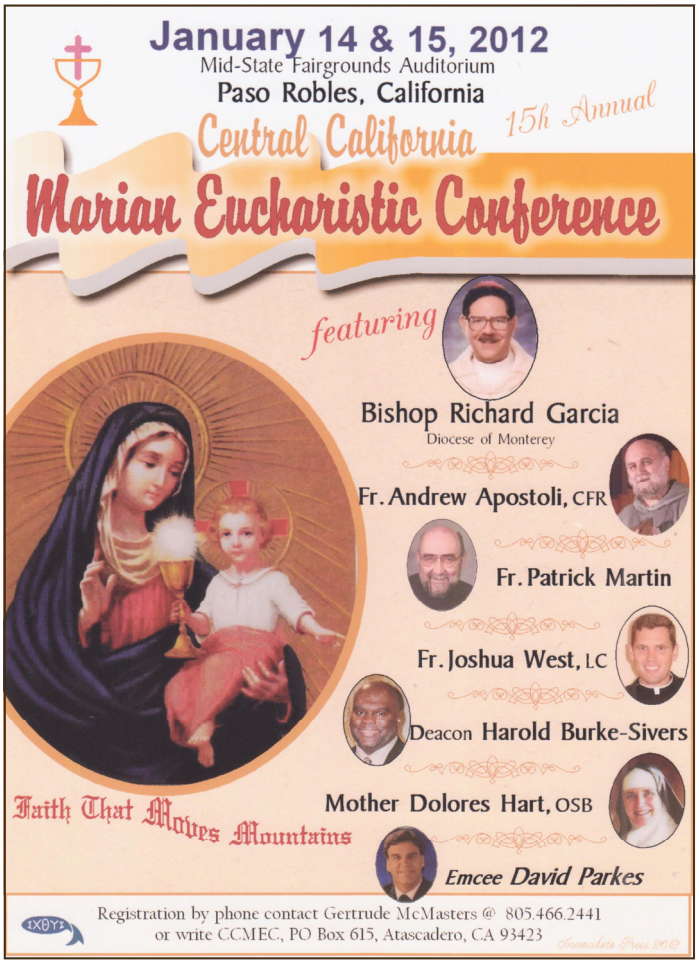
Congratulations to new Eagle Scout Joseph M. Haubner!

On January 28, 2012 Joseph Haubner will be presented the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank in Scouting. He is a member of Troop 223, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony's Church in Fresno. Joe has held various leadership roles and functioned as troop bugler. He has earned 36 merit badges, is a member of the Order of the Arrow, and has been an instructor at the National Youth Leadership Training course. His Eagle Scout project consisted of planning and executing landscape and sprinkler system improvements for the St. Paul Newman Center at Fresno State. Joe is currently a sophomore at Buchanan High School in Clovis were he is an honor student, a member of the marching band, and the "A" jazz band.

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a Parish Breakfast after all morning Masses on January 15th, 2012. We will be serving a complete breakfast including eggs, pancakes, fruit, coffee and cereal for the kids. The cost is $5 per person and other donations are welcome. This is an annual fund raiser for the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. Please consider making a donation to this very worthwhile cause and enjoy a great breakfast with the Knights.

Our beloved Bishop John T. Steinbock, D.D. more than ever - our wonderful advocate for life. Please join us for one Bishop John's "favorites", our Respect Life Mass at **St. John's Cathedral,** to be held at 4:15pm on Saturday, **January 14, 2012,** as we witness to our faith, which proclaims the sacredness of life and the dignity of all persons, most especially the unborn.

Then join in the 8th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco at the Civic Center Plaza, January 21, 2012 (walkforlifewc.com/event.htm), and Right to Life Central California's Walk for Life at Woodpark Park on March 24, 2012!



RETROUVAILLE

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

For confidential information about or to register for the January program in Bakersfield call 661-747-2212 or email:slmagana12@att.net or visit the website at: www.helpourmarriage.com.

Hello and Seasons Greetings Friends,

I am writing to share with you the wonderful things that we were able to do this year for those we serve at **Catholic Charities.** With God's blessings, we provided food service to over 240 clients a day on average in 2011, forty three percent of which were under the age of 17 years old. We were able to give away over 650 turkey's to families who would otherwise have gone without on Thanksgiving. We handed out over 1100 toys to needy Children this Christmas season and provided warm clothes and blankets to those who had none. We have been truly blessed by your prayers, support and love for those in need and we thank our Pastors, parishioners, community partners, vendors and donors for sharing their treasure with Catholic Charities this year and in years past. Wishing you and your families a New Year filled with joy, peace in your hearts and laughter with family and friends. God bless you and thank you for being a part of this very generous community.

Warmest Regards,
Kelly Lilles, The Catholic Charities Board and Staff

Our Lady of the Sierra Parish of Oakhurst
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Tour to Emerald Ireland, March 12 - 22, 2012

This eleven day tour of Ireland, which will include St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, will travel roundtrip from San Francisco to Dublin. We will visit Waterford, Killarney, Galway, Connemara, Our Lady of Knock, Sligo and Dublin. The fare of $2499 per person plus taxes and tips, includes all travel from San Francisco, bus travel, 4 & 5 star hotels, two meals daily, entrance fees, and full-time guide.

Please call the Parish Office at 642-3452 for more information.

Rachel's Vineyard

If anyone desires the return to Jesus' love and merciful forgiveness which seems lost as the result of an abortion, there is help through Rachel's Vineyard Ministries.

An English speaking retreat is scheduled for February 24 - 26, in Fresno. To register or for more information, call (877) 629-6626 or e-mail butcher_jennifer@yahoo.com or visit Rachel's Vineyard website at ww.rachelsvineyard.org.

Sister Disciples of the Divine Master are inviting young single women ages 18-35 for a **Retreat on January 21st, 2012.**

Where: Sister Disciples of the Divine Master Convent
3700 N. Cornelia Avenue
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Date: January 21, 2012 from 9:30am - 3:00pm

For Registration: Please call Sr. M. Tiziana at (559) 275-9978

Please bring your Sackluch, notebook and pen.

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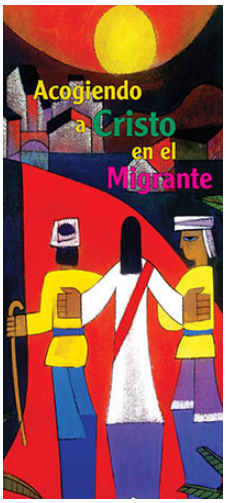
Semana Nacional de la Migración

Al igual que en el camino a Emaús, los discípulos de Cristo lo encontraron en la forma de un extranjero, el tema de este año nos ayuda a recordar que Cristo se hace a sí mismo presente a cada uno de nosotros en un extranjero solitario, el recién llegado y migrante. Estamos llamados a abrir nuestros corazones y ofrecer hospitalidad a los necesitados. Es nuestro deber crear un espacio de acogida y aceptación al migrante que se encuentra a sí mismo o a sí misma lejos de casa y en una situación vulnerable.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar son los nombres que la tradición ha dado a los tres reyes magos. Según San Mateo (Mt 2:1-12) fueron sabios del oriente que trajeron oro, incienso y mirra a Jesús. Se fija así el número de sabios en tres. Por ser astrólogos del oriente, tenían que ser magos. Venían buscando al nuevo rey de Israel y fue así que se les da el papel de reyes que representaban los tres continentes conocidos en la época medieval: Asia, África y Europa. Ellos también representan tres edades humanas: juventud, madurez y vejez. Melchor (rey de la luz), fue un anciano europeo que obsequió oro al Rey Jesús; Gaspar (tesorero) fue un joven asiático que regaló incienso al Niño Dios y Baltasar (dios proteja al rey) fue un hombre africano que donó mirra al Hijo del Hombre. *Abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos:oro, incienso y mirra*. Fray Gilberto Cavazos. Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Semana Nacional de las Vocaciones

del 9 al 14 de enero. Nos comprometemos a seguir las huellas de Jesús. Nosotros en virtud de nuestro Bautismo hemos sido elegidos para proclamar la Buena Nueva con nuestra vida. La *Semana Nacional de las Vocaciones* es un periodo especial en el cual la Iglesia reza por la renovación y fortalecimiento de las vocaciones de los matrimonios y los solteros; los hombres que sirven como sacerdotes, diáconos o laicos, como hermanos religiosos y hermanas religiosas. Sientes el llamado a la vida sacerdotal o religiosa? puedes contactar a la hermana Tere al 439-0124 ext. 113 **¡Permitan que su vida proclame la Buena Nueva!**

Rosca de Reyes

Hoy Domingo estaremos celebrando el Día de Los Reyes Magos después de la misa de 1:00pm en el patio de la escuela. Habra regalos para los niños. También habrá Rosca de Reyes y chocolate para todos! Te Esperamos.

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