

St. Anthony of Padua

July 8, 2012



“My grace is sufficient
for you, for power is
made perfect in
weakness.”

2 Cor 12:8

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:30pm
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(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 (June - August)

Monday - Friday: 6:45am, 8:00am

First Friday: 5:30pm (Chapel)

Primer Viernes: 7:00pm

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

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Saturday: 12:00 - 2:00pm

Mass Schedule

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be held at St. Anthony's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm

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Get in the know:

A Q&A on the HHS health-care mandate

HHealth care. It's something that all of us need, yet many cannot afford. That's why the U.S. Government, under the administration of President Barack Obama, developed the Affordable Care Act, which seeks to strengthen rights and protections for individuals in their health insurance plans.

But one item buried in the extensive new law, which is being rolled out by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services over the next several year, has drawn a considerable amount of attention in the public square—a clause that will provide birth control pills, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations, all for free through health insurance plans.

The problem? All employers are being mandated to provide this coverage - including Catholic institutions. The HHS rule allows only a very narrow exemption for a “religious employer”. Religious organizations providing education, health care and charitable services to all people in need could not qualify for the exemption.

On Feb. 10, President Obama adopted the new policy as final rule, “without change”. Religious organizations that cannot qualify for the exemption will have an extra year to comply; but before the end of that period, an additional rule will be issued to make sure that their employees receive the mandated coverage despite the employer’s objection. In mid-March, the Obama administration announced a 90-day comment period on possible ways to implement the mandate.

The mandate has produced an outcry of protest, not just from Catholic leaders, institutions and individuals, but people of other faith denominations asking, “Are we next?” And yes, many women, too. Their protests have revolved around on central issue - the violation of religious liberty.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, native St. Louis priest and now head of the Archdiocese of New York, said it best when he noted, “In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences.”

What does this issue mean for Catholics, who believe that birth

control, abortion and sterilization all run contrary to Church teaching?

Edward Hogan, director of the archdiocesan Paul VI Pontifical Institute, has developed the following Q&A on the HHS health care mandate.

Q. Many Catholics believe that the Church’s teaching on conscience means that every individual must follow his or her own conscience, and respect others’ right to do the same. In opposing the HHS mandate, aren’t the bishops contradicting that teaching and imposing on the conscience of others?

A. You are certainly right in saying that the Church teaches that everyone must follow their conscience, and respect others’ rights to do the same. But two comments must follow that up:

First follow-up: The Church is not telling other people what they can or cannot do. The bishops have not asked the government to prohibit individuals from paying for contraceptives, sterilizations, or potentially abortifacient drugs. That is a matter for their conscience. The bishops are only asking the government not to tell the Church that it - as an organization - must pay for something that is objects to. That is a matter for our conscience.

The Church teaches that contraception and sterilization and the use of potentially abortifacient drugs are gravely immoral. The Church’s opposition to these practices is rooted both in reason and in faith. But note, again: The bishops are not asking the government to tell other people not to engage in these practices. The bishops are asking that Church organizations themselves not be forced to pay for practices that they consider to be gravely immoral. In other words, if we’re talking about respecting consciences, what about respecting the Church’s conscience, too?”

Second: In addition to teaching respect for conscience, the Church also teaches that we have a duty to form our consciences. What does that mean? Let’s put it this way: Most people’s spontaneous dancing isn’t very impressive. It takes real training to produce skillful dancing. The same is true of our consciences. Acting according to “what I feel” is not the same as acting on conscience. A

conscience, like a body, needs to be trained if it’s going to work well. Many Catholics appeal to “conscience” to oppose the bishops, as you note. But as far as I can tell, this appeal usually lacks any notion of the duty to form one’s conscience.

Q. I recently learned that the president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association, Sister Carol Keehan, said that the president’s compromise “protects the religious liberty and conscience rights of the Catholic institutions.” The executive director of Catholics United, James Salt, has stated, “If bishops aren’t willing to recognize the value of this compromise, I suspect their opposition is more about politics than serving the needs of the people” I know many people who think the mandate is OK. Is it possible that the bishops do not speak for all Catholics?

A. Statistically, the answer is: certainly not. After all, every bishop supports the Church’s teaching on contraception. But reports indicate that a majority of Catholics use contraceptives. But that raises further questions:

First, what does it mean to be Catholic apart from one’s bishop, from the pope, from the Catechism of the Catholic Church? Let’s say the “Catholic vote” is divided on the issue, with 50 percent of the people in favor and 50 percent opposed. . . .but ALL bishops are on the one side of the question. Then is the “Catholic vote” really divided? I’d say we have a serious problem, in how people think of the Church. We speak of the Church as “the Body of Christ”. But every body has a head. The bishops aren’t just one more voting block within the Church; they are the head of the Body. So I’d say that we have a lot of people who think that they are part of a body with no head. That kind of body isn’t really alive.

Second, there comes a pint whee on has to ask oneself: “The Church believes X. I do not believe X. Therefore, does it make sense to say that I am a member of the Church? I’m not telling anybody to leave the Church! That’s not my job.



But I do think there's a basic question of integrity that people aren't asking. "If I don't believe what the Church believes - (taking the pope, the bishops and the catechism as a ready measure for what the Church teaches) -then what does it mean to call myself Catholic?"

Q. I am very confused about what the bishop's real issue is regarding the HHS mandate. What are they fighting for?

A. Well, as far as I can tell, the only thing they're fight for is a more generous religious exemption to the HHS mandate. The way the mandate is currently written, you can have an exemption if you meet the following criteria: 1) You have the inculcation of religious values as your primary goal; 2) You hire primarily people of your own religion; 3) You serve primarily people of your own religion; 4) You are a tax-exempt organization under IRS rules.

Well, here's the deal: Our hospitals DON'T have the inculcation of religious values as their primary goal, they don't hire exclusively or primarily Catholics, and they don't serve exclusively or primarily Catholics. So, you're telling me they're not Catholic organizations because of those reasons? The same is true of Catholic Charities - it's not really Catholic, because it doesn't restrict itself to serving only people who are Catholic? That doesn't make any sense to me. And, while many of our schools DO serve primarily Catholics, some of them DO NOT. Is an inner city school not really Catholic because only 15 percent of the kids it serves are

Catholic?

The bottoms line is this: We don't serve people because THEY are Catholic, we serve people because WE are Catholic. The mission of Jesus Christ was, and is, to EVERYONE, and we try to carry forward that same mission. If we define the mission of Catholic hospitals of Catholic Charities or Catholic schools or Catholic parishes as being only to Catholics, we have contradicted the mission Jesus gave us.

So, we think that the administration is asking us to either a) violate our conscience and pay for services we believe are gravely immoral (we're not saying that people can't do those things, only that if they're going to do them we shouldn't have to pay for them), or b) define our mission as being solely to Catholics. We don't think we can, in good conscience, do either. And we fear that, if this mandate passes, it will be the first of the things we are told that we must or must not do.

Q. Didn't the president address those issues in his compromise, when he required the insurance companies to offer those things free of charge - so the Church doesn't have to pay for them?

A. Not so fast. The old dictum is "There's no such thing as a free lunch". If the president orders Jiffy Lube to offer free windshield wipers to anyone who asks for them, who do you think is going to end up paying for those windshield wipers? People who get an oil change at Jiffy Lube. If my insurance company is told to offer something free of charge, who do you

think is actually going to pay for that? I am - one way or another. That's the way our economy works. The costs are going to get passed on to the customer, one way or another.

Q. Sometimes the issue seems really complex. Can you put it in a nutshell?

A. OK, let's make a long story short: The bishops are asking that the Church itself, as an institution, not to be forced to pay for things that it explicitly teaches are gravely immoral (contraception, sterilization, potentially abortifacient drugs). They're not asking that the government to tell other people what they can and can't do; they're asking that the Church itself not be forced, against our conscience and explicit teachings, to pay for them.

Here's a simply analogy: When they grow up and leave our homes, our children will make their own choices about how to live. As parents, we can't interfere with their consciences - they are free to do as they wish. At the same time, we don't have give them money to do things that we think are morally objectionable - and no one should make us do that. I can respect their conscience. They have to respect mine. In other words, if people want to frame the issue in terms of respecting conscience, we're asking that the Church be among the conscience that are respected. If the government can tell the Catholic Church that it has to violate its own teachings . . . well, what will be next?

That's what I think the bishops are fighting for, as I work for them.

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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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

- Request Registration Information Change of Address New Phone Number Monthly Envelopes

Readings and Mass Intentions (July 8 ~ July 15, 2012)	
Sunday 7/8	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
8:00 am	† Daniel Cotta by Mario Lóera Family
9:30 am	† Leona Garber by Leonard & daughter, Debbie
11:00 am	† Floyd Knuffke by Betty Uggla
1:00 pm (Spanish)	† Hector Cruz por La Familia Cruz
3:30 pm (Latin)	† Lenore Karsted by Thomas & Martha Slaven
6:00 pm	† Richard Berg by Margaret Berg
Monday 7/9	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
6:45 am	† Manuela Villaverde by The Manimtim Family
8:00 am	† Carl Orlando by Barbara Orlando
Tuesday 7/10	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
6:45 am	† Dr. Mario Gonzalez by Kristi Wathen
8:00 am	† Jimmy Mello by mom, Linda Jones
Wednesday 7/11	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
6:45 am	† Jesse Chavez by Rebecca Mestas
8:00 am	† Richard Danks by Antoinette & Angelo Pecora
Thursday 7/12	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
6:45 am	† Frank Mastro by Pat & Linda Mastro
8:00 am	† Cecilia Ramos by RoseMarie Redondo
Friday 7/13	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
6:45 am	† Concejo C. Diokno by Violeta C. Diokno
8:00 am	† Robert Cochran Ballantyne by Joanie Ballantyne
6:30 pm	Our Lady Fatima Rosary Prayer followed w/Mass @ 7:00pm
Saturday 7/14	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
8:00 am	† Josephine Ochinerio by Jim Ochinerio & children
5:15 pm	† Marie Bartova by Marketa Limova
7:00 pm (Spanish)	† Roy Silva by J. Silva
Sunday 7/15	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13
8:00 am	† Rosemary Lawrence by Michael & Darla Anton
9:30 am	† Elena Buckley by Diane, Lori, Jan & Joe Parisi
11:00 am	† Frank Mastro by Pat & Linda Mastro
1:00 pm (Spanish)	Pro Populo
3:30 pm (Latin)	† William Whitehurst by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Loudon
6:00 pm	† Donna Esparza by her family

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Mass is for husband and wife a clear invitation to be transformed and learn to love each other as Christ loves the Church. Benedict XVI explains: "It has always been clear that the goal of the Eucharist is our own transformation, so that we become 'one body and spirit' with Christ." At Mass ask God's help to grow in love for your spouse.

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O Lord our God,

We thank you for bringing us together as husband and wife.

We ask your Spirit to open our hearts, and we ask your Son to teach us to love.

To grow in communion with you and each other is what we desire.

Grant us the will to welcome and accept each other, the perseverance to keep our promise to always be present to each other, and the generosity to give unselfishly day after day.

Grant us the humility to ask forgiveness, the courage to forgive, the compassion to console, and the care to heal.

Grant us eagerness to serve without expecting to be served.

With your help our unity will grow to resemble your communion, and our hearts will be filled with joy.

This we ask through Jesus, your Son and our brother. Amen.

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Recently Requested Masses

Betsy Baldwin by The Frye Family

Intentions

Stewart Snyder by The Frye Family
 Claire Paolini by The Frye Family
 (B-Day) Brandie Lóera by her family
 Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano by Margarita Molano
 Manuel Sanchez by Julie Gonzalez & family



Banns of Marriage

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Alfredo Flores and Claudia Arambula
Raul Covarrubias and Vanessa Villar

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

Dear Lord, thank you so much for the gift of this person in my life. You know how much I rely on *him/her*, and need *him/her*. Every Advent season, it is so easy to get caught up in the frantic pace of holiday life. Help me to love my spouse more unselfishly and to give without wondering what I get back. May this marriage you have called us into, be a way to glorify you in our lives, in every moment of this day. Bless our family and keep them all safe today. I ask this humbly and gratefully.

Pray for the Sick:

We pray for 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.

For the weekend of June 24, 2012

This week's plate income: **\$21,618.00**

Last year's plate income: **\$20,334.62**

Difference: + \$ 1,283.38

Year to Date Plate Collection:

7/1/2010 - 5/31/2011: **\$1,157,357.61**

7/1/2011 - 5/31/2012: **\$1,164,754.21**

Difference +\$ 7,396.60

Thank you for your generosity!



SUMMER NIGHTS:
 Sports, Ice Cream & Bible Study
 6:00-8:00pm, in the Event Center
 (Enter by the glass doors on Maroa Ave)

July 10: Esther
The Bible's first beauty queen

July 17: Josiah
The Bible's first pre-teen king

Water games & ice cream sundaes too!
 Wear your suit & bring a towel

ALL NEW 6th, 7th & 8th graders are ALWAYS WELCOME!!

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

RADIANT JOY
Life Teen
 All High School Teens Welcome
 7:00pm till 9:00pm
Leading Teens Closer to Christ
July 8th and July 15th
Steubenville July 27th - 29th
 All incoming Freshman are welcome to attend
 Questions email:
 Sharon at schristison@stanthonyfresno.org
 or call 439-0124 ext. 111

Reflection.....

- * The Father loves us enough to save us from ourselves.
- * There is a vocation for which we are created by God, a vocation only we can fulfill. The Spirit needs only our joyful submission.
- * The greatest power is wrought through the humblest of hearts. True strength lies in humility. Grace (God's life) is more powerful.



Bible Study – the Book of Exodus:
 The Tuesday evening group is beginning a new study session of the book of **Exodus** & is open to new members. We welcome adults who wish to join us. We use materials from Little Rock Bible Study. We meet in the Board Room of the Parish Center from 7:00 to 8:30pm every Tuesday. Materials are available from the facilitator, Prof. Craig Bernthal. "Don't let the children of Israel leave Egypt without YOU!"

WHOSE HOUSE IS THIS?

Whose house is the church building, God's or ours?

The answer is yes! Both! Our church is God's house because it is the house of the body of Christ, the church. We cannot contain God. We cannot imprison God in some structure made of human hands. But when we who are made holy by baptism, confirmation and Eucharist gather together, then God chooses to live here in this place, among us. When we who are God's church gather together, with our bishop (or his delegate, the priest) and the deacon, around our book (on its stand), at our font (and its water), and especially around the Lord's altar (which is a dining table set in the shadow of the cross), God chooses to dwell here, too.

The God who wove the night time sky and buttoned it with stars, the God for whom the Rocky Mountains are naught but a bit of mud squished between divine toes, and for whom the oceans are but puddles—this God does not need a temple. But the people whom this God loves from before time began do need a place to gather, and to remember in sacred rites that the church is made of flesh and blood before it is made of brick and board. Our church building is that place! So it should be simply beautiful, and we should care lovingly for it. It isn't any old meeting hall. It isn't any old living room. It isn't a museum or a classroom, either. It is a holy place, a holy land right here in our neighborhood where the body of Christ is joined, where the voice of Christ rings out, where the sacrifice of Christ is offered and shared.

It is good to show reverence in and to the church building. But reverence is not ignoring one's neighbor as a distraction. Reverence is the wonder that we experience and the love that we show when we realize that each one of those here gathered around the Lord's altar is a living stone that builds a spiritual house, and it is here that God truly lives among



MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS † SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

The Monthly Memorial Mass is Saturday, July 21st @ 5:15pm. At this Mass the descendant names will be read out loud and a candle will be lit in their memory. 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.

**OUR LADY FATIMA MASS † Friday, July 13, 2012 @ St. Anthony of Padua Church**

Come join us on Friday, July 13th @ 7:pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel to pray the Rosary and for the conversion of poor sinners and for peace in the world! Remember what Our Lady of Fatima and the Angel said: "Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. Add after each decade the following prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy Mercy."

If you have any questions please call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112.

Meals with Wheels Ministry

This ministry helps many parishioners who occasionally are in dire need of meals due to illness, injury or surgery. We also need volunteers who would be willing to prepare a simple meal (only two or three times a year).

We need your help. It's easy to do and the costs are minimal. If you know someone who is need of a meal please, contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, x105 or 112.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." ~ Matthew 25:35

**ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB**

Come join us for fellowship & fun on Monday, July 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!

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP**

This group meets every Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel at 6:30pm to pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and various other prayers for the intentions of the Blessed Mother, the Church and our priests, and other intentions such as ill parishioners. We also, review the readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome to join us at anytime. If you have any questions please contact: Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112 or 105.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

At Fatima in Portugal in 1917 Mary appeared to three children several times. She urged them to pray the Rosary in sorrow for sin, and for the conversion of sinners to a better way of life. In the reign of Pope Pius XII, the custom developed of having a statue of Our Lady of Fatima carried from place to place to encourage people to respond to Mary's request, we have such a statue. If you'd like to have her in your home for a week, contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124 ext.105 or 112.

CENTERING PRAYER This group meets in the Parish Office Boardroom on Wednesday's at 6:30pm. For questions about this class, please contact: Don at: 797-5295.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP

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. Questions call: 439-0124 x112.

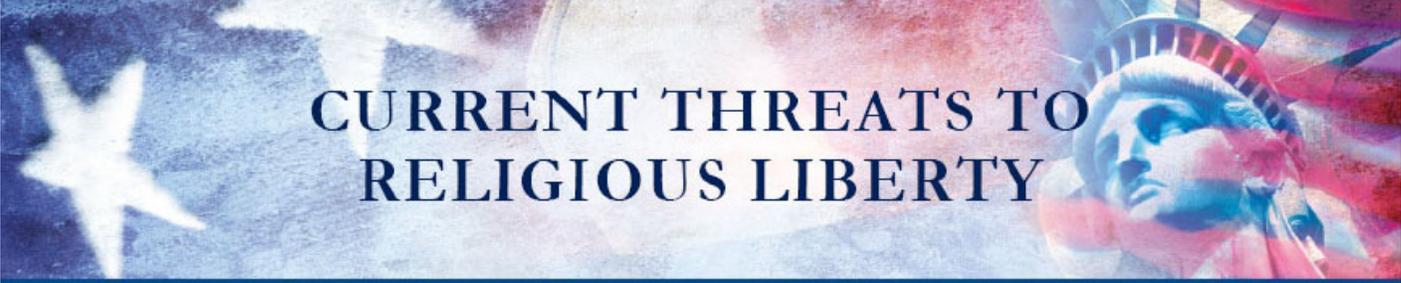
PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL NEEDS ADORERS TO HELP COVER THE HOURS LISTED BELOW...!

"Do you want many graces? Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Do you want few graces? Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely. Do you want none at all? Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament." - St. John Bosco

Wednesday @ 1am/Tuesday @ 3am/Wednesday & Saturday @ 4am
Saturday & Sunday @ 1pm/Saturday @ 3pm
Friday @ 10pm/Saturday & Sunday @ 11pm

If you are interested ...PLEASE call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124 ext. 105 or 112.





CURRENT THREATS TO RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

USCCB Fact Sheet

Summer 2012

Pope Benedict XVI spoke earlier this year about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened. He called religious liberty the “**most cherished of American freedoms.**” However, unfortunately, our most cherished freedom is under threat. Consider the following:

- *HHS mandate for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.* The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.
- *Catholic foster care and adoption services.* Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- *State immigration laws.* Several states have recently passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.
- *Discrimination against small church congregations.* New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses.
- *Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.* After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.
- *Christian students on campus.* In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.
- *Forcing religious groups to host same-sex “marriage” or civil union ceremonies.* A New Jersey judge recently found that a Methodist ministry violated state law when the ministry declined to allow two women to hold a “civil union” ceremony on its private property. Further, a civil rights complaint has been filed against the Catholic Church in Hawaii by a person requesting to use a chapel to hold a same-sex “marriage” ceremony.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Yes, Pope Benedict XVI has recognized that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are a serious concern. This threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society.”

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4.

Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious liberty!

Hot August Days Car Show



Saturday, August 18

9:00am - 2:00pm

Located at St. Anthony of Padua

If you are interested in entering a car/motorcycle or for more information, please contact Phyllis Carmona at 299-5549.

All proceeds will benefit St. Agnes Mission Church.

For the Ride Home

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 8, 2012

SCRIPTURE

- Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. (Ezekiel 2:4)
- Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mark 6:3,4)

REFLECTION

- How do Ezekiel and Paul encounter and speak about human weakness?
- How does the human spirit live with human weakness – by conquering or accepting?
- How does accepting weakness become strength?
- If human weakness is inevitable how does Jesus, the disciples and prophets neutralize its effect on humans?

Thus I use up my life in the desire for pleasures, and the thirst for experiences, for power, honor, knowledge, and love, to cloth this false self and construct this nothingness into something that is real. And I wind experiences around myself and cover myself with pleasures and glory like bandages in order to make myself perceptible to myself and to the world, as if I were an invisible body that could only become visible when something visible covered its surface. But there is no substance under the things with which I am clothed. I am hollow, and my structure of ambitions has no foundation.¹ ¹ Merton, Thomas, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, p. 35. Ted Bergh, © ParishVision Llc 2012 ----- Visit ParishVision.org.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.
We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us - this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Do those around me see in me the joy of someone who has been rescued from sin?

Holy Spirit Conference

Theme: **"We Are One Body"**

When: **July 20 - 22, 2012**

Where: Fresno Radisson Hotel - Sequoia Room

Speakers: Msgr. Patrick McCormick, Fr. John Hampsch, Fr. Christopher Crotty, Deacon Ed Valdez, Deacon Tom Ognibene.

Cost: \$50/person by July 10, 2012

Healing and Deliverance Retreat

When: **August 24 - 26, 2012**

Where: St. Anthony Retreat Center - Three Rivers

Retreat Master: Fr. Jerry Bevilacqua

Cost: \$185.00/person, double occupancy
\$85 non-refundable deposit is due by August 21, 2012

To attend either one or both of the events, please make your checks payable to:

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For more information, please contact:
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Volunteer Opportunities at The Nazareth House

We are seeking volunteers for two positions:

- 1) The reception desk and
- 2) Organist twice month for our 9:30am Sunday Mass

Anyone who would like more information about the reception desk or is interested in serving our community should contact Margaret Rosales @ (559) 213-0265.

For more information regarding the organist, please contact Sr. Rose at (559) 237-2257.

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat

(July 13-15) & 7-Day Intensive (July 13-19)
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Are you feeling called to cultivate a deeper relationship of intimacy with God? "Come aside and rest awhile," as Jesus says, and refresh your body, mind and spirit with some time of prayerful rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift.

For more information or to register call:
Everardo Pedraza centeringprayerretreat@yahoo.com or 559-230-9736.

St. Helens Annual



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When: Saturday, July 28, 2012

Where: St. Helen's Parish Hall

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
(Doors open at 12:15pm)

Price: \$5.00 (Extra cards are \$1.00 each)

You may win one of many prizes, including raffles prizes, door prizes and a bonus prize!!!!

Please RSVP so we know how much ice cream to purchase. Thank you!

For more information, please contact:
Janice: 255-5245, Olivia: 251-7891 or Marilita: 251-7250

Bring lots of friends for a relaxing, fun afternoon!



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 retreat is scheduled for August 10-12, 2012 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 www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Lord God, You called the virgin Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, to shine among the American Indian people as an example of innocence of life. Through her intercession, may all peoples of every tribe, tongue and nation, having been gathered into Your Church, proclaim your greatness in one song of praise.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Collect of the Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha from the Roman Missal.





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QUE NO ES ÉSTE SÓLO UN CARPINTERO!

Jesús era un pueblerino. Todos en Nazaret lo conocían a él y toda su familia, aun a sus primos. Él era el carpintero, el hijo de María, que cuando habló y enseñó con autoridad en la sinagoga todos “estaban desconcertados”. ¿Cómo se atreve? En tiempos de Jesús tú podías trabajar duro y salir adelante, pero siempre ibas a ser el carpintero. Jesús no los presionó ni nosotros podemos forzar a otras personas para que crean. Los padres cuyos hijos se han alejado de la Iglesia sienten la tentación de presionarlos para que regresen. Tristemente, esto pudiera alejarlos más y causar discusiones. Sin embargo, algunas personas están a la espera de una invitación. Las historias verdicas abundan sobre hombres y mujeres que por años han estado yendo a Misa con su cónyuge y aun contribuyen con su tiempo, talento y dinero, pero nunca dan el paso definitivo hacia la comunidad hasta que alguien — y bien pudieras ser tú — le pregunta: “¿Quisieras llegar a ser miembro de la Iglesia?” Copyright ©

Hospitalidad, fe y discernimiento

Las lecturas de hoy piden hospitalidad, fe y discernimiento. La hospitalidad abre las puertas de nuestro corazón y nuestras mentes a los “forasteros” entre nosotros, no importa lo familiar que él o ella puede parecer. La fe nos permite aceptar los dones de los demás, no importa cuán alarmante o “extraños” nos puedan parecer. El discernimiento nos ayuda a descubrir a los profetas entre nosotros, no importa lo increíbles que puedan parecer. Hospitalidad, fe y discernimiento – cultívalos. Así, nadie podrá traerte malas noticias. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Me consideran los demás una persona que vive en el esplendor de la verdad? Tomado del *Misal Romano*, décimo quinta edición © 2006, Comisión Episcopal Mexicana,

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Parte de la corresponsabilidad cristiana es ser acogedor, amable y hospitalario sin condiciones. Habla con las personas antes y después de la Misa. Ofrecete a ser una de las personas que saluda a las personas al llegar o únete al ministerio que ayuda a los católicos que regresan a la Iglesia. Sé esponsor de alguien en el RICA. Da la bienvenida a las personas que se mudan a tu vecindad.

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Bendición Papal para el mes de Julio

Seguridad en el trabajo. Que cada uno pueda tener trabajo en condiciones sanas y seguras. Y que Cristianos voluntarios en territorios de misión puedan ser testigos del amor de Cristo.

¡Que la Educación Religiosa de tus hijos sea una prioridad!

MINISTERIO DE ASISTENCIA DE LA PARROQUIA

Hoy voluntarios estarán en las salidas de la iglesia aceptando sus generosas contribuciones para el ministerio de Asistencia de la Parroquia. Gracias!

OFRENDA



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¡ATENCIÓN!

El **Grupo de Biblia** reiniciara nuevamente el **jueves 2 de agosto, 2012** con 2 talleres sobre la

INTRODUCCION A LA BIBLIA

Estos talleres son para las personas que les gustaría aprender a utilizar y conocer un poco mejor la Biblia.

¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre?

Te invitamos a rezar el Santo Rosario con la Virgen Peregrina de St. Anthony of Padua el próximo **jueves 12 de junio** a las 6:30pm. Para mas info. hablar con la Hna. Tere al 439-0124



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