

December 22, 2013



*Christmas Blessings
Bendiciones Navideñas*

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MASS INTENTIONS December 23 -29, 2013

Mon 7:00 Victoria & Raulino Gomes - Family
8:00 Lupita B. Flores - Family
Tue 7:00 Ryan Bitter - Mom
8:00 Everado Alanis - Wife & Daughter
6:00 Fred & Evelyn Massetti - Family
9:00 For the People of the Parish
11:00 Pablo, Emilia, Eliseo Guillen - Genoveva Valenzuela
Wed 6:30 Hector Saenz & Guadalupe Flores - Family
8:00 Jesus Cabrera - Familia
9:00 (St. Anne) People of St. Anne
9:30 Arthur Avellar - Family
11:00 Julio Delgado - Mother
12:30 Jose y Josefina Cardenas - Family
5:00 Vincent M. Palacios - Connie, Vince, Jr. & Vic
6:30 Freddy Vasquez - Familia
Thu 7:00 Steven A. Hernandez - Mom & Dad
8:00 Bert & Inez Fracchia - Avellar Family
2:30 (Country Villa) Josephine Herrera - Frances & Bina
Fri 7:00 Emilio Cantu- Wife & Family
8:00 Virginia Peabody & Lillian McKinney - Avellar Family
Sat 8:00 Delphia Landeros - Granddaughter
11:00 Quinceanera
12:00 Maria Mercedes Andrade (1 Yr Anniv)
1:00 San Juan Evangelista - Silvano Garcia
2:00 Wedding - Elizalde Valerio & Alicia Pulido
5:00 Eno Marmolejo - Jim, Ron & Sylvia
6:30 David Garibay & David Ayala - Maria Ayala
Sun 6:30 John Van Hoogmoed - Family
8:00 Guadalupe & Sergio Madrigal - Familia
9:00 (Raymond) Antoinette Kludjian - James Kludjian
9:30 Joe, Raul, Consuela Guerra - Sister
11:00 For the People of the Parish
12:30 Juan Bolanos - Familia
5:00 Living & Deceased Members - ICF
6:30 Rodolfo Gil - Esposa e Hijos

NEW REGISTRATIONS

If you are a new parishioner or one who has never registered with the parish office, please fill out the form on the last page of this bulletin and return it in the collection next week. Also if you have changed your address or phone number please let us know so we are able to maintain good parish records. If you would like to receive monthly offering envelopes, please indicate so on the form.

VOCATION CENTER

Do you have a sneaky suspicion that you are on the brink of a major life decision?

PASTOR'S CORNER

Why did God become man?

We have the fact: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn.3:16). God apparently sees something so lovable in human beings that it merits the Incarnation, birth, horrific suffering, death, resurrection and ever present sacrificial love of Jesus in order to save us from sin, death and the devil. On the other hand, sin blinds us, and we are often blind to the intrinsic dignity of ourselves and of our fellow human beings. Welcome to the valley of tears and the culture of death. St. Leo the Great pleads with us, "Christian, recognize your dignity"... (CCC 1691). St. John Chrysostom reminds us that man "is more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist" (CCC 358). Be amazed! Each human being, you and I, no matter how young or how old, how strong or how feeble, has more value in the eyes of God than all the valleys, mountains, lakes, trees, solar systems or galaxies put together. Let this truth be reflected in how we worship God and in how we treat one another. Have an awesome Christmas.

Fr. John

ST. MARELLO BOOKSTORE

Bookstore is open today 7:30 am to 2 pm., 4:30 to 8 pm. We will be open Monday, December 23 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Christmas Eve, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Closed Christmas Day and December 26. We will open December 27 1:30 to 7:30 pm. and December 28 10 am to 8 pm. Remember the bookstore is open 24/7 at www.marellobookstore.org.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASSES

Beginning with the first week of January 2014, the Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am morning Masses will be celebrated in Spanish. The Weekly Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help will be moved from Tuesday to Monday, so that it takes place after the 8:00 am Mass in English.

St. Anne Chapel

36483 Road 606 - Raymond

WWW.STANNESCHAPEL.ORG

•St. Anne's Chapel Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Social Room. **After** completion please give to Bing Hojio



Once again we are hosting a Central California Blood Drive on Sunday, January 19, from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm. There will be a mobile unit parked on 5th Street next to the Rectory. Discount coupons and T-shirts will be given to all blood donors. This drive follows a busy holiday when donations sometimes diminish due to busy holiday schedules and family vacations. It is important to remember that the need for blood never takes a holiday. For more information, call Laura at 673-3434.

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP

A One Day Gregorian Chant Workshop is being offered for anyone interested in learning the rich history and singing technique of this beautiful form of church music. The date is Saturday, January 18, 2014. Location: Sister Disciples of the Divine Master Convent, 3700 N Cornelia, Fresno, CA. Registration fee is \$60.00 & includes mass chant book, lunch and drinks. Register at www.materchristi.com, or email: materchristiapostolate@gmail.com, or phone 559-660-5228.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS BIBLE STUDY

•Fr. John Warburton's Advent -Christmas Bible Study final session is today from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in room 41. Topic: **Can we know the day and even the hour of Jesus' birth?**

What can the Book of Revelation and Astronomy tell us about Jesus' birth? What is "the Day of Trumpets"? What was the "star" that so intrigued the Magi that they followed it to Jerusalem and then Bethlehem? What prophecies made them think about a new born King of the Jews? When did the Magi arrive in Jerusalem? When did the Holy Family flee to Egypt? When did Herod die? When did the Holy Family return to Nazareth? How can we reconcile the chronologies in the Infancy Narratives in Gospel of Luke with the Gospel of Matthew?

RINCÓN DEL PÁRROCO

¿Porqué Dios se hizo hombre?

El hecho es: *Tanto amó Dios al mundo que entregó a su Hijo Único, para que todo el que crea en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna.* (Jn.3:16). Al parecer Dios ve algo tan adorable en el ser humano que merece la Encarnación, el nacimiento, el sufrimiento, la muerte, la resurrección y el amor de sacrificio siempre presente de Jesús para salvarnos del pecado, la muerte y del demonio. Por otra parte, el pecado nos ciega, y a menudo somos ciegos a la dignidad verdadera de nosotros mismos y de nuestros semejantes. Bienvenidos al valle de lágrimas y la cultura de la muerte. San Leo el Grande nos suplica. *"Cristiano reconoce tu dignidad"...*(CCC1691). San Juan Crisóstomo nos recuerda que el hombre. *"¡es más precioso a los ojos de Dios que todas las otras criaturas! Para él existen los cielos y la tierra, los mares y el resto de la creación"*(CCC358). ¡Asombrate! Todo ser humano, tu y yo, sin importar la edad, cuan fuerte o débil, tiene más valor a los ojos de Dios que todos los valles, las montañas, los lagos, los árboles, el sistema solar o todas las galaxias juntas. Permitan que esta verdad se refleje en la manera de cómo adoran a Dios y de cómo se tratan el uno al otro. Que tengan una padrisima Navidad.

Bendiciones P. John

CAMBIO EN EL HORARIO SEMANAL DE LAS MISAS

Empezando la primera semana de Enero del 2014, las Misas de las 8:00 AM de los días Martes y Jueves se celebrarán en Español. La Devoción Semanal a nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro se cambiará de Martes a Lunes, por lo que se llevará a cabo después de la Misa de las 8:00 am en Inglés

POSADAS Y PASTORELA

Las posadas empezarán el día 15 de Diciembre y terminarán el día 23 de Diciembre. Si deseas una posada, favor de llamar a Isidro D. al 474-5804 o 675-8750. La Pastorela y cena de navidad se llevarán acabo el día 23 de Diciembre en el Salón de Los Santos Esposos a las 6:30 pm. Todo gratis. Te esperamos

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

Confessions

Tuesday, December 24: 10 am & 3 pm

Christmas Eve Vigil:

6, 9 & 11 pm (Spanish)

Christmas Day

6:30, 8 (Spanish), 9:30 & 11 am

12:30 (Spanish), 5 & 6:30 pm

St. Anne Chapel 9 am



SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL PARA LA NAVIDAD

Confesiones:

Martes, 24 de diciembre: 10 am y 3 pm

Misas

Vigilia de Nochebuena

11 pm

Navidad

8 am, 12:30 y 6:30 pm

Parish Registration Form / Forma de Inscripción

Name _____

Nombre _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Direccion _____ Ciudad _____ Codigo Postal _____

Phone _____ Telefono _____

Would you like to receive monthly offering envelopes? Yes _____ No _____

¿Desea usted recibir sobres para su ofreda? Si _____ No _____

Please send me a complete registration form _____ Por favor envíen la inscripción complete _____