

St. Mary's Spirit

Sunday, February 19, 2012

Weekly Bulletin



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In his annual Lenten message for 2012, Pope Benedict XVI calls attention to the duty of Christians to admonish and correct one another, stressing that such fraternal correction is an important form of charity. Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The theme of the papal message is taken from Hebrews 10:24: *“Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.”* To “be concerned” for others, the Pope writes, means first to “be attentive” to the activities of our neighbors. The Pope observes: “All too often, however, our attitude is just the opposite: an indifference and disinterest born of selfishness and masked as a respect for ‘privacy.’” This exaggerated concern with privacy, the Pope argues, is at odds with the Christian understanding that we are all brothers in Christ. “The great commandment of love for one another demands that we acknowledge our responsibility toward those who, like ourselves, are creatures and children of God.”



“Concern for others entails desiring what is good for them from every point of view: physical, moral, and spiritual,” the Pope continues. Citing the parable of Dives and Lazarus, the Pope reminds his readers that Christians have a duty to recognize and attend to the needs of others, particularly those who are in special need of help. That duty, the Pontiff adds, applies also to those who are in spiritual need. Pope Benedict urges believers to recall “an aspect of the Christian life which I believe has been quite forgotten: fraternal correction in view of eternal salvation.” While many people today are prepared to recognize the physical and material needs of their neighbors, he says, they are “almost completely silent about our spiritual responsibility.” The Pope then cites several passages from the Bible which clearly indicate the moral obligation of Christians to admonish and rebuke sinners. “It is important to recover this dimension of Christian charity,” he writes. “We must not remain silent before evil.”

Ash Wednesday

Masses

6:30 am

8:30 am

12:05 pm

5:30 pm

7:30 pm (bilingual)

Dear friends, I would like to invite you to delve more deeply into this great season of charity, penance and fasting. I invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by St. Mary Parish to help us come closer to Jesus during this Lenten season. Check out the last page of the bulletin for a listing of activities.

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MASS TIMES

Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Spanish,
6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am to 4:30 pm Mon. - Fri.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fridays 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
(First Fridays all night)
Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fatima Devotion: First Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study / Faith Formation Ctr.
12:45 AM Servants of Mary / Faith Formation Ctr.
6:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Group / Parish Hall Conference Room
7:00 PM RICA / Faith Formation Ctr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 PM Choir Practice / Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration / Faith Formation Ctr.
7:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group / Parish Hall Conference Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration / Faith Formation Ctr.
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross / Church
6:30 PM Lenten Dinner / Parish Gym
7:00 PM Hispanic Youth Group / Faith Formation Ctr.
7:00 PM Hispanic Choir Practice / Faith Formation Ctr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group / Faith Formation Ctr.
9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration / Faith Formation Ctr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM Sacramental Preparation Program / Faith Form. Ctr.
10:30 AM RCIA / School
11:00 AM Preschool/Kindergarten Class / Faith Formation Ctr.
11:00 AM Hispanic Faith Formation / Faith Formation Ctr.
4:00 PM Band Practice / Church

Parish Offices will be
closed on Monday,
February 20,
in observance of
Presidents' Day



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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	PRIEST	MASS INTENTION
02/18	4:30 pm	RS	Vito D'Addabbo
02/19	6:30 am	RS	Jack Franetovich
	8:00 am	RS	Frank Hogan
	9:30 am	JC	Nancy Chase
	11:00 am	PM	Gavin Powell & Mathew Miller
	12:30 pm	RM	Veronica Borrego
	6:00 pm	PM	David Johnson
02/20	6:30 am	PM	Monica Nepomuceno
	12:05 pm	JC	Dario Isea
02/21	6:30 am	JC	Patty Baloni
	12:05 pm	RM	Radanovich Family & friends
02/22	6:30 am	RM	Mac Bobba
	8:30 am	PM	Daniel Allston
	12:05 pm	PM	Charles Prola
	5:30 pm	JC	Don Kusunoki
	7:30 pm	RM	Euro Bohorquez
02/23	6:30 am	PM	Tim Gross
	12:05 pm	RM	Tom Finnerty & Marie Walker
02/24	6:30 am	RM	Eyrika Forsyth
	8:15 am	JC	Angel Astillero
	12:05 pm	PM	Mathew Miller
02/25	8:30 am	JC	Edward Heid

PM = FR. PAULSON MUNDANMANI
RS = FR. RAY SACCA

RM = FR. RUBEN MORALES
JC = FR. JAMES CHACKO

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life's abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally "Good-bye to the Flesh," these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend, February 18/19:
The Church in Eastern Europe

Next weekend,
February 25/26:

Upkeep of Grotto
Grounds



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Barry Buckman, Katherine Hall, Iris Alfonso, Blanca Christi, Kathleen York, Bernice Berenice, John Hipson, Mike Budesilich, Michael MacGillivray, Isabel Hawkins, Rosemary Petrovich, Kathleen Corcoran, Hilary Delgadillo, Krista Human, Sally Aronno, Ryan Buchanan, Nardo Enriquez, Amanda McNatt, Robin Aliotti, Mary K, Margaret Jones, John Portoni, Juliet Arrogante, Vanessa Schlaich, Chena De la Peña, Isabel Castillo, Beatriz Castillo, Roberto Borrego, Julia Rodriguez, Luis Tallavera, Austin Moore, Joey Giambona, and Dorothy Connelly.

God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by your children in their time of need. Look after them and grant them Your healing and Your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen. For prayer requests, please call 891-8900.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS



Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: “See, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who “did not call upon me” and “grew weary of me” (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. “It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; / your sins I remember no more” (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us—that Jesus is God’s “yes,” and that all God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God’s promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man’s sins. But that’s what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, “Pick up your mat, and go home” (Mark 2:11). The man “rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away” (2:12).

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The Fifth Grade is currently studying severe storms in science. Today's technology allows for classes to view footage of hail storms, tornados, and hurricanes. In social studies, the students continue work on their respective state reports and power point presentations. The class also attended a field trip to the Chabot Space and Science Center where they participated on a "Renewable Energy" course.

St Mary School



Hispanic Holy Hour every Saturday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, except on First Saturdays, when the Five First Saturday Fatima Devotion takes place at the same time and at the same place (the Adoration Chapel in the Faith Formation Center).



Children’s Faith Formation

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Gospel story today is dramatic and the children will enjoy visualizing the “roof entry” as you tell them about the incident.

Read, Reflect and Discuss with your Children: Mark 2:3-12

- What was the obvious need of the paralytic, and what did his friends and the crowd expect Jesus to do?
- What surprising thing did he do instead?
- What hidden need did he see in the paralytic?

Imagine hidden needs for the people such as loneliness for the ill person, distracting family problems for the student, alcohol addiction for the careless driver.

What might need to be healed first before any other help can be effective? Jesus was a discerning helper and a wise healer. When others questioned his authority, he remained confident that God inspired and approved of his actions. Pray together that those in position of authority today (parents, teachers, civil leaders, church leaders) will use their authority wisely and with compassion.

This coming Monday our country will celebrate Presidents’ Day. In our country, we give authority to our presidents by electing them. Some do a better job than others, but every president needs our prayers. Some are famous for the kinds of things they accomplished. Pray in thanksgiving for the good leaders of the past, and petition God’s help and blessing for current and future leaders.

Teach children to balance Lent: Teaching children to give something up during Lent builds a valuable, lifelong penitential habit. But we can become so focused on this Lenten sacrifice that we neglect the other two pillars of Lent: *prayer and almsgiving*. All three are necessary to experience the blessings of a fruitful Lent. Try these ideas to teach the other two:



Prayer: Demonstrating different methods of prayer during Lent offers children options for putting together their own personal prayer routines. For example, try a gratitude journal. At dinnertime or bedtime, take turns writing a line or two in a notebook that talks about how God blessed each of you that day. Of course, commit to attending Mass – the ultimate prayer – on the weekends as a family.

Almsgiving: God wants us to share our gifts, not hoard them. As a family, can you spare a night to work at a shelter or soup kitchen? Look in on a lonely neighbor? Mother Teresa said, “Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.” Why not start the habit during Lent?

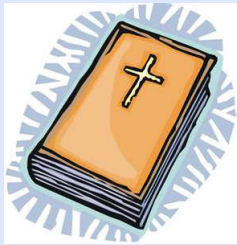
Getting Ready for More Incoming Catholics

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Sunday, February 26, we will have a special ritual at the 9:30 am Mass. We will be praying for five members of the RCIA who will be coming into the Catholic Church at our upcoming Easter Vigil. Please pray for: Cynthia Bernard, Rita Estrada, Rudy Galera, Wendy Jara and Murniana Tjhen.



Two-Saturday Scripture Retreat Saturdays: March 3 and March 10 9 am – 4 pm



Would you be interested in attending a two-day retreat that guides you through an overview of the Bible? Over the past year, more than 100 parishioners have attended an eight-week Bible Study program. For the benefit

of people who are unable to attend an eight-week study, we are offering a condensed study with the same material – but spread over two Saturdays.

Each Saturday would offer four sessions of the Bible Study. You would have an hour of quiet time to read the designated chapters in the Bible, which will be followed by watching a 30-minute DVD which further explains the material you had just read.

The instruction on DVD is done by Jeff Cavins, a nationally known speaker on Catholic radio and television and an outstanding teacher of the scriptures.

Going more deeply into the scriptures would be a great Lenten practice and can give you a thirst for more reading and studying of the Bible.

Bring your bible, a bag lunch and a friend! Materials for the study are \$20.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

To register or for more information, contact Sr. Dominic Marie at dominicb@stmary-wc.org or phone 925-891-8921.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

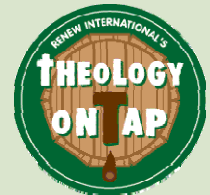
If you are thinking of the possibility of becoming Catholic, we welcome you to join our adult group that meets each week. We gather to share our questions about the Church and to reflect together on the scriptures. The group is for:

- The non-baptized;
- Those baptized in other Christian denominations (not Catholic);
- Those baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation.

Questions? For more info, contact Sr. Dominic Marie at dominicb@stmary-wc.org or 925-891-8921.

Embodied Christian Spirituality Moving from head to heart

As God incarnate, Jesus Christ reconciled heaven and earth, giving us the hope of the resurrection of our own bodies. In the Christian tradition, body and soul are united, forming a complete person. Yet, many of us feel alienated from our physicality, resisting our own humanity. How a disconnection from the body our spiritual growth and our prayer? How might we integrate body, heart, and mind in deeper relationship with Christ?



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Sr. Joann Heinritz, CSJ, will be the featured speaker at our next event. Sister Joann holds an MA in Spirituality from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. Her experience as a certified Massage Practitioner has led her to passion for embodied spirituality and holistic well-being. Sister Joann has given retreats and workshops both nationally and internationally, empowering individuals and groups to explore ways to become whole and holy. She also volunteers as a massage therapist at The Friendly Place, a women's shelter in Oakland.

Thirsty? Drink up the good news and good brews at Pyramid Alehouse in Walnut Creek as we discuss Catholic spirituality, unfiltered. Ages 21-35 only. Admission free with purchase.

Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of the following items for their pantry:

Instant coffee, jam and jelly, Spam, Cup-O-Noodles, Top Ramen, ketchup, mustard, 1-1b. boxes of granulated sugar, paper towels, toilet paper, toothbrushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, trial size shampoo. Also, they always need paper and plastic bags. Thank you for your continuous support of their efforts to reach out to the needy.



Lenten Days of Renewal at San Damiano Retreat in Danville

Ash Wed. Feb. 22 & Feb. 29 with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM; March 7 with Rena Grant, MA; March 13 with Fr. Evan Howard, OFM; & March 20 with Fr. Pat Foley. More info: 925-837-7141 ext. 315, katerik@sandamiano.org or www.sandamiano.org.

RELIGIOUS LIFE DISCERNMENT RETREATS

Are you a single, Catholic woman
between the ages of 18 - 40?
Could God be inviting you
to become a consecrated religious sister?

Are you interested in learning more
about religious life?
Would you like to learn more about
our prayer life and charism?

Group Discernment – 10AM-2PM
Sundays: March 4, April 15, 2012

Religious Life Info Day – 10AM-7PM
Saturday, March 31, 2012

RELIGIOUS LIFE
DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND
May 18-20, 2012 -- 7PM Fri. – 2pm Sun.

RSVP or Questions:
vocations@msjdominicans.org or 510-933-6335
Deadline to RSVP: the Monday before the event



Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA.
94539-5829
(Entrance on Mission Tierra Place)

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women
Chapter of the Oakland Diocese
Invites all Women of the Diocese to the
Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 10, 2012
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

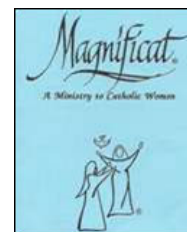
Back at the Concord Hilton:
1970 Diamond Boulevard, Concord, CA

Reserve your seat today! Join us as we welcome Father Jeremy Leatherby, Pastor of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Sacramento. He will share with us how the Blessed Virgin Mary brought him to the priesthood and how he lives out his calling to be “Our Lady’s priest,” to lead all souls to her Son through her. From his personal experience he knows: “She never fails!”

Reserve early by mail or online
www.magnificatsoti.org

Reservations are \$25 per person,
\$35 after March 3

For questions about reservations,
please call Erin at 925-899-8087 or
email magnificatsoti@yahoo.com



ST. BONAVENTURE'S MEN'S RETREAT

The Men’s Spiritual Network of Saint Bonaventure Church in Concord invites you to a Men’s Retreat at San Damiano Retreat Center the weekend of March 2-4. The retreat, entitled “I have called YOU by name,” will be led by Fr. Michael Sweeney, president of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. Come meet other men on their walk with Christ.

For more information, call Matt Remington at 925-672-4006 or Peter Nixon at 925-363-5884, or visit www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/adult-faith/mens-spiritual-network



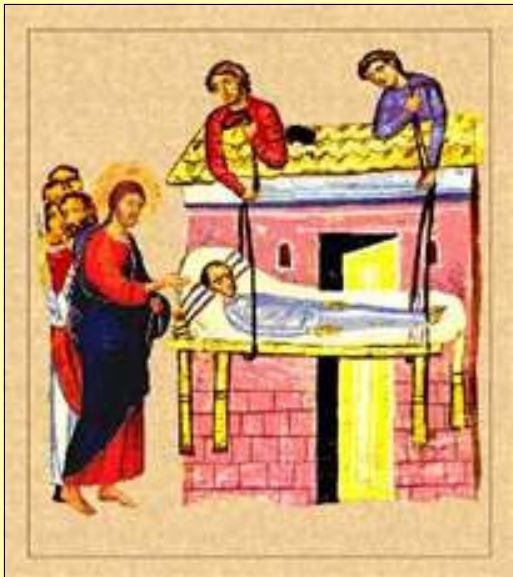
“Estoy haciendo algo nuevo. ¿No lo notan?”

Se dice que el peor mal de nuestros días es la rutina. Sí. La monotonía de lo que vivimos día a día, el estrés que se acumula por las preocupaciones de la familia, el trabajo o la escuela. Esto ha llevado a las personas a un grado de una vida sin sentido. A menudo, sólo se hacen las cosas porque se tiene una obligación o por la presión de la sociedad. Eso es lo peor, que no hagamos las cosas por amor.

En lo personal, me llena de entusiasmo el escuchar las palabras del profeta Isaías, en la primera lectura, que dice: “*Estoy haciendo algo nuevo. ¿No lo notan?*” (Is 43,18ss). El profeta Isaías logra ver en medio de la catástrofe en que vive el pueblo de Israel, una esperanza, una luz que lo lleva a darse cuenta de que Dios está haciendo algo nuevo en medio de su pueblo.

Este es el reto para todos nosotros: descubrir que Dios está haciendo algo nuevo de tu vida hoy mismo. Sólo cuando se vive en un círculo vicioso de la vida, se es difícil descubrir la novedad de la creación y de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. A todos aquellos que a menudo se quejan del cansancio y de la falta de sentido en su vida, se les recuerda que Dios hace todo nuevo día a día.

No se necesitan muchas cosas para abrir los ojos a la creación y ver cómo Dios transforma todo lo que hace, lo reviste de nuevo esplendor cada mañana, y saber que las hojas de los árboles, aunque pierdan su color por el hielo, Dios las hace brotar de nuevo para embellecer la creación.



Con cuánta más razón en la vida humana, aunque nos agotemos por los desgastes de las tareas y las obligaciones, Dios hace todo nuevo. Sólo nos queda confiar en él y elevar nuestro espíritu en búsqueda de su presencia. Así lo hizo el paralítico del evangelio (Mc 2,1-12) que, sabiendo que Dios estaba haciendo todo nuevo en Cristo, hizo hasta lo imposible por llegar hasta él, al punto de hacer destechar la casa donde se encontraba Jesús para que lo bajaran por un boquete.

La novedad de esta nueva creación se dio cuando Jesús, conmovido por la fe del paralítico y de sus amigos le dijo: “*hijo, tus pecados te son perdonados*”. Quizás el paralítico no se esperaba esta respuesta; pero Dios en su deseo de transformarlo todo desde dentro, le restituye la gracia perdida por el pecado y le devuelve la salud.

Quizás ésta puede ser tu actitud de ahora en adelante: comenzar a buscar algo nuevo en tu vida, empezando por recobrar la gracia perdida por el pecado y viviendo en la dignidad de hijo e hija de Dios; quizás apreciando las maravillas de la creación con una actitud de agradecimiento y bondad hacia el mundo; o tal vez pidiendo tener ese espíritu de sencillez que valora los pequeños detalles de la nueva creación que Dios está haciendo en ti; o bien, siendo parte de esa obra nueva que Dios hace en otros a través de ti: mostrando amor y compasión ante aquellos que te hacen perder la paz. Que esta semana sea para ti una oportunidad para encontrarle un sentido nuevo a tu vida, siendo consciente de que Dios está haciendo algo nuevo en ti.

Cada año, con el llamado "Miércoles de Ceniza", los católicos iniciamos el tiempo de la Cuaresma, tiempo en el que la liturgia de la Iglesia católica nos invita a una reflexión y actuación sobre nuestras vidas, sobre su sentido, su origen, su misión, su destino último. Se trata, por tanto, de un tiempo "fuerte" para la "metanoia" o "conversión" que - en teología y vida cristiana - significa una adecuación de nuestro ser, existir y actuar a la misma vida de Jesucristo, a su evangelio, a sus valores, a sus convicciones, a su propuesta de vida: gastar la vida en servicio al evangelio, es decir, a favor de los otros, especialmente de los más necesitados, para obtener la vida eterna, la vida feliz, la vida plena.

Por ello, la Cuaresma es un camino bíblico, pastoral, litúrgico y existencial para cada creyente personalmente y para la comunidad cristiana en general que comienza con la ceniza y concluye con la noche del lucernario, la noche del fuego y de la luz: la noche santa de la Pascua de Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La Cuaresma simboliza, nos señala y recuerda un "paso", una pascua, un itinerario a seguir de manera permanente: el paso de la nada a la existencia, de las tinieblas a la luz, de la muerte a la vida, de lo insignificante a la vida abundante en Dios, por medio de su Hijo Jesucristo. Y es que convertimos significa destruir, dejar atrás, quemar, volver cenizas el "hombre viejo", el hombre-sin-Cristo para revestirnos del hombre "nuevo", el hombre-en-el-espíritu, que es fuego nuevo en el mundo.

El Miércoles de Ceniza, mientras el ministro impone la ceniza al penitente dice estas dos expresiones alternativamente: "Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio" y/o "Acuérdate de que eres polvo y al polvo has de volver." Signo y palabras que expresan muy adecuadamente nuestra creaturalidad, nuestra absoluta dependencia de Dios, nuestro peregrinaje hacia una patria definitiva, nuestra caducidad.

El Miércoles de Ceniza en particular y la Cuaresma en

general son un tiempo litúrgico y una invitación a volver nuestra mirada y vida a Dios y a los principios del Evangelio. Así, si la Cuaresma es tiempo para la conversión, para mejorar en el proceso de humanización personal y comunitario, entonces la Cuaresma coincide con la vida misma de todo creyente, con el ser y misión de toda la Iglesia y con la vocación de la entera comunidad humana.



La Cuaresma es una invitación a cambiar aquello que tenemos que cambiar en la búsqueda de ser mejores y más felices, una invitación a construir en vez de destruir y a mirar y volver hacia formas de vida más justas, más solidarias, más humanas. La Cuaresma es un llamado a buscar diligentemente nuevas formas de ser y hacer Iglesia siendo mejores y más auténticos discípulos del Crucificado Resucitado.

El tiempo litúrgico de la Cuaresma - como nuestra propia existencia - lo recorreremos con la mirada puesta en la Pascua de Resurrección y en la Pascua definitiva en Dios— Pascua de vida abundante que se opone a toda forma de discriminación y de envilecimiento del ser humano, de su dignidad; a toda forma de atropello y violencia; a toda forma de mentira, maldad y muerte; a toda forma de corrupción y división; a toda forma de marginación y opresión. Porque la Pascua, como punto de llegada, culmen y superación de la Cuaresma, es absoluta novedad de vida, de la vida abundante que Dios nos ofrece y a la que Dios nos invita en este tiempo y en todo tiempo.

CATEQUESIS

Pedimos a toda la comunidad que sigan orando por nuestros niños que comienzan su preparación para los Sacramentos de Reconciliación y Eucaristía. Se les recuerda a las familias de catequesis que el ensayo general del Vía Crucis se llevará a cabo en la iglesia el domingo 4 de marzo, inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 12:30 pm.



FECHAS IMPORTANTES

Febrero 19, 2012	NO HAY CLASE
Miércoles, Feb. 22	MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
Febrero 26, 2012	Clase 11:00am
Marzo 4, 2012	Clase 11:00am
Domingo Marzo 4, 2012	ENSAYO VÍA CRUCIS (Iglesia) 1:30pm

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Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent
5:30 PM in the church

Theology on Tap

Moving from Head to Heart

March 1, 7:00 pm

Pyramid Alehouse, Walnut Creek

For Young Adults (21 to 35)



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Scripture Retreat

Overview of the Bible

Two Saturdays: March 3 & 10

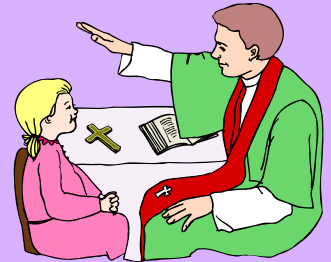
9 am to 4 pm

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Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 19

7:00 pm



Friday "Knight" Lenten Dinners

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm in the gym

A different delicious meal each week

prepared by various St. Mary groups

Adults pre-paid \$8

Kids under 14 \$5

Family (up to 4 kids under 14)

At the door \$10

At the door \$6

\$25 Pre-paid only



Lenten Hike

Saturday, March 24, 8:30 am

Pray the Stations of the Cross

as you hike up Mount Diablo. At

the end, join in the celebration of

Mass on the mountain.

Menu for Feb. 24

Prepared by St. Mary School

Cheese Enchiladas

Bean Burritos

Mexican Salad

Beans & Rice

Macaroni & Cheese

Churros & Ice Cream

Menu for March 2

Prepared by Asian Community

Thai Pineapple Rice

with Shrimp

Coconut Fish

Macaroni & Cheese

Salad & Fruit

Filipino Bibingka Dessert

Tickets available after Masses, at the rectory & the school