

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †
 Week of **March 1, 2010 — March 7, 2010**

- Monday March 1, 2010**
8:30 AM Deceased Members of Moir Family †
 Joseph Ferreira, Jr. †
- Tuesday March 2, 2010**
8:30 AM Armondo Javier †
 Souls in Purgatory †
- Wednesday March 3, 2010**
8:30 A.M. William & Loretta Jantsch †
 Frances Phillips (S.I.)
- Thursday March 4, 2010**
8:30 P.M. Manuel Miguel †
 Francisco Eiras †
- Friday March 5, 2010**
8:30 AM Delphine Pacheco †
 Francisco Canlas †
- Saturday March 6, 2010**
8:30 AM Sharon Barta †
 Cruz Family in Thanksgiving (S.I.)
- 4:30 PM** Mary Louise Bettencourt †
 Thanksgiving to Holy Spirit (S.I.)
 Margarete Anselmo †
 Adam Quinta †
- 6:30 PM** Community of St. John
- Sunday March 7, 2010**
7:30 AM Robert Torre †
 Rosario Retuerma †
- 9:30 AM** Gabriel Oliveira †
 Coltilde & Antonia Oliveira †
- 11:30 AM** Augusto Macedo Faria †
 Jose Augusto Sousa (S.I.)
- 2:00 PM** Community of St. John

**SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
 FOR THIS WEEK:**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
 Purim (Jewish observance)
- Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel
- Thursday: St. Casimir
- Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer;
 Abstinence
- Saturday: First Saturday

PARKING ON SUNDAYS is available at San Lorenzo High School for the 9:30 a.m. only.

Lost & Found

For items lost please contact the parish office at 351-5050

February 20th – February 21st, 2010

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,623.26
Maintenance Fund.....	\$ 125.00
Catholic Voice.....	\$ 32.00
Bishop's Appeal.....	\$ 690.00

Bishop's Appeal Goal\$23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ...\$ 3,162.35

Thank you for your generosity

Gracias por su generosidad.

Your donations make our ministries possible

REMEMBER THE SICK

Bobbi Bolender, Edie Fagundes, Rita Stich, Ann Almeida, Georgina Ozuma, Ed. Riffel, Dan Arritola, Luci Subica, Kathy (Gerecke) Knutson, Rosario Orantes, Jim Skoonbery, Marcus Alexander Gomez, Rose Mitchell, John and Denise Schade, Helen Zachary, Hospicia Partido, Heather Nellis, Mary Moberg, Wulf Bieschke, Winifred Tuck, Jacqueline Ritchie, Gerry Laughery, Barbara Roe, Carol Frati, Frank Clavin

All names on the prayer list will be removed at the end of each month. If you want a name to remain on the list, please notify the office.

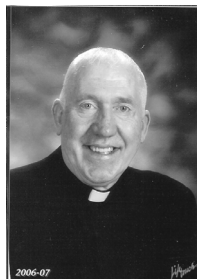


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Monday/Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday/Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday/Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday/Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday/Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday/Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday/Domingo: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103;
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
- Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



EVERY FIRST FRIDAY of each month all are welcome to come visit the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Holy Hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Spanish.



From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Have you had an experience that caused you to see someone in a completely new light? Perhaps you saw your daughter in cap and gown at her graduation. Perhaps your brother held his newborn baby in his arms. Perhaps your father performed an unexpected act of compassion, or your mother revealed courage that had previously been hidden from you. You may have been tongue-tied, not knowing how to relate to the person who had been transfigured before your very eyes. In the Gospel today the disciples of Jesus see him in a completely new light. His face is “changed in appearance” and they don’t know what to say or do. Before the disciples can respond appropriately to Jesus they must learn to believe their eyes and ears—that Jesus is the “chosen Son” of God.

We also need to learn to believe our eyes and ears if we are to respond appropriately to Christ. In the second reading today Paul urges us to imitate him. Paul, who once saw Jesus in a wholly negative light, experienced the real presence of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Gradually he learned to believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, and it changed his whole life. Paul began to imitate the Christ he preached. In this way Christ was transfiguring Paul “to conform with his glorified body.”

The season of Lent invites us to believe more deeply in the Real Presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. When experienced through the eyes and ears of faith, an ordinary community, mere words, simple bread and wine are transfigured before our eyes—and so are we. Little by little we learn how to respond to the chosen Son of God in whom we believe. The more we believe, the more Christ will do in us what he did in Paul and Peter, John and James. He will transfigure us into the real presence of Christ for the world.

Finally, I invite everyone to join the whole parish for Lenten Supper and Prayer each Wednesday evening. Here is the Lenten time calendar:

LENTEN SUPPER & PRAYER SERVICE

**Lenten Supper Begins at 5:30-6:30 P.M. (Hall)
Followed by Lenten Prayer at 7:00 P.M. (Church)
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24**

PARISH MISSION

**March 15, 16, 17 - 7:00 P.M. (Fr. Mark Wiesner)
March 22, 23 & 25 - 7:00 P.M. Spanish (Deacon Rigo Cabezas)**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**March 17 - Communal Reconciliation Service - 7:00 P.M.
March 25 - Spanish Reconciliation - 7:00 P.M.
Every Saturday - 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Blessings of peace,
Fr. Mike

CHANGE OF LITURGICAL SEASON

Lent began on February 17th, Ash Wednesday. The environment for Lent has been stripped down, the flowers removed from the sanctuary and side altars and replaced with bouquets of bare, curly, willow branches. As we journey toward Easter watch for the gradual budding and greening.

Purple can be seen as the symbolic color of repentance. Holy water has been removed from the entry fonts and there will be no baptisms, as we remember Jesus' 40 days in the desert. At the Easter vigil, new water will be blessed, used to baptize our new members, and then put into the fonts.

The Liturgy Committee

RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

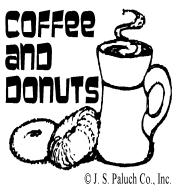
During Lent, the following fasting and abstinence rules are observed:

ABSTINENCE from meat is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years of age and older. Poultry and meat resulting from the slaughter of mammals is considered "meat". Therefore, chicken, pork, beef, and lamb are considered "meat" and may not be eaten. Fish, eggs, shellfish, and cold-blooded animals are *not* considered "meat".

FASTING is observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and older but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. (e.g. soup, coffee, tea, piece of bread or water, cookies).

(NOTE: Both fasting and abstinence apply *only* to those who will not be harmed in any manner by obedience to the dietary prescription. If you have low blood sugar, diabetes, or are taking treatments that require the intake of food or protein, you are fully absolved from any obligation to adhere to these rules.)

The Church also encourages daily attendance at Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing. www.stteresa-avila.org/fastandabstinence.html



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Come for coffee and donuts, hosted by St. John's School, family and parents on March 7, 2010, after 7:30 and 9:30 A.M. Masses.

MARYKNOLL MOVIE NITE

MARCH 1ST AT 6:30 PM

ROMERO

Biography, Drama. Romero is the true story of the catholic priest Archbishop Oscar Romero who lived in El Salvador during the political unrest in the 1980s. The government has launched a 'terror campaign' against the guerrillas in an attempt to crush them. Archbishop Romero's protests against governments' actions is perceived as disloyalty. As an example to others, the government begins to destroy churches and murder priests. Despite persecution, Romero continues to speak out against the atrocities the government is committing against the people of El Salvador, until his untimely death. For educational purposes only. Runtime 102 minutes.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting applications for **Pre-K through 7th** grade for the coming school year, 2010-2011. For more information or to make a testing appointment, contact the school office at 510/276-6632.

"WEAR'N O' THE GREEN!"

St. Gerard Women's Club invites you to make new friends, help support the parish, enrich your spiritual life and just have fun by coming to our monthly meetings. Join us, Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM., in the community meeting room. Fr. Mike, our Pastor, will be the guest speaker. March is "Wear'n O' the Green!"



All women of the parish are invited! For more information, please call Ernestine Moir at 510/537-7232.

PARISH WISH LIST

The parish is in need of a used gas-powered lawn mower that is in good working order. If you would like to donate, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

Saturday March 13th St. John's Gym
Doors open at 5:30pm with no host cocktails
Dinner served at 6pm
\$12 per person if purchased in advance
\$15 per person at the door
DJ, Dancing and Raffle
For more information contact
Alfred Musgrove @ (510) 828-2584

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Science Fair Winners!

Wow! Did you attend our recent Science Fair? All who did were in awe of the curiosity, scientific exploration, research and presentation skills of our students. They explored many worthwhile questions in true scientific method. We give special thanks to **Mrs. Catalan** for coordinating this event and we thank all of our science teachers, especially **Mrs. Boyer, Ms. Pratt and Mr. Smith** for their support and involvement. We salute all of our students who participated and give special kudos to these winners:

6th Grade Winners:

1st Place: Paul John Evangelista and Scott Olsen

2nd Place: Alexa Sanchez and Valeria Rosa

3rd Place: Harold Avelino and Evanco Sinay

Honorable Mention: Rhea Dhawan, Caroline Gonsalves, and Tara Rios

7th Grade Winners:

1st Place: Carmela Paredes

2nd Place: Jocelyn Icaza

3rd Place: Rafael Castro

Honorable Mention: Phillip Morillo

8th Grade Winners:

1st Place: Janelle De Dios

2nd Place: Kevin Nguyen

3rd Place: Kristen Howard

Honorable Mention: Jayson Okialda

All of the 5th grade winners were recognized with Honorable Mentions:

Samantha Nieves

Madelyn Babcock

Andrew Larkin

Isamari De Leon

Anna Victoria Serbin

Andrea Lu

Kailee Tanaka

Jonathan Cadena

Gardening Help Needed

We need some help with pruning, cleaning, and planting some new plants along the front of our school. Gratitude provided, and we can reimburse for the costs of new plants. Please call the office if you can help. Thank you!



St. John's Religious Education Philosophy and Goals

Together we seek to help all of Saint John Parish to grow in faith, and understanding of Catholic Tradition and to experience unity in Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our goal is to empower all to live as disciples of Jesus Christ with responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Faith community.

ELEMENTARY AGE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FESCO PAPER DRIVE

Saint John the Baptist Parish Religious Education grades k – 5 will be holding a paper drive to help the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition to continue their very special and needed work. Anyone who would like to participate please bring the following to the Religious Education office:

- Week of March 7 please bring: 20# copy paper, white - reams or a case
- Week of March 14 please bring packages of paper towels
- Week of March 21 please bring packages of toilet paper
- Week of March 28 please bring packages of Diapers (any size)

RCIA RITES DURING LENT - During Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those preparing to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect (those preparing for baptism) will share. The Lenten season, therefore, is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery (Jesus' life, death and resurrection). The scrutinies are rites for self searching and repentance. This year the scrutinies will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th weekends of Lent at the 4:30 Mass with the adults who are preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil. There will be a penitential rite celebrated at the 9:30 Mass for the children asking for baptism on the 4th Sunday of Lent. These scrutinies and the penitential rite offer the entire community the time to reflect and uncover all that is weak or sinful in our hearts then heal us with renewed conversion and resolve to hold fast to Christ and to love God.

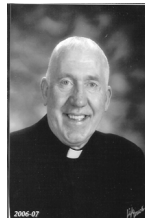


DECLARACIÓN DE VISIÓN

Una comunidad diversa y acogedora basada en la fe, inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para dar fuerza y amor a cada uno.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISION

La familia de San Juan Bautista en San Lorenzo trae vida a la Palabra de Dios a través de la liturgia, ministerio y servicios.



Queridos Amigos,

¿Has tenido alguna vez una experiencia que te haya hecho ver a una persona bajo una luz totalmente distinta? Tal vez cuando viste a tu hija con su toga y su birrete el día de su graduación. O a tu hermano sosteniendo en brazos a su bebé recién nacido. Quizás tu padre realizó algún acto inesperado de compasión, o tu madre demostró una valentía que tú nunca habías visto en ella. Es posible que te hayas sentido tímido, sin saber cómo dirigirte a esa persona que acababa de transfigurarse ante tus ojos. En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos de Jesús lo ven bajo una luz completamente nueva. Su rostro “cambió de aspecto” y los discípulos no sabían qué hacer o decir. Antes de que éstos puedan responderle apropiadamente a Jesús, deben aprender a creer con sus ojos y oídos que Jesús es el “Hijo elegido” de Dios.

También nosotros necesitamos aprender a creer lo que ven nuestros ojos y escuchan nuestros oídos si queremos responderle apropiadamente a Cristo. En la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo nos urge a imitarlo. Pablo, el que en un tiempo veía a Jesús bajo una luz totalmente negativa, experimentó la presencia real del Señor resucitado camino a Damasco. Gradualmente, fue aprendiendo a creer que Jesús es el Señor, el Hijo de Dios, y eso cambió toda su vida. Pablo empezó a imitar al Cristo que proclamaba. De este modo, Cristo fue transfigurando a Pablo “en un cuerpo glorioso, semejante al suyo”.

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El tiempo de Cuaresma nos invita a creer más profundamente en la Presencia Real del Señor resucitado en la Eucaristía. Una humilde comunidad, unas meras palabras, el pan y el vino cotidianos se transfiguran ante nuestros ojos, cuando lo experimentamos todo con los ojos y oídos de la fe –y nosotros, a su vez, también somos transfigurados. Poco a poco vamos aprendiendo cómo responder al Hijo elegido de Dios en quien creemos. Y mientras más creamos, más obrará Cristo en nosotros como lo hizo con Pablo, Pedro, Juan y Santiago. El mismo Señor nos transfigurará en presencia real de Cristo para el mundo.

Finalmente, invito a todos a unirse a nosotros a las Cenas Cuaresmales y Oración cada miércoles por la tarde. En seguida, esta el horario para la Cuaresma.

CENA CUARESMA Y SERVICIO DE ORACION

**Cena Cuaresmal a las 5:30-6:30 P.M. (Salón Comunitario)
Seguido por el Servicio de Oración a las 7:00 P.M. (Iglesia)
24 de febrero, 3, 10, 17, y 24 de marzo**

MISION PAROQUIAL

**Marzo 15, 16, 17 - 7:00 P.M. Ingles(Fr. Mark Wiesner)
Marzo 22, 23 & 25 - 7:00 P.M. Español (Diacono Rigo Cabezas)**

SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACION

**Marzo 17 – Servicio de Reconciliación Comunal - 7:00 P.M.
Marzo 25 – Reconciliación en Español - 7:00 P.M.
Cada sabado - 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. (Ingles) 7:30 p.m. (Español)**

**Bendiciones de paz
Padre Mike**

CAMBIOS DE LA ESTACION LITURGICA

La Cuaresma dio comienzo el día miércoles de ceniza febrero 17. El medio ambiente para la Cuaresma ha cambiado, las flores se han removido del altar mayor y los altares laterales y se han substituido con ramos de ramas de "curly willow" sin hojas, mientras vamos en la trayectoria hacia Pascua, observe como gradualmente salen las hojas.

El morado se puede ver como un color de arrepentimiento. Las Fuentes no tienen Agua Bendita como un recordatorio de los 40 días que Jesús paso en el desierto. Durante la vigilia de Pascua, nueva agua será bendecida la cual se usa para el Bautismo de los nuevos miembros, y luego se deposita en las Fuentes.

REGLAS DE AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

Durante la Cuaresma, las siguientes reglas de ayuno y abstinencia se observa:

Abstinencia de carne se observa el día Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y Todos los días viernes durante la cuaresma por todos los Católicos 14 años y más. La carne de Pollo y otras carnes que son el resultado del sacrificio de mamíferos es considerado "carne". Por lo tanto, se considera carne, el pollo, puerco y cordero y no se debe comer. Pescado, huevos, mariscos y otros animales de sangre fría no se consideran "carne".

Ayuno: Es observado el día miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo por todos los católicos de 18 a 59 años de edad. Todos los que caben en esta regla deben comer una comida completa. Dos pequeñas comidas son permitidas para mantener la fuerza física requerida por cada quien. (por ejemplo, Café, Te, Sopa, pan, galletas y agua)

(**Nota:** Ayuno y abstinencia no aplica a aquellos que se podrían perjudicar de alguna manera por obedecer la receta de dieta. Si usted tiene baja el azúcar en la sangre, diabetes o estas tomando medicinas que requieren que coman, ustedes están completamente absueltos de cualquier obligación.)

La Iglesia también anima la asistencia a Misa diariamente, imposiciones personales de ayuno y ayudar generosamente a programas locales, nacionales y a través del mundo.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma;
Purim (observancia judía)
Miércoles: Santa Katharine Drexel
Jueves: San Casimiro
Viernes: Primer viernes;
Jornada Mundial de Oración; Abstinencia
Sábado: Primer sábado

NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA

LA ESCUELA DE SAN JUAN está recibiendo aplicaciones para los grados Pre-Kindergarten al 7 para el año escolar 2010/2011. Los puestos para el Pre-K se están llenando. Si desea más información llame al teléfono 510-276-6632.

FERIA DE SIENCIA

La Feria fue un éxito y todas las personas que atendieron se admiraban de las exploraciones científicas y las presentaciones talentosas de los estudiantes. Damos gracias a Mrs. Catalan, Mrs. Boyer, Ms. Pratt y Mr. Smith por toda su colaboración. Hubo muchos ganadores en los grados 6.7, 8 y 5 grado. Por favor lea los nombres en la sección de Inglés de este boletín.

EL CLUB DE SENORAS SAN GERARDO

Les invita a unirse a nosotras y hacer nuevas amistades. Ayúdenos a soportar la parroquia. Crecer espiritualmente y tener un buen tiempo, durante nuestras juntas mensuales. Venga el día martes 2 de marzo a las 7:00p.m. en el salón comunitario. Padre Mike será nuestro Orador en ese día. No se les olvide Marzo es el mes de San Patricio y el color de usar es el "Verde" Para más información llame a Ernestine Moir al (520)537-7232 o Edith Lewis (510)415-4293

DIA DE SAN PATRICIO, CENA BAILE

Sábado 13 de marzo en el Gimnasio a las 6:00p.m. el costo es \$12.00 por persona en advance y \$15.00 en la puerta Musica De DJ y rifas.
Para mas informacion, llame a Alfred Musgrove al (510) 828-2584

NOCHE DE CINE:

Los Misioneros de Maryknoll presentarán ROMERO el día 1 de marzo a las 6:30 p.m. en el salón comunitario. Esta película tiene Biografía, Drama. De la vida de Monseñor Romero que vivió en El Salvador durante la Guerra de los 80.
Por favor marquen su calendario y traten de asistir.

¡NUESTRA PARROQUIA NECESITA AYUDA!

Necesitamos un cortador de grama usado (en buenas condiciones) Si usted desea donar uno, pongase en contacto con la oficina. También necesitamos ayuda en podar, limpiar y sembrar plantas en los jardines. Gracias.

