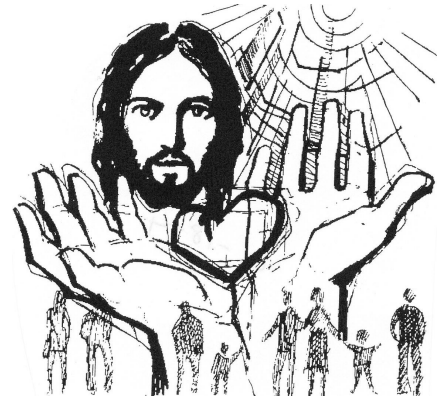


The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016 A.D.

Extraordinary Year of Mercy (Part 1 of 5)



My dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past December 8th, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our Nation, we began the Year of Mercy as our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked us to do. This year will be a year full of opportunities and blessings as we observe this year together. Our Holy Father has chosen the motto “Merciful Like the Father” for this year, that will conclude on November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

[On]...Sunday, December 13th, I opened and blessed the Holy Door of Mercy at our San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, to signify the opening of this historic Year of Mercy, a true grace of God. I have chosen three (3) sites as the holy sites for the Year of Mercy in our Diocese of Monterey, to enable you to enter through these Holy Doors of Mercy. The sites are as follows:

1. San Carlos Cathedral
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940
2. Madonna del Sasso Pro Cathedral
320 E. Laurel Drive, Salinas, CA 93906
3. Old Mission Church Pro Cathedral
751 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

At all of these three (3) sites you may receive an Indulgence granted by our Holy Father, Pope Francis by visiting and praying in the church.

+Most Rev. Richard J. Garcia, D.D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Norma Thompson, Virginia Avalos, Dinah Piwowarski, the Murray Family, the Aulbach Family, Lena Minetti, Mary Stenbeck, Sonia DeCicco, Jessica Shaw, Noelia Souza, Innette Starkenburg, Tina Tull, Glen Bennett, John Paul Hope, Charlie Mitchell, Tena Bettencourt, Sally Equinoia, Ben Rose, Randy Briscoe, Zan Barr, Anthony Avila, Peg Jung; Austin & Easton Woodman; Jim Smith, Elizabeth Porter, Tom Mee, Taylen Hallett, Raul Gois, Carol Kramer, Gloria Rambaud, Mario Gois, Joanie George, Isaac Lindsey, Mark Sigmund, Ken Hermanson, Kelly Wade, Joe Nunes, Ben Work, James R. Greene, Sr., Larry Stayton, Elise Peltzer-Koehler, Aaron Demuth, Michael Eckels, Shelley Woeste, Anne Rindge, Stefan LeRoy, Mary Grace Tassone, Shalom Simon, Joyce Thayer, Frances Foutz, Gage Berry-Carney, Peggy Rudnick, Mana Nelson, Ernie Gambellin, Bob Timone, Jeff Chames, Angela Lazear, & Frank Friesen.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Women's Society meeting on Mon., Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. in the Class Room. Lunch will follow.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Interested in becoming more active in the parish? Consider joining one of our ministries: altar server, usher, lector, Eucharistic minister, or cantor, please call the office. Even if you can only substitute, we would love hearing from you.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Joseph Church friends, I can't thank you all enough for all the prayers, cards, calls & email well wishes, thank you again. May our God continue to bless you all. --Dinah

PARISH POTLUCKS

Please join us for our quarterly parish potluck to be held on Thurs., Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall. Come and enjoy the food & a 50-50 drawing! Bring a friend if you wish.

IRS GIVING STATEMENTS

Those who donated electronically or by using the offertory envelope system during 2015 may request a giving statement for IRS purposes by contacting the parish office.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelope sets are available for 2016 in the hall.

BULLETIN & WEB ADVERTISING

If you have a business you may want to advertise on our parish bulletin &/or website. There are different options depending on whether or not you have your own website. Please contact the office for rates and details.

FAITH SHARING

Our Faith Sharing groups meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Please join us at either time as we read & discuss the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. Sunday Mass readings come alive as we learn their background and context. All are welcome. No previous Bible Study experience required. Please call Gary & Bonnie at 927-aaaa for more info.

FOLLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS

All Secular Franciscans in local coastal towns are welcome to come next Sun., Jan. 17, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for a satellite group meeting in the hall. Please call Becky at 927-aaaa for more info.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are not registered, if you are new in the parish, or if your information needs to be updated, please fill out one of the green census forms which can be found in the back of the church. Thank you.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Magnificat's quarterly Prayer Breakfast is open to all women on Sat., Jan. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Inn. Guest speaker Dr. Ross Porter, a former Presbyterian minister, will describe his journey to Catholicism and dealing with life's struggles. The cost is \$25/person. For reservations call Dolly Van Horn after 5 p.m. at 878-0420.

Next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-10;
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Jan. 16-17)

Sat. 5 pm: (3rd Sat.) Lector: Cindy Mazzacane

EMs: B. Mazzacane, J. Edwards, E. Sigmund

Ushers: Mary Jo Desio, Frank Hlavaty

Server: [a server is needed](#)

Cantor: _____

Sun. 9 am: (3rd Sun.) Lector: Kristi Jenkins

EMs: Anita Ayoob, Stan & Dinah Piwowarski

Ushers: Loren Davis, Steve Semas

Server: Matt Turrentine

Coffee: S. Semas Hospitality: T. & T. Woodman

Sun. 11 am: (3rd Sun.) Lector: Glen Bennett

EMs: Elisa Kiesewetter, Tom & Karen Hogan

Ushers: Helen Terrio, Eileen Sandland

Server: Phil Kiesewetter

Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Hospitality: Sheri Matarese & Diane Fletcher

MASS INTENTIONS (Jan. 9-17)

Sat. †Richard Danks by Irene Danks

Sun. @ 9 †Cyrilla Danks by Irene Danks

Sun. @ 11 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Mon. Patrick Fallon by Barrie & Arleen Bartulski

Tues. For peace in the Middle East

Wed. For world peace

Thurs. Alex Matarese by his parents

Fri. †Miriam & Mike Hull by the family

Sat. †Manuel Goulart by Maria Goulart

Sun. @ 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Sun. @ 11 For the living & deceased members of
St. Joseph's Women's Society

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church. For further information call the office at 995-3243.



REMEMBRANCE TREE

Many of you have noticed and inquired about the building activity taking place above the parking lot at the northwest corner of the Church. In the near future, the area will be home to the bell from the old church, a bench, and a planted fountain. In addition, there will be a hand-crafted Remembrance Tree installed on the wall opposite the silver cross. Leaves for the tree will be available for a minimum donation of \$100. Be one of the first to have leaves engraved in memory of, or in honor of, your loved ones. They will be memorialized on the tree for generations to come. Larger donations per leaf will be enthusiastically accepted, all the better to increase St. Joseph's portion of the Bishop Clinch Endowment Fund.

ST. PATRICK'S AUCTION

We are in need of your generous help regarding donations for the St. Patrick's Auction. Please contact our coordinator, Kathy Pashone at 995-aaaa for more info. Some ideas for auction items:

Gift Certificate for:

- Services (e.g.
Carpet Cleaning)
- Hotel Stays
- Restaurants
- Department Stores
- Grocery Stores
- Round of Golf
- Vacation Package (e.g.
Condo or house)

Other items:

- Large Plants/Fruit Trees
- Jewelry
- Bird Houses
- Wine Baskets
- Cheese Baskets
- Paintings (e.g. oil)
- Hand-made crafts

