



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2011

Mass Schedule, Observances, and Special Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 24: *The Vigil of Christmas*

5:30 PM - Jim Mastelotto, RIP

7:00 PM - *Spanish Mass*

Sunday, Dec. 25: *Christmas*

12:00 AM -

8:15 AM - Sean Quinn

10:30 AM -

12:30 PM @ *St. Anthony's in Challenge*

Monday, Dec. 26: *St. Stephen*

*** NO MASS ***

Tuesday, Dec. 27: *St. John*

8:30 AM - Cenia San Augustin

Wednesday, Dec. 28: *The Holy Innocents*

8:30 AM - Cenia San Augustin

Thursday, Dec. 29: *St. Thomas Becket*

8:30 AM - Cenia San Augustin

Friday, Dec. 30: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

8:30 AM - Cenia San Augustin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Todos a una gritan alborozados. Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo -- Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura -- Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio -- El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de Él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

Coffee Hour: Our coffee hours usually take place immediately after the conclusion of each 8:30 AM Mass. However, we're not having our usual coffee hours this weekend or next. Starting Jan. 8th, come join us in Fitzgerald Hall—our Youth Group will be hosting!

Teens! Our next mtg. will be Sun. Jan. 8th - we will discuss upcoming trips and continue our spirituality lessons. In the meantime, we wish you and your families a very blessed holiday season.

THANK YOU! The Guadalupe Society sincerely thanks the entire church community in supporting and taking part in the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Queen of the Americas) Mass, procession and dinner. Congratulations to our raffle winners; \$250.00-Jesus Cervantes, \$100.00-Dorothy Pires and \$50.00-Maria Soria. There were also 10 Taqueria Maria restaurant gift certificate winners, donated by Taqueria Maria. In fact a winner of one of these certificates in turn donated it to Father Roy. There were also two beautiful gift baskets as part of the raffle. Again, thank you all.

GRACIAS! La Sociedad Guadalupe agradece sinceramente a toda la comunidad parroquial en el apoyo y la participacion en la celebracion de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe (Reina de las Americas) misa, procesion y la cena. Felicidades a los ganadores de la rifa! \$250.00-Jesus Cervantes, \$100.00-Dorothy Pires y \$50.00-Maria Soria. Tambien hubo 10 ganadores de certificados de Taqueria Maria restaurante, donados por Taqueria Maria. De hecho un ganador de uno de estos certificados, a su vez lo dono al Padre Roy. Habia tambien dos canastas de regalo que estaban hermosas, como parte de la rifa. Gracias a todos!

For Our Inquiring Minds:

Collections this past week: \$4,855.69

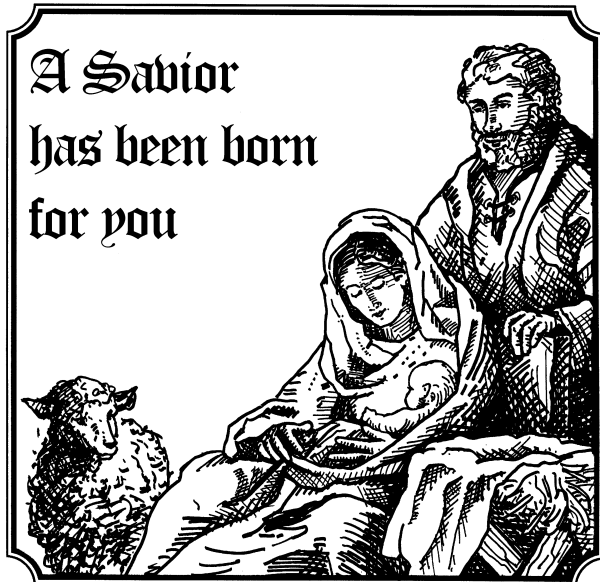
Budgeted weekly need: \$5,600.00

Walk For Life West Coast (8th Annual):

Rally will take place at 12:30 PM on Saturday Jan 21—starts at the San Francisco Civic Center Plaza, ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. For further info, call 415-658-1793 or email: info@WalkForLifeWC.com

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Joanne Collins	Dennis Slate
Marie Herina	Marcus Flores Phillips
Christle Doyle	Patrick Hayes
Athelda Schroeder	Yaqueline Rodriguez
Norman Dionne	



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A Marriage-Saving Weekend: Are you experiencing disillusionment in your marriage? During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the February 2012 program beginning with a weekend on February 10-12, call (800) 283-5952 or email: sacramento@retroca.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

“The beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord’s Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone.” ~Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Celebration of First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2010

School News:

Upcoming events:

- *Jan 3 – School Returns
- *Jan 15 – Family Mass @ 10:30 am
- *Jan 29 – Feb 5 - Catholic Schools Week – Schedule to follow
- *Mar 2 – Auction

Other Notes:

- *Please remember to use SCRIP
- *Anyone having a large auction item to donate, please call the school office.
- * Thank you for all of your prayers and support.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Además de conmemorar la llegada del Niño Dios, la Navidad en Latinoamérica es un acontecimiento hecho en familia; una celebración de reconciliación. Todos anhelamos la armonía en nuestras relaciones humanas, especialmente en los días festivos y nada arruina una buena fiesta como los pleitos y los rencores. Por eso durante la época navideña hagamos todo lo posible por corregir errores cometidos durante el año con amigos y parientes. Muchas veces estas faltas son imposibles de arreglar, por lo cual Dios nos aconseja el perdón y la reconciliación.

Una parábola latinoamericana narra que la "poinsettia," o flor de pascua, con sus bellas hojas verdes y rojas nace del regalo que un pobre chiquillo le hizo al niño Dios. Mientras otros le daban oro y joyas el muchachito no tenía más que una hierbita. Este don agradó al Niño Dios quien lo transformó en la flor de Navidad. El perdonar puede ser amargo como una hierba, pero es el don que agrada más al Niñito Jesús quien lo transforma en reconciliación. Al buscar la reconciliación imitemos al Dios recién nacido, quien busca la armonía con la humanidad.

--*Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gtz, OFM; © J. S. Paluch Co.*

CCCO News: The Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville has finalized plans for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January. Mark Sunday, January 15 as the day of the Pulpit Exchange and Wednesday, January 18, for the Unity Service in the evening. Mark Saturday, March 24, as Hunger Walk, and please be prepared to walk or sponsor someone who does walk to help feed the hungry in Oroville. More details on both of these events later.

Holiday Food Drive: There is just one more week of our Holiday Food Drive--just one week to help restock the pantry at Salvation Army after Christmas. Thank you all for your tremendous generosity in responding to this drive. Many, many needy Oroville families are grateful to you. Merry Christmas!