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PARISH OFFICE HOURS * HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
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TELEPHONES

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DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday (Lunes a Viernes)
7:15 AM (English)

Wednesday/Miércoles 12:10 PM (Español)

WEEKEND MASSES * MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday: 8:30 AM (English)
5:00 PM (Vigil, English)
6:30 PM (Vigil, Español)

Sunday: 7:00 AM & 8:15 AM (English)
9:45 AM (Español)
11:45 AM (English)
5:00 PM (English)
6:30 PM (Español)

INFANT BAPTISM * BAUTISMOS

Contact the office before or after the child's birth. Preparation should begin at least one month prior to the desired date. Preparation can begin before the birth of the child. Instructions are held every **1st & 2nd Wednesday in English at 7:30 PM**. Baptisms are scheduled by appointment only. Venga a la Oficina Parroquial por un folleto de información bautismal y un cuestionario. Haga una cita con el Padre para llenar la solicitud de Bautismo. Las clases son el jueves y viernes de la **primera y cuarta semana de cada mes a las 7:00 PM**.

MARRIAGE * MATRIMONIO

Bride & Groom must begin preparation with the priest a minimum of six months prior to intended date of marriage. Los novios deben comunicarse con el padre con seis meses de anticipación a la fecha de su celebración.

RECONCILIATION * CONFESIONES

Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM or by appointment.
Sábados de 4:00 a 4:45 PM ó entre semana con previa cita.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US

Thank you for joining us in prayer and sacrament.

Whether you are long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, if you are not registered, please complete the information below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Last Name Husband Wife

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving (please remove from parish directory) | <input type="checkbox"/> No Sunday Offertory Envelopes at this time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |

Third Sunday of Advent



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Dear Parishioners,

The reading from Isaiah describes the great joy that will fill the hearts and spirits of the Jewish people when they return from their exile in a foreign country.

It made me think of the greatest thing that has ever happened in my life. **I could not settle on one specific event; there has been too much goodness over the years. And all the events**

that I would value have something to do with a good family, strong values and a clear Faith!

A few weeks ago an 8th grade student in a Religious Education class asked me: “Does Faith ever get easier? I thought for a minute and I said: **PROBABLY NOT!** But it made me realize that there are some things we can do to prepare for and nurture the Faith **that God give to us.**

First, we have to use our minds to understand correctly the message of Christianity. Sometimes people reject what they think is faith and it turns out that they are rejecting a false understanding of faith. Too many people have **an inadequate understanding** of Faith and they reject that false faith rather than struggling in their minds to understand truly what the Faith of the Church really is.

Second, we have to look at the world around us and remember the goodness and the power of the message of Christ in the lives of others: parents, heroes, Saints, simple and loving people. We may not have all the answers to all the questions of faith but we have the witness of others who inspire us to goodness because of their living out of their faith.

Third, we have **to open our hearts** to see if the **true message** of Catholic Christianity makes us better people. Does it create in us a generosity of spirit, a desire to share with others, a compassion for the suffering in our world, a sense of personal integrity and values? Read the description of Jesus’ response to John the Baptist in today’s Gospel and ask yourselves: “**Do I want this spirit in my life?**”

And then, we make a decision to see if that “generosity of spirit” will develop in us the goodness, the love and the type of person we want to be. **Then we are as close to faith as we can be without the gift of Faith from God. The rest is up to God to give us the final gift of Faith. And with that faith comes the certitude we need, the peace of God in our lives and the constant amazement of God’s goodness as we grow in our self-giving.**

Pete St. Geme, our Confirmation Coordinator told a great story to his Confirmation Large Group gathering last week – apparently a true story. There was a college aged student taking a class in Theology and he always questioned his teacher’s explanation of faith and was in general a difficult student to deal with and claimed he did not have faith. As the semester ended and the professor was saying good-bye to the students, this young man said to him: “Professor, **do you think that I will ever find God?**” And partly to shock him, the Professor said clearly: “**NO!**” The young man left the classroom a bit shaken and as he was leaving the Professor called out to him and said: “**But God will find you!**”

The end of the story is quite moving and positive, but you will have to hear it later!

What I want you to take home this third Sunday in Advent is the message to do everything in your life to open yourself to Faith and then pray in thanksgiving that “**God has found you**” and pray for those who are still looking.

Fr. Dan

FLOWER THANK YOU

Many thanks to Rose Emma Pelliccione for the spectacular fall arrangement that graced the altar at our Thanksgiving Mass. The flowers honor her dear husband Paul Pelliccione.

Christmas Schedule...

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December 11: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations. Seranata 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass.

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations 9:45 a.m. Mariachi Mass. 12:00 Noon Procession down Egleberry Street. 1:30 p.m. Mariachi Mass. Hospitality in Gym, following.

Note: there will be no 6:30pm Mass on December 12.

December 13: Songfest and Tree Lighting, 7:00 p.m., Church

December 16: Saint Mary School Advent Program, 7:00 p.m., Church

December 17: Simbang Gabi: Mass, 7:00 p.m., Chapel. Reception following in Saint Francis Center, Common Room.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

DECEMBER 5, 2010

Weekly Goal	\$ 20,000
Actual	\$ 20,008
Rel Ed & Charity	\$ 2,665

Thank you for sharing God’s gifts, just as God has shared them with You!

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Tercer Domingo de Adviento ~ 12 de Diciembre 2010



Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

En este tercer domingo de Adviento la liturgia hace referencia a un elemento importante en nuestra vida: **la alegría**. Alegría porque se acerca Dios a nosotros en la navidad.

En las cartas de San Pablo encontramos este consejo: "*Estén siempre alegres...*" No se trata de cualquier alegría, sino de la alegría que viene de Dios... por ejemplo, la de la Virgen María: "*Desbordo de gozo en el Señor, se alegra mi espíritu en Dios mi Salvador.*"

Una vida sin alegrías sería muy difícil. Por otro lado yo creo que una de las mayores alegrías siempre será experimentar la cercanía de Dios. Sentir a Dios cerquita es fuente de felicidad. Sentir a Dios lejos nos puede desalentar y llevar a la tristeza. En la navidad ya muy próxima es Dios quien se acerca, el da el primer paso hacia nosotros. Dejemos sentir en nuestro corazón.

¡Cuanto nos quiere!, ¡cuan cerca! quiere estar de nosotros, Jesús quiere que seamos felices como él.

Jesús era una persona alegre, ¡muy alegre! e ponía entusiasmo y vida a todo lo que hacía, y contagiaba su alegría, siempre estaba rodeado de gente y era porque irradiaba alegría y entusiasmo, si Jesús hubiese sido una persona triste, nadie se hubiese acercado a él, Jesús decía muchas veces "*Yo les daré una alegría que nadie les podrá quitar.*" (Juan 16, 22).

No nos preguntemos mas si Dios nos podrá perdonar o si está enojado con nosotros o si me escucha cada vez que le pido algo, en esta navidad que ya se acerca simplemente sin preguntas ni prejuicios dejémonos abrazar por él, y veremos que sentiremos algo de esa gran alegría que el tenía y que quiere compartir.

¡Dios los bendiga!

Padre Hugo Rojas

EJERCITO EUCARÍSTICO DE PADRE Y MADRES ORANTES

El Ministerio de Padres y Madres Orantes de Nuestra Parroquia es un grupo lleno de amor por Dios y por su familia. Nos reunimos en una Hora Santa cada mes dedicada especialmente a pedir misericordia y conversión de nuestros hijos.

Únete a este Ministerio y ruega por tus hijos y por los del mundo entero.

Cuando: Cada Primer Sábado del mes. (**Enero 8, 2011**). **Hora:** Empezamos en Misa de 6:30 p.m. **Rosario:** 7:45 p.m. **Hora Santa:** 8:15 p.m.

Para mas información por favor de llamar a Ramón o Adriana Villa al 408-898-0857.

*Felicidades a la Familia Villa por su linda bebe que Dios les mando!!!
Estamos seguros que Adriana, Ramón y sus dos hermanitas están felices!!!*



Les damos a todos la más cálida bienvenida y nos alegramos con los que nos visitan y se unen con nosotros en la celebración de la Eucaristía este fin de semana. Si usted es nuevo en esta Comunidad Parroquial, le invitamos a llenar la forma incluida en este boletín y le enviaremos por correo el paquete de membresía.

EL ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO

*Concierto
Navideño*



Nuestros coros están y a practicando, los árboles de navidad ya están ordenados, la hospitalidad ya

esta planeada, ahora todo lo que se necesita es su linda presencia. Este Lunes 13 de Diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia. Bendiciremos y prenderemos los foquitos de el Árbol Navideño y disfrutaremos de la tradicional música navideña gracias a los coros de las diferentes comunidades de nuestra Parroquia.

LECTURAS PARA LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
Diciembre 19, 2010**

Isaías 7:10-14
Romanos 1:1-7
Mateo 1:18-24

LA TIENDITA DE LA PARROQUIA

Sí usted busca regalos para Bautismos, Primeras Comuniones, les invitamos a que visiten la Tiendita de la Parroquia. Tienen Biblias y una gran variedad de artículos religiosos de venta.

Está abierta todos los domingos de las 9:00 a.m. hasta la 1:00 de la tarde.

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Youth Group

DECEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



December 12th: Feeling artistic? We will be painting ornaments while watching one of our favorite Christmas comedy's. Come join us in the Common Room in the St Frances Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass.

December 19th: Join us for our ever popular 2nd annual ice skating under the stars and Christmas In The Park trip. We will leave at 6:30 p.m. Must bring permission slip the day of and RSVP by December 15th so we can assure you a ride. Dress warm!

Youth Group will be taking a break through the holidays and will meet again January 9th. At this time we invite all 8th graders as well as high school teens to join us at 6:30, p.m. Sunday nights. See Facebook for current times and dates.

ST. JOSEPH 2009-2010

St Joseph Family Center was responsible for 127,745 acts of giving! Here is a quick summary. Keep in mind that these numbers may represent duplicate individuals or families.

60,335 individuals rec'd food from the pantry; 33,623 individuals picked up fresh produce; 12,313 individuals rec'd a meal at the Lord's Table; 3,796 low income seniors rec'd meals at Wheeler Manor; 13 homeless clients rec'd permanent housing; 16,092 homeless and/or unhoused rec'd lunch; 154 households rec'd utility assistance; 353 families rec'd rental assistance; 18 families rec'd emergency hotel assistance; 304 families rec'd clothing and baby furniture; 583 individuals rec'd gasoline or bus vouchers; 3 rec'd case management services; 40 unemployed rec'd case management assistance with 29 continuing employment for at least 6 months; 110 unemployed rec'd some employment services and 8 homeless worked on the "Gilroy Street Team."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

We offer our prayers for the ill from our community.

Please keep them in your prayers.

O Heavenly Father, healer of all, source of all goodness. We thank you for the good health these people enjoyed before. We thank you for bringing comfort and solace to these who now suffer and who desire our prayers:

Ofrecemos nuestras oraciones a los enfermos de nuestra comunidad. Por favor mantengan a estas personas en sus oraciones diarias.

Señor concede a tus hijos tu protección y gracia. Concédeles la salud de cuerpo y mente y un perfecto amor por Ti y por los demás. Y concédeles estar confiados a tu misericordia.

Mary Herdegen, Mario Valdez, Shirley Leyne, Elena Saldana, Juanita Quinonez, Evangelina Guerrero, Ray Romero, Maria Aurora Bernal Dacudao, Gabriela Juarez, Joey Hill, Estela Aroa, Emily Martinez Stein, Alicia Gutierrez, Logan Wight, Steve Britton, Tite Aparicio, Guadalupe Padilla, Mary Silveira, Bruce Corbridge, Gabriel Terronez and Mary Cutter.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

An offering to the work of the Parish has been made in memory of, or on behalf of, these persons who are hereby included in the special prayers of our community at our daily Masses this week.

In Memoriam

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(A) Anniversary of Death
(MM) Months Mind (B) Birthday

Mon	13	7:15 am	Manuel Espinoza (B) † Cecilia Ramirez (B) †
Tues	14	7:15 am	Tony Fortino (A) † Maria Luz Razo †
Wed	15	7:15 am	Alva Garcia † Eleanore Kurtz †
		12:10 pm	Valentino Rocha (B) † Dolores Cisneros †
Thu	16	7:15 am	George Gonzalez † Sophie H. Binder †
Fri	17	7:15 am	Olga Zaldivar † Betty Garrett †
Sat	18	8:30 am	Phan Thy Tú † Leticia Babiera (A) †

† The Priests of the Parish celebrate Sunday Eucharist for the intentions of all the Parish. Please pray for the ill of the Parish and for the recently deceased.

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ST. MARY SCHOOL OFFICE: (408) 842-2827

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

You are invited to attend the annual St. Mary School ADVENT PROGRAM on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. In keeping with our school theme, *Give Peace a Chance: Live Life for Peace*, the students will present the Advent story in word and song. Doors open for general seating at 6:30 p.m. A DVD of this performance will be available by special order from the school for \$25. Join our children and their families for this inspirational evening.



ADVENT PROJECT BENEFITS HOPE SERVICES

In keeping with the 2010-11 school theme, *Give Peace a Chance*, St. Mary School students and families are challenged to *Live Simply. Give HOPE a Chance*. A collection of Gently Used items (clothes, jackets, coats, shoes, accessories, purses, backpacks, bedding, sheets, linens, towels, curtains, etc.) will be taken in barrels in the school hallway. If you would like to donate items to the collection, bring them to the Front Office (7900 Church Street) before December 16th.

SAVE YOUR LABELS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Save Campbell labels and Box Tops for Education from General Mills products as you do your holiday baking. Campbell's labels allow us to obtain "free stuff" for the school, such as play equipment or supplements for classroom learning. Box Tops bring in "free money" for our library. Simply drop your labels or box tops (separated in an envelope) into the Sunday collection—the Parish Office will send them to the school for you.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that when you shop for groceries at Nob Hill (postage, prescription drugs and dry cleaning, too!) and Safeway, you can help the school earn money without you having to spend one penny more? *Get your Quality of Life Card in the St. Mary School Office (for Nob Hill shoppers); and register at eScrip.com for Safeway shoppers.* Then swipe your cards each time you shop and a percentage of your purchase is automatically credited to our parish school.
- that when you drop off your empty inkjet or laser cartridges and used cell phones from home or office at the St. Mary School Front Office (Church Street entrance), we recycle them to earn free equipment or CASH.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC LADIES GIFT STORE

Don't forget to check out the gift store in the main vestibule of the Church. The store is stocked with many NEW religious articles. Operated by the Saint Mary Catholic Ladies, it is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(408) 847-2652

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Parish School
of Religion

Classes in Religious Education will be on Christmas Break beginning this week. There will be **NO CLASSES** on the following days: **December 12th, December 19-20; December 26-27; January 2-3.** Classes will resume January 9-10. We wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas Holiday and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Parish Family Songfest/Tree Lighting on December 13th and in January when we return to our regular class schedule.

The Religious Education Office has ongoing registration for children to attend classes in faith formation. Please note that registrations after December 1st cannot count as the first year if you are preparing your child for the celebration of Sacraments. Faith Formation Classes are not just for Sacramental Preparation. Religious Education for children is just as important as scholastic education is for children. Each class that your child attends gives them the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and learn more about their faith. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information at 847-2652.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please mark your calendar for the next Parent Session which will be on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Children should be working on Chapters 1 and 2 in their preparation books. The remaining chapters (3 & 4) are to be completed **ONLY AFTER** the December 15th Parent Meeting. Chapters 5 & 6 will be completed after the January Parent Session. Parents please be sure to sign your child in for Mass Attendance each week during this First Eucharist Preparation Year. Mass attendance is a requirement for all children who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The Mass Sign In Book can be found in the back of the Church near the Crucifix of our Lord.

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Confirmation



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CONFIRMATION

YEAR I AND YEAR II

Year I Confirmation Candidates will meet for their next Large Group Session on January 9th at 3:00 p.m. and **Year II Confirmation Candidates** will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Common Room of St. Francis Center. Candidates are required to attend Mass after the sessions with their Confirmation Community as part of the commitment to the preparation process.

Candidates are reminded to submit their Mass Slips each week when they attend Mass. Part of the commitment process in the preparation is to attend Mass. Not attending Mass on a regular basis could result in being able to move on in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RCLA (Catechumenate Process)

The Sacramental Preparation Process for adults has begun on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Room of St. Francis Center. If you are an adult or know of an adult who would like receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist please bring them to our Monday Night sessions.

For more information please call Barbara in the Religious Education Office at 847-2652.

WALK FOR LIFE

This annual event takes place January 22, 2011, in San Francisco. Michael McKeever is organizing a bus from our parish to the event. Reservations are \$20. If you are interested, contact Rose, 847.5151 or rose@stmarygilroy.org.

SIMBANG GABI INVITATION

The Phil-Am Community of Gilroy (PACG) invites you to the Filipino Celebration of "SIMBANG GABI" (Advent Novena of Masses) with Reverend Tito Cartagenas as celebrant on Friday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Community Potluck follows immediately at St. Francis Center, Common Room.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

We have many pastoral care ministers who bring communion to our homebound parishioners and keep them connected to our parish. Many of you have been serving our community for many years. In order to support you and to care for our homebound parishioners, we'd like to hear from you. If you bring communion to the sick, at home or at the hospital, please call Magdalena, 847-5151, and help her update our records.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SONG FEST

This Monday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. is our Annual Tree Lighting and Song Fest. We will bless and light our Parish Christmas Tree and enjoy music provided by our choirs, English, Spanish, and Filipino. Come and enjoy Christmas music, fellowship, and refreshments.

CHURCH DECORATING DAYS

We're in the home stretch and we'd love to have your help on this last decorating day. We are all SO grateful to the dedicated teams who have cleaned and carried and set and ironed and put banners up. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thursday, December 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Christmas.

SOUTH VALLEY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

For many years our parish has supported South Valley Pregnancy Care Center (SVPCC), the organization that offers support and help to women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Now, just as they are preparing to take that help and support to the next level, they find themselves financially in trouble, due to the downturn in the economy which has become a downturn in their charitable support. Our parish will give \$3000 through our Sacrificial Giving Program (the second collection every first Sunday). We invite and challenge you to pledge your support, too. Call the Center, 847-8880, to see how you can help.

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

One of the most important things we do as a Catholic Parish is share Communion with those who cannot attend Mass. We have a team of Pastoral Care Ministers who bring prayer, communion, and company to the homebound. There are two key components to this ministry: communication and dedication. The dedication is on the part of the ministers and the staff who support them, including prayers at Mass. The communication comes from you, the parish at large. Is your grandma no longer able to come to Mass? Did Uncle Harry fall and is confined for a few weeks? Did your spouse have surgery and cannot get out right now? Is Auntie entering hospice care? When we know about these cases, we can contact the person and offer a visit from a priest for anointing, confession, and communion. After that, we arrange for weekly visits from a Pastoral Care Minister. If you know of someone who needs a visit from a priest or ongoing communion at home, please tell us! In a parish this big, we need lots of eyes, ears, and phone calls to keep track of everyone. We don't want anyone to miss out on communion.

Please feel free to contact Magdalena at 847-5151 for more information.

Rose Barry, Director of Liturgy

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are preparing our shepherds, angels, and villagers for Christmas Eve. The Family Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. All rehearsals will be in the Church on:

Sunday, December 12th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 24th please arrive at 3:00 p.m. Mass is at 4:00 p.m.

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