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RECONCILIATION * CONFESIONES

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

LENT DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

From Wednesday, Feb 25th to Wednesday, April 8th
Daily Masses are at **6:30 a.m.** & **8:30 a.m.** in English
and Wednesday **12:10 PM** in Spanish.

WEEKEND MASSES * MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

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

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 _____

- New Parishioner Moving (please remove from parish directory) No Sunday Offertory Envelopes at this time
 New Phone Number New Address Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

OUT OF HIS MIND

One of my favorite sung Psalm Refrain is: **“My soul is thirsting for the Lord; when shall I see Him face to face?”**

This line reflects the deep yearning within our hearts and spirits to be in union with God and to share in his life and love.

It is this yearning for closeness to God that is at the heart of all religion and all spirituality.

St. Augustine phrased it beautifully when he said: **“God has made us for Himself and our hearts will always be restless until they rest in Him.”**

Jesus understood that same sense of “yearning” in his conversation with the Samaritan woman. He expresses it beautifully when he says to her: **“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up into eternal life.”** And only then does Jesus lead her into a deeper understanding of who He is and how He fulfills the human desires for closeness to God.

I think that part of the problems in our society is that we have no time in our lives “to stop and think and feel” what it is that we truly want. Going from home to job to Little League game to a party and then starting over again the next day begins to dull our sense of what satisfies us until we are all so tired that we throw up our hands in frustration because we haven’t touched the core of our being.

What alone can satisfy us as human beings and creatures of God is a “connection,” “a link” with God. Maybe we should call it “God space” or “God blog.” Maybe, that is what Lent is meant to be! – restoring our connections and getting our priorities right. **SO I HOPE THAT YOU DON’T LET THIS SEASON OF LENT GO BY WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING TO RECONNECT DEEPLY WITH GOD AND CHRIST.**

Take a look at all the adults coming into the life of the Church at Easter time – drawn by the Holy Spirit of God to seek something “deeper” in life. Look at all the teenagers preparing for Confirmation (100 of them). Granted that they may not have a full commitment yet but many of them are on their way. Look at the innocence of children preparing for friendship with Christ Jesus in First Communion and then in Second Communion and thence, hopefully, throughout their lives.

One of the sadnesses that I often feel is learning that parents of children in the Religious Education Program or the school don’t bother to take their children to Mass regularly. It is a bit spiritually mind-boggling; they show them the menu and then leave without eating! **To me this is a great sadness and it seems that the they are teaching their children, by example, that the things of this world are more important than the things of the next world. Their children will be perpetually spiritually hungry.**

There is one final image of thirsting that I leave you with today. It is Jesus on the cross crying out **“I thirst.”** As we thirst for him, He also thirsts for us! **“God so loved the world that he gave his own son and his Son so loved us that he gave himself for our salvation.” It is my prayer today that all of us respond to that thirst of Christ Jesus and that we come to the Source of Living Water!”**

Fr. Dan



We extend a warm welcome to everyone and are happy that you are able to join us in our celebration of the Eucharist.

If you are new to Saint Mary Parish, please fill out the form found on the front of this bulletin, return it to the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail you a registration packet. If you have recently moved, please let us know.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL SIXTH REPORT

After the second week of this year’s Annual Diocesan Appeal, the figures look like this: **\$110,855** has been pledged toward our **\$187,110** goal. Left to go **\$76,255**.



Thank you to all who have remembered to bring your pledge envelope or filled one out after Mass last week.

Additional pledge brochures and envelopes are available at the doors of the Church and in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your participation and consideration.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009



1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

March 8, 2009

Weekly Goal	\$ 21,000
Actual	\$ 18,736

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

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma ~ 15 de Marzo, 2009

Queridos hermanos y hermanas

Hoy nos toca reflexionar sobre el Evangelio de Juan (4, 5-42) sugiero leerlo con detenimiento y atención porque tiene detalles importantes y cruciales en la vida de Jesús.

Antes de ser muerto Jesucristo con toda clase de ignominias y gran lujo de tormentos, fue objeto de varios atentados de asesinato abrupto, tres de ellos nos recuerda el Evangelio.

En el tercer viaje a Jerusalén, y quizás desde mucho antes, Jesús interpela tranquilamente a sus adversarios diciéndoles: “¿por qué quieren matarme?” Estos atentados espontáneos que fracasan misteriosamente, traen su raíz en las calumnias que los fariseos decían sobre Jesús, “*tienes demonio*” le decían, y a cada momento le llamaban endemoniado. Evidentemente nada hubiese servido mejor a los fariseos que un súbito atropello y homicidio del Joven Profeta en un tumulto del pueblo.

El primer atentado contra Jesús se llevo a cabo en su ciudad natal, Jesús no quiso hacer milagros en Nazaret (o mejor dicho “*no pudo*” como dice Marcos por su falta de fe), aunque por ser su tierra natal todos esperaban que hiciese milagros. Un día Jesús leyó en la sinagoga la profecía de Isaías sobre los milagros del futuro ungido del Señor, después enrolló el papiro, se lo entregó al sacristán y todos los ojos estaban puestos en el y Jesús comenzó su explicación diciendo “*esta profecía se ha cumplido hoy ante sus ojos,*” pero después cuando vieron que no hacia mas milagros que en otras ciudades, ya que solo sanó algunos pocos enfermos y cuando les explicó la paradójica razón, justamente “*por ser mi ciudad*” se llenaron de ira, se levantaron, lo echaron de la ciudad y siguiéndolo hasta el barranco donde terminaba el poblado quisieron desbarrancarlo, pero el se fue caminando en medio de ellos. En fin, no hizo milagros ahí, en su ciudad, por ser su ciudad, los hizo en el extranjero, Jesús fue muy de los extranjeros.

Los otros dos atentados tuvieron lugar en Jerusalén, en el templo o cerca de el, en su tercer viaje a Jerusalén. Los cuenta el mismo Juan, y uno de los atentados fue durante una fiesta religiosa muy popular. Las dos veces levantaron piedras para lapidarlo y también quisieron echarle mano con violencia. La primera vez, dice Juan que “*se escondió.*” La segunda, “*se arrancó de sus manos.*”

Las dos veces la tentativa de asesinato se produjo a causa de la afirmación de que el era Dios. A esa altura de su vida Jesús ya no callaba mas su identidad, en este caso su divinidad. Ya estaba Jesús en su tercer año de predicación y vida publica y ya había sembrado de estruendosos milagros todos sus caminos y viajes. Le decían, “*no tienes ni siquiera cincuenta años y ya has visto a Abraham.*” Y el les respondía, “*antes que Abraham naciera, Yo Soy,*” y se indignaban de escuchar algo así. También decía Jesús, “*Yo y el padre somos uno...*” “*El que me ve a mi ve al padre.*” Y esa afirmación era peor aun. Es una afirmación enorme que les dejaba a los líderes religiosos dos opciones, o ejecutarlo o ponerse de rodillas delante de el y reconocerlo y descartada la segunda opción comenzó un disparatado y vergonzoso proceso jurídico contra Jesús que ya sabemos como terminó.

¡¡¡Que cansancio y que tristeza debió sentir el corazón de Jesús por eso días, sus últimos sobre la tierra!!!

Padre Hugo Rojas



FLORES PARA DECORAR DURANTE LA PASCUA

Necesitamos flores para adornar la Iglesia, la Capilla y sus entradas el Sábado de Gloria y Domingo de Resurrección. Sus donaciones para comprarlas o las flores “Easter Lilies” en su maceta son bienvenidas.

LOS 12 PASOS PARA UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD COMPLETA

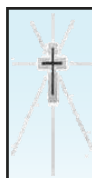


Les invitamos a la Misión Cuaresmal comenzando este fin de semana en la Misa del 14 de Marzo a las 6:30 p.m. o en la Misa del Domingo 15 de Marzo a las 9:45 a.m.

Las siguientes tres platicas serán el Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes 18, 19 y 20 de Marzo en la Iglesia de 7:00 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

En esta Misión, el **Padre Kevin Joyce, Director de SpiritSite**, presentara el programa de los Doce Pasos como un medio de liberación de malos hábitos y de desarrollar relaciones humanas mas sanas y un encuentro con Dios mas profundo.

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.



VÍA CRUCIS

Les invitamos a vivir el Vía crucis todos los Viernes de Cuaresma en la Iglesia a las 7:00 de la noche. Acompañemos a Jesús en su camino hacia la cruz reflexionando su sacrificio de amor por nosotros!!

LECTURAS PARA LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Marzo 22, 2009

1 Samuel 16:1b-6-7,10-13a

Elíseos 5:8-14

Juan 9:1-41



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Youth Group



Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus is who

died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Youth group will meet in the Saint Francis, Common Room after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brandan Sanchez and the Gilroy High School choir for their upcoming concert at the Carnegie Hall.

Good job Gilroy High School!!!

Tahoe 2009 Retreat

Back to the Future

June 15 to June 19, 2009



Some scholarships are available.

Please pick up the application in the Parish Office.

For more information contact Aida Ericksson at 408.310.7353. or visit our website www.tahoe@dsj.org

SAINT JOSEPH FAMILY CENTER

Bring a bag for Saint Joe! Saint Joseph Family Center, SJFC, gladly accepts your CLEAN, gently used bags: paper or plastic, grocery or vegetable. We also need egg cartons. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Call Vicki at 842.6662 for more information.

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.

Bill Tomlin, June Evans, Javier Bolaños, Rigoberto Godinez, Jackie Beldon, Daniel Sanchez, Mariah Ball, Peggy Fry, Gilbert Vasquez, Becky Kaiser, Jerry Navarro, Gladys Keller, Marsha Velasco, Martha Sanchez, Marcia Linden, Charlotte Cimino, Baltazar Haro, Mary Silva, Phillip Gutierrez III, Caley Camarillo, Teresa Benavidez, Jose Rangel, Rosa Quiñones, Sue Sommer, Leonila Gutierrez, Jesse Hernandez, Jesse C. Suarez, Edna Monzon, Matthew Brown, Dan & Teresa Kuhn, Alissa Sandoval, Catherine Nieto, Fred Del Razo, Jesse Anaya, Consuelo Haro, Portia Bruton, Bill Blaettler, Andrew Scourbys, Victor and Anna Valdez.



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.

MARCH 2009

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

Mon	16	6:30 am	Peter Pham † John Dale †
		8:30 am	Fidel Ramirez †
Tues	17	6:30 am	Domenic Fortino (A) † John Brogna (A) †
		8:30 am	Catherine Nieto †
Wed	18	6:30 am	Nora Bucks †
		8:30 pm	Ellen McCarry †
		12:10 pm	Francisco Cupa (A) † Remedios Jimenez †
Thu	19	6:30 am	Joanne Tenaro † Jackelyn Cantara
		8:30 am	Laureano Vazquez † Matias Velazquez †
Fri	20	6:30 am	Robert Villalobos (A) †
		8:30 am	Madeline Furtado † Gloria Garcia †
Sat	21	8:30 am	Marion Steward † Geraldyn Simmons †

† 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 Ruben Chavarria, Sr. and Stella Castañeda.

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ST. MARY SCHOOL

OFFICE: (408) 842-2827

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(408) 847-2652



TARGET SUPPORTS SMS PROGRAMS

This past week the school received a check for \$354 from the Target Take Charge of Education Fundraising Program. Target donates up to 1% of purchases made using the REDcard when guests have specified St. Mary School on their credit card information. If you would like to find out how you can be a part of this program and support your parish school, visit Target.com/tcoe or phone 1.800.316.6142.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

You will find a lot of information about St. Mary School on the school's website, www.stmarygilroy.org. There is information about admission and registration for the 2009-10 school year, pictures and videos from recent activities, including last weekend's Auction, class pages, details on how you can contribute to school programs without spending a penny, and much more. Take a look and see why St. Mary School is a child's foundation for life.

22ND ANNUAL BLUE AND WHITE AUCTION—AN AMAZING EVENING!

For the first time in 20 years, the Auction came home to the St. Mary School Gym and what a sweet homecoming it was! Under the leadership of Catherine Lowney, "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" came out for a night of Western-themed fun. Starting with a lively Silent Auction in the school, guests moved to the gym for a delicious BBQ Dinner by Fire for Hire and a quick paced Live Auction. The school is grateful to donors, sponsors, attendees and the outstanding team of parent volunteers who created this magnificent evening to benefit our students and our school! Thank you for your support.



ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Make plans to attend the 16th Annual Alumni Tournament on Saturday, March 21st. Six teams of alumni players will vie for the coveted trophy held this year by the Class of 2005. Games begin at 8:00 a.m. with Consolation and Championship games scheduled from 12:30 p.m. Gate is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students with children under 6, free. Proceeds benefit the school's Endowment Fund.

CITIZENSHIP DAY

Catholic Charities will host a citizenship day this Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Rebekah Children's Services, 290 IOOF Ave, Gilroy. Orientation Sessions in Spanish will be at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., in English at 12:00 Noon. Orientation sessions include counseling and advice on the process of applying for citizenship, information on tutoring and language classes, and legal assessment. The fee for filing a citizenship application has increased dramatically, so we will have information available regarding "Saving for Citizenship," a match savings program through Opportunity Fund that can help pay for part of the Citizenship and Immigration Service's naturalization application filing fee.

Questions? Call Juan Gil Garcia, Catholic Charities Citizenship Services, at (408) 914-8337 or see the flyers at the doors of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Parish School of Religion

Religious Education families are continuing to donate to the Rice Bowl Project for the Parish. Thank you to all the children and the sharing of their stories of how they are collecting their "dollars" for this Lenten Service Project. Thank you to everyone for their generosity to this project.

Children in grades 3-8 will celebrate their Lenten Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All children who have already celebrated First Eucharist are required to attend this reconciliation prayer service which will include going to confession.

Parents are also invited to go to confession on this night with their children. Parents must remember that they are the "models of faith" for their children in raising them in the faith.

The Religious Education Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Please be sure to come and celebrate Mass with all families in our program. It is important for your children to come and celebrate their faith each week by coming to Mass. So many children in our program comment to me the "reasons" why they do not come to Mass. The Children's Choir will be singing at this Liturgy.

CONFIRMATION YEAR I

Confirmation



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All Candidates in Year I Confirmation Preparation will celebrate Reconciliation for Lent on Thursday,

March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All Candidates are required to attend this Prayer Service which will include going to Confession.

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LITURGY 847-5151

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Parents who are preparing their children for First Eucharist will have a Parent Preparation Session on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym of Saint Mary School. Children should be working on chapters 1-3 of their preparation books. Please call Barbara if you are not able to attend. Parents please remember to check your calendars for the First Eucharist Family Interviews which will take place on Saturday, March 21st and March 28th in the Parish Office. Children need to come to this interview with their parents.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Secular Carmelites are sponsoring a 40-Hour Adoration during Lent in the Chapel starting at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1st through 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5th. Lent is a great time to set aside 15 minutes, half hour or an hour to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for your own intentions and for the end of abortion. Adorers are especially needed for the late and mid-day hours. Sign up is available in front of the Chapel. For more information, please call Edita Cruz at 835-2918.



April 1st Wed – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

April 2nd Thurs – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 3rd Fri – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 4th Sat – 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

April 5th Sun – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



DONUT, ANYONE?

It is Friendship Sunday, Donut Day, sponsored by our Serra Club. Come to the gym after the Sunday morning Masses to learn more about the Serra Club over a tasty donut and steaming cup of Fair Trade coffee.

THE 12 STEPS TO SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS

Fr. Kevin Joyce preaches at all Masses March 28th and 29th.

Seminar schedule will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 1, 2 and 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In this Lenten series Father Kevin Joyce, Director of SpiritSite, will present the 12-step program as a way to liberate the human spirit for happy and healthy relationships and a deeper connection with God.



LECTORS

Your new schedules are in the Sunday Sacristy. Please pick one up. If I have your email, I can email your schedule. We also post it on our website:<http://stmaryparishgilroy.org> and you can check it there. Thanks for your faithful service!

MUSICIANS

We would love to expand each of our choirs. If you sing or play an instrument, contact Rose or Becki, 847.5151, for practice information. We especially need piano players and singers.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We will not use flowers in the Church during Lent, so if you are interested in donating flowers for Easter, we would be delighted. Easter falls on April 12th this year. Your gift of spring flowering plants or cut flowers are most welcome. We would love to have piles of orchids around our Easter altar. If you would like to donate flowering orchid plants, that would be wonderful!



LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

Eucharist is central to our Catholic worship. We all hear this and believe this, but what exactly does it mean? *Communion* comes from the same root as *community* and it means sharing with our group who hold the same core beliefs in *common*. The word *Eucharist*, from the Greek *Eucharistia*, means thanksgiving. Our Mass, our prayer, our celebration offer our thanksgiving to God. That's why we want to sing with joy, pray with fervor, and receive with reverence. God is the guest of honor!

Real presence is the heart of our celebration. Jesus tells us that to attain eternal life with him, to be reborn in the spirit, we must eat his body and drink his blood. Sounds icky? It was too much for some of Jesus' followers. But what about this: I will live in you and you in me. To be one with the One who saves us! We truly believe that at the consecration the bread and wine become the sacramental body and blood of Jesus. This becomes our path to true happiness and full life eternal.

Eucharist gives us food for the journey and Jesus assures us that he is with us, even to the end of time.

This Lent, come, eat and drink at communion. Come to Mass early and stay late. Then, go out to be Eucharist for our broken world.

Rose Barry, Liturgist

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