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St. Christopher Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 17, 2008



Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

Daily Mass - Monday-Saturday: 7:45 AM Praise Mass: 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM (English); 7:00 PM (Español)

Sunday Masses: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM (English)
12:00 PM & 2 PM (Español)

First Sunday of the Month Mass in Filipino 4:00 PM

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM, Holy Day Mass: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45 AM to 12:00 AM

Parish Mission Statement

We, the faithful of Saint Christopher Parish, animated by the GOOD NEWS of Christ and inspired by the Diocesan Vision, are called to grow as a RECONCILING MULTICULTURAL CHURCH.

Nosotros los fieles de la Parroquia, St. Christopher, animados por la BUENA NUEVA de Cristo e inspirados por la Visión Diocesana, estamos llamados a crecer como una IGLESIA RECONCILIADORA Y MULTICULTURAL.

Pastoral Council Co-chairs - Max Arzu 242-1002 and Julio Renteria 924-9651

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Worship Commission	
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Spanish - Pedro Perez	247-1407
Altar Servers Juan Lopez	415-6822
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Legión de María - Margarita Saldaña	243-1486
Unidos en Cristo - Jose & Catalina Sotelo	653-4803
Jóvenes Para Cristo - Anastasio Rodriguez	486-0303
La Salette Sto. Niño - Minda ChanLugay	924-2230
Grupo Resurreccion - Gloria Merlan	640-8906
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Alliance of Two Hearts - Lita Bravo	242-1158
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Faith Formation - Teresa Quirino	Ext. 114
RCIA - Alma Ruiz	Ext. 113
Baptisms, English - Veronica Alcala	Ext. 108
Bautizos, Español - Teresita Felix	Ext. 112
Quinceañera: Cita con Teresita Felix	Ext. 112
Marriage - Appointment with Priest 6 mos. prior	Ext. 108
Anointing of the Sick - By Appointment	Ext. 108
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This Week at St. Christopher

Time	Event or Meeting	Room
Sunday, February 17		
7:00Am 12:00pm	World Youth Day	East Hall & Kitchen)
8:00am 12:00pm	RCIA (Rooms 6, 1-4)	
5:00pm 10:00pm	African American Ministry	(Hall)
Monday, February 18		
4:00pm 6:00pm	Folklor Ballet Class	(West Hall)
5:30pm 6:30pm	Comedores Comp. Anon.	(East Hall)
7:00pm 9:00pm	Jovenes Para Cristo	(Rooms 1, 2, 3)
7:00pm 9:00pm	Unidos En Cristo	(Hall & Rm 4)
Tuesday, February 19		
9:30am 11:00am	English Bible Study	(Room 6)
4:00pm 5:30pm	Folklor Ballet Class	(West Hall)
4:30pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
6:30pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
7:30pm 9:00pm	English Bible Study	(Room 12)
Wednesday, February 20		
9:30am 11:00am	English Bible Study	(Room 6)
4:00pm 6:00pm	Folklor Ballet Class	(West Hall)
4:30pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
5:30pm 6:30pm	Comedores Comp. Anon.	(East Hall)
6:30pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
6:30pm 9:00pm	Eng Adult Confirmation Classes	(Room 6)
6:30pm 9:00pm	Spn. Adult Confirmation Classes	(Room 1)
Thursday, February 21		
9:00am 11:00am	Consagracion a Maria	(Room 12)
9:00am 12:00pm	OLOR/Rosary Makers	(East Hall)
10:00am 12:00pm	Spanish Bible Study	(Room 2)
4:30pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
6:30pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
7:00pm 9:00pm	Spanish Eucharist Minstr Mtg	(Conf Room)
Friday, February 22		
4:30pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
6:00pm 10:00pm	Lams of Christ	(West Hall)
7:00pm 8:30am	Encuentro Matrimonial	(Room 12)
7:00pm 9:00pm	Jovenes Caminando en Cristo	(East Hall)
7:00pm 9:00pm	Jovenes Para Cristo	(Rooms 1,2,3,4)
Saturday, February 23		
8:30am 12:00pm	Faith Formation Classes	(All Classrooms)
9:30am 5:00pm	Spn. Eucharist Retreat	(Hall)
1:00pm 5:00pm	El Shaddai	(Room 6)
Sunday, February 24		
7:00Am 1:00pm	Knights of Columbus	(East Hall & Kitchen)
8:00am 12:00pm	RCIA (Rooms 6, 1-4)	

Mass Intentions



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February 16, 2008	Intention	Requested by
5:30 p.m.	Al & Eleanor Hisker † Eduardo David †	Loving Family Loving Family
7:00 p.m.	Hernan Dario Munoz † Guadalupe Chavez Espinoza †	Loving Family Loving Family

February 17, 2008	Sunday	
7:00 a.m.	Charlotte, Marcus & Matt (Happy Birthday)	Loving Family
8:30 a.m.	Henry Nejal †	Loving Family
10:00 a.m.	People of St. Christopher	
12 Noon	Juan Casillas † Dora Ledezma †	Loving Family Loving Family
2:00 p.m.	Uvaldo Marin Carlin † Miguel Angel Romano †	Loving Family Loving Family
6:00 p.m.	Eduardo David †	Loving Family

Monday		
8 a.m.	Flor Lopez (Sp. Int)	Loving Family
7 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Maria Rivera

Tuesday		
8 a.m.	Hank Cantu †	Loving Friends
7 p.m.	Hernan Dario Munoz †	Loving Family

Wednesday		
8 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass	Jimenez Family
7 p.m.	St. Jude	Fe Daws

Thursday		
8 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Maria Rivera
7 p.m.	Frank / Jessica Alcalá (Sp. Int)	Loving Family

Friday		
8 a.m.	Korinna Alcalá (Sp. Int)	Loving Family
7 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Maria Rivera

Saturday		
8 a.m.	Elma Cardon † Lourdes Lomboy †	Loving Family Loving Family



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Presidents' Day
All parish offices including the food bank will be closed on Monday, February 18 for the holiday.

Todas las oficinas estaran cerradas el dia 18 de Febrero incluyendo en el Banco de Comida por ser dia Festivo.

SUNDAY OFFERING



February 10, 2008

Envelope Amt./Sobres	\$7,816.38
Plate Amt./Colecta General	<u>\$9,168.09</u>
Total	\$16,984.47

February 11, 2007

Envelope Amt./Sobres	\$5,970.07
Plate Amt./Colecta General	<u>\$8,517.51</u>
Total	\$14,487.58

Many thanks for your continued generosity

Don't forget! You must use your envelopes in order to receive a statement for your taxes at the end of each year. If you have a change of address, please notify the parish office! Thank you!

Pray for... *The sick of our parish*
Pat Brennan, Lyla Lampe, Roger Anderson, Ramon J. Grajeda, Barbara King, Catherine Bertino, Maria Zix, Jeannine Nadeau, Nelon Lobaton, Frank McGinnis, Ruth Canitales, Lola Toruno, Delia Querubin, Gilberta Castaneda, Betty Roberson, Marina Santiago, Margaret Santillan, Anastasia Moultrie, Trinidad Placido, Yolanda Holmes, Josephine Ramirez, Fely Eslava, Albertina Sanchez, Juanita Gurrola, Toussaint Williamson, Francisco Ramirez, Lorrena Romo, Barbara Jones, Dennis Sheahan, Juanita Dukes, Valerie DeLa Rosa, Ernie Barber, Malou Navarrete, Morris Duplessis, Genevieve Rodelo, Janet Donohue, Dominic Cusunamo, Jason Ninete, Brittney Rodriguez, Tom Noye, Sarah Vargas, Jr., Fr. Freddie Astudillo, Sarah Moreno, Gary Zeigler, Mimi Castillo, Barbara Gibson, Oradee Thidobeaux, Ron Benoit, Sara Moreno, Maria Mendosa, Mirca Aguirre Sanchez, Karen Mustain & Marsha Haas.

If you know of someone in our parish who is seriously ill, please call the office and ask for Dorothy at ext. 118 to have their name added to this list.

Those who have passed away during the past month

Melvin Werntz, Kenneth Van Hove, Jason Ninete, Marcos Ignacio Perez, Emilio Juarez, Theresa Johnson, Richard C. Sugden, George Pulsakowski, Hernan Munoz Diaz, Marcos Ignacio Perez & Jesus Peña.



Those who are serving in the military.

Carl Apilado, Andre, Jr. & William Duplessis, Keith McKay, Jr., Vanessa & Laurins Van Uffelen, Emily Solorio, Timothy, Edward & Carolyn Erb, Paul Duenas, Josh and Jake Kubarii, Roy Garcia, Selena McKay-Davis, Lynn J. Hemme, Carlos Esping, Jr. Arlene Cruz, John Duenas, Lilianna Miranda, Ernesto Cuellar, Revey Roberts, Jose Ramon Jr., Elbert Rosario, Eric W. Burkemper, Keith Lopez, Kyle Smit, Gerard & Michael Stiles, Ricardo Gutierrez & Christina Vasquez.

Please call the office and ask for Dorothy at ext. 118 to give the name of your loved one who is serving in the military.

Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the world; and for the military priest chaplains who bring the presence of Christ to the lives of our loved ones.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Holy People of God:

In our gospel today, Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray. While praying he transfigured before Peter, James and John, his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And the most significant scene during the moment of transfiguration was the revealing words of his Father: **"This is my beloved Son; LISTEN TO HIM."**



And today, Jesus invites us, not anymore Peter, James and John but you and me, all of us – not anymore in a mountain, but here in the table of the Eucharist. The table of the Eucharist is not anymore the mountain where the dramatic performance of Peter is played; it is now the sacred place where changing-images and transforming-hearts happen. It is now the mountain of hope where we meet the forgiving and loving God face to face.

If our heart of stone is slowly transformed into a heart of flesh, we can be transfigured as children of God and collectively transfigured as the body of Christ. This is so because God loves us! "God does not say, 'I love you, if...' There are no IFS in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love is from eternity to eternity..."

In another note, since we make the SUNDAYS of February 2008 as Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) Sundays, let us allow the spirit of TRANSFIGURATION to transform us as RENEWED STEWARDS of our TALENT, TIME and TREASURES. Let this week of the SECOND SUNDAY of LENT be a sacred time for you to reflect how much your hearts desire to pledge for our DDF. Any amount that you hearts' desire to generously give, big or small, is very much appreciated and it will surely add to the success of our 2008 DDF Campaign.

In this second week of LENT then, I would like to impart this "RENEWAL BLESSINGS" - from God to Abraham from the first reading of the book of Genesis, to you and your family:

"... I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you...
All the communities of the earth
shall find blessing in you."

So, are you ready to CHANGE and be TRANSFORMED? It's your move...

God bless you all!

Fr. Romy, MS



Readings for the Week

2-17-08 - 2-24-08

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Lecturas de la Semana

2-17-08 - 2-24-08

Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Lc 6:36-38
Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95(94); Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Rincón del Pastor

Querido Pueblo Bendito de Dios:

En nuestro Evangelio de hoy, Jesús llevó a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan y subió a la montaña a orar. Mientras lo hacía, Él se transfiguró delante de Pedro, de Santiago y de Juan, su faz resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras blancas como la luz. Y la escena más importante durante el momento de la transfiguración fueron las palabras reveladoras de Su Padre: “**Este es mi Hijo amado; ESCÚCHENLO.**”



Y hoy Jesús ya no invita más a Pedro, ni a Santiago ni a Juan sino a ustedes y a mí, a todos nosotros – ya no más en una montaña, sino aquí en la Mesa de la Eucaristía. La Mesa de la Eucaristía ya no es más la montaña donde se representa la interpretación dramática de Pedro; ésta es ahora el lugar sagrado donde se ven las imágenes cambiantes y los corazones transformadores. Ésta es ahora la montaña donde nos encontramos cara a cara con el Dios amante y que perdona.

Si nuestro corazón de piedra se transforma lentamente en un corazón de carne y hueso, nosotros podremos ser transfigurados como hijos de Dios y en grupo transfigurados como el cuerpo de Cristo. ¡Esto es posible porque Dios nos ama! “Dios no dice, ‘Yo te amo si...’ No existen CONDICIONES en el corazón de Dios. El amor de Dios hacia nosotros no depende de lo que hagamos o digamos, ni de nuestra apariencia ni inteligencia, ni de nuestro éxito o popularidad. El amor de Dios hacia nosotros existió antes de que naciéramos, y existirá aún después de que hayamos muerto. El amor de Dios perdura a través de los tiempos...”

Pasando a otro tema, puesto que hemos decidido que los DOMINGOS de Febrero de 2008 sean domingos del Fondo de Desarrollo Diocesano (DDF), permitamos que el espíritu de la TRANSFIGURACIÓN nos transforme en MAYORDOMOS RENOVADOS de nuestro TALENTO, TIEMPO y RECURSOS. Permitan que esta semana del SEGUNDO DOMINGO de CUARESMA sea tiempo sagrado para reflexionar en la cantidad que sus corazones deseen prometer al DDF. Cualquier cantidad que ustedes deseen dar generosamente, ya sea grande o pequeña, se les aprecia de verdad, y con toda seguridad contribuirá al éxito de nuestra Campaña del DDF del 2008.

Entonces en esta segunda semana de CUARESMA, me gustaría ofrecer a ustedes y a su familia estas “BENDICIONES DE RENOVACIÓN” – de Dios a Abram, de la primera lectura del libro de Génesis:

“... voy a bendecirte;
voy a hacerte famoso,
y serás una bendición para otros.
Bendeciré a los que te bendigan...
por medio de ti bendeciré a todas
las familias del mundo.”

Entonces, ¿están ustedes listos a CAMBIAR y a ser TRANSFORMADOS? De ustedes depende...

¡Que Dios les colme de bendiciones a todos!

Padre Romy, MS



St Christopher Benefit Drawing
Grand Prize: \$10,000.00
 Donation for one (1) ticket: \$100.00
 Only 500 tickets available.
 Drawing on February 24, 2008

**Please return all money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets to the ticket committee
on the weekend of February 16th and 17th.**

***Por favor entregue todo el dinero, los talones de boletos, y los boletos que no se vendieron
al comité de boletos en el fin de semana de 16 y 17 de Febrero.***



Parents and children who are in the second year of faith formation and receiving their First Communion this year will have their Eucharist Retreat on Sat., Feb. 16th, OR Feb. 23rd in English and Spanish at Domas Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 4pm. Children who have not taken nor passed the assessment will be taking it at end of the retreat.

There is also a N.E.T. Retreat for students in the 7th & 8th grade on Thursday, March 6 from 5 – 9pm. Registration forms and \$15 are due by Feb. 21.

Students should have brought home the registration forms three weeks ago. If you do not have a registration form you can come by the Faith Formation Office and fill one out. Dinner will be included for both retreats.

Catechists will be selling food on Saturdays in the month of February at Domas Hall to pay their expenses for the Religious Education Congress.



Padres y niños que están el segundo año de formación de fe y que van a hacer su primera comunión este año tendrán su Retiro de Eucaristía el sábado, 16 ó 23 de febrero en inglés y español en el Domas Hall, de 9:30 a.m. a 4pm. Los niños que no han tomado la evaluación o no la han pasado la tomarán al final del retiro

Habrà otro Retiro del grupo N.E.T. para los estudiantes de los grados 7 y 8, el jueves 6 de marzo de 5:00 a 9:00 p.m. Los formularios de inscripción y los \$15.00 se deben entregar para el día 21 de febrero.

Los estudiantes ya debieron haber llevado los formularios de inscripción a casa hace tres semanas. Si aún no tiene el formulario puede reclamarlo en la Oficina de Formación de Fe. Se incluye la alimentación para ambos retiros.

Las catequistas venderán comida los sábados del mes de febrero en el Domas Hall para pagar gastos para ir al Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

Faith Formation Opportunities in our Diocese

February 19, & 26, 2008, 7-8 PM Fr. Gregory Elder, Ph.D. (History Professor at Riverside Comm. College) *Classes on the Epistles of St. John*...Bring your Bibles! St. Adelaide's Parish Center 27457 E. Baseline, Highland, CA 92346

Knights of Columbus Weekly Bible Study Every **Wednesday** at 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Hall 1729 E. Base Line St (Cross St. is *Del Rosa*), San Bernardino

"What Makes Us Catholic?" – Adult Small Faith Community Every **Saturday** at 10:30-12:00 AM "Dove House" at St. Adelaide's Catholic Church (House west of church property) 27457 E. Baseline, Highland, CA 92346
Contact: Laurence Gonzaga (909) 645-9665

Join St. Christopher's African American Ministry as we Celebrate Black History Month

Today at the 6:00 pm Mass
Presider: Fr. Stephen Ayisu, S.V.D.,
St. Anthony Parish San Bernardino, CA

Homilist: Deacon Marvin Threatt
Holy Spirit Parish, San Diego, CA

Youth Desert Stomp, Hosted by Christ the King Youth Choir
Directed by Robin Dillard and Rhonda Malone
Christ The King Catholic Church, San Diego, CA

Join us directly after the 6:00 pm Mass in Domas Hall
Use your knowledge of God's Word
in the Bible Challenge to win up to \$100.

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Food and Refreshments during fellowship.

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Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses Monday through Friday
8 am & 7 pm

Way of the Cross:
All Fridays of Lent at 6:15 PM
followed by the regular Mass.



Programa de La Cuaresma

Misas Diarias de lunes a viernes
a las 8 am & 7 pm

Via Crucis:
Todos los viernes de cuaresma a
las 6:15 pm seguido por la Misa. (regular)

LOAVES AND FISHES

Your Liturgy & Small Faith Communities Corner
Isabel Marinay-Dion, D. Min.

BRIEF INSTRUCTION ON THE LITURGY!!! *We turn our brief instruction on the Liturgy to the Liturgical Year season of Lent.*

The popular response to the question about what is Lent among Catholics is that it is about giving up something. Is it giving up something for selfish reasons or giving up something to give something to someone? Thus I give up ice cream to be in solidarity with those who are deprived of it; or save the ice cream money to give to those need it most. **But is this really the meaning of Lent or is it one of the practices associated with it?** Let us look at how Lent began:



Historical Practice: How Lent developed!!!!

1st Century - The first century Christians met weekly for the Eucharist and baptism took place anytime. By the **2nd century**, Easter developed as a yearly practice and along with it came the practice of fasting one or two days before Easter. In the **3rd to 5th Centuries**, Baptism began to be celebrated on Easter Vigil. The 40 day Lenten practice developed because of the Catechumenate, (we call it RCIA these days) a process of preparing adults for baptism. In imitation of Jesus' forty day desert retreat, the 40 day Lenten practice is an intense period of preparation for the sacraments of Initiation that were celebrated on Easter. Vigil. *The focus of the forty days (Lent) was baptismal preparation.* There was also a dramatic development of the baptismal rituals: *The Rite of Election of the Catechumens marked the beginning of the forty days; other rites such as the scrutinies developed as well. (to be continued...)*

Art and Environment!!! The color used is red purple which symbolizes penance. The Vatican II Council Fathers restored Lent as a period of purification and enlightenment for the Elect, those preparing for baptism on Easter Vigil and for the baptized as well. We will light one candle for each Sunday of Lent, a reminder of our journey of purification and enlightenment as we prepare for the baptism of the Elect and prepare ourselves for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter. Together with the Elect we pray, fast, we give alms, spend this Lenten time doing penance; renewing our hearts and minds. Lent is truly a baptismal journey!



Upcoming Liturgies!!!

Feb. 24 - 3rd Sunday of Lent - First Scrutiny

NOTE: PLEASE NO FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING LENT. THANK YOU!!!

PANES Y PECES

Liturgia y Rincón de Pequeñas Comunidades de Fe
Isabel Marinay-Dion, D.Min

BREVE INSTRUCCIÓN DE LA LITURGIA!! *Cambiaremos nuestra breve instrucción sobre la Liturgia a la estación de Cuaresma del Año Litúrgico.*

Entre los católicos, la respuesta popular a la pregunta de qué es la Cuaresma es que ésta significa renunciar a algo. ¿Quiere esto decir renunciar a algo por razones egoístas o renunciar a algo para dar algo a alguien? Es así como yo renuncio al helado para solidarizarme con los que tengan que privarse de él; o ahorro el dinero del helado para dárselo a los más necesitados. **¿Pero es esto en realidad el significado de la Cuaresma, o es una de las costumbres asociadas con ella?** Examinemos la forma en que la Cuaresma comenzó:

Práctica Histórica: ¡El desarrollo de la Cuaresma!!!!

Primer Siglo - Durante el primer siglo los cristianos se reunieron semanalmente para la Eucaristía, y el bautismo se efectuó a cualquier momento. Hacia el **Segundo siglo**, la Pascua comenzó como práctica anual y junto con ella llegó la práctica del ayuno uno o dos días antes de Pascua. Entre siglos **tercero a quinto**, el Bautismo comenzó a celebrarse en la Vigilia de Pascua. La práctica de 40 días de Cuaresma se inició con el Catecumenado. (Hoy en día lo llamamos RCIA), un proceso de preparar a los adultos para el bautismo. Para imitar los 40 días en que Jesús se retiró al desierto, la práctica de 40 días de Cuaresma era un período intenso de preparación para los sacramentos de Iniciación que se celebraban en la Vigilia de Pascua. *El enfoque de los 40 días (Cuaresma) era la preparación bautismal.* También existía un desarrollo dramático de los ritos bautismales: *El Rito de Elección de los Catecúmenos marcaba el comienzo de los cuarenta días; otros ritos también se desarrollaron, tales como los escrutinios. (continuará...)*

¡Arte y Ambiente!!! El color que se usa es el rojo púrpura que simboliza penitencia. Los Padres del Concilio del Vaticano II restauraron la Cuaresma a un periodo de purificación e iluminación espiritual para los Electos, los que se preparaban para el bautismo en la Vigilia de Pascua, así como para los ya bautizados. Encenderemos un cirio por cada domingo de Cuaresma, para recordar nuestro viaje de purificación e iluminación, al prepararnos para el bautismo de los Electos y prepararnos para nuestra propia renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales en la Pascua. Junto con los Electos oramos, ayunamos, damos limosna y hacemos penitencia durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, renovando nuestros corazones y mentes. ¡La Cuaresma es en verdad un viaje bautismal!

¡Próximas Liturgias!!!

Feb. 24 - 3er Domingo de Cuaresma - Primer Escrutinio

NOTA: POR FAVOR, NO FLORES EN LA IGLESIA DURANTE LA CUARESMA. ¡GRACIAS!!!

Jose Alfredo Aguayo & Elia Morales are planning to be married at Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis in Nochistlan, Mexico. Please notify the parish office if you know of any reason why they should not be married.

Jose Alfredo Aguayo y Elia Morales están planeando casarse en Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis in Nochistlan, México. Por favor notifiquenos si usted sabe alguna razón por la cual no deberían contraer el matrimonio.



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Pictorial Directory Update

We have some wonderful pictures from the 50th Anniversary celebration of our parish with Bishop Barnes, that were added to our Directory. Many thanks to Jose Acierto for providing the beautiful pictures. Our first proof arrived from Busson's Photography last week. Corrections were made and the proof has been sent back to Busson's. We expect to receive a corrected proof in the near future. The next step will be that the Directories will be printed and then sent to the book binder. Since we feel having a hard cover for our 50th Anniversary Directories would make an even nicer directory, the committee decided that the extra 3 months of processing time would be worth the wait. We are at this time expecting the directories to be ready for distribution in about April or May. We apologize for the delay and thank you for your patience and support.

Informativo del Directorio fotográfico

La parroquia obtuvo unas fotografías maravillosas que fueron tomadas en la celebración del 50th aniversario y fueron agregadas al directorio. Un fuerte agradecimiento al Sr. Jose Acierto por las bellas fotos. Recibimos la primera muestra del directorio la semana pasada. Durante el repaso se hicieron algunas correcciones y el directorio fue mandado a Busson's. Esperamos recibir la muestra corregida en las próximas semanas. Después de que el directorio sea aprobado el próximo paso es mandarlo a la imprenta y enviado para ensamblar. Como se decidió que el directorio tuviera la cobertura fuerte para darle una mejor apariencia el proceso tomará 3 meses más de lo planeado. En este momento el tiempo proyectado para que el directorio este disponible es abril o mayo. Disculpen la molestia y agradecemos su paciencia y apoyo.

FOOD BANK NEWS

Thanks to the very generous parishioners of St. Christopher and St. Patrick's, our food bank was able to provide food to 128 families this week. Special thanks to Fiesta Foods, Ralph's & Val Verde Unified School District.

Thanks to everyone!



NOTICIAS DEL BANCO DE COMIDA

A todos los parroquianos de St. Christopher y St. Patrick, nuestro Banco de Comida tuvo la oportunidad de proveer alimentos a 128 familias la semana pasada.

Muchas gracias a Fiesta Foods, Ralph's & Val Verde Unified School District.

¡Gracias a todos!

A New Year's Resolution A Retreat at El Carmelo in Redlands



Women's Retreat
February 29 -
March 2, 2008.

For further information
please contact

Mary Kocian 242-5862
or Priscilla Grosso 247-8415.



Website: www.elcarmelo.org
Email: elcarmelo@juno.com



Resolución Para El Nuevo Año un Retiro en el Carmelo en Redlands.

Para Mujeres: Del 29 de febrero
a 2 de marzo del 2008. Para mayor

información puede
llamar, Mary Kocian al
242-5862
o Priscilla Grosso
al 247-8415.



The Diocesan Development Fund 2008

Last weekend we asked you to pray about the blessings you are called to share with your Catholic family. This weekend we asked you to put those prayers in to action by writing a check to support the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF). The DDF supports important programs like Vocations, Religious Education, and our Youth.

If you are still discerning about your gift amount, please consider the following questions:

1. How can I establish a deeper relationship with God?
2. Do I really believe that everything I am and everything I have is a gift from God?
3. Is what I give to the church enough to show how grateful I am for what God has given me?

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider the questions above and give generously.



El Fondo de Desarrollo Diocesano 2008

El fin de semana pasado, les pedimos que oraran en reflexión por las bendiciones que son llamados a compartir con su familia católica. Este fin de semana, les pedimos que pusieran esas oraciones en acción girando un cheque para apoyar el Fondo del Desarrollo Diocesano (DDF). El DDF apoya programas importantes como Vocaciones, Educación Religiosa y nuestros Jóvenes.

Si aún están discerniendo el monto de su donativo, por favor consideren las siguientes preguntas:

1. ¿Cómo puedo establecer una relación más profunda con Dios?
 2. ¿Creo realmente que todo lo que soy y todo lo que tengo es un regalo de Dios?
 3. ¿Lo que doy a la iglesia es suficiente para demostrar mi agradecimiento por lo que Dios me ha dado?
- Por favor rueguen al Espíritu Santo que les ilumine al considerar las preguntas de arriba y sean generosos en su donativo.



Welcome To Our Parish *Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia*

We would like to welcome the following families to the parish. These families have registered with the parish in the past week:



Queremos dar la bienvenida a las siguientes familias en la parroquia. Estas familias se han registrado en la parroquia en las pasadas semanas:

Virginia Corado, Cesar Alarcon, Fernando Sanabria, Rex Nichols, Alejandro Casique, Teresa M. Dumapias & Juan Carlos Gutierrez.

If you are new in our Parish, we extend to you a heartfelt WELCOME! If you have not as yet registered in our parish please fill out one of the registration forms located in the information center in the back of the church. Completed registration forms may be turned in to one of the offices or they may be dropped in the collection basket during Mass.

Si usted es nuevo en nuestra parroquia, nosotros les extendemos una BIENVENIDA de todo corazón. Si usted todavía no se ha registrado en nuestra parroquia favor de llenar una forma de registración localizadas en el centro de información a la entrada de nuestra iglesia. Después de llenarla puede devolverla a una de las oficinas o echarla en la canasta de la colecta después de la Misa.

Parish Registration Registro Parroquial

Welcome to St. Christopher Catholic Church! Please take a moment to complete the following form, if applicable, and return by mail or drop it in the Sunday collection basket.

Bienvenidos a la Parroquia St. Christopher! Para inscribirse como miembro de esta Iglesia llene esta forma y devuélvala por correo o deposítela en la canasta de la colecta dominical.

You will be registered only after a completed registration is returned to the parish.

Usted sera inscrito en esta parroquia una vez que hayamos recibido esta forma.

☐ I am new to the Parish/***Soy Nuevo a la parroquia***

☐ I am interested in becoming a Catholic/***Estoy interesado en hacerme Católico***

☐ I have moved; here is my new address/***me he mudado; esta es mi nueva dirección***

Name/***Nombre*** _____

Address/***Dirección*** _____

City/***Ciudad*** _____

Zip/***Código Postal*** _____

Telephone/***Teléfono*** _____