

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - January 2 - 7:30 AM
Alonzo & Rita Vargas --- Req. by their Family

Sunday - January 2 - 9:00 AM
The Chavez Family

Sunday - January 2 - 10:30 AM
Adain & David Poullanth, Wedding Intention --- Req. by Pat & Marge Kelley

Sunday - January 2 - 12:30 PM
Rosemary & George Anguiano & Family

Sunday - January 2 - 5:00 PM
Missa Pro Populo

Monday - January 3 - 6:30 AM
Holy Souls

Monday - January 3 - 8:00 AM
Tom & Wannee Edgington --- Req. by John Fedora

Tuesday - January 4 - 6:30 AM
Corinne & Ron Bondal & Family

Tuesday - January 4 - 8:00 AM
Angel Eduardo Gonzalez --- Req. by the Estanislao Family

Wednesday - January 5 - 6:30 AM
For the Living & Deceased members of the Leach & Bardash Families

Wednesday - January 5 - 8:00 AM
Nicholas Gonzalez --- Req. by the Estanislao Family

Thursday - January 6 - 6:30 AM
Diane Lise --- Req. by Velma Fernandes

Thursday - January 6 - 8:00 AM
Diego Gonzalez --- Req. by the Estanislao Family

Thursday - January 6 - 9:00 PM
Anthony, Eddie, Chris, Matthew Herrera & Family – Req. by their Mother

Friday - January 7 - 6:30 AM
+Juan Altamirano --- Req. by the Estanislao Family

Friday - January 7 - 8:00 AM
Living and Deceased Family members of the Chavez Family --- Req. by Dolores Chavez

Friday - January 7 - 7:00 PM
+Genoviva Obach, +Francisco Dayrit, +Siulina Mayol --- Req. by Moonyeen Hanner

Saturday - January 8 - 6:30 AM
+Nicolas Gonzales --- Req. by the Estanislao Family

CENACLES OF LIFE Come and join us as we pray for the Right to Life for all the children of the womb and to end abortion. Thank you.

INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Vanessa Vargas, Mother Lily, Marianne Ennis, Anita Hoth, Joyce Starks, Ray Cisneros, Lil Zachary Smith, Carol Cuellar, Darlene Wheat, Susie Hudson, Everett Hunt, Sylvia Todd, John Sherrett, Bill & Dorothy White, Peter & Barbara Halpin, Eugene Hackbarth, Michael Espalin, Christina Runge, Guillermo Aceituno, Robert & Marysia & Tyler Johnson, Gabriel Aguirre, Steve Espalin, Bentrina Johnson, Garrett Espalin, Charles Traynor, Mary Elizabeth Quan, Margaret and Gordon Goodrich, Miguel Vasquez Sr., Bobby Yingling, Robert McElhenney, Florence Groffredi, Josh Patton, Jennifer Caballero, JoAnne Doreen Agcaoili, Rebecca Cooke, Dolores Smoll, Jacey Noel Joyce, Shirley Ryan, Tim Kline, Arlene Bush, Frank Moreno, Ophelia Carmona, Rolando Bunao, Fr. Jim Williams, Mark Berquist, Jim Metzger, Cecilia Ordonez, Nenita De La Santo, Ana Floersch, Gisla Leonard, Ray & Pam Powers, Laurie Sousa, Mario Escobar, Bernadine McGregor, Bertha Arellana, Lydia Brown, Mary Gerardo, Karen Pimentel, John Dolly, Noah Portka, Theresa The, Dan Fredericks

INTENTIONS FOR THE DECEASED

Charles Kirkpatrick, Emilia Espejo, Albert Keys, Anthony R. Scalise, Gloria Valdez, Herculino Baca, Norman Lugo, Frank Zamora, Dorothy La Londe, Margaret Munoz, Nancy Media, Ken McGrath, Joseph Augustyn, Ronnie Pallares, Ian Griotte, Edward Murillo, Mark Portillo, John Fedora, Lucy Bonello, Kenneth Witmore, Donna Percy

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – Joseph’s obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel’s warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God’s will assures the best use of my talents, too!

CHOOSE LIFE – Pregnancy Hot Line (909) 985-0205

Becoming a voice for the child in the womb, and for the embryonic human being at risk of becoming a mere object of research, and for the neglected sick and elderly is one of many ways we can teach our fellow citizen that “The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure.” While critics want to portray the Church’s witness as a narrow and negative ideology, it is just the opposite: A positive vision of the dignity of each and every human being without exception, each loved equally by God and so equally deserving of our love and our nation’s respect. – Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Holy Mass with a Healing Service to Follow by Fr. Michael Barry at Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Father Michael Barry, SS.CC, and the Prayer Warriors will be holding a Holy Mass with a Healing Service afterward on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. (435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont, 91711). Holy Mass begins at 7:30 PM. Rosary and Divine Mercy begins at 6:35 PM. For more information, call 909-626-3596 or visit www.prayerintercessors.org.

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT—BY PICKING UP YOUR COLLECTION ENVELOPES!

We still have 370 envelopes left! The postage for these will cost the church over \$800! If you don’t need or want your collection envelopes please call the Parish Office at 909-390-0011. By calling you will help us to determine who wants to remain active on our Parishioner List. If you *do* want to pick up your envelopes they will be in the Parish Hall after Mass. Thank you and God Bless!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2011

Mass, the Joy of the Blessed Virgin

The Blessed Virgin is that blessed tabernacle in whom the Son of God was conceived, made man, and dwelt for nine months. Her Son is the divine Victim that we offer at Mass to the Eternal Father: to her, after God, we are indebted most for this divine Victim; for unless Mary had consented to become His Mother, Jesus would not have been born. Divine grace no doubt disposed her to acquiescence, but the act was not the less one of her own free unfettered will, an act which it was in her power to have refused, and by refusing to having thwarted the divine plans. Omnipotence might have arranged it otherwise; but as certainly as man has been redeemed by the Incarnation and Passion of Jesus, so surely did God make the whole depend, in the first instance, on the assent and cooperation of Mary. When He created the visible universe He said, “Fiat” —Let it be; and it was. When He wished to redeem the world, it was by a Fiat; but the word was uttered by the lips of Mary: “Fiat mihi secundum verbum tumm.” But why did God not act as before, without any intermediate agent—why did He make the execution of His Plans of mercy depend on the will and the word of feeble woman? No one can say, because He has not revealed the reason. We only know that so it is, and it is for us to accept the truth that after God we are most indebted to the Blessed Virgin for the coming of the holy Redeemer.

As by her word He became incarnate, so was He supported by her from day to day, as infants are by their mothers. He was nourished by her substance, watched and tended by her love, and closely associated with her at every step of His advancing years.

“After the days of Mary’s purification,” according to the law of Moses, “were accomplished,” says the Gospel, “they carried the divine Infant to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.” Here is a new and important instance of the agency of Mary. It was no empty ceremony, that offering and redemption of the infant Redeemer.

That offering was made by the hands of Mary. He lay in the hands of His Blessed Mother passive, and seemingly helpless, with no visible sign of His greatness, as He lies today in the hands of His priest. The Omnipotent had taken upon Himself our infirmity, had adopted our weakness; He could not walk, or stand, or speak. Mary must therefore sustain Him, and express for Him the interior longing desire of His Eternal love to offer Himself to His Father for man, which had as yet found in Him no voice to make itself known or to carry out its intentions. Beneath the form of an infant, there lay concealed a divine energy. That Child was the very Word that created the world; but the conditions of our humanity, within which His infinite love had circumscribed Him, imposed silence upon Him, reduced His power to feebleness and inaction. Mary was chosen among all the generations of mankind to stand forth in the plenitude of grace and power, to supply the means of action to the infant God, to become for the time being the voice of the Eternal Word.

She advanced along the aisles of the solemn temples, attended by Simeon and Anna and Joseph, to the place where the priest was waiting to receive her. She raised the Child in her arms, and with an overflowing heart surrendered Him to the representative of His heavenly Father on earth. The first and long-desired act of His sacrificed was accomplished. He was not hers any longer, but God’s—the victim of charity, ready to be immolated. Mary was made the great agent and minister of His will. Thus “they presented Him to the Lord” for the salvation of mankind.

As then after Jesus Christ no one ever suffered more for the salvation of mankind than did His Blessed Mother, so no one ever

more ardently desired to see the fruits of His life and death applied to those who were redeemed than she. For this reason we piously believe that it was at her request the Apostles said the first Mass soon after having received the Holy Ghost.

Why is it that the Mother of God is so desirous of, and delights so much in seeing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered? It is because she desires so much to see God the Father honored and worshipped in a manner worthy of His infinite greatness; because she wishes to see men reconciled with Him; because she wishes to obtain for us all the graces necessary for our salvation and sanctification; because she wishes that fitting thanks should be offered to Him for all the blessings and favors He has in an especial manner bestowed upon her and the saints and the whole human race. She understands that it is by the unbloody Sacrifice of the Mass that all these objects are accomplished. It is for this very reason that all the angels and saints of Heaven also rejoice exceedingly whenever the Holy Mass is being said. The Blessed Virgin knows that for the sake of the sacrifice of her Son upon the Cross, she was honored with the unspeakable privilege of being preserved from Original Sin; that to this sacrifice she is indebted for all the other graces and favors which are now hers in Heaven, and that the time of Mass, during which the Sacrifice of the Cross is renewed, is for her the time most favorable for obtaining every kind of blessing for men, but especially for her servants. Let us rest assured that we can never honor and praise her better, nor give her greater joy, than by having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up in her honor.

---The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, pg. 350-352

VIRTUS PRESENTATION FOR CCD STUDENTS

The VIRTUS Presentation is **REQUIRED** for all CCD students enrolled in the 2010-2011 Religious Education year. Presentations will take place on Sat., Jan. 22nd and Sun., Jan. 23rd. Please arrange for your child to attend the grade appropriate session on Saturday **OR** Sunday. **NO MAKE UP SESSION WILL BE PROVIDED.** The times for Sat. and Sun. are as follows:

Grade 1-3: 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Grade 4-6: 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Grade 7-9: 11:00 AM – Noon.

Grade 10-11: Presentations will be held during class at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 23rd.

Due to the number of children expected, seating is provided ONLY for the students. Please plan to wait while the presentation is made, no other supervision will be provided. If you have any questions, please leave a brief message with your contact information at 909-390-6364. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RECORDS UPDATE – FEBRUARY

As a member of the following groups, **Clergy, Employee or Volunteer in any position**, you are *required* to sign your forms regarding your training for SAFE Environment Policy for the Protection of Children, Code of Pastoral Conduct and Mandated Reporter. **Please stop by the Parish Hall on any Sunday between 9:00 AM and Noon during the Month of February to sign your required forms and to find out if you need to renew your background check and fingerprinting.** If you have any questions, please leave a brief message with your contact information at 909-390-6364.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 4TH

Due to the Christmas Holiday and the Solemnity of Mary, the San Secondo d’Asti Parish Office will be closed through January 3rd and will reopen on January 4th.