

December 30, 2007,
Feast of the Holy Family

Let
the word
of Christ
dwell
in you



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Question of the Week

St Paul calls Love, “the bond of perfection” between Catholic Christians.

How can you bring forgiveness, understanding, and holiness to your family, to exemplify the Holy Family?

Parish Web Site - www.presentationparish.org
School Web Site - www.presentationsschool.net

*Intentions
For the Week*

Monday, December 31, 2007

Masses 6:30 am, 8:00 am

6:30 pm

Sharon Hopkins (D) Judy Wright

Tuesday, January 1, 2008, New Years

Day, Masses 8:00 am, 10:30 AM

Wednesday January 2, 2008

6:30 am

John McCarthy (D) Kay McCarthy

8:00 am

Hal & Bill Cates (D) Family

Thursday, January 3, 2008

6:30 am

Tim Durnan Sr. (D) Tim Durnan Jr.

8:00 am

Joseph Mc Ternan (D) Melba & Dave Fiscus

Friday, January 4, 2008

6:30 am

Eleanor Corker (D) Tim Durnan Jr.

8:00 am

Charles & Mary Olson (D) Kay McCarthy

Saturday, January 5, 2008

8:30am

Joan Quinn (D) Kay McCarthy

5:30 pm

Jerry Farmer (D) Elsie Farmer
Alexander Serafin (D) Jean Serafin

Sunday, January 6, 2008

8:00a m

Marge Miller (D) Carle & Rose DiCapo

10:30 am

Joseph McTernan (D) Family

4:30 pm

Carmen Quiroga (L) Frech Fam.

Weekly Offering

December 23, 2007

\$6,388

Christmas

\$17,582

Thank you very much

What's Going On

...in the Parish

Stewardship Opportunities – Just an hour a month can make a huge difference! Take (and keep) a New Year's Resolution to support **your** Parish. Please consider yourself to serve our parish in any of the many ministries, call the rectory: 482-7441

Junior Bulletins If your children attend Mass or Children's Church make sure they take one of our age targeted bulletins home with them.

...Save The Date

Jan 30, Kings Presentation School Night Out, by Booster Club Contact Wendi 486-3763 for info

Feb 2 - 34th Annual Crab Feed & Auction. Tickets \$50 sales begin Dec 1 after Mass.

...in the School

Christmas Vacation, Dec 24 to Jan 4

Don't forget to purchase **SCRIP** (gift cards). Contact any student, or after Sun Mass

Jan 26, HS Placement Test Sat, 8-12:15

Christian Bros 733-3690

Jesuit 482-6060 x 227

Loretto 482-7793 x103

St Francis 452-3461 x195

Cristo Rey 733-2660x2004

...Respect Life

Jan 19, 4th Annual Walk for Life, San Francisco, bus from Presentation. Call Paula at 485-7287 or Peggy at 531 2121.

...Youth 2000

Jan 11- 13, Youth (ages 13-30), responding to the call of Pope John Paul II to live and proclaim the Gospel, are invited to a Youth 2000 Retreat hosted by Greater Redding Area Catholic Youth Ministry, at Bishop Quinn HS in Palo Cedro, CA call (530) 524-2970 for more information

...Helping Hands

Jan 2, Meeting, Wed, 10am Nano Nagle

... Advent Giving Tree

Thank you! The outpouring of your giving hearts to those less fortunate has left us speechless. St. Vincent de Paul, WIND, and Wellspring, thank you. From the bottom of our hearts the committee thanks you. Your generosity touches us al. GOD BLESS each and every one of you!

I especially thank committee members who worked so hard in making the ornaments, setting up and decorating the trees and every one that loaded and delivered several car loads of gifts to WIND and Wellspring. All of your work is what makes this ministry so worthwhile. Thank you and God Bless You!

...Marriage Help?

Preparation: Ed & Mollie 205-3207
Improvement and enhancement: Raul & Gayla Pnce (866) 825-2046
Troubled and renewal: Fred & Barbara (800) 283-5952

...Parish Religious Education

Classes will resume on Jan 6th. A Blessed Christmas season to one and all.

...Children's Church

Children's Church Christmas Vacation Dec 22 to Jan 6, 2008

...School of Faith

Do you Yearn to Understand more about Human Formation? Jan 7- April 30, 2008, Monday 6:30-8:45 pm \$40 + \$10 Register with Barbara at 481-4771

Jan 17, Discovering the Missing "Peace" The Presentation Pastoral Council Adult Outreach Committee invites all women of the Parish community to a special evening of spiritual enrichment! Thu 7-8:45 pm Chapel, Register with Barbara Fay at the Rectory 481-7441 or Paul Friedrich at 359-5062

...Adult Education In the Diocese

Jan 31, "By Hope We Were Saved" – Rom 8:24 7-9pm Pastoral Center - \$10 Call 733-0123 to register

Religious Education at OLA, check out our web site

An Afternoon with Jeff Cavins
January 13, 2008

Psychology and Religion - The Jungian Model

It's strengths and weaknesses four Wednesdays starting February 13, 2008

Retreats, take the opportunity to learn more about our religion and beliefs at the following Retreat Centers. Go on-line or call for lists of offerings

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 (916) 725-4720 Phone, (916) 725-4812 Fax

www.Passionist.org/retreats/christtheking

San Damiano

P.O. Box 767, Danville, CA 94526 (925) 837-9141 Phone, (925) 837-0522 Fax

<http://www.sandamiano.org/>

Mercy Center

535 Sacramento St., Auburn, CA 95603 (530) 887-2019

info@mercyCenter.org

Additional Adult Faith formation Opportunities in the Diocese – Call Sharon Laitinen, Coordinator for English Catechesis (916) 733-0153

Let's Talk: Heart to Heart

Usually the end of the civil year creates an occasion for summarizing the events and achievements of that year.

So, in the year of 2007 we put a new roof on our church facility. The bid was very good: \$60,000.00. Other projects such as fixing the gym's floor and putting a new roof on Nano Nagle and the rectory building have been put on hold for a while.

This year brought a lot of changes in our parish school, the primary one being a new principal, Mr. Charles Suarez, who faced real financial difficulties that led to significant changes. Now the school has a better ability to achieve their goals.

In the area of religious education ministry, faith formation and sacramental participation, the numbers are as follows: 24 persons were baptized, among them: the cradle babes, older children and the adults from RCIA. 35 children of second grade from the school and Sunday's religious education received First Holy Communion that preceded First Confession. 33 youth from the eighth grade were confirmed by Bishop Joseph Madera in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We have 208 children in the School, 110 in Sunday's Catechetical Classes, 19 in the Pre-School and a varying number in the Sunday's Children Church. On the Sunday evening Youth gatherings we have 5 to 7 High School students who participate. In RCIA (Wednesdays) we have 9 persons enrolled in the classes. School of Faith (Mondays) works with around 25 parishioners and a few non-parishioners. On the workshop style retreats there are average of 20 parishioners on each retreat.

On the area of prayer and charity: this year has been the first year of activity of the Divine Mercy Ministry with around 32 parishioners who pray daily in the prayer line style for those who are dying, who died and for those whom they were asked to pray for. There are around 10 in the Rosary circle and 10 in Charismatic group. The numbers above show the organized groups.

Helping Hands suffers a shortage of volunteers. There are only 17 who are able to help in this ministry. Saint Vincent dePaul's Feed the Hungry program and the Food Closet works with up to 30 parishioners who weekly help feed up to 100 families. However, more volunteers are needed for the Saturday morning Feed the Hungry Program The Bereavement Society needs more parishioners when they are asked to prepare reception after a funeral. The Legion of Mary with 9 members and 100 auxiliary members offer strong support and help in visiting the sick and bringing them Holy Communion. On a weekly basis there are more than 100 sick people to whom the religious and spiritual ministries are offered. 68 parishioners received the Sacrament of the Sick from the parish priests.

This year we have had 10 funerals. We said "Good Bye" to: Thomas Nuxoll, Gloria Dooley, Carolyn Serafin, Cathy Hill, Tillie Storelli, Hugh McDonald, John Sertic, Rita Hodhkins, John Friel, Baldamar Martinez, Father Tony Gurnell.

On the New Year 2008 I'm praying, as in other years, that we'll be able to go more fully toward completing Jesus' expectations, His desires and the Father's designs in our Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. May God bless us in the New 2008 Year.

God Bless --Fr. Andrew

Christmas Continues...2007

On this 6th Day of Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the final Sunday of calendar year 2007. 2007 has included a great degree of priestly ministry despite the challenges of dealing with my kidney disease. As we continue our celebration of the Holy Birth of the Christ Child and affirm the primacy of the Holy Family in salvation history, let us honor our families and our community of believers, by the loving, caring, relationships we share throughout the year. Thank You the faith-filled People of God who comprise Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. It is a pleasure to serve you and to build on the many decades of collegiality and collaboration in this parish community. May God Bless your Families with Christmas Joy and New Year Happiness.....

Peace + Prayers, Fr. Troy



Pray For the sick in our community, especially,

Crystal Aguilar, Congetta Andreozzi, Leonard Bencken, Lois Billings, Joy Bissell, Danielle Carpenter,

Kathleen Chibnik, Polly Cooper, Edith Costa, Sheila Cox, Michelle Devincenzi, Tom Dooley, DeAnn Dunnigan, Rose Flowers, Dan French, Bud Golsong, Laura Grombach, Lucille Gruenwald, Josephine Holman, Eleanor Johnson, Nancy Junglas, Kimberly Kaufman, Melissa Keis, Bryce Leach, Joe Lease, Jack Lee, Guy Leggitt, Sal Lopez, Jeanette Marquardson, Rose Mauro, Jason Martinez, Desiree Mendoza, Nancy Moniz, Coquie Otterbine, Marge Pandorf, Maryn Porter, Fr. Troy Powers, Edna and Robbie Proaps, Margaret Rahn, Celia Ramos, Marianne Redmond, John Rochon, Bruce Sauer, Barbara Scott, Dave Scott, Jean Serafin, Bob Shirley, Jack Smith, Colin Soucy, Phyllis Steele, Benjamin Trickitt, Paul Van Coutren, Barry Whittlesey, and Katheryne Walton

...Parish (Holiday) Schedule

Mon, Dec 31, Masses 6:30, 8:00 am, 6:30 pm

Tues, Jan. 1, New Years Day
Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am

Wed, Jan. 2, Masses 6:30 and 8:00 am

10:00am Helping Hands Meeting

Thurs, Jan. 3, Masses 6:30 and 8:00 am

5:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:00pm Habits (Youth Group)

7:00pm Parish Council

Fri, Jan. 4, Masses 6:30am and 8:00am

Sat, Jan. 5, Masses 8:30am & 5:30 pm

8:00am -1pm Feed the Hungry

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4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun, Jan. 6, Epiphany Masses
Family Mass 10:30am Youth Mass

4:30pm

9:00am Children's Religious Education classes

10:30am Children's Church

4:30pm Habits (Youth Group)

Happy New Year!

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