

4th Sunday of Advent

The Christian image of Messiah is rooted both in the majestic power of God and the fragility of human form, and always the thread that binds the two is the sense of relationship - the relationship between Jesus and God along with the relationship between Jesus and humanity. Jesus could not have been truly human and truly divine had he isolated himself either from the Creator or from the human family. Only by identifying with both realities could he be whole. Mary of Nazareth is often portrayed as the "model Christian" because of her willingness to enter into a special relationship with God as the mother of the Son. Her life is the perfect example of interaction between the human and divine dimensions of being. While none of us can expect to have the same intimate relationship with God as Mary, all of us are called to witness our belief that the Incarnation has bound us for all time - both to God and to one another. (Journey of Faith)

How would your relationship with God be changed if God had not chosen to become human in the form of Jesus of Nazareth?

2010 Retreats March 26th - 28th Offered in English & Spanish Rachel's Vineyard Retreats For Healing After Abortion

Weekend retreats are offered to any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief. There are many exercises to help you grieve the loss of your unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness. The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Please Pray for our Military away from home on the holidays

Richard Dawson, Raul Ilizaliturri, Alex Boyce, L. Hart, Shaun Boyce, Robby & Christina Preston, Jason Putney, Jared Adams, James Rohland, Keith Ellison, Anthony Hebert, Santiago Saucedo, Edward Clark III, Patrick Lee, Josh West, Nicholas Vandegriffe, Ashleigh Howard, Adam Kelly, Michael Manuel Rolando Reyes, Kim Duarte, Adrian Perez, Nestor Canales, Sarah Hellam, Levi Dejarrett, Michael Sartin M. Pringle and Steven Dal Porto.



The Year of the Priest Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Honoring the Clergy of the Valley
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10991
and Holy Spirit
Monday, January 18, 2010
5:00 pm at Holy Spirit Parish
\$3.00 adult/ or \$7.50 for a family of four
No tickets sold at the door
Tickets available after the first of the New Year.

A Blessed Christmas to All



*Eternal Light
shine forth into the hearts
of all nations
that peace and justice
might flourish.*

*May the Light of faith be our strength,
our joy, our hope and our peace in the coming year.
May God's Light surround you and
your love ones this Christmas.*

Wishing you God's riches blessing in
this season of Grace.

Fr. Jerry, Joyce and the Parish Staff



The Poinsettia Legend

Perhaps no other plant is as closely tied to Christmas as the poinsettia. It was named for an early United States ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett, who carried the Central American plant home to South Carolina over two century ago.

But how did this Flower of the Holy night come to Mexico? On Christmas Eve it was custom to offer gift to the infant in the manger. A poor child had no money to buy a present, instead plucked some roadside weeds and laid them on the altar with love. So pure and fervent was her faith that the dry brown weeds were miraculously transformed into gorgeous red and green foliage. Thus, even the most humble of gift becomes a priceless treasure.

During the 17th century, Franciscan priests were the first to use the plant at Christmas.

Readings for the week December 20, 2009

Monday: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16/Lk 1:67-79
 Friday:
 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/Mt 1:1-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Next
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love

Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm Mass
 7:30 am Mass John Allison †
 9:00 am Mass Parish People
 11:00 am Mass John Allison †

Weekly CalendarMonday, December 21

Parish Office Closed

No Confirmation

Tuesday, December 22

8:15 - Communion Service

No Faith Formation

No Spirituality Sessions - (resume January 5)

No Bereavement - (resume January 5)

No Spanish Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 23**8:15 am Mass - Ann Wonka †**

No Faith Formation

6:15 pm. English Prayer group

Thursday, December 24**Mass - 5:00 pm & Midnight**Friday, December 25**Mass - 9:00 am Spanish - 11:00 am English****Faith Formation Corner**

Faith Formation is on vacation until the week of January 3rd. **Attention Parents:** Eucharist Session will start on: **January 7, 2010 at 5:30 pm.** Parents & Child must attend.

Christmas Liturgies

December 24 - 5:00 pm & Midnight - Incense used

December 25 - 9:00 am Spanish & 11:00 am English

January 1st - 10:00 AM

No Eucharistic Adoration

Thank you for your contributions of tooth paste, brushes and soap. Our homeless friends have expressed their gratitude. These items were distributed through the Presbyterian church. Thank you from them to Holy Spirit Parish

Upcoming Diocesan Workshops*Saturday, January 9, 2010*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Lector - Ushers/Hospitality - Art & Environment.

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish. 41875 C St. Temecula, CA 92592. For more information call Office of Worship, 909-475-5333

Please pray for the Sick of Holy Spirit

L. Dochnal, J. Hameister, N. Gleissner, C. Snavely,

J. Linson M. Montello, U. Ortega, E. Estrada,
 L. Gomes, G. Lopez, J. Healey, E. Espinoza, G. Viso,
 R. Banuelos, M. Pino, C. Cruz, J. Rickard, V. Jones,
 R. McIntosh, J. Ellison, D. Burroughs, . Wunchel,
 M. SwTaning, P. Hawkins, J. & R. Green, R. Garcia,
 S. Davis, C. Swanson, R. Matillo, J. Terry, A. Day,
 G. Goubert, J. Terry, F. Torres, L Gomez, M. Pac,

J. Lawrance, C. Boyle, G. Logan, E. Stangel J. Rittenhouse,
 R. Doepke, A. Silvestre, B. Melchor, C. Martinez, L. Thiesen,
 J. Fisher, E. Reilley, A. Reyes, J. Thompson. H. Resongand,
 J. Taylor, I. Chechile, L. Oliva and R. Koehler

