

Family Values

Today's Good News on the first two readings, we find the family values that were treasured both in ancient Jewish culture and in the early Christian Church are the same values we hold today. Our modern culture, too, places these values at risk, as our family cohesiveness is attacked from all sides. School administrators complain that families do not support them in their efforts to educate our children. The police departments and the judicial systems cite deteriorating family structure as the number one cause for the escalating juvenile crime rate. Our churches, too, acknowledge the situation as they struggle to establish offices devoted to family life ministry. But the sad fact is that institutional church cannot replace the human bonding that is lacking within today's modern families. Rather, it is up to each member of the body of Christ to uphold the value of family in contemporary society. (Journey of Faith)

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 ticket sold at the door

Tickets available after the first of the New Year.

Women Mystics Retreat

February 27, 2010

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. Stephen's Retreat

9940 Royal Duke Court

Cherry Valley, CA 92223

A time for women and men to step aside and take a break from the hustle and bustle of life, spending time together learning about the significant influence women of the past can have on our lives in the 21st Century.

\$45 Until January 30. Please mail registrations to:
P.O.Box 426, Beaumont, CA 9223

Please Pray for our Military

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 Dejarnett, Michael Sartin M. Pringle and Steven Dal Porto.



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 richest blessings in
this season of Grace.

Fr. Jerry, Joyce and the Parish Staff

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

From 1558 to 1829, the Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. During this period, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in Eng-



land as a catechism song for young Catholics. The hidden meanings of the song's gifts were intended to help the children remember lessons of their faith. Instead of referring to an earthly suitor, the "true love" mentioned in the song refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents is symbolic of every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. The meaning of the other symbols are:

Two Turtle Doves - The Old and New Testaments

Three French Hen - Faith, Hope and Charity

Four Calling Birds - The Four Gospels

Five Golden Rings - The first five books of the Old Testament which give the history of the man's fall from grace.

Six Geese a Laying - The six days of creation

Seven Swans a Swimming - Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Eight Maids a Milking - The Eight Beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing - Nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

The Lords a leaping - The Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping - The eleven faithful disciples

Twelve Drummers Drumming - The twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

Readings for the week December 27, 2009

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4: 4 - 7/Lk 2: 16 - 21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22 - 28/ Jn 1: 19 - 28
 Next
 Sunday: Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore him!

Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm Mass Don Griffin †
 7:30 am Mass Parish People
 9:00 am Mass Casiana Patron †
 11:00 am Mass Samuel Levine †

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 28

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29

Parish Office Closed

8:15 - Communion Service

Wednesday, December 30

Parish Office Closed

8:15 am Communion Service

6:15 pm. English Prayer group

Thursday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

8:15 am Communion Service

Friday, January 1

Parish Office Closed **Happy New Year!**

Mass - 10:00 am - Holy Day

No Eucharistic Adoration



Thank you for your Christmas generosity. You brightened the lives of 109 children & Christmas Dinner was shared among 35 families. May this year bring hope & blessings to all in need.

Faith Formation Corner

Attention Parents: Eucharist Session will start on: **January 7, 2010 at 5:30 pm.** Parents & Child must attend.

**The Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 Justice for Immigrant Campaign**

Comprehensive immigration reform is to be considered by Congress in 2010. the Catholic Bishops have requested a nationwide postcard campaign that will begin in January 2010 supporting immigration reform that keeps families together, adopts humane enforcement polices and ensures that immigrants can begin a path toward citizenship. Please keep this social justice concern in your prayer. More information will come in January.

Ministry with Families of Gay and Lesbian Catholics

Our Lady of Assumption Church
 796 West 48th Street
 San Bernardino Ca 92407

Monthly 5 pm. Mass, followed by Potluck, 2nd Saturday of each month

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, 909-475-533

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, J. Lawrance, M. Pac, 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

