



FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!
Continuing with the catecheses on the Mass, we can ask ourselves: what essentially is the Mass? The Mass is the *memorial of Christ's Passover*. It makes us participants in his victory over sin and death, and gives full meaning to our life.

For this reason, to understand the value of the Mass, we must first understand the biblical significance of "memorial". It is "not merely the recollection of past events but makes them in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them" (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1363). Jesus Christ, with his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven brought the Passover to fulfillment. And the Mass is the memorial of his Passover, of his "exodus", which he carried out for us, so as to lead us out of slavery and introduce us to the promised land of eternal life. It is not merely a remembrance, no. It is more: it is making present what happened 20 centuries ago. The Eucharist always leads us to the pinnacle of the salvific action of God: the Lord Jesus, making himself Bread broken for us, pours out upon us his mercy and his love, as he did on the Cross, thus renewing our hearts, our existence and our way of relating to him and to our brothers and sisters. The Second Vatican Council said: "As often as the sacrifice of the cross[,] in which Christ our Passover was sacrificed, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on" (Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, 3).

Taken from the General Audience 11/22/17

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—12/8



Mass at St. Joseph's—9:00am
Mass at All Saints—5:30pm

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, Dec 4th St. Patrick's – Angels Camp 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec 5th St. Patrick's – Sonora 6:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 7th All Saints' – Twain Harte 3:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 13th St. Andrews – San Andreas 6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Once again we will adopt entire families this year for our Christmas Giving tree. Most of the families provided by Child Protective Services and Social Services of Tuolumne County.

Last year your generosity provided Christmas Joy to six families. **In addition, we were able to purchase gift certificates from Save Mart for each family to purchase their own Christmas dinner fare with funds provided by the Ladies Guild. Gift certificates will also be provided to the families this year.

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree. The colors designate a family unit. **When you have wrapped your gift, attach the ornament to the gift and bring it to the All Saints' Parish Hall no later than Sunday, December 16th.**

Questions??? Contact Jeanne MacNitt at 586-2541. Thank you!



RELIGIOUS FORMATION AND STUDY GROUPS

Religious Education—Children & Teens

Classes at All Saints—Registration is ongoing through the parish office. Forms are located in the vestibule at All Saints Church. All High School Teens are invited to Wednesday night "Teen Nights" at St. Patrick's, Sonora, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please contact DRE, Lina Marion at (805) 712-5762 for more information or see our website :www.omnsanct.org.

Adult Inquiry and Growth Classes

Do you or anyone you know want to know more about the Catholic Faith? These classes are for people who are just curious, people who might want to become Catholic or Catholics who want to know more about their faith. Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the All Saints' Parish Hall These classes will be preceded by a soup supper at 6:00pm.



Year Round Sunday Scripture Preparation

Are you understanding what God is telling you in the Sunday scripture readings? Sometimes when we hear the readings at Mass out of context, they are hard to understand. Come join your fellow parishioners and read the readings before going to Mass. There are two times available, Monday mornings at 11:00 am in the hall behind St. Joseph's Church and Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 pm in Cottage #3 at All Saints Church. Everyone is welcome drop-in whenever they can to either session.

For more information on the Adult RCIA Inquiry classes or Sunday Scripture Preparation groups, please contact Mary Leamy at 586-9351.



Monday Study Group.

Meets on Monday 5:30—7:00pm. Study group based on Scott Hahn's Studies: St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology www.stpaulcenter.com. Current Study: *A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture* that "explores the 'covenant love' God reveals to us through the Scriptures, and explains how God patiently reaches out to us to restore us into relationship with his divine Family." Contact Dan Garcia (209) 840-2644.

ST. JOSEPH'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER

St. Joseph's Guild will hold its Christmas Fund Raiser on all Sundays beginning Nov. 5th to Dec. 17th after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Josephs in Tuolumne. Items for sale include one-of-kind handmade ornaments (some with the year on them), gift boxes and a drawing for a free ornament. If personalized ornaments are wanted, contact Jean Vistica at (650) 676-7839 way ahead of time. There will be over 100 items to choose from!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you wish to make a donation toward Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please note that collection envelopes and collection baskets are available in the Hall and the back of St. Joseph's, and in the vestibule at All Saints.

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THE HOLY FATHERS' INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Weekly—To end abortion.

PARISH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Care Givers—Monday at 9:00am in the All Saints' Parish Hall

Parish Pantry—1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays, 10am to Noon. **ATCAA Food Bank**—3rd Tuesday 10:00—Noon. Both are located in Cottage #3 at All Saints' Church.

All Saints' Ladies Guild - Meets every other month on the 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.

Choir Practice—Tuesdays at 5:30pm at All Saints.

Order of Franciscan Seculars / Blessed Giles of Assisi—First Saturdays at 10:30am at All Saints' Church.

St. Joseph's Guild general monthly meeting—First Sunday after Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

St. Joseph's Coffee Sundays—Third Sunday of the month.

Turning Point Fellowship of AA meets Tues., 7:00pm in Cottage #4.

Keep it Simple Group of NA meets Wed., 6:30pm in Cottage #4.

~WEEKEND MASSES~

Saturday	5:30pm Vigil	All Saints
Sunday	9:00am	St. Joseph's
Sunday	11:00am	All Saints

~WEEK DAY MASSES~

Monday – Thursday	8:30am	All Saints
Friday	8:30am	St Joseph's

First Friday-8:30am St. Joseph's
First Saturday 8:30am All Saints

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:45 - 5:15pm at All Saints
Sunday: 7:45am at St Joseph
1st Saturdays following 8:30am Mass at All Saints

Office Hours: Monday -- Friday ~ 9:00am to 4:00pm
Phone 586-3161, Fax—586-3161

To arrange a visit for shut-in members of our community, please contact the Parish office.

Marriages & Baptisms by appointment—6 months notice for marriage

Contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 1-800-396-8777 and **Foothill Pregnancy Center** at 536-9262 for support before and after childbirth.

Project Rachel –1-800-396-8777 offers grief counseling and retreats for the loss of unborn children

Pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

Recently Deceased: Paula Melendez, George Morrison, Catherine Lemonnier Branch, Betty Romero, Herbert DeGrazia, Fr. Jairo Ramirez, Rose Steeley.

December Anniversaries: Roberta Hasemeier, Alphonse Bonales, Carlos Alomia, William Odgers, Maurice Notch, Theo Jansen, Dorothy Terzani, Mary Guidici, Flora Lamarra, Sue Noonan, Frank Distefino, Charles Harden, Bill Williams, Zelda Davis, Chuck Cuppet, Caroline O'Brien, Aurea Dunleavy, Douglas Rodgers, John Evans, Betty (Sandy) Buck, Ed & Della Noia, Bob Weseloh, Bernie Retchless, Art Sobrero, Jamie Neathery, Mark Nickel, Margaret Hart, Lola Newman, Jim Gisi, Muriel Joseph, Vera Kasher, Helen Kohl, Warren Sheppard, Pert Allen, Margaret Tello, Bapty Guidici, Don Fritz, Betty Lueder, Ken Laverone, Sr, Edie Adams., Dolores Orza, Connie Leonard, Don Brenon, Fr. Tony Chacko, Rose Blevins; Christina Payne, Harvey Wagner.

Pray for in Memoriam: Fr. George Lacey, Msgr. Thomas Hayes, Fr. Eshai Joseph, Fr. E. Donohoe, Dcn. Eddie Zoma, Don & Trudy Brenon.

If a name needs to be removed from "Pray for the Living", please contact the Parish office.

Pray for the Living: Tony Becker, Patricia Martin, Mary Mazotti, Pat Raven, Arlen Richardson, Kylie Richardson, Celia Romanski, Rosette Rumberger, Tim Schmidt, Gary Schneider, Marsha Tate, Alex Thomas, Susan Williams, Val Wynn, Walter Parsons, Melissa Mendez, Lois McLain, Leon Heinen, Christine Lamasney, Barbara Villaseñor, Mike Costa, Nancy Smith, Jessie Lee, Susan Sutton, Ricki Graham, Aggie Morrison, Lori Zimmanck, Alice Burdick, Josh Roun, Haley Karels, Chris Karels, Monica Scarborough, the Lawrence twins, Kelly Cheveres, Greg Hendrickson, Bob Wright, Joseph Murtagh, Sally Scott, Carla Walker, Theresa Hairé, Gloria Escallier, Michael Turner, Tom Archer, Lila Connant, Mary Henderson Controis, Karl Vargas, Tara Ingalls-Thompson, Charlie Hyde, Nicole Lemos, Pat Johnson, Bill Ruiz, Cathi Ruiz, Jeanine Cornett, Mark Cimoli, Linda Seymour, Jerry MacNitt, Joe Freitas, Kathy Casas, Barbara Gleason, Mike Snyder, Dekker Plummer, Mike Schirmer, Phyllis DeHerrera, Trudy and Patrick Franco, Lucy Cisneros, Linda Snyder, Maria Johnson.