

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

Three Missions

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.



This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “out-ranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Pastoral Council

Three of the nine members of Pastoral Council will be completing their terms in March 2017, leaving three spots open on the Council that will need to be filled by parishioners willing to volunteer. The Council meets on the first Sunday of the month after 9:00 am Mass, and is advisory to the pastor. If you are interested please contact Fr. Mark.



Men’s Club

The Men’s Club will meet for their first meeting of 2017 this Tues., Jan. 17th, at 6:00 pm in the hall. All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Please pray for: Tommye Brennan, Roy Hammond, Alice Blankenship, Kelly Martinez, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Abel Martinez, Rita Brooks, Randy Brown, Irene Hammond, Todd Kasulka, Jerry Collins, Althea Soto.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

Masses for the Week



(Jan. 14-20)
Sat., 5:00 pm- +Christine Rodriguez
Int. Manders Family
Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Althea Soto
+Mollie Rankin
Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- Int. Sick & Homebound
Thurs., 9:00 am- Int. Jerry Reynolds
Fri., 9:00 am- Leaders in Our Nation

Women’s Retreat

St. Timothy’s Church in Morro Bay invites you to an Ecumenical Women’s Day of Retreat on Feb. 25th, 8:30 am-1:30 pm in their parish hall. Registration of \$25 includes lunch, morning refreshments and handouts. To register call Mary at 772-7388. Please register by Feb. 18th. Plan to attend this relaxing and enjoyable pre-Lenten retreat called “God Dethroned” with presenter Lorianne Schwenk of St. Paul’s Episcopal in Cambria.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection 1/7-8: \$2,879.00

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Schedule a Mass Intention

It is a long-standing tradition in our Church to have a Mass celebrated for the repose of the souls or intentions of our loved ones. Masses can be offered for many occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, healing, thanksgiving, etc. Please stop by the parish office to schedule Masses.



Scripture Study

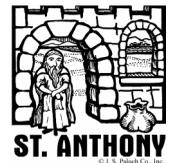
Consider participating in our scripture study group that meets each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the hall. We read and reflect on the upcoming weekend’s scriptures. Don’t miss this opportunity to enrich your faith.

Marriage Encounter

As a married couple, how are we living out the good news? Do we live the world’s values or do we strive to live the values of the gospels. Are we kind, compassionate loving and forgiving with one another? Worldwide Marriage Encounter® will be presenting weekends on March 3-5, 2017 and May 5-7, 2017 at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information go to their website at centralcawwme.org.

St. Anthony– Jan. 17th

(251-356) Born into a wealthy Egyptian family, Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit.



He was well known for his holiness, wisdom, and asceticism. After years of solitude, he gathered those who had followed him into the first monastic community. He left his solitude only to go to Alexandria to encourage those being persecuted and to help Bishop Athanasius counteract Ariansim. May we share his desire to find Christ both in solitude and in community with others. (Living with Christ, Jan. 2017)