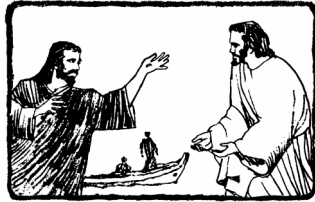


**Liberation and Reform**

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").



As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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**Charitable Giving Collection Next Weekend**



We received \$1,136.00 from our Charitable Giving collection on Oct. 30th. One half of this amount was distributed to our Youth Ministry Program. The other half was deposited into our Loaves and Fishes Charitable Giving Fund. Donations were made to ECHO Homeless Services in Atascadero, SLO Homeless Services, RISE Women's Shelter in SLO County and Martha's Place for children in SLO. Thank you for your continued generosity to this collection.

**Pastoral Council News**

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.



Prayer Request

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., Jerry Reynolds.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Jan. 21-27)

- Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. Sardis & Martha Hickam  
Int. Carol & Art Edis  
+Ramona Macias
- Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Harvey & Jennifer Smith  
+Tony & Kathryn Williams  
+James D. Kirby
- Sun., 6:00 pm +Angelica de la Riva  
+Adrian Gonzalez
- Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Wed., 9:00 am- Our Sick and Homebound
- Thurs., 9:00 am-Int. Jerry Reynolds
- Fri., 9:00 am- Our Military Men & Women

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Treat your valentine to a delicious brunch on Sun., Feb. 12th, at the Cambria Pines Lodge. This annual event is sponsored by the Men's Club. More details coming soon.



**Adults Looking to Grow in Faith**

Please join us each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the hall when we study the Sunday Mass readings. This is an on-going series, so you can come when you are able.

**IRS Donation Statements**

2016 donation statements for IRS purposes have been mailed out for those who gave electronically, used envelopes or loose checks. If you did not receive a statement and would like one, please contact the parish office.

**Monterey Diocese Anniversary Book in Parish Library**

Our parish library has two copies of a beautiful new book that has just been published to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our diocese. The book is called "*Grace Upon Grace: A History of the Diocese of Monterey in California*", and is a trove of photos and history. Please stop by the parish library to "check it out".



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**Catholic Estate & Personal Planning Seminar**

Many people have questions about Catholic Health Care Directives, cemetery and funeral planning, and estate planning. The Diocese of Monterey will offer a seminar at Old Mission Parish Hall in SLO on Tues., Feb. 7th, 6:00 pm to address these important topics. There will be no sales pitch: the goal is to assist families in making difficult decisions. Please register by calling Tom Hinga at (831) 645-2808 or email [thinga@dioceseofmonterey.org](mailto:thinga@dioceseofmonterey.org).

**Parish Offerings**

Plate Collection (1/14-15): \$2,378.00  
Aged & Infirm Clergy: \$1,296.00  
**God Bless You for Your Support!**

**Faith Formation**

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for those whose children will be receiving First Holy Communion in the Spring. This will take place on Thurs., Jan. 26th, at 6:00 pm in the church.