

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

Choice

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

Obey and teach
God's commandments



Pancake Breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast on Sun., Feb. 26th, from 9:00 am-11:00 am. The Santa Rosa Men's Club will sponsor the breakfast for the benefit of our Youth Confirmation program. Please join us for this great breakfast ending with a wine raffle featuring a bottle of Saxum Wine. (Winner need not be present.)

Women's Club News

Enjoy a salad luncheon and presentation on the country of Japan at our next Women's Club meeting on Tues., Feb. 14th, 11:30 am in the hall. Cambria resident, Lynne Singer, will speak about her recent trip to the beautiful island nation of Japan. Sign-up sheet located on the table near the church entrance. Hope to see you there!

Annual Ministries Appeal News

The AMA continues in our parish. As members of the Diocese of Monterey we are all encouraged to support the work of the Diocese by taking part in this Appeal. To date, 16 families in our parish have pledged a total of 4,472. Our goal set by the Diocese is \$12,900. Anything beyond that will be put toward our new stove and fan system in the hall. You can still make a pledge. Information on the Appeal and pledge envelopes are on the tables near the church entrance.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday World Marriage Day
Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;
Valentine's Day
Friday: The Seven Founders of the
Order of Servites

Mass Intentions for the Week

(Feb. 11-17)

Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. Roy & Irene Hammond
+Francisco Gonzalez
Sun., 9:00 am- +Michelle Ames
Int. Savage Bates
Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- Int. Ron Swierk
Thurs., 9:00 am- Int. Randy Brown
Fri., 9:00 am- Our Sick & Homebound

Please pray for our sick...

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, Lori Nunez.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Feb. 4/5): \$2,955.00
Facility Repairs: \$ 837.00

Thank You for Your Support!

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services

On the weekend of Feb. 25/26, we will welcome the ministry of Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) to our parish. After each Mass a representative from the Diocese of Monterey CFCS will speak about the emotional and financial benefits of planning ahead for end-of-life needs and the importance of honoring our Catholic funeral traditions. Please plan to stay around after Mass and take the opportunity to be informed about this important topic.

SAVE THE DATE : June 19-23

Maker Fun Factory

Imagine a World where curious kids become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. It'll be fun, spark creativity with interactive experiences, and teach a little science too.



We're looking for volunteers to transform our VBS into a week buzzing with excitement. Won't you help? Please contact the parish office at 927-4816 or Tala, jtromero@yahoo.com or Barbara, bcrowley_1@charter.net.

Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Thurs., Feb. 16th, 6:00 pm in the church for children who are having their First Reconciliation this spring.



May He Rest in Peace

Fr. Ray Roh, from the Monastery of the Risen Christ in SLO, past away last week. He has helped us many times in the past celebrating Masses and Reconciliation. Fr. Ray's Vigil will be Tues., Feb. 14th, at 6:30 pm and the Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wed. 2:00 pm. Both services at Nativity Parish in SLO. Please keep Fr. Ray and his family in your prayers.