

REFLECTION



“Mi casa es su casa,” “My home is your home,” is the greeting extended to visitors in many Hispanic households. The hospitality offered is boundless, as hosts outdo themselves in generosity, eager to share with guests everything they have. Most humbling is the way in which communities that have little more than tortillas, rice and beans as daily fare will find a way to add a bit of meat or other delicacies when guests are present, expending their last resources

to ensure the comfort of the visitor.

In some ways this example of persons who pour out themselves in generosity to others gives us a glimpse of the relationship among the persons of the Trinity and of their outpouring of love for us. In today’s Gospel reading Jesus has been speaking with his disciples about the Paraclete that will come when he departs. As he describes all that the Paraclete, the Spirit, will be and do, we recognize these as the very things that comprised Jesus’ person and mission. Jesus explains that the Spirit “will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” But what is Jesus’ is also what is the Father’s, as Jesus asserts, “Everything that the Father has is mine.” There is no “yours and mine,” in the God-head—only “ours,” as the three interweave in a communion of love in which there is no possessiveness.

Along with the lack of possessiveness that characterizes the Trinity, there are likewise no claims of priority. As the first reading asserts, Wisdom was present at the creation of the cosmos, at the side of the Creator as a skilled artisan. The opening verse is sometimes translated as, “The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways” (N.A.B. lectionary), reflecting the usual meaning of the Hebrew verb qana, “to acquire.” But here the context implies acquisition by birth so that the verse is better rendered, “The Lord created me at the beginning of his work” (N.R.S.V.) or “The Lord begot me, the firstborn of his ways” (revised N.A.B.).

The last part of the phrase is also ambiguous. The Hebrew reshit can signify temporal priority, “firstborn,” or it can connote excellence. The author of Colossians applies this expression, “the firstborn of creation,” to Christ (Col 1:15). There are also strong parallels between what is said of Wisdom in Proverbs 8 and what is said of the Logos in the prologue of the Gospel of John, so that Christ is understood as Wisdom incarnate, pre-existent one, participating in the work of the Creator. The Spirit, too, which hovered over the watery chaos at the beginning of creation (Gn 1:2), continues to be the revivifying force that engenders life in the post-resurrection experience of the disciples. All three persons of the Trinity existed from the beginning and interrelate as equal in being and function, creating, saving and enlivening all that exists. They invite us to replicate their nonpossessiveness in our relationships, recognizing that nothing I have is mine alone, but is “ours” for the common good.

The final verses of the reading from Proverbs capture the utter delight that characterizes the relationship among the members of the Trinity. Just as Wisdom was the Creator’s delight, so Wisdom finds delight in the human race and in playing on the surface of Earth. The holy three-in-one invites us to share in this playful delight, enjoying the freedom that comes from saying, “Everything I have is yours.”

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FAREWELL TO FATHER DAN

A farewell reception will be held for
Fr. Dan
after the Noon Mass next
Sunday, June 6th
in the
Parish Center
from
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Parishioners may drop in any time
during those hours to wish Fr. Dan
well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

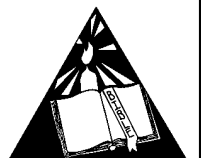


Notre Dame School is accepting applications for all grades. Forms are available in the school office. Notre Dame School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national/ethnic origin in admission policy or employment practices. For more information, call the school office at 447-1460, office hours: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Fellowship Feast
Honoring our priests and benefiting Notre Dame School
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
6:00 PM - No Host Bar
6:30 PM - Dinner
\$25.00 donation

Gathering will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Join us for Vespers at 5:30 PM at St. Mary's Church. Tickets are available at the St. Mary's Rectory or St. Joseph Parish Office. Contact St. Mary's Church at 448-2390 for more information.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Joseph Bible Study - First and Third
Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM in
the Church Meeting Room. Call the
Parish Office at 447-2354 for more in-
formation.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP - The local Vaca Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus trip to Reno on Saturday, June 5. The cost is only \$35 per person with \$15 back at the Silver Legacy. Call Ed and Flora Huestis at 449-1982 for additional information, reservations, and departure times.



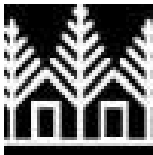
“Relay for Life” Cancer Walk Monies due June 16th

Team St. Joseph walker “donation” monies are due the weekend of June 12/13. Walkers or donors may also turn their monies or donations into the Office on or before June 14th. Checks should be made payable to The American Cancer Society. The ACS “Relay for Life” Cancer Walk in Vacaville is June 26/27 at the Vacaville High School Track beginning @ 9:00 a.m. Please join our team to walk with all of Vacaville on this incredible day of tribute, testimony and community effort to find a cure. If you are unable to walk with us you can offer your support by:

- Sponsoring our team with your donation. (Purple donation envelopes are available in the Narthex on the entry tables. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society.)
- Sponsor a luminary in memory of a loved one or in honor of a cancer survivor to be lit at the event’s evening ceremony.
- Help with checking our walkers in at the St. Joseph tent at the event.
- Pray without ceasing for cancer victims.

If you have questions regarding donation monies due or want to join St. Joseph’s Team, please call Donna Novak @ 447-6797 or sign up online @: www.RelayForLife.org/VacavilleCA team name: St. Joseph.

CAMP PENDOLA the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2010 summer season. This year, the traditional summer camp program will be celebrating 51 years of serving children and youth ages 6-17. Campers are encouraged to live in, understand, and respect the wonders and beauty of the world around them. For more information and registration materials, check out our web site www.pendola.org or call at 916-PEN-DOLA (736-3652).



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FOOD LOCKER COLLECTION - The monthly food collection for St. Mary’s Food Locker will take place on the weekend of June 12-13. Items needed include: boxed cereals, individual packaged oatmeal, peanut butter, “meal in a can” canned goods such as canned chili, ravioli, or soups. Please no glass containers. Please remember those less fortunate in our community.



Prayer Line - If you have a prayer request, please contact the Parish Office at 447-2354.

2010 Graduates - St. Joseph would like to acknowledge the members of our parish who are graduating from high school & college this year. Contact the Parish Office at 447-2354 before June 9 with the graduate’s name, school, and if college, degree received.



FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Open Enrollment for new students, Kindergarten through 8th Grade begins in July through September 15th. More information will be available in July.

Youth Group - There will be no Youth Group this Sunday due to Memorial Day Weekend. Enjoy the extra time off with your families.

Youths interested in helping serve dinner during the Relay for Life or make luminarias from 5-9 PM on June 26th, please contact Josephine for a form. Let’s help make a difference in the life of many who are suffering from this disease.



THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED FOR
MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 31ST

*We remember those who gave their
lives in service of our country.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Zep 3:14-18; (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Lk 1:39-56
 Tues. 2 Pt 3:12-15,17-18; Ps 90:2-4,10,14,16; Mk 12:13-17
 Wed. 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12; Ps 123:1-2; Mk 12:18-27
 Thurs. 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14; Mk 12:28-34
 Fri. 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157,160,161,165,166,168; Mk 12:35-37
 Sat. 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9,14-15,16-17,22; Mk 12:38-44
 Sun. Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 7:00 AM----- Int. of Espie Venal
 Tues. 7:00 AM -----Linda Fairchild, R.I.P.
 Wed. 8:15 AM-----Roger Day, R.I.P.
 Thurs. 7:00 AM----- Int. of Terry Fritzsche
 Fri. 7:00 AM ----- Naomi Dumuk, R.I.P.
 Sat. 8:15 AM -----Romeo Angeles, R.I.P.
 Sat. 5:00 PM ----- Manuel Mesa, R.I.P.
 Sun. 7:00 AM ----- Members of the Parish
 Sun. 8:30 AM -----Sick Members of the Parish
 Sun. 10:00 AM-----The Holy Souls
 Sun. 12:00 PM-----Vocations to the Priesthood