St. Joseph Parish and St. Patrick Mission

Diocese of Santa Rosa in California
Deanery Humboldt - Del Norte

Saint Joseph Parish
14th and N St.
Fortuna, CA 95540

Saint Patrick Mission
Park & Pershing Sts,
Loleta, CA 95551

Sunday, August 23, 2015
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Master, to whom shall we go?

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Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. (at St.Patrick's, Loleta)
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Domingo: 12:00 noon (Spanish)
Daily Mass
Redwood Memorial Hospital
Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon
Benediction and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday after noon Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15-4:45 or by appointment
Parish Office - Oficina Parroquial
2312 Newburg Rd.
Fortuna, CA 95540
Telephone: (707) 725-1148
FAX: (707) 725-1149
E-mail: stjosephchurch@suddenlink.net
Website: http://www.saintjoeparish.org
Office Hours:
9:30–11:45 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.
Horario de Oficina:
9:30–11:45 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. Lunes a Jueves
Parish Staff: Fr. Manuel Chavez, Pastor
Deacon Thomas Silva, Deacon Francisco Núñez
Deacon Abraham Castillo, Deacon Rafael Meraz
Secretary—Ginny Fox

RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The RCIA classes will be starting shortly. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, being baptized or being confirmed, please call the Parish Office at 725-1148 for more information. We will hold a Meet and Greet for all interested on Monday, August 24 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room. Classes will start on Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Lin Lincoln, Connie Quist, Buck Carroll, Don Peebles, Cori Brito, Frances Henry, Mary Salazar, Judith Pankratz, James Coleman, Phyllis Davy, Jace Halverson, Barbara Wilson, Andrew Nichols, Henry & Angie Silva, Alberta Johnson, Craig Jacob, Ruth Allen, John Wunderlich, Gina Dillard, Alice Kiler, Bernice McWhorter, Carol Palasek, Denise Anaya, Evie & Jerry Colivas, Milton Freitas, Amy Toroni.

From The Pastor's Desk

CCD REGISTRATION

Registration forms for CCD are available in the vestibule of the church. Classes will be, as in the past, a first year and a second year class in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion. A child must be 7 years or older, have completed the first year class and be able to read to enroll in the second year class. Classes will be offered in English or Spanish. If your child has made their First Holy Communion and you would like them to continue their religious education, please call Sally Barrows at 725-5918. If there is enough interest, we may offer other grades including kindergarten. Also, please call Sally if you are interested in teaching or being an aide. ***WE WILL HAVE A REGISTRATION DAY ON SUNDAY AUGUST 30 AFTER EACH MASS AT THE PAC***. Or, you may bring your questions and/or registrations to the parish office. A donation of $50 is suggested for each child, if possible. Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the registration form.

September 20—CCD classes begin in the PAC
11:15—12:15 - English
1:15—2:15—Spanish

Please make arrangements to pick up your child promptly after each class.
Fr. Manny

Information about Confirmation classes will be available soon.

"El Jardín de Guadalupe"

Necesitamos voluntarios que deseen participar en la comunidad del jardín y de la iglesia, para cultivar verduras.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Elizabeth Moreno si te interesa a (949) 423-9352. Elizabeth es un estudiante graduado en la Universidad Estatal de Humboldt y esto es parte de su tesis. Gracias por su cooperación.

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Aug. 16—$2847

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Sept. 6—Pantry Shelf
Sept. 13—Seminarians

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Week of Prayer

A coalition of religious and pro-life groups, headed by Priests For Life, announced that from Aug. 22-29,2015, they will lead a Week of Prayer to End the Evils of Planned Parenthood. Prayers and more information can be found at www.PrayerCampaign.org. There is also a form to sign for those who will be participating . We must storm heaven with our prayers to stop the cruel and painful destruction of the most defenseless human beings, unborn babies. Planned Parenthood makes millions selling body parts of the babies they have aborted. Please join us and pray for the protection of God's most precious gift to us, LIFE.

Gifts and Commitment

In the musical Fiddler on the Roof, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years ago, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Or was their marriage born of love? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still? We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reaffirmed and reminded. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life--a settled life. Would they be faithful? Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We know what it's like to give a gift and realize that it is not being accepted with the gratitude for which we had hoped. Today, we can see that Jesus has laid his life on the line. He was offering himself, himself as bread for the world. After the debate and his long discourse and patient--then urgent--insistence that they had heard him right, we pause. The crowd pauses. Everything hangs in the balance. Jesus waits. First, the adversaries drift away. This is no surprise. But then some of the followers turn away, too. And Jesus' words are more poignant than ever. He turns to the twelve and asks, "Do you also want to leave?" (John 6:67). This question is also set before us. Peter speaks for the Apostles: "You are the Holy One of God" (John 6:69). They have been with him for so long. They have experienced his deep humanity and touched the edge of what they discern to be divinity. The same eternal life is his gift freely and generously given. All we can do is receive this gift of life--or not. Jesus says, in effect, "Can you receive me as the bread of your life?" Can we shape our life around this Eucharist?

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22
5 p.m.
+Helga Houseworth
req by Winnie & Angelo Bettiga

Sunday, August 23
8 a.m.
+Angelo & Kathy Leonardi
req by Linda & Larry Biondini

REST IN PEACE
JEANNE EDWARDS

Jeanne's family would like you to know that she passed away of cancer on July 3 in San Jose. A memorial service will be held at St. Lucy's in Campbell at 1 p.m. on August 21. Cards may be sent to the family at the following address:

Kathy Anburg
1332 Peggy Ct.
Campbell, CA 95008-6342

Jeanne was very active in our parish for many years. May she enjoy Jesus' presence forever! Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to St. Joseph Parish? Moved or changed phone number? Please complete and drop in the collection basket or mail to St. Joseph Parish, 2312 Newburg Rd., Fortuna, CA 95540

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