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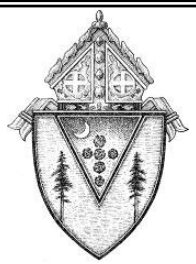

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Sunday, August 3, 2014
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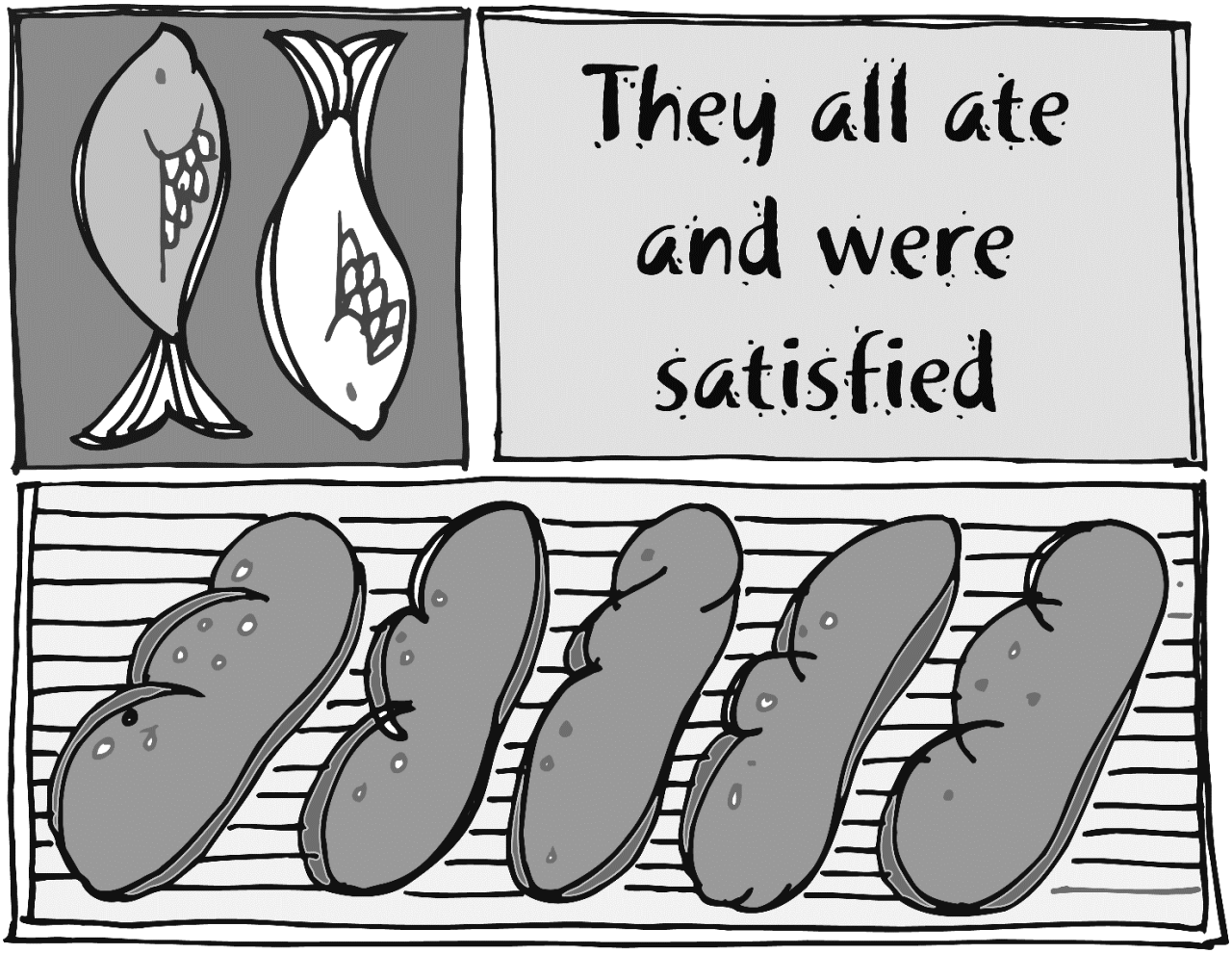

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Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. (at St.Patrick's, Loleta)
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Domingo: 12:00 noon (Spanish)
Daily Mass
Redwood Memorial Hospital
Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon
Benediction and
Adoration of the Blessed 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
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Parish Staff: Fr. Manuel Chavez, Pastor
Deacon Thomas Silva, Deacon Francisco Núñez
Deacon Abraham Castillo, Deacon Rafael Meraz
Deacon Jon Pedicino
Secretary—Ginny Fox

MASS FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISH

"Meeting people where they are, leading them to where God is calling them to be" is the aim of Matthew Kelley's Dynamic Catholic Book Program. For the last few years they have been partnering with St. Joseph Parish to reach this goal by offering inspirational books at reasonable prices. At Dynamic Catholic, they have an onsite chapel where they have daily Mass. Their Chaplain, Fr. Bob Sherry, and their whole team will be offering a Mass on July 31 to pray for our parish. We are fortunate to have them remembering us and hope that you will remember them, and their goal, in your prayers also.

Andrew Nichols, Lili Brower, Bob Besanceney, Marsha Hays, Mason Millsap, Henry & Angie Silva, Dennis Kochiban, Jeannie Watson, Alberta Johnson, Craig Jacob, Charles (Buzz) Rigney, Ruth Allen, Amy Toroni, Frances Dunleavy, John Wunderlich, Gina Dillard, Madeline Streight, Cameron Toroni, Alice Kiler, Bernice McWhorter, Carol Palasek, Denise Anaya, Evie & Jerry Colivas, Milton Freitas.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is one of the best known in the Gospels. It is also one that people have tried to explain by calling it a myth, or by saying that Jesus called for people to share what they had brought and that turned out to be sufficient. The fact that the story is repeated in all four Gospels (one Gospel says Jesus did it twice) leads us to believe it is a genuine miracle.

When Jesus performs a miracle, he is not trying to show off his power. His actions always illustrate a lesson. This miracle can teach us many things. Let's look at a few of them. One is the compassion of Christ. He takes pity on the crowd and first shows his love by curing their sick. Then he sees that they are hungry and he feeds them. This reminds us that Jesus knows what we need and cares about us. The bread reminds us of Jesus' temptation in the desert, where he told the tempter that "man does not live on bread alone." He meant that mere food is not enough; we need to hear God's word. The people followed Jesus because they wanted to hear more from him. Just as the miracle satisfied the hunger of five thousand families, so his word will satisfy the spiritual hunger of millions. Notice the actions of the miracle: he blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples to distribute. These are the actions of the Eucharist, in which bread is blessed, broken, and given to us, his disciples. So the miracle reminds us that Jesus will give us himself as bread and wine to be our food and drink. The miracle of bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ happens every day.

So the question is, do we learn from this miracle? Do we trust the Lord to care for all our needs? Do we thirst for God's word to inform our lives? Do we try to live by that word? And finally, do we take advantage of the great gift of the Eucharist daily or at least weekly? The miracle may have happened two thousand years ago, but the lessons are meant for us today.

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— Cardinal Seán O'Malley, homily at Opening Mass of the 2014 National Prayer Vigil for Life

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meeting on Monday, August 11 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room. This is an open group for anyone who has lost someone and will meet every other week. The group is bilingual. If you have questions, please call Bruce Adams at 768-2101.

ENRICH YOUR PRAYER LIFE

Brother Juniper of the Redwoods Secular Franciscan Fraternity is studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church; Part 4, on Prayer. We would like to invite all parishioners interested in this topic to join us at 2 p.m. on August 3 at the Parish Activity Center, Youth Room and continuing the first Sunday of each month until we finish the section. We have extra copies of the Catechism if you do not have your own. If you have any questions call Craig or Rene Brown, 725-5040.

From The Pastor's Desk

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for your support of our Diocese's capital campaign. To date we have pledged $169,700 toward our parish goal of $270,000. Once we reach 80% of our goal ($216,000) our parish will receive 35% of each dollar pledged to use here. If we go over our goal, we will receive 50% of each dollar over the goal. That money will be used to refurbish the church, which is in need of new carpeting, painting the steeple, refinishing the pews, repairing the stained glass windows, and other maintenance needs. If you have not yet had a chance to make a pledge, there are information packets and pledge cards in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions. Our goal of $270,000 is the amount it costs to educate one new priest. This is a big need in our Diocese and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Manny

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2
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Sunday, August 3
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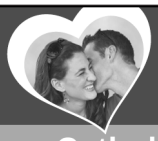

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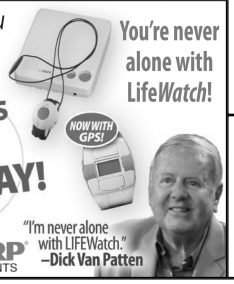

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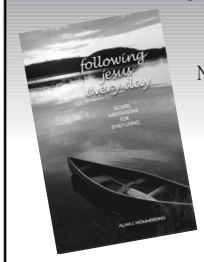

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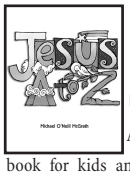

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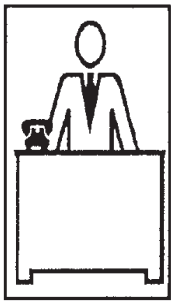

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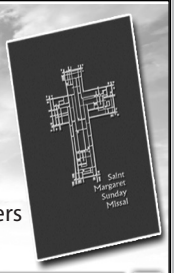

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