



# Corpus Christi Newsletter



January 2006

**The Twelve Days of Christmas** May they be happy days for you; days filled with God's Grace.

Christmas is not but one day - Christmas Day, December 25 - though some, perhaps most, think it so. The Twelve Days of Christmas extend from December 25 (Christmas Day) to January 5 (the Vigil of the Feast of the Epiphany- January 6). The song- "The Twelve Days of Christmas"- was composed in a time of persecution of the Church as a cryptic way of teaching and memorizing the fundamental doctrines of the Catholic Church - the gifts that God has given us. In the song: "My true love = God; "Me" = each member of the Church; "Partridge in a pear tree" =Jesus on the Cross (our redeemer); "Two turtle doves" = the Old and New Testaments of the Bible; "Three French hens" = the three great (theological) virtues - Faith, Hope, Charity; "Four calling birds" =the four Gospels; "Five golden rings" = the Torah (Pentateuch - first 5 books of the Bible); "Six geese a-laying" = the six days of creation; "Seven swans a-swimming" = the seven Sacraments; (*cont,pg 2*)

## Parish Restoration, Repair and Painting Project

As we approach a New Year of the Lord (2006) restoration and repair work on Queen of the Snows church draws to a close; hopefully will be completed before 2005 ends. Thanks to all, full and part-time parishioners, who have made financial contributions in support of this project. Projects awaiting the Winter and Spring snow (if it comes!) melt are: installation of a handicap access ramp and rest room at Queen of the Snows church; structural and repair needs evaluation of Corpus Christi church, its restoration and repair as needed and its painting. The parish rectory and Mulligan hall patiently await and mutely ask for some tender loving care. They graciously defer to their sister parish buildings- the churches- in their greater need.

## New Year's Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May he look upon you with kindness and give you his peace.

## Restoration and Repair Funding

(Churches and Rectory) Goal: \$ 300,000.00 (Queen of Snows: \$ 200,000.00; Corpus Christi & Rectory: \$ 100,000.00 est.). Income to date: \$149,887.00 Expenditures to date: \$156,255.87 Thanks to all who donate to this Fund.

## Parish Finance Committee Report

The committee met on Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Major parish buildings restoration and repair and their related current and anticipated costs were reviewed. Completion of Queen of the Snows church restoration and repair expected by Christmas. Its funding status to date: Income, \$149,110; Expenditures: \$153,933.39. Necessary restoration, repair and painting of Corpus Christi church to be undertaken when receding Winter snows permit; handicap access ramp and rest room (long overdue and now mandated by Placer County Building Department) to be installed at Queen of Snows.

The Rectory and Mulligan hall need (not desperately) some physical care and painting; will be done as finances provide. The financial status of the parish was reviewed: Savings: \$113,940.09; Checking: \$49,954.75; Adams Endowment Fund (Queen of Snows): \$12,662.92. Financial Report and Budget to be prepared and mailed to all parishioners (full and part-time) in January. Next meeting: January 3, 2006 in the Parish Center. Committee members: Joan O'Brien, Donna Anderson, Brady Sherman, George Williams. (P.S. Brady and George just joined the Committee - Welcome! And thanks for the donation of your time and talent in the service of God through your parish).

**Christmas Thanks** to all who made our liturgical celebrations of Christmas (Christ's Mass) worthy of the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ: those who set up the Christmas Nativity sets; church decorators; liturgy planners; choirs (adult and children); Ushers; Lectors; Ministers of Holy Communion; Mass servers; participants.

### The Call to Holiness

"All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity." (Vat. Co. II, LG 31)  
"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt. 5:48) God wants us to be holy. One must try to sanctify oneself in one's place within the Church of Christ. "Lay Christians live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. By their very vocation, they seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world, that is, in each and in all the secular professions and occupations." (Vat. Co. II, LG 31)

"Hence the laity, dedicated as they are to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, are marvelously called and prepared, so that even richer fruits of the Spirit may be produced in them. For all their works, prayers, and apostolic undertakings, family and married life, daily work, relaxation of mind and body, if they are accomplished in the Spirit - indeed even the hardships of life, if patiently borne—all these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist these may most fittingly be offered to the Father along with the body of the Lord. And so, worshiping everywhere by their holy actions, the laity consecrate the world itself to God, every where offering worship by the holiness of their lives." (CCC 901)

### **New Year's Resolutions**

(Note CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church)

- I shall participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2042).
- I shall confess my sins at least once a year; i.e. go to Confession (CCC 2042).
- I shall worthily receive my Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion at Easter time (CCC 2042).
- I shall keep holy Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2043)
- I shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence regarding food (CCC 2043)
- I shall contribute to the support of the Church according to my ability (CCC 2043)
- I shall observe the marriage laws of the Church (CCC 1601-1666)
- I shall participate in the missionary apostolate of the Church (CCC 2044-2046)

### Walk for Life—West Coast

January 21, 2006, San Francisco. Join our second annual walk as we establish a new West Coast tradition of celebrating life. On January 21<sup>st</sup> walk with thousands along San Francisco's waterfront to show support for everyone hurt by abortion. The walk will commence with a short series of speeches centering around the theme of abortion's damage to women, children—unborn and born—and families. For more information go to [www.WalkforLifeWC.com](http://www.WalkforLifeWC.com) or call the parish office (583-4409) for information on a bus from Truckee.

(12 Days—*cont from pg 1*) "Eight maids a-milking = the eight Beatitudes; "Nine drummers drumming" = the nine choirs of angels; "Ten ladies dancing" = the Ten Commandments; "Eleven pipers piping" = the Eleven Apostles (12 minus Judas); "Twelve lords a-leaping" = the twelve doctrines of the Apostles' Creed.

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# Devotions

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - Mt. 26:40):

Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.): Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.): Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.