



Corpus Christi Newsletter



February 2006

Church Restoration and Repair

The work on Queen of the Snows church, Olympic Valley, has been completed, except for the painting of the repaired areas. We await warmer weather for that. Work was done on the supporting concrete piers, and on the sub floor and roof supporting laminated beams.

On the piers the weather deteriorated and scaling-away concrete surface was ground down to sound concrete. The piers were then encased in a webbing of re-bar set two inches from the pier surface, and four inches of anti-erosion treated concrete was poured around each pier. Four new piers were installed to provide greater support for the church.

Where exposed to the weather, particularly that of winter, and at the rear of the church where covered in snow for about five months of winter, the sub-floor and roof supporting beams had suffered severe internal deterioration - the advanced nature of which was paint hidden. During repair and restoration the deteriorated sections of the beams were cut away. Then, the cut away sections were replaced with pressure-treated laminated beam sections

sandwiched with bolted and re-enforcing metal plating. At our church entrances you may view "Before", "During", and "After" photographs of the project.

Continuing up-grading, restoration and repair projects await the late Spring and Summer. Installation of a handicap access ramp and rest-room is required (Placer County Building Department) at Queen of the Snows church. Corpus Christi church will be evaluated for its structural integrity and restored as needed. Obvious externally needed repairs to it will be made and the church painted. The Rectory too will be pre-painting repaired and painted - depending on the availability of funds.

Thanks to all who have and continue to financially support the process of restoring and repairing our churches. Thanks to Carol Marie Siedenbug and Patricia Lebreton who designed the beautifully attractive brochure describing the needs of our churches. Some are available in our churches. Thanks too to Charlotte Henn (Carol Marie's 13 year old daughter) and to Ray and Connie Esser (visiting from Idaho!) who prepared the brochure mailing.

Restoration and Repair Funding Status

Goal set in July 2005: \$ 300,000.00 (\$ 200,000.00 for Queen of the Snows; \$ 100,000.00 estimated for Corpus Christi). Income to date: \$ 166,025.41; Expenditures to date: \$ 175,626.05.

Diocesan Synod Our parish representatives to the Sacramento Diocesan Synod are: Gene Fenech, Marilyn Fenech, Joe Lemus. They participated in the first session of the Synod (Yuba City, October 11-13, 2004) and in the second session (Sacramento, January 16,2006). The final session of the Synod is set to be held October 9, 2006, in Sacramento.

In promulgating the Initiatives chosen through the Synod to be fostered in our diocese and parishes, Bishop Weigand wrote: "I call on all the faithful to continue their journey together in Christ by a faith-filled commitment to building up the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Sacramento." The Initiatives were directed

toward living, passing on and fostering the Catholic Faith in the areas of: Family Faith Formation, Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, Collaborative Ministry, Eucharist and Sacraments, Formation of Lay Ministry and Training, Youth and Young Adults, Education and Faith Formation, Cultural Diversity. Let us participate in the implementation of these initiatives through prayer and participation.

Gratitude When we were little children, we were grateful to those who filled our stockings with toys at Christmastide. Why, then, are we not grateful to God, as adults, for filling up our stockings with legs?

(G. K. Chesterton, Catholic Quote)

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the pastor, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. Specifically, the Parish Pastoral Council's purpose is to enhance the process of: pastoral planning, developing pastoral programs, improving pastoral services, evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services. (*Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines, Diocese of Sacramento*)

Corpus Christi Parish Finance Council Members:

Donna Anderson, Joan O'Brien, Brady Sherman, George Williams. To them our parish is indebted for giving of themselves, their time and talents in fostering the financial well-being of our parish.

Engaged Encounter Weekends

For marriage preparation and to ensure you get off to the right start, attend an Engaged Encounter weekend. Weekends: Feb. 17-19, April 28-30 and May 19-21.

For more information, contact Matt & Laura Pipitone (916) 772-0970.

Jest Kidding (maybe) Dad: "Jimmy, you're growing up now, and you should take things a little more seriously. Stop for a minute and think - if I were to die tonight, where would you be?" Son: "I'd be right here, Dad. The question is, where would you be?" (*Catholic Quote*)

Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady, Charles Cross, Joseph Recchia,
Anita Staziak.

Corpus Christi Parish

Pastoral Council Members:

Jim O'Brien (Chair), Jaime Sharbrough (Vice-chair), Barbara Schlumpf, Patricia Lebreton (Sectr.), Joe Lemus, Carol Achiro, Michael Henriques, Nina Mead, Stanley Rupiper, Carol Marie Siedenburg. They deserve our thanks for donating time and talents for the spiritual and material well-being of our parish.



February Saint

St. Josephine Bakhita

Josephine was born around 1869 in Sudan and raised in the Islamic faith. She was kidnapped around the age of 7 by slave traders who gave her the name "Bakhita", meaning "lucky one". She was sold to a

number of owners until she was purchased at about the age of 12 by the Italian Consul Callisto Legnani. He brought her to Italy and, while serving as a nanny, was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. There she was formally introduced to the Catholic Faith, was baptized Giuseppina (Josephine), and eventually granted her freedom. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity, and for 25 years served her sisters as cook, seamstress, and portress at their houses in Venice, Verona, and Schio. She was especially beloved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness she died in 1947. Pope John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese saint on October 1, 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

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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.