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October Month of the Holy Rosary

October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is traditionally observed in the Catholic Church as the Month of the Rosary. The Rosary has been a powerful and fruitful prayer of Catholic people in times of trial and need. "The origins are traceable to the tender devotion to Jesus and Mary that arose in the 12th century, and to the desire to give the unlettered faithful closer participation in the liturgy." (Catholic Encyclopedia) Since then it has been and continues to be a popular form of vocal and meditation prayer of Catholic people. More recently some non-Catholics have adopted it as part of their prayer life. The mysteries of the Rosary present for our meditation significant events in the life of Jesus Christ and of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With the addition of the Luminous Mysteries by Pope John Paul II the mysteries of the Rosary now present us with 20 sacred events on which to reflect. If you pray the Rosary each day, individually or with your family, continue to do so; if you do not pray the Rosary, this Month of the Holy Rosary offers an invitation to begin the practice.

"The Mass in the Park" celebrated on Sunday mornings (9:00 a.m.) at the Marie Sluchak Community Park, Tahoma, from July 1 to the Labor Day weekend Sunday concluded on Sept 4. Thanks to the Tahoma Homeowners Association members who make the Park and the park facilities available for this Mass. Thanks to all who participated on any or all Sundays. Additional thanks to those who helped in a special way: Terry Groman (preparation of the site and altar; providing hospitality - coffee, juice, do-nuts); Judy Clavere, Bill and Jaime Sharbrough (sound system set-up and music); Armand Clavere (Lector); Joe and Joann Lemus (altar cloth fabrication, hospitality help); Offertory Gifts collectors, Ministers of Holy Communion; Visiting musicians, song leaders and choirs; to each and all who helped present and enhance this "Mass in the Park".

Visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

St. John, in his gospel, tells how John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to Andrew and himself saying, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" He (John) and Andrew followed Jesus who, on noticing them, asked, "What are you looking for?" They answered, "Where do you stay?" and Jesus invited them, "Come and see." We, Catholic people, know where Jesus stays - in the tabernacle of each Catholic church where the Eucharist is reserved. Any time we see a Catholic church we, like John and Andrew, can hear the invitation of the Lord, "Come and see". We can accept that invitation; we ought not be so busy, so hurried, that we cannot accept his invitation and visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. John tells us that he and Andrew accepted the invitation to "Come and see," and "stayed with him that day." (cf Jn 1:35 et seq.) We do not have to stay with Jesus all day. We can visit him and stay with him for a while, and we can do so just about anywhere in the world. "Come and taste the goodness of the Lord."

Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist



We can visit and adore the Lord Jesus Christ any time we can access a Catholic Church. There is a standing invitation: "Come on in, the Lord is waiting." Unfortunately in some places our Catholic churches cannot now be safely left open beyond the times of Masses and

devotions. Here, in our parish, we are blessed that our Corpus Christi church is open each day from morning to evening. Let us avail of the opportunity presented to come and adore, praise, thank, speak to and petition the Lord. See below for scheduled special times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and accompanying devotions.

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.

Church Restoration and Repair

Queen of the Snows Church: *Work completed:* Restoration and Repair work has been completed - reconstruction of supporting concrete piers; addition of three supporting concrete piers; removal of deteriorated sections of roof supporting and floor supporting beams and replacement with new beam sections; painting of reconstructed piers and repaired beams. Cost: \$

Work to be done: Construction of handicap access ramp and re-figuring of rest room to handicap access requirements - plans awaiting Placer County Building Department approval; work to begin on approval of plans. Contractor: Dennis Schlumpf (parishioner) and Associates.

Corpus Christi Church: Once the work on Queen of the Snows church is completed Corpus Christi Church will be evaluated for structural integrity and needed repairs and restoration. Once repair and restoration is completed painting of the church, of which it is in obvious need, will follow (next summer, God willing!).

Compliments and thanks to all; full-time parishioners, part-time parishioners and visitors who have contributed financially to the needed care of the two churches of our parish.

Children's Choir

The **Children's Choir** will resume for the Fall. Practices begin on Sept 28th, after CCD class in the afternoon. They will sing at the October 14th Saturday Vigil Mass (6:00 PM). There will be a family potluck dinner in the Parish Hall following Mass. Please sign up to participate or contact Mary Collins at 583-1066 for more information.

World Mission Sunday

The second collection on October 22nd will be for World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI says: "World Mission Sunday, which we will be celebrating on Sunday, 22 October, is an opportunity to reflect this year on the theme: *"Charity: soul of the mission"*.

Unless the mission is oriented by charity, that is, unless it springs from a profound act of divine love, it risks being reduced to mere philanthropic and social activity. In fact, God's love for every person constitutes the heart of the experience and proclamation of the Gospel, and those who welcome it in turn become its witnesses.

God's love, which gives life to the world, is the love that was given to us in Jesus, the Word of salvation, perfect icon of the Heavenly Father's mercy.

To read the full text of the Holy Father's address, go to the Corpus Christi website and follow the link on the homepage announcements.

Religious Education

CCD Classes: meet after school on Thursdays

Confirmation Preparation: meets Thursday evenings

Call Barbara Schlumpf to register or for more information, at 582-4637

Walk for Life, West Coast

Jan 20, 2007

San Francisco

Mark your calendar for the third annual Walk for Life West Coast! Join us on Saturday, January 20th as this new tradition of celebrating life continues to grow.

Reno Catholic Professional & Business Group Breakfast Club

October 12, 7am. Mark Brumley, President of Ignatius Press, one of the nation's largest Catholic publishers, will speak at the Expo Ballroom in the Silver Legacy. To register, go to:

www.catholicprofessionals.org

or call: 775-828-4228

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