

Corpus Christi Newsletter



December 2006

Advent - Preparing Spiritually for Christmas

The holy season of Advent is observed in the Church as a time of spiritual preparation for the comings of Christ. There are two. We prepare firstly and most immediately for the commemoration and celebration of his first coming - his birth at Bethlehem - already realized. But "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." This coming we call his "Second Coming." However, there are many other ways in which Jesus comes to us. When we receive Holy Communion he comes to us and we receive him, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He comes to us in prayer. Indeed, any time we invite him he comes to us. He is always passing by. All we need to is invite him in. He comes to each person at death when we encounter him individually and render an account of our life to him - the Particular Judgment. Our whole life should be spent preparing to meet and welcome him in the many ways in which he comes and will come to us. During Advent the Church invites us to an intense spiritual preparation for Christ's coming to us through the liturgical celebration of Christmas. But it also reminds us to prepare for these other comings of the Lord Jesus.



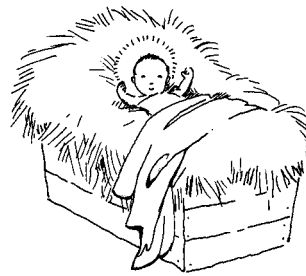
Reconciliation

Penance - the sacrament of Forgiveness

"Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification (holiness). The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as 'the second plank (of salvation) after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace.'" (CCC 1446)

"The spiritual effects of the sacrament of Penance are: - reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace; -reconciliation with the Church; - remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins; - remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin; - peace and

Christmas manifests the Incarnation



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On March 25 - the Feast of the Annunciation - the Church celebrates the Incarnation of God the Son, Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. The Incarnation means that by the power of the Holy Spirit and with the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary - "I am the handmaid of

the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thereby he joined a human nature to his divine nature in his Divine Person; he who was eternally God, became Man and is thenceforth truly Man and well as being truly God for eternity. This, the Incarnation -God becomes Man- is the greatest event of human history.

On December 25 - Christmas - we celebrate the birth of the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity - Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in whose womb God the Son was conceived, and who thus became his mother - the Mother of God - now gives birth to him in Bethlehem. It is this event we celebrate at Christmas. We ought to celebrate it with great joy. The Liturgical Readings of Christmas Eve and Day, a Nativity Set, and the familiar Christmas carols help us experience the joy that recalling the birth of our Lord and Savior is meant to bring us.

Penance Services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Schedule:

Mon, Dec. 18, 7 PM Assumption Church, Truckee
 Tues, Dec. 19, 7 PM St. Francis Church, Incline Village
 Weds, Dec. 20, 7 PM Corpus Christi Church, Tahoe City

serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation; - an increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle." (CCC 1496) Making a well prepared for and worthy reception of the Absolution from sin in the sacrament of Penance an important part of our Advent preparation for Christmas is highly recommended by the Church.

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.

What's Happening!



Parish Christmas Party

Please join us at our annual Parish Christmas Party to be held on Dec 10th. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 pm (no host bar) and dinner will served at 6:00 pm. Please sign up to join us or call the Parish Office for additional information 583-4409.

Religious Education

CCD Classes: meet after school on Thursdays
Parent Education Classes: meet monthly on Tuesday evenings, see our website for the schedule
Confirmation Preparation: meets Thursday evenings
Call the Parish Office to register or for more information, at 583-4409

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

January 11, 7am. Doug Barry, founder and Director of Radix, will speak at the Expo Ballroom in the Silver Legacy. To register, go to:

www.catholicprofessionals.org

or call: 775-828-4228

Catholic Radio and Television

By listening to Catholic Radio you can participate in the celebration of the Mass, pray the Rosary, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, hear instructional and inspiring talks and discussions. Immaculate Heart Radio can be heard locally at KIHM Reno 920 AM, 92.7 FM, 93.3 FM, 93.7 FM, 94.9 FM or on the Internet at www.ihradio.org. On EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) you can watch many of these same and like programs. To view EWTN in this area you need a satellite dish.

Following the Lord Jesus Christ - Being His Disciple.

Jesus invited everyone who encountered him to follow him - to become his disciple. He did so explicitly or implicitly. He chose twelve of those who did follow him - his disciples - to be his Apostles. He commissioned them to "go,, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world." (Mt. 28:19-20) Each of us is invited to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

What does being a disciple of the Lord mean? What does it entail? What is involved? What is the standard to be met?

In many places in the Sacred Scriptures Jesus answers those questions: "The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (cf. Mt 12:27 - 31) If we aspire to be a disciple of the Lord everything we do must be directed toward achieving that goal. In Luke 9:23 Jesus is recorded as saying: "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." In his talk to his Apostles at his Last Supper with them he repeatedly referred to love of him and love of neighbor. He said: "He who obeys the commandments he has from me is the man who loves me..."; "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word..."; "he who does not love me does not keep my words..."; "You will live in my love if you keep my commandments..."; "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you." (cf Jn 14, 15)

Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady	Marge Faia	Betty Fry
Emily Killian	Don Mashbir	Helen Mathis
Doug Peterson	Carl Pyper	Mary Margaret Rankin
Joseph Recchia	Barbara Schmidt	Sandra Swigard
Joan Velo	Rosalie Wampler	

For Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office at 583-4409

Church Restoration and Repair Work completed: Queen of the Snows restoration and repair. Cost \$207,493.⁸⁹

Work in progress: Queen of the Snows: handicap access ramp construction and restroom configuration to handicap access status (required by Placer County); replacement of underground water drainage pipe (installed at time of construction of church in 1959, which had become occluded) with surface rock-lined ditch to prevent flooding and ground erosion. Cost: \$190,144.⁷⁶

Work in prospect: evaluation of Corpus Christi church for structural integrity, repair as needed, and painting. Rectory & Mulligan Hall: Painting.

Funding Status: Goal: \$300,000; Income to date: \$269,755.⁹⁰ Expenditures to date: \$336,229.²²

Thanks to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches, our parish buildings and grounds.