



# Corpus Christi Newsletter



March 2009

## Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

Our dinner is set for Sunday, March 15, in the Corpus Christi Parish Center. Gathering, Drinks (no host) & Socializing: 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Dinner: 6:00 pm.

Menu: Corned beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Dessert. The dinner will be cooked by our traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner chef, Frank Pulice of the Knights of Columbus. Cost: \$10 per Adult, \$20 per Family, Children under 10 are free. Sign-up Forms are at the Church entrances or call the parish office (583-4409).

## Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 25

Lent continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Lent is a period of 40 days (Sundays excepted) modeled on the 40 days of fast and prayer of Jesus in the desert before he began his ministry of preaching the Gospel. For us it is intended by the Church to be a time of prayer and penance in preparation for our participation in the Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Lord's Last Supper with his Apostles in which he instituted the Most Holy Eucharist as sacrifice (Mass) and as sacrament (Holy Communion).

On Good Friday we commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death suffered for our redemption.

On Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and our union with him through Baptism.

On Ash Wednesday, as we received the ashes as a sign of our repentance, we were invited to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Let us continue during Lent to turn away from sin and grow in fidelity to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

## Mid-Year Parish Financial Report

Our report is printed on the reverse side of this Newsletter. Thank you, full-time and part-time parishioners, who support our parish. Through your support you make available the great spiritual treasure of the Catholic Church - the Eucharist

## Lenten Regulations and Admonitions:

*Fast and Abstinence (self-denial):* To foster the spirit of penance and of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and to guide us in the footsteps of Jesus, Church law requires the observance of fast and abstinence (CCC, nos. 1249-1253)

*Abstinence:* All persons who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

*Fasting:* Everyone, from age 18 to 59 is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean limiting oneself to one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Other forms of "fasting," especially regarding alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use and social entertainment, is of true spiritual value and is strongly encouraged.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If one is unable to fast/abstain or excused one ought to substitute prayer or almsgiving.

*Prayer:* In order to deepen their love for Christ, Catholics are urged to read and pray over the Sacred Scriptures; to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church; to participate in devotions offered in their parish; to pray more fervently - individually, as families, and in common with others. The Faithful are exhorted to pray the Rosary daily, to make private visits to the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Lord for universal recognition of the God-given sacredness of human life, for peace, for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and married life.

(Sunday and daily), the Sacraments, other Liturgical celebrations and Devotions. You also contribute to the spiritual and social works of our Diocese of Sacramento and of the Church Universal.

## Restoration and Repair - Churches, Rectory, Hall - Update

Campaign Overhead:	(printing, merchant acct. fees) Cost:	\$4,439. <sup>68</sup>
Queen of the Snows Church:	Work completed. Cost:	\$423,896. <sup>60</sup>
Corpus Christi Church:	Work completed to date Cost:	\$69,124. <sup>79</sup>
Parish Center:	Work completed to date Cost:	\$667. <sup>73</sup>
<b>Total Expenditures to Date:</b>		<b>\$498,128.<sup>80</sup></b>
<b>Restoration &amp; Repair Fund Income to date:</b>		<b>\$521,428.<sup>21</sup></b>



Remaining Repairs on Church, Rectory, Hall, to be done on a needs priority basis as parish finances permit.

Work in Prospect: repairs as needed; painting preparation; painting. In Progress: Repairs to Front of Church

Thanks to all who support the Restoration and Repair of our parish facilities.

# Devotions

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

Mon-Fri (8:00 am):

Daily Mass

1st Sat (8:00 am):

First Saturday Mass & Rosary

Mon (5:15-6:15 pm):

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thurs (4:00- 6:00 pm):

Exposition and Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Fri (7:00 pm)

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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