

Corpus Christi Newsletter



July 2009

Fr. O'Connor To Retire on August 10

As he approaches the age of 75 each bishop and pastor is required by Church law to submit to his immediate superior a letter of resignation from his administrative office - a bishop to the Pope, a pastor to his bishop. Only the Pope is exempt! His immediate superior is Christ! On reaching the specified retirement age on August 10, Fr. O'Connor will retire as pastor of Corpus Christi parish. Bishop Soto has appointed Fr. Bob Brooks to be the new pastor of our parish. He will assume that position on August 11. Fr. O'Connor will stay through Labor Day to help Fr. Brooks with our expanded summer schedule of Masses, weddings and other services. In retirement Fr. O'Connor will reside in the Priests' Retirement Village, next to Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. He will be available to help in parishes as needed and substitute for vacationing priests. Fr. O'Connor completed 16 years as our pastor at the end of May.

Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict has designated the next twelve months, beginning on June 20 of this year and ending June 20 of 2110, as the *Year of the Priest*. During this time we are invited to reflect on the Catholic Priesthood. as instituted by our Lord, its essence and significance.

During his Last Supper with his Apostles Jesus instituted the Eucharist, changing the substance of the bread and wine into the substance of his body and blood. He invited them to "Do this as a remembrance of me." (Cf. Luke 22:19) He thereby conferred on them the power to do as he had done - change the substance of the bread and wine into the substance of his body and blood, and so ordained them as priests.

Immediately before he ascended into heaven Jesus commissioned and empowered the Apostles to speak and act in his name and with his authority. He said: "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, 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. 28:18-20)

The Christ-given vocation and power of a Catholic priest is to help people live holy lives by proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord, by administering the sacraments, and by celebrating the Eucharist (Mass).

The Cure` of Ars - St. John Baptist Vianney

In initiating a *Year of the Priest*, Pope Benedict designated St. John Baptist Vianney, since 1929 patron of parish priests, patron of all priests. Born in Dardilly, France, in 1786. This was three years before the French Revolution. As a child he shepherded his parents' sheep; as a teenager he worked on their farm. His grandparents and parents were noted for their charity - feeding and sheltering the wandering poor. St. Benedict Joseph was once such a guest in the Vianney home. Because of the French Revolution John had very little primary education. At age 20 he began studying for the priesthood, being instructed by Abbe` Balley, his pastor. At age 27 he was accepted into the major seminary at Lyons, but because of his deficiency in Latin he had great difficulties with his studies - texts and lectures were in Latin. At age 29, through the intercession of the Abbe` Balley and the

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Fr. Rolfs Has Returned

Fr. Rolfs has returned to our parish for yet another summer. His help with our expanded summer Mass schedule, with weddings and other spiritual services is greatly appreciated. We thank him for coming, we are grateful to his Religious Community (Jesuits) and Loyola Marymount University for releasing him to come and serve us. He will be with us until August 17.

RESTORATION AND REPAIR - CHURCHES, RECTORY, HALL - UPDATE

Campaign Overhead:	(printing, merchant acct. fees) Cost:	\$4,679. ⁴⁸
Queen of the Snows Church:	Work completed Cost:	\$423,896. ⁶⁰
Corpus Christi Church:	Work completed to date Cost:	\$69,124. ⁷²
Parish Center:	Work completed to date Cost:	\$667. ⁷³
	Total Expenditures to Date:	\$498,368.⁹⁰
	Restoration & Repair Fund Income to Date:	\$533,927.⁹⁸



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: No work currently in progress.

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

Devotions

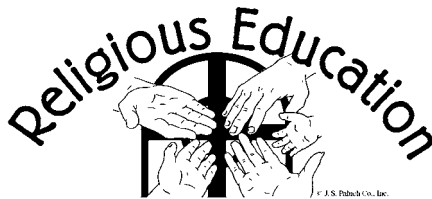
("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - Mt. 26:40):

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 (5:00- 6:00 pm):	Exposition and Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

St. John Vianney (Continued from page 1)

decision that his goodness was sufficient to offset his deficiencies in learning, he was ordained a priest. He served as assistant to the Abbe` Balley for two years. In 1818, aged 32, he was appointed Cure (parish priest) of Ars (pop. c. 200), where he spent the rest of his life. He labored to improve the indifferent religious attitude of his parishioners, and his war on immorality, indifference, and frivolities was unceasing, making him some enemies. Gradually he succeeded. In 1824 he opened a free school for girls. In 1827 this developed into La Providence, a shelter for orphans and deserted children.

His reputation for holiness and as a spiritual director and confessor grew quickly. Besides his own parishioners people from neighboring parishes, indeed from throughout France, came to him for confession and spiritual guidance. He would spend 16 to 18 hours a day hearing confessions. For thirty years he was openly attacked and harassed by the devil. Attracted all his life to the Carthusians - a contemplative order - he left Ars three times in search of solitude but returned each time to aid sinners who sought him in ever-increasing numbers. Finally worn out by work and penance he died on August 4, 1859. He was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, who make him patron of parish priests in 1929.



Classes Recess for the Summer

Our gratitude and thanks are due to our parish Religious Director, Barbara Schlumpf, and to our Teachers, Theresa Anderson, Colleen McKelvey, Darcy Cogar, and Patty Williams. They generously give of their time and talents in preparing the Religious Education Program, in preparing lessons and classrooms and in teaching the participating students. In this way they greatly help the parents who are the primary instructors of their children in the Faith.

Celebrate Father O'Connor

Saturday, August 9, 2009
2:00 Mass

3:00 BBQ / Pot Luck Reception in the Back Yard

After 51 years of service to the Diocese as a priest, and 16 years of service to our parish, Father will be starting a new chapter in his life. Join us as we gather to celebrate this transition. Please RSVP to the Parish Secretary, indicating what Hors d' Oeuvres, Salad, Side Dish, Dessert or Beverage you will be bringing. Call 530-583-4409

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South Shore: 92.7 FM; Sacramento: 1620 AM
Bay Area: 1260 AM



Summer Mass Schedule

Corpus Christi Church: Saturday at 6:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Queen of Snows Church: Sunday at noon
Tahoma Community Park: Sunday at 9:00 am
(July 1 to Labor Day)

Tahoma Mass

The Mass celebrated at Marie Sluchak Community Park, Tahoma, will resume on Sunday, July 5 at 9:00 a.m.. It will be celebrated at that time on each Sunday until Labor Day. This Mass, popularly known as "The Mass in the Park" is participated in, appreciated and enjoyed by many of our permanent parishioners, part-time parishioners and visitors. We are indebted to and thankful to the Tahoma Homeowners Association for making the Park available to us; likewise to those who make ready for the celebration of the Mass, set up the sound system, distribute missalettes, provide music, usher, and provide after-Mass hospitality.



Enhance Your Marriage

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is for every married couple who desires a richer, fuller life together. A marriage can never be too good. Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joy a couple shares together, whether they have been married for only a short time or for many years. Marriage

Encounter also provides support and encouragement to priests and religious who are dedicated to their state of life but are eager to be greater.

Sacramento—

September 25-27, 2009 Call Ed & Abby 707-451-9871

Reno—

October 2-4, 2009 Call -775-322-9450

Strengthen Your Marriage

Engaged Encounter for preparation and getting off to the right start. 2009 dates: Citrus Heights— Sept 4-6, Oct 30-Nov 1, Jan 8-10, 2010, call (916) 725-4720. Reno Oct 2-4, Feb 5-7, 2010, call 775-746-8659.

Retrouvaille for troubled marriages and renewal, July 10-12, Sept 11-13. Call Ruben & Doreene Reynaga, at: 800-283-5952

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Socorro Chavez | Margie Erman | Marge Faia |
| Geno Gastelum | Jim Glassmaker | Catherine Hyde |
| Lou Jenkins | Lillian Kimble | Marlene Kramer |
| Joe Lemus | Helen Mathis | Peggy McKelvey |
| Connie Morris | Jack Morris | Nancy Newell |
| Marie Niemann | Joseph Recchia | David Warner |

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