

Saint Joseph Community Children's Faith Formation

April 2011

Dear Families:

During these final weeks of Lent take time to reflect on what this time of prayer, fasting and works of charity has meant for you. What have you discovered about yourself? How have you grown closer to God? Mark your calendars for these events that may enrich you and your family.

- Last **Lenten Soup Meals** are April 7 and 14, 6PM Thursday in Notre Dame Hall.
- Final sessions of the **Lenten Experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius** are April 7 and 14, 7:15 to 8:15 PM in the Parish Center.
- **Stations of the Cross** are at 7PM Friday nights through April 15.
- **Communal Reconciliation Service** is 7PM Monday April 11.
- Bring your donations for **Operation Rice Bowl** to church on Palm Sunday, April 17. (If you don't have a rice bowl, an envelope is fine!)
- **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, 7PM on Holy Thursday (April 21)
- **Good Friday Services** on April 22. Children can participate in their own service in Notre Dame Hall at noon while adults and older youth are in the basilica.
- The **Easter Vigil** (8PM April 23) will include the baptism of several CFF students (among others). A reception will follow.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 24, in the high school quad starting at 12:45.

Sacrament Preparation: In addition to those who will be baptized on April 23, others are also in their final preparation to receive First Eucharist. There is a Family Mass on Sunday May 1 at 9:30, followed by a Sacrament Preparation Session at 10:45. First Eucharist liturgies will be celebrated Saturday May 7 (rehearsals May 4) and Saturday May 14 (rehearsals May 11). Please keep all the young people of our parish in your prayers.

Help Needed: There are several opportunities for your involvement.

- Donate Easter candy or plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (to parish office by April 17).
- Donate cookies, champagne or sparkling cider for the reception after the Easter Vigil.
- Help set up for the Easter Vigil reception on Saturday afternoon April 23, or serve and clean up at the reception Saturday night.
- Help supervise at the Easter Egg Hunt Sunday afternoon.
- Consider serving as a catechist, perhaps working with an experienced catechist.
- Be a sponsor for an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic.

For information on any of these, ask me.

Workshop in Spanish: Building Unity for Couples

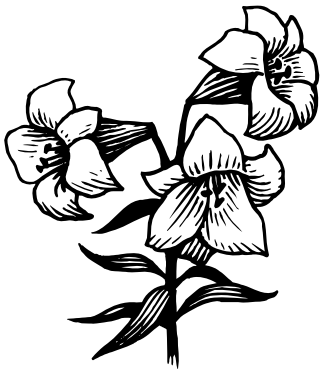
El sábado 9 de abril, 2011 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Iglesia de San Antonio, Oakland

El Diócesis de Oakland presenta un taller para parejas - Fortalizando la Unidad de la Pareja – el 9 de Abril. Este día especial seria presentado por el Dr. John Yzaguirre, psicólogo, autor y conferencista, en la iglesia de San Antonio (1535 16th Ave – Oakland). Los boletos cuestan \$30 / pareja o \$15 / persona si se compran con anticipación (\$35/pareja o \$20/persona en la puerta). Habrá cuidado de niños de 3 – 12 años de edad -- requiere pre-inscripción - \$5/niño o \$10/familia, incluye almuerzo (pizza).

Class Schedule:

- 3-Apr Class in Marianist Hall
- 10-Apr Class in Marianist Hall; **Bridge Group in Notre Dame Hall after 11:30 Mass**
- 17-Apr Regular class
- 24-Apr No class (Easter)
- 1-May Regular class
- 8-May No class (Mothers Day)
- 15-May Regular class
- 22-May Closing Celebration



With my prayers and blessings,