

# St. Joseph Community Mid-Week Bulletin

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

## Our Mission Learning to Live as Jesus Teaches

### Pastoral Ponders

These last three weeks before Passion (“Palm”) Sunday help us focus our hearts on those special aspects of our Faith, and the signs which we celebrate in our lives. First of all is the gift of water, which symbolizes our Baptism, seen with the Samaritan woman at the well. She found in Christ “Living Water” and developed the gift of her Faith by her relationship with Jesus.

This coming weekend we hear of the man who was blind from birth, and all the other people in the Gospel story. They are more of the story than the man himself. He was given the gift of sight by Jesus, but they, in their refusal to believe, are shown to be truly blind to Christ’s goodness. Has that ever happened to you? I’m sure it has! But by remaining focused on Jesus, we can grow to truly “See” by continuing to grow in holiness through our prayer and reflection with the Lord.

In the final weekend, we hear once again the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is a symbol of the call that we have all received: to rise again to new life through our Faith and relationship with Christ, the Risen Lord.

May these final weeks of Lent allow us to grow closer to Christ each day. May we be prepared to celebrate the promise of new life which is ours through the grace of Jesus.

Father Fred

### Upcoming Events

**6:45 TONIGHT AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**

**“AGENTS OF GOD’S REDEEMING GRACE” WITH FR. MICHAEL SWEENEY, O.P.**

All are invited to a presentation at St. Albert the Great Parish Hall (1022 Holly Street at Mecartney) given by renowned speaker Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. His topic is the call of the laity (that’s us!) to be agents of Christ’s redeeming grace in our Church and in the World. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:45 followed by a “Simple Soup Meal” at 6:00. (Suggested donation of \$5 for Operation Rice Bowl.) Fr. Sweeney’s presentation begins at 6:45. Fr. Sweeney is one of the co-founders of the Catherine of Siena Institute, which was developed to assist parishes in preparing lay men and women for the Church’s mission to the world. He is an amazing speaker who challenges us to live out our baptismal call.

The remaining sessions in St. Albert’s “**Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus**” series are March 17<sup>th</sup>: “*Workshop on Forgiveness*” with psychologist Dr. Jaime Galindo, PhD. and March 24<sup>th</sup>: *Parish Retreat*, Meditating on Lenten themes through a multi-media presentation & prayer led by Fr. Joy, MF. For information contact Greta at (510) 373-5210 ext. 207.

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