

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Monday	7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Friday	8:45 a.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. (Daily) 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday	6:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Español	Domingo, 8 a.m.
Korean	Sunday, 7 p.m. (Chapel)

CONFESSIONS: First Saturdays of the month from 11 a.m. until 12 noon and every Saturday from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Also by appointment

DIVINE MERCY

Clovis East High School Multipurpose Rm.
2940 N. Leonard, Clovis • (559) 797-0284
MASS: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
CONFESSIONS: Before Mass

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

32054 Whispering Springs Rd.
Tollhouse, CA 93667 • (559) 855-4659
MASS: Saturday, 6 p.m. (Vigil)
CONFESSIONS: Before Mass

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Those who have suffered a loss of a loved one are invited to join our support group on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Harvard House.

Maureen Barile • 291-7970
Irene Aparicio • 291-4966

RAPHAEL HEALTH MINISTRY

Located in Harvard House, this ministry provides health education, home visitation, and blood pressure checks.

Open Mondays & Wednesdays—9 a.m. to noon

Roxanna Stevens, RN / Faith Community Nurse
www.olphclovis.org/raphael
Phone • 298-5443

ST. MARTHA'S PANTRY

Located behind Notre Dame Hall. Hours:
Mondays—9 a.m. to noon
Thursdays—4 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays—9 a.m. to noon

Pantry Phone • 298-8808
Case Maas • 260-1056

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy & Music Director Elaine Vela • 307-4216
Eucharistic Ministry/Lectors.....Mary Hansen • 299-4270
Altar Servers..... Mark & Dee Schultz • 291-4546
Ushers/Greeters.....Luis Ramirez • 324-1348

MINISTRIES

Natural Family Planning Veronica Fortunato • 917-7106
Linda Garcia • 392-2119
Retrouvaille Marty & Denise Ouellette • 323-8215
www.retrouvaille.com

PARISH GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

Brownies/Girl Scouts..... Leader, Jennifer Summers • 285-6336
Cub Scouts (Boys Grades 1-5)..... Visit www.olph-pack4.org
Boy scouts (Ages 11-18) Leader, Mike Tillinghast • 243-6404
Journey Youth Group Patti Hamilton • 908-8452
Men's Fellowship Bart Devlin • 323-7387 or 696-8031
Open Door Prayer Group Virginia Corpus • 297-9448
Fred Borjas • 994-8828
Mom's Group Nhuha Dizon • 325-9281 or Mary Pat • 325-1998

Perpetual Helpers..... Veronica Roebuck • 229-3345
The Workshop..... Madeline Conatser • 297-0149
Catholic Daughters..... Shirley Mitchell, Regent • 299-1915
Italian Catholic Federation Jeanette Shriver • 291-7543
Knights of Columbus Chuck Jarocki, Grand Knight • 291-0392
Our Lady's Guild Dorothy Stiers, President • 292-9533
Silver Foxes..... Nancy & John Wright • 292-3321
Alice & Chuck Jarocki • 291-0392

EN ESPANOL

Amigos en Cristo Maria Garcia • 708-3405
Josefina Moore • 349-3561, James Moore • 803-4966
Cursillos..... Luis & Cecilia Salazar, Vocales • 270-3540 o 313-4602,
2nd Roberto Robles, 2nd Vocal • 917-6611
Grupo de Oración..... Maria Torres • 314-5146, Tina Torres • 240-6724
Encuentro Matrimonial Miguel y Marta Herrera • 341-8732
Renacer en Cristo Ruth Espinoza • 367-7826
Sociedad Guadalupana..... Lucia Flores-Delao • 862-7870

CALENDAR: OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 6, 2011

MONDAY:

✠ Adoration: begins at 8 a.m. until Tuesday at 7:20 a.m.

TUESDAY

✠ Our Lady's Guild: 1 p.m., Hall
✠ CCD Classes: 4 p.m., Meet in Church
✠ Adoration: 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., Chapel
✠ Journey Youth Group: 6:30 p.m., Dewitt House
✠ Scripture Study: 7 p.m., Hall

WEDNESDAY

✠ CCD Classes: 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Meet in Church
✠ Cursillo Group: 6 p.m., Hall
✠ Amigos en Cristo: 6:30 a 8 p.m., Casa Dewitt
✠ Open Door Prayer Group: 7 p.m., Chapel
✠ Divine Mercy General/Committee Meeting: 7 p.m., Hall

THURSDAY

✠ The Workshop: 10 a.m., Harvard House
✠ Rosary/Novena: 6 p.m., Church
✠ Renacer en Cristo: 6 p.m., Casa Dewitt
✠ Grupo de Oración: 7 p.m., Iglesia
✠ RCIA: 7 p.m., Hall

FRIDAY

✠ Men's Fellowship: 6:30 a.m., Harvard House
✠ First Friday Adoration: following the 8:45 a.m. Mass;
Benediction on Saturday, 7:20 a.m.
✠ Catecismo: 6:30 p.m., Escuela y Salón
✠ Deadline for November 13th bulletin, announcements and
bulletin boards. Email bulletin articles and announcement
requests to nancy@olphclovis.org

SATURDAY: 2ND COLLECTION-SCHOOL

✠ Confessions: 11 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Chapel

SUNDAY: 2ND COLLECTION-SCHOOL

✠ Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations: 2:30 p.m., Church
✠ Youth Formation & Confirmation: 4 p.m. School/Hall

NEW PARISHIONERS...We welcome you in the Lord's name, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish. If you are not registered, we invite you to fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or send it to 929 Harvard, Clovis, CA 93612.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

New Parishioner Moving I would like envelopes Deseo sobres de ofrenda en español

New Telephone/Address Former address:

I am interested in volunteering I would like information about:

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 30, 2011

“THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT”

Just imagine what it might be like to be cleaning rooms in a hotel and have a woman in diamonds and an evening gown offer to scrub the toilet for you. Ridiculous, right? Now try imagining that you come to church in the morning after caring for a sick infant all night long. You slip into the last pew. The priest calls your name, asks you to stand, and everyone starts applauding.

As ridiculous as these examples may sound, they are close to what Jesus means in today's Gospel when he says, “The greatest among you must be your servant” (Matthew 23:11). Jesus criticizes the Pharisees because “they will not lift a finger” to help others (Matthew 23:4). According to Jesus, to be a servant is the highest calling of all. We are to exalt the humble, honor the servants of this world with respect, and emulate them in our lives. Paul and Jesus can serve as our examples, for they show us what it means to serve “night and day” (1 Thessalonians 2:9) the people God loves.

CALLED TO SERVE

How, and whom, are you called to serve? Some of us are called into service professions, such as teaching or nursing. But everyone has opportunities to serve every day. Among our families and friends and in our neighborhoods there are people whose needs we can recognize and respond to. In the busy work day we can notice when a customer or coworker could use some assistance, compassion, or encouragement. Most of all, we are called to serve those who are carrying the heavy burdens of poverty, illness, and oppression.

There are lots of ways to serve those in need. But however we are called to serve, we are to do it in a spirit of humility and respect, knowing that it is an honor to serve as Jesus served.

“QUE EL MAYOR DE ENTRE USTEDES SEA SU SERVIDOR”

Imagínate que estuvieras limpiando los cuartos de un hotel y una señora muy elegantemente vestida y cubierta de diamantes se ofrece a ayudarte a limpiar los inodoros. Ridículo, ¿cierto? Ahora trata de imaginar que vienes temprano a la iglesia después de haber cuidado toda la noche a tu bebé enfermo. Te sientas en la última banca. El sacerdote te llama por tu nombre y te pide que te pongas de pie y todo el mundo comienza a aplaudir.

Por ridículos que parezcan estos ejemplos, describen exactamente lo que Jesús quiere enseñarnos hoy cuando dice: “Que el mayor de entre ustedes sea su servidor” (Mateo 23:11). Jesús critica a los fariseos porque ni un dedo quieren mover para ayudar a los demás (Véase Mateo 23:4). Según Jesús, ser un servidor es el más alto llamado. Debemos exaltar al humilde, honrar a los servidores del mundo con respeto e imitarlos en nuestra vida. Pablo y Jesús nos sirven de ejemplo, pues nos muestran lo que significa servir “día y noche” (1 Tesalonicenses 2:9) a los que Dios ama.

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

¿Cómo y a quiénes somos llamados a servir? Algunos de nosotros somos llamados a ofrecer servicios profesionales como la educación o la enfermería. Pero todos tenemos oportunidades de servir cada día. Entre nuestra familia y amigos, y en nuestros vecindarios hay personas cuyas necesidades podemos reconocer y remediar. Durante nuestras ocupaciones diarias podemos notar cuando un cliente o un compañero de trabajo necesita ayuda, compasión o aliento. Más que nada, estamos llamados a servir a quienes arrastran las pesadas cargas de la pobreza, la enfermedad y la opresión.

Hay muchas formas de servir a los necesitados. Pero no importa cuál sea nuestro llamado específico a servir, debemos hacerlo con espíritu de humildad y respeto, sabiendo que es un honor servir como Jesús sirvió.

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ALL SAINTS DAY

October 31 (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.
November 1: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 6 p.m. (English)

DIA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS FIELES

Misa: 7:30 p.m. en Español

ALL SOULS DAY: NOVEMBER 2

Mass Times: 7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (English)

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sandra Hernandez and Susan Tapia who passed away recently. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to their families.

HOLY HOUR & ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, November 6 at 2:30 p.m. in the Church
*Join us in prayer for an increase of vocations
to the priesthood and religious life.*

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS	
SUNDAY: 10/30	Mal 1:14b-2:26, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13; Mt 23:1-12
6:30 a.m.	The Ploharz Family-intentions
8 a.m. (Español)	Family of Hortencia Espinoza - intentions
9:30 a.m.	Agnes Abele
11:00 a.m.	Mary Pat Lucas-birthday intentions
12:30 p.m.	Maria Fernandez
5:30 p.m.	OLPH Parishioners
Divine Mercy Mission	Nathaniel Offenheiser-intentions
MONDAY	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
7:30 a.m.	Douglas Lynch
5:30 p.m.	Jura Family-intentions
TUESDAY	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24, 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
7 a.m.	Edward & Louse Medina
9 a.m.	OLPH Parishioners
6 p.m.	Jose S. Valadez
7:30 p.m.	Elaine Niehoff
WEDNESDAY	Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11
7:30 a.m.	Bob Hoskins
5:30 p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY	Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
7:30 a.m.	Mike & Rose Jura
5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Michels
FRIDAY	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
8:45 a.m.	Carlo Prandini-intentions
SATURDAY	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
7:30 a.m. (Daily)	Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. (Vigil)	Tony Semas
Infant Jesus of Prague	
SUNDAY: 11/6	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13
6:30 a.m.	Kathryn Borjas
8 a.m. (Español)	Jose Saldana
9:30 a.m.	Maria Azevedo
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Gerry Brynda-intentions
12:30 p.m.	OLPH Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Marcos Guillen-birthday intentions
Divine Mercy Mission	Nathaniel Offenheiser-intentions



ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER

Sponsored By

The Italian Catholic Federation - Branch 250

Sunday, November 6, 2011

From 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Notre Dame Hall

Antipasto - Half Roasted Chicken

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Salad - Bread - Wine - Coffee - Punch - Dessert

\$16.00 Adults - \$8.00 Children Under 12

For Tickets Call: 291-7543 or 297-0149

SILVER FOXES

All Seniors are invited to attend the Thanksgiving-themed luncheon on Wednesday, November 16 at 12:15 p.m. following a short business meeting. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will also feature The Workshop's "Christmas Boutique." For reservations, call Nancy Gray at 322-7919 by Friday, November 11. *Please remember to bring a donation for St. Martha's Pantry!*

OLPH Mothers' Group

All mothers and their friends are invited to the next Mother's Group for a discussion on "Celebrating Advent in our Homes" on Friday, November 18 in the Dewitt House (726 Dewitt) after the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Consider joining this group of Moms who want to grow in our faith and encourage one another along the way. Children are welcome and refreshments are served. Please call Nhuha Dizon at 325-9281 or Mary Pat Larralde at 325-1998 for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR TRAINING

Saturday, November 19 • Church

9 a.m.— Eucharistic Ministers

10:30 a.m.—Lectors

This meeting is for all those who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister and all experienced ministers that were unable to attend the meeting in October. Changes will be discussed and there will be a short question/answer period. Please remember that you are required to attend one training each year to remain a minister in good standing. For information on Eucharistic Ministry, call Greg Lucas at 351-9230. For lectors, call Deacon Gary Stevens at 297-0557.

Altar Flowers

Correction: Last weekend's altar flowers were donated by Andy Friend in honor of her brother Frank Rangel's birthday. Rolly and Ernaline Comia donated the vestibule in honor of their 11th Wedding Anniversary and Ernaline's birthday.

This weekend, Our Lady's Guild provided the altar flowers and Don Wagner donated the vestibule arrangement in honor of Sharon Wagner.

The bouquet for Divine Mercy last weekend was donated by Mike and Nora Shirey for the intentions of Servando and Dolores Alvarez. This weekend's flowers were donated by Marshall and Robin Garth.

OLPH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 23, 2011	\$11,739.11 - Plate \$4,525.00 - St. Martha's/Outreach
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Weekly Goal: \$13,700

Thank you for your generosity!

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others! See Matthew 23:11

Bishop's Annual Appeal Mailer/Brochures Still Available

Additional "Unit in Christ/Bishop's Annual Appeal mailer brochures including a return pledge card and envelope are available in the parish office. You may fill-out your Appeal pledge card and place it in the self-addressed envelope and drop it in the mail or you may make your donations online at www.dioceseoffresno.org/development/baa.php by clicking on the "donate" button for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The online donation uses the PayPal system for secure method of giving to the Appeal. Don't forget that the Mobile Giving (text-to-give) method of making your donation in \$5 or \$10 increments through the use of your cell phone is also available. Review the Newsletter for Unity in Christ 2011-2012 for instructions on how to make a "text-to-give" donation in favor of your parish. Thank you for your generous support!

ST MARTHA'S PANTRY REPORT

In October, we served 241 families (totaling 758 people) and distributed 367 bags of food in comparison to 213 families last year.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching. The Thanksgiving distribution is set for Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Once again, a "3-bag system" will be used (a family of 1 to 3 receives 1 bag, a family of 4 to 6 receives 2 bags and a family of 7 + people receive 3 bags). This year, we are preparing for 275 prequalified families.

We plan to include the following in each bag: a pork tenderloin roast, potatoes, cabbage, rolls, margarine, cookies, cake or brownie mix, Jell-O, canned peaches and apples.

Monetary and all donations are most welcomed! For the seasonal distribution, we are in need of margarine, cake mixes and Jell-O. We have room in the freezers for the roasts and if you would like to donate a turkey, of course it will be put to good use! As always, we appreciate donations of our regular items of pasta sauce, pasta, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese and tuna. Toiletry items are also needed.

While we currently have an inventory, we expect heavy demand this Fall and Winter. Your support has been outstanding throughout the year and we thank you very much—your continued support helps to make this economically challenging time a little more bearable for our neighbors.

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, is a special day to honor Priesthood in the United States. It is a call for parishioners to honor Christ as Priest and the men who were called to be his priests on earth. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations. *Thank you, Fr. Robert, Fr. Adrian, and Fr. Craig for your faithful service to our parish!*

Retrouvaille En Español

Si su matrimonio se ha convertido en problemas o estrés, si amor o indiferente, o si su relación se ha vuelto fría y distante, si usted está pensando en la separación o divorcio o si ya están separados o divorciados, pero desean intentarlo nuevamente, entonces el programa Retrouvaille puede ayudarle. Para obtener mas información, llame al (559) 935-1424. Puede llamar anónimamente. Tenga la seguridad que todos los nombres se mantienen en estricta confidencialidad. No hay discusiones de grupo. El siguiente programe Retrouvaille en Español comienza 11 de Noviembre de 2011 en Fresno.

SJM accepting applications for January 2012 enrollment

San Joaquin Memorial High School is a college preparatory Catholic high school offering smaller class sizes, high SAT scores, AP classes, Block Scheduling, 100% college-bound success rate, sports, arts programs, clubs and community service groups, all within a safe, family-oriented, religious environment. Please contact Raquel Hotz for details at 559-268-9251 or rhotz@sjmhs.org.

Healing Mass

Sacred Heart Church is having a healing Mass with their pastor, Fr. Alex C. Ignacio on Thursday, November 10. Praise music will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Mass at 7 p.m. Sacred Heart is located at 2240 N. Cedar in Fresno. For information, call the Sacred Heart Prayer Group at 229-9907 or the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 237-4121.



Liturgy and Life



At its heart, the Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, bringing us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Liturgy brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving.

An ancient saying in the Church reads “lex orandi, lex credendi,” meaning that the law of prayer is the law of faith. More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add *lex vivendi*, meaning that as we pray, so we believe, and so we live. In the third edition of the Roman Missal, the bishops and translators have taken great care to ensure that the prayers accurately and fully reflect the mysteries of our faith. Thus, the words that we pray in each liturgical celebration will help to form and strengthen our understanding of the faith.

However, if the effects of the Liturgy stop at the doors of the church, we have not made our prayer and our faith part of our law of living. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that the Eucharist helps us to grow in union with Christ, avoid sin, increase in charity, strengthen communion with our brothers and sisters, and recognize Christ in the poorest and most vulnerable members of society (see CCC, nos. 1391-1397). But what does that mean in daily life?

LIVING A LIFE OF PRAYER

Our prayer lives should not be limited to a single hour on Sunday mornings. In fact, the richer our prayer lives are throughout the week, the more fully we will be able to enter into the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways to make your daily life more prayerful:

- Try attending daily Mass at least once a week. Your parish may have an early morning Mass, or a church near your job may offer a lunchtime Mass.
- Stop in a church before or after work or on your lunch hour for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Make it a practice to say grace before every meal—even if you are eating in the car.
- Schedule time for family prayer at least once a week.
- This prayer can be as simple as saying the Our Father or a decade of the Rosary

together.

- Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at www.usccb.org/nab.
- Begin your day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God, offering your day to him.
- End your day with an examination of conscience, looking at your successes and failures in what you have done or what you have failed to do. If you are aware of serious sin, receive the Sacrament of Penance before you receive Holy Communion again.

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVING SERVICE

Celebrating the eucharistic Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion should strengthen us to conform our lives more closely to the example of Christ. As Jesus knelt before his Apostles to wash their feet (see Jn 13), giving them an example of humble service, so must we who bear the name Christian live our lives in service to our brothers and sisters.

To help us in this endeavor, Church Tradition has identified works of mercy. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity, but they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way to integrate them into our personal, family, and parish lives.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feeding the hungry
- Sheltering the homeless
- Clothing the naked
- Visiting the sick
- Visiting the imprisoned
- Giving drink to the thirsty
- Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Converting sinners
- Instructing the ignorant
- Advising the doubtful
- Comforting the sorrowful
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Forgiving injuries
- Praying for the living and dead

Our parishes and civil communities offer numerous opportunities to live out these works, from assisting with religious education

classes or volunteering at a food bank to encouraging our legislators to put forward policies that protect the life and dignity of each person. As we grow in conformity to Christ, we see more clearly that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (see Gn 1:26) and so have an inherent value and dignity. By helping to build a more just and compassionate society, we act as Christ’s Body in the world.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE EUCHARIST

Living the Christian life is not easy. “What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage” (CCC, no. 1392).

And so, each Sunday, we return to the eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The Catechism explains it as follows:

The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ’s sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368)

Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.

REFERENCE

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000. Excerpts from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, second edition, copyright © 2000, Libreria Editrice Vaticana—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION: Parents and godparents are required to attend a class through OLPH or their own parish. Our next class will be Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in Notre Dame Hall (1 block north of the church at 8th & Dewitt Streets). There is a \$10 material fee payable at the class. *Pre-registration for the English class is **not** required.*

REGISTERING FOR BAPTISM: Parents must complete a registration form, and providing copies of the child's birth certificate; godparent's Confirmation and Marriage certificates (if married); baptismal preparation class certificates and a \$40 processing fee for each child. Parents who live in another parish should submit a permission letter from their parish to baptize at OLPH. Registrations forms are available online, in the parish office and at the class.

REQUISITOS PARA BAUTISMOS

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES: Se requiere que los padres y padrinos asistan a una platica pre-bautismal. **La próxima platica será el Martes, 11 de octubre a las 7 p.m. en el Salón Notre Dame (esquina de las calles 8th y Dewitt). El cobro para la platica es \$10 por cada pareja. La platica es para adultos solamente—por favor arregle el cuidado de sus niños.** Registrase antes de la platica con Nancy en la Oficina Parroquial.

REGISTRACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO: Los padres necesitan completar una forma de registración y someterlo con una copia de la acta de nacimiento del bebe; copias del los certificado de Confirmación y Matrimonio (si son casados) de los padrinos; y pago de \$40 por cada niño/a.

MATRIMONY

The bride or groom should make an appointment with one of our priests at least six months in advance. • The couple must obtain a new certificate of baptism and provide copies of their First Communion and/or Confirmation certificates. • A marriage preparation session is required. Our marriage preparation program called “Evenings of the Engaged” offers enrichment and helps couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sessions are held once a week over 5 to 6 weeks. For details, please call Jacqui in the parish office.

MATRIMONIO

La novia o novio necesitan hacer una cita con nuestro Párroco por lo menos de seis meses por adelantado • La pareja necesitan obtener un nuevo certificado de bautismo y proveer copias de los certificados de Primera Comuni3n y/o Confirmaci3n • Se requiere una platica pre-matrimonial. Se requiere que los novios asisten a clases de preparaci3n para matrimonio. Hay varias iglesias que ofrecen platicas en Espa3ol. Se les dar3 una lista en su primer cita con el sacerdote.

PILGRIM CHALICE: Our parish has a pilgrim chalice to foster prayers for vocations in the home. On the first Sunday of every month, the pilgrim chalice is used at Mass and then presented to a family who reverently displays it in a prominent place in their home for a month. While hosting the chalice, the family promises to pray together daily for vocations. If you are interested in hosting the pilgrim chalice, please call the parish office to be placed on the list. Let us unite as a parish family to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

HOLY HOUR & ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS: Join us in prayer for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life on the first Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m. in the Church.

CALIZ PEREGRINO: Nuestra parroquia tiene un c3liz peregrino para alentar la oraci3n por las vocaciones en los hogares. En el primer domingo de cada mes el c3liz peregrino ser3 usado en misa y luego ser3 presentado a una familia. Esa familia llevara el c3liz donde ser3 exhibido reverentemente en un lugar prominente de la casa por un mes entero. Durante el mes, la familia se compromete a orar diariamente por las vocaciones. Si usted esta interesado en tener el c3liz peregrino en su hogar, llame por favor a la oficina parroquial al 299-4270. Déjenos unir como una sola familia parroquial y orar por las vocaciones y vida religiosa!

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR OUR NEXT BISHOP

Almighty God, Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who will advise the Holy Father in the selection of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno.

May he have the zeal of Saint Paul, the priestly gifts of Saint John Vianney, the wisdom of a loving father and brother, and most of all, the heart of your Son, Jesus.

We ask that the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us, and that Saint Thérèse, our patroness, join us in this prayer, which we make through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

ORACION PARA NUESTRO PROXIMO OBISPO

Dios Todopoderoso, envía tu Espíritu Santo para guiar a aquellos quienes van a recomendar y aconsejar al Santo Padre en la selecci3n del próximo Obispo de la Diócesis de Fresno.

Que el posea la pasi3n de San Pablo, los dones sacerdotales de San Juan Vianney, la sabiduría de un padre y hermano amoroso; y sobre todo, el coraz3n de tu Hijo, Jesús.

Imploramos que la Sagrada Virgen Maria interceda por nosotros, y que Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, nuestra patrona, nos acompañe en esta súplica, la cual hacemos en Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amen.