



# St. John Neumann Catholic Church

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#### OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 AM TO 12 NOON; 1:30 PM TO 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY  
8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

**CLOSED SUNDAY**  
**CLOSED MONDAY**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday, 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., or upon request during office hours except on Sundays.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Sundays during Mass (except during Lent). Parents & godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep. Class. Those held at our church are on the 1st Tuesday at 7pm & the 3rd Saturday at 10am each month. **It is necessary to call the office & pre-register for the class.** The Baptism date should be scheduled with the church prior to making plans for the celebration with family and friends.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Consult with the priest before you set the date. A minimum of six months preparation is needed.

#### **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Call the parish office at any time if you or a member of your family seeks the Sacrament

#### **Communion for the Sick or Homebound**

Please contact the parish office during office hours. In case of hospitalization, inform the admissions office that you are a Catholic so that they may inform ministers.

#### **Funeral Arrangements**

Please call the parish office at any time.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Mass requests are scheduled in the parish office. The calendar fills up rapidly, so mass intentions may have to be made up to a year in advance.

#### **House Blessings**

Parishioners are encouraged to bless their own homes. Holy water and appropriate prayers are provided by the parish.

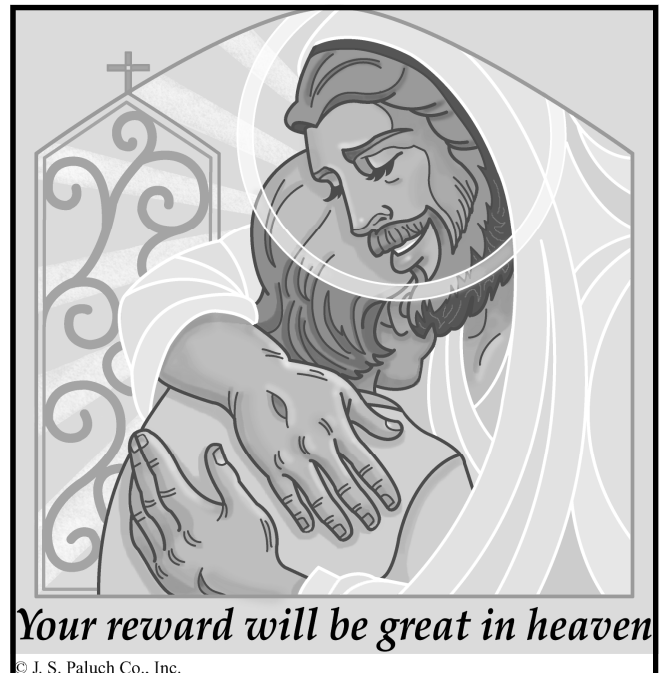
#### **Faith Formation Registration**

Open registration.

Call the Faith Formation Office.

**Annulments - Please call the office.**

Sunday, February 14, 2010  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### **The Schedule of Liturgies**

*Saturday:* 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

*Sunday:* 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.;  
12:00 noon, (with ASL Interpretation);  
& 5:00 pm

*Tuesday through Friday:* 8:00 a.m.  
*Holy Days:* 8:00 a.m., 12 noon, & 6:00 p.m.

#### **Rosary**

Tues.- Fri: 7:15 am (Church opens at 7:10 a.m.)

#### **Morning Prayer**

Tuesday through Friday: 7:35 a.m.



### **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

4:00 pm † Danny Koenigbauer by Anne Hoag

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 am † Bob Pursley by Don & Jean Gibbons

10:00 am Parishioners of SJNC

12:00 pm † Jaime Altonaga  
by Jose & Nanette Catala

5:00 pm † James F. Kydd by Stan Marcelak

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 am † Mary Felix  
by Harold & Charlene Paquette

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Matthew Reno by Kathy Wedmore

12:00pm † Edwarda Oracoy by Linda Mayo

5:00 pm Pradeep Anthony by Fr. Bede

7:00 pm † Frank Fertitta, Jr.  
By Fr. Bede and SJNC parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00am John Fitzgerald & Family  
By Corine Lucardie

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 am † John Parkins by Elsie Lyon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:00 pm † Keith Fogerly  
by Georgiana Napolitano

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am † Jesse Boyl by James Dillon

10:00 am † Bernadean F. Logan  
By Soja Francis J. Mansfield

12:00 pm † Mimi DiSomma  
by The DiSomma Family

5:00 pm Parishioners of SJNC

### **PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION**

In the past few weeks we have been hearing about the beginning of Jesus' ministry as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth by reading, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). With those words Jesus announced the whole purpose of his ministry. He himself was to bring the kingdom of God to the poor. This is the good news of salvation that he preached and brought about during his ministry.



Today we hear the Beatitudes, in which Jesus explains more fully what those "glad tidings" really mean. The good news is about salvation from suffering on earth and in the life to come. It is about divine favor resting on those who trust in God's love and mercy, rather than on those who trust in human plans, possessions, and power.

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18;  
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

### **NEXT WEEK FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;  
Lk 4:1-13

Other daily scripture resources:

[www.usccb.org/nab](http://www.usccb.org/nab)

(daily scripture on the web)

[www.usccb.org/nab/nabpodcast](http://www.usccb.org/nab/nabpodcast)

(daily scripture podcast)

### **Lenten Prayer & Devotions**

#### **Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Masses with ashes distributed will be at the following times:

8 a.m., 12 noon, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

#### **Weekday Masses**

are celebrated at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
And Friday

#### **Friday Devotions during Lent**

#### **(except Good Friday)**

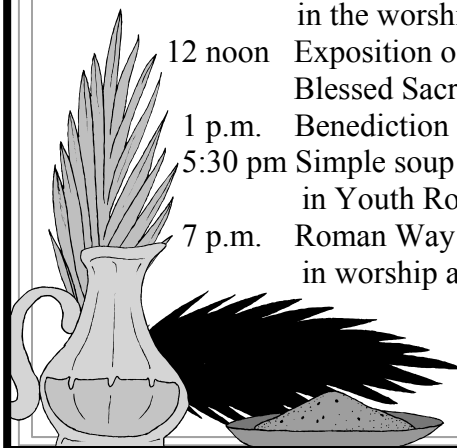
8:45 a.m. Jerusalem Way of the Cross  
in the worship area

12 noon Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament

1 p.m. Benediction

5:30 pm Simple soup supper  
in Youth Room

7 p.m. Roman Way of the Cross  
in worship area



### **Victim Advocacy Number**

Advocacy is available through the diocese for any individual who has been sexually and/or physically abused.

**The 24-hour hotline number is: 235-7723**

## Stewardship

The following is a listing of parish financial obligations:

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$33,655.00  
 NEEDED MONTHLY: \$145,835.00  
 NEEDED ANNUALLY: \$1,750,000.00

We need to raise \$ 252,000.00 from other fundraising and program income. This will bring down our weekly expectation from collections to \$29,375.00. We average about \$24,100.00 a week. That means each week we fall short \$5,500.00. The monthly mortgage for the Parish Center is \$31,768.00 and whatever we don't have when the payment is due, must be taken out of our "less than substantial" savings, which will soon disappear.

### FEBRUARY 6/7

1st Collection - \$ 24,663 00

2nd Collection, Building Fund \$ 5,191.00

Church Attendance	2899	Our church holds 663	
Attendance	1st	2nd Collection	
4:00 pm	418	\$ 3,552.50	\$ 1,070.00
8:00 am	505	\$ 3,753.00	\$ 1,166.00
10:00 am	879	\$ 4,626.50	\$ 963.00
12:00 pm	848	\$ 3,331.00	\$ 989.00
5:00 pm	249	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 307.00
Electronic payment		\$ 5,142.00	
Mail in		\$ 3,188.00	\$ 696.00

## Second collection

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, the collection will be for the poor. The Bishop has written us a letter about it which can be found on page six.



Next week's (February 21) second collection is for our Children's Faith Formation Ministry. For a real investment in the future of our Church, please support the children and their teachers by being as generous as possible in next week's collection.

## Happy Valentine's Day!



*"If you have only one smile, give it to the people you love. Don't be surly at home, then go out grinning "Good Morning" to total strangers." —Maya Angelou*



## Pastor's Notes

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This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and with it, the annual Lenten season begins. Lent is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises. The gospel for Ash Wednesday is from Matthew. Through this gospel, Jesus tells us of a three-fold method of self-denial: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. These spiritual exercises help us to know our deeper selves. Knowing that God sees every move and thought we have, we strive to keep our intentions pure and holy.

**Fasting** is perhaps the most misinterpreted spiritual discipline. Even as I scrutinized my own intentions after deciding to give up rice, bread and other carbs, I found that my ulterior motive was not so much spiritual as it was an attempt to improve my own body through self-discipline. Last weekend's bulletin published an item on "Fasting and Feasting". This is a good way to think about the fasting in which we are about to engage. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast due to poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures and those who are in need for any reason. A while back, I told a story in one of my homilies about how the Mormons fast. They are told to fast from a meal or two during the week and give the money they saved from fasting to the church to provide for the poor. This is something we can also do to give our fasting real meaning and provide a positive action for those less fortunate.

**Prayer** should be given more time during Lent. Our parish offers many opportunities for devotions and liturgies during Lent. The following is offered on Fridays in Feb. and March:

- The Jerusalem Stations of the Cross at 8:45 am
- Blessed Sacrament Exposition from noon to 1 pm
- Benediction at 1 pm
- Simple Soup Supper 5:30 pm
- Roman Way of the Cross (Scriptural Passion of Jesus) with prayer around the cross

Booklets are available to assist with both the Jerusalem Stations and the Roman-Scriptural Way of the Cross so that you may pray these at your convenience whenever the church is open.

**Almsgiving** is the third pillar of Lent. I touched on it in the information about fasting. We must remember that this is a difficult time for many people. Some are suffering from unemployment; others underemployment or other problems holding them down. Everyone's story is unique, but lately the need for food and other kinds of help is overwhelming for our outreach. It has only been with your help and God's grace that we have not turned anyone away empty handed. Lent is a good time to do something special for the poor. Your donations are very welcomed. Please consider not only food, but personal hygiene items, soap, feminine products, diapers, etc. Thank you for continuing to share with those less fortunate.

May God bless your Lenten Journey and may it lead you to a deeper and more satisfying relationship with our heavenly Father.

# PARISH ACTIVITIES

## The SNAP Program

There has been a good response to the SNAP Program, but so many more can be served. Please don't hesitate to apply. Everything is confidential, and you won't know if you qualify until you're interviewed. Consider taking advantage of this program. It can help your nutrition and well-being.

Staff members from Threesquare, LV's community food bank, started evaluating families for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a food stamp program, on Thursday, February 4th. They will be here every Thursday in February to make sure all who qualify will be served. Come to the parish library on Thursdays any time between 9am and 12pm, and see if you fit the qualifications.

A picture ID, social security numbers for all family members, and a proof of residency is needed. Income guidelines are in place, and most seniors on a fixed income may qualify, as well as the unemployed or underemployed.

If you, a relative, or friend think there's a

## Outreach

*"One of the secrets of a long and fruitful life is to forgive everybody everything every night before you go to bed."* Bernard Baruch

For Lent, instead of "giving up" something, how about "giving to"? Specifically, our Outreach ministry. There's a little bit of sacrifice connected to "giving to", though. It might mean sacrificing an hour or two in cleaning out the closet of clothes long forgotten, or remembering to pick up an extra jar of peanut butter while shopping. But the payoff for the sacrifice will be the satisfaction that you're fulfilling one of the three tenets of Lent . . . almsgiving in one of its many forms. Think about it.



### *Wish lists:*

#### **Pantry:**

Spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, **protein** (canned chicken, tuna, ham, Spam, beef stew), Ramen, tortillas, **RICE**, **DRIED BEANS**

**Lunches:** Soft drinks, water, chips

## **Ministry Schedules**

All liturgical ministry schedules are created by the 15th of the previous month. Any changes in your schedule must be submitted in writing/email to Mary Santos (events@sjnc.org) before that date.



*Please find your new schedules in the magazine racks, located in the front lobby, each month.*

## **GOT GLASSES??? "RECYCLE FOR SIGHT"**

The Los Prados Lion's Club is still collecting your discarded prescription eyeglasses. Look for the Lion's box in the church lobby and deposit your glasses there. Thank you for giving the "Gift of Sight"!



## **Marthas & Marys**

Check out the upcoming events and mark your calendars with the following:

**Retreat** - This event is open to all the ladies of the Parish and is being held on Saturday, February 27 from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Fr. Michael Sinor will present a full day retreat to help us on our spiritual journey during this Lenten season. Lunch is included so an RSVP is needed. Please call the Parish office to register and/or leave a message for Indira Thomas.

**March Meeting** - After the March 9 business meeting, we will be assembling Easter baskets that will be distributed to those children who would not otherwise receive such a treat. Mark your calendars and join in on this fun and worthwhile project!



*The Marthas & Marys invite all women of the parish, 18 and older, to join the group for social and spiritual growth.*

## YOUTH NEWS

### **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

JHYG is meeting every Monday to practice the Living Stations of the Cross. The remaining practices are: Feb. 15, & 22 and March 1. **There will be no Friday Meeting in February or March due to parish Lenten services.**

On **Wednesday, March 3rd @ 6PM** the JHYG will have their annual LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS Presentation.

**Monday, March 8th** The JHYG Meeting will be cancelled due to the Parish Lenten Mission - A new meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, March 15th**. We will be creating homemade Easter cards and jeweled crosses for the residents at the Silver Hills Health Care Center.

### **JHYG**

The Junior High Youth Group is calling all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

(See above for current meeting times)  
RSVP Jenn at 399-6710 or email  
[JLBauchrowitz@cox.net](mailto:JLBauchrowitz@cox.net)

*the fruitful vine*

### **SJNC Junior High Group** **Needs Your Help!**

The JHYG needs foam Easter stickers, card stock paper, letter stickers, foam letter stickers, 3" - 6" wooden crosses, and different colored seed beads!  
We will be creating homemade Easter cards and jeweled crosses for the residents at the Silver Hills Health Care Center.  
Thanks for your help!

## FAITH FORMATION

### **TRUE VINE EVENINGS OF MEDITATION**

In preparation for First Reconciliation, the next Eucharist Year 2 evening will be:

- The 3rd True Vine Meditation  
Friday, February 19, 2010 6:00pm

The focus of the evenings is to come to a deeper appreciation of how the Sacrament of Reconciliation strengthens our relationship with our loving Creator.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

First Reconciliation will be held on **Saturday, February 20, at 9:30am** for students in Year 2 of Sacrament Preparation. Students and their families will join in prayer followed by individual confessions.

### **FIRST EUCHARIST**

Celebration of First Eucharist will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 10:00am and 1:00pm. Parents **MUST** attend the First Eucharist Meeting on Saturday, February 27, at 10:00am in the worship space in order to sign up for one of the Masses. Sign ups are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

The Confirmation II retreat on Mt. Potosi will be March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Keep checking [www.sjnc.org](http://www.sjnc.org) for details.

### **LITTLE CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

LCL is currently offered at the 10 am Mass and lasts about 25 minutes. For more information, contact Helen Silva, Candy Kenny, & Tania George  
[littlechildrensliturgy@yahoo.com](mailto:littlechildrensliturgy@yahoo.com)/657-0200ext215



### **Living Stewardship Now**

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it."

—Blessed Mary MacKillop

# From the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we begin this Holy Season of Lent, we are reminded of the needs of our brothers and sisters and our call to alleviate their suffering.

On Ash Wednesday we will hear about the three challenges, traditionally associated with our observance of Lent: Almsgiving – generously giving to those in need; Fasting – practicing discipline over our time and our appetites; and Prayer - seeking to grow in our continued loving relationship and communion with Jesus. We will spend this time, during Lent, in reflection on the true reason we were given the gifts of life and from this awareness how we must then share with others. Through selfless giving, and good deeds we will enrich the world around us and bring benefits to our own personal life.



**Please help Catholic Charities provide vital social services for people in need in our community.**

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

\$25 provides for 10 pounds of chicken; serving 25 people.

\$50 provides for pancake mix to serve 125 people.

\$75 provides for a case of ground beef; serving 65 people.

\$100 provides canned goods for a family of three for 3 weeks.

\$125 provides meals for a homebound client for one month.

#### Food Facts for the year:

Social Services provides more than 50,000 bags of groceries to people in need.

St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility serves more than 730,000 meals to men, women and children.

Meals on Wheels serves more than 420,000 meals to homebound seniors.

**Programs include:** Adoption Services • Homeless Prevention  
Employment Services • Immigration/Migration & Refugee Services  
Resident Work Program for Men • Affordable Housing  
Senior Transitional Living • Senior Services and Senior Meals on Wheels  
Social Services and Food for Men, Women and Children

For more information:

702-385-2662

Donate online:

[www.catholiccharities.com](http://www.catholiccharities.com)



**Catholic Charities**  
OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Please share your blessings with our community's brothers and sisters who are most in need. Lent is a time to remember those for whom each day is a struggle for survival. Sharing from our abundance with those who are less fortunate is an expression of our gratitude for all God has given to us in life and love. Nothing brings us closer to our Lord than caring for our brothers and sisters.

Please include the caring work of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada in your Lenten prayers and services.

For 69 years, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada has cared for the needs of infants, children, families, seniors and the homeless by providing food, shelter, employment, and crisis intervention. Yearly, more than a thousand men and women find shelter and opportunities for employment; more than 3 million meals are provided to men, women and children; Social Services provides hope for individuals and families; families find new beginnings at the Migration and Refugee Programs; children find homes and families are created through our Adoption Services; and Senior Programs support and celebrate the dignity of life.

Once again, I invite you to continue your work of love and to give generously to this Ash Wednesday Collection.

I pray that we will give freely of ourselves in our relationships and in our community. Join me through this Holy Season and share your blessings with Catholic Charities to sustain the dignity of all people by giving help and hope to all persons in need regardless of race, religion or creed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D.  
Bishop of Las Vegas

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Notice from Catholic Charities



Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada can not accept goods for Haiti such as food, clothing, or toiletries because we do not have the capacity to ship the goods. We are asking the community to send their cash donations to **Catholic Relief Services** or to the American Red Cross, or other legitimate relief organizations. The local and national emergency services presently are not accepting material goods until they have an organized system in place to accept these kinds of donations.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) HELPING IN HAITI

A few weeks ago, our second collection was taken up for the aid of the Haiti earthquake victims. SJNC was able to send \$7500 to CRS, to help with their relief efforts. CRS is continuing to respond to the need for food, water, shelter and health supplies. Haiti was still recovering from the deadly 2008 hurricanes when the quake struck.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. Of its population of 9 million, 80% are Catholic, and almost all are living in poverty. Catholic aid agencies were

already operating in that country, prior to the earthquake. CRS will be using a large portion of the 2010 Collection for Latin America to rebuild the



Church's infrastructure and tending to pastoral needs in Haiti. Through careful stewardship of resources, CRS makes sure that funds that have been generously entrusted to them go where it is most needed. Be confident that your gifts to Catholic Relief Services are used effectively and efficiently to make lifesaving differences.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti, and for those who are there helping to alleviate suffering and restore hope for our brothers and sisters overseas.



## RETROUVAILLE... HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at every stage of disillusionment even those thinking of separation or divorce. Don't wait until it gets that bad. Call now for information about the April 18-18, 2010 Retrouvaille Weekend. Call Chuck and Carol Moore at (702) 615-4339.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

This Sunday is **World Marriage Day** which honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family. Commit to making your marriage a priority in your lives and sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 12-14., 2010, in Boulder City. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, call Wayne and Marcia Kessler at 702-566-8753. For information on Spanish-language weekends, call Jose and Patti Santiago at 702-544-3755



## GO FOR THE GREEN!

The UNLV Catholic Newman Center is hosting a golf outing "Go for the Green" on March 6, 2010 at Angel Park. The event will start with a private buffet breakfast from 7am-9am with tee-offs beginning at 8am. The event is projected to host 50 golfers with their families, and will be our annual spring charity event. There will be several different competitions in which all golfers are eligible to participate and a variety of prizes for the winners. The cost is \$125.00 per person for breakfast and golf, and \$25.00 per person for breakfast only. Please RSVP by Friday, February 26 by calling David Zeamer at (702) 327-1635 or email him at [zeamer@unlvnewman.com](mailto:zeamer@unlvnewman.com).



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## St. Anthony of Padua Annual Golf Tournament

The St. Anthony of Padua Parish 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at Silverstone Golf Club, 8600 Cupp Dr., Las Vegas, NV. Shotgun start for the 4 player scramble is at 12:15 p.m., with registration beginning at 10:45 a.m. The tournament fee is \$100.00 per person and includes dinner after the tournament. Contests and raffles are included in the event. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the St. Anthony of Padua building fund. The new church is designated for construction at Fort Apache and Centennial Parkway. For further information, please phone the church office at 702-399-6897 or email [Jeanne@saplv.org](mailto:Jeanne@saplv.org).

## CHRIST THE KING FISH FRYS

Every Friday of Lent 4-7 pm  
Price – Adults: \$6 Child under 12: \$3  
4925 S. Torrey Pines —For info: 871-1904



# event-ville!

## A BIG SJNC THANK YOU...

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped prepare and present our "Saints & Sinners" Theatrical Event this past Friday. The night was great fun and a big success!! Special thanks to our Event Committee, our many volunteers and our SJNC Men's Club for all their help.

**Mark you calendar—Coming March 21st:**

***Join us for a Special Benefit Night at Sammy's Woodfired Pizza-(Centennial Hills Location)***

Bring your "SJNC Benefit Night at Sammy's flyer" (coming soon) and dine anytime between 11am and 9pm, March 21st at "Sammy's Woodfired Pizza"-Centennial Hills (located at Durango & Elkhorn in the Montecito Marketplace) and 20% of the proceeds of your meal will be donated to our SJNC building fund. Bring your family and friends and join your fellow SJNC parishioners for a great (and certainly tasty!) event. Not a pizza fan? No matter, Sammy's has a large and varied menu.

***More details and benefit flyer coming soon.***

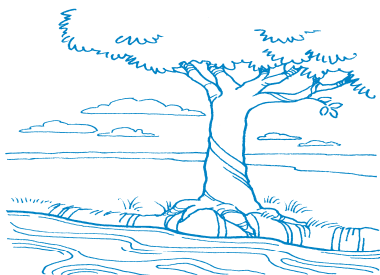
*Seems like a crazy time to be talking about Fall, but actually...*



this is a *great* time for an open house about our Fall Festival. March has been the time we've traditionally recruited new committee members for our Fall Harvest/Halloween Extravaganza. If you're interested in learning about the festival and how you can put your God-given talents to work...call our events department at 657-0200 x 211-Mary Santos or email at [events@sjnc.org](mailto:events@sjnc.org). We'll have the date of our March Fall Festival Open House in the next bulletin.

## LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

*The one who trusts  
the Lord is like  
a tree planted  
near running water*



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### WHO AM I?

I am not ordained, I have not been anointed  
with holy oils,  
I am not a religious brother or sister, but  
I am Church.  
I am a Eucharistic minister, I take Communion  
to the homebound and the sick.  
I am Church.  
I greet visitors to Mass, welcome new parishioners,  
proclaim the Word,  
and make music to praise God with joy.  
I am Church.  
I serve in a homeless shelter, gather food and clothing  
for families in hardship.  
I counsel engaged couples,  
help them plan their wedding.  
I do chores and drive to the doctor for the elderly.  
I am Church.  
I comfort the widowed, separated, and divorced.  
I take food and consolation to the bereaved.  
I am Church.  
I teach English as a second language.  
I advocate for the unborn and new immigrants,  
for safe neighborhoods and  
housing for the working poor.  
I teach God's love  
and the riches of the faith to young and old.  
I am Church.  
I pledge a portion of my finances to the Church and charities.  
I plan and organize, sit on committees,  
and clean up.  
I celebrate, pray, and listen.  
I am Church.  
I am a minister  
because I am baptized. I serve in countless ways  
because I am blessed.  
I AM CHURCH.

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### Scripture Class

Scripture class will continue on  
Thursdays at 8:45 am. This class discusses the readings  
for the coming weekend's Masses.  
Everyone in the parish is invited to attend.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

*Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum!*

*No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!*

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### Fasting and abstaining

Ash Wednesday is on February 17. Here is the guidance on fasting and abstaining:

Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The spirit of the law may invite us to fast from other activities as well: from television or computer games, from eating out or from gossiping. These minimum requirements make the most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our most fundamental concerns: our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting) and with each other (almsgiving).

## **Parish Staff**

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Bede Wevita	
<b>Visiting Priests</b>	Msgr. Joe Cosgrove	
	Fr. Albert Felice-Pace	
	Fr. Joe Annese	
<b>Deacon</b>	Frank Oettinger	
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Nancy Hoover	x 201
<b>Receptionist</b>	Leonarda Serna	x 200
<b>Business Administrator</b>	Cheryl Shaffer	x 216
<b>Director of Faith Formation for Children</b>	Cathy Trawinski	x 210
<b>Director of Youth &amp; Young Adult Ministry</b>	Greg Sinclair	x 214
<b>Asst. to Faith Formation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>	Rosie Arellano	x 217
<b>Coordinator of CGS</b>	Helen Silva	x215
<b>Director of Events &amp; Activities</b>	Mary Santos	x 211
<b>Coordinator of Pastoral Care</b>	Kathy Oettinger	
<b>Director of Music &amp; Adult and Children's Choir</b>	Sean Davis	255-5269
<b>Cantors</b>	Sean Davis & Lissy de Jesus	
<b>Organists</b>	Kara Davis & Delma Reid	
<b>Maintenance Supervisor</b>	Chuck Miller	
<b>Custodian</b>	Tio Serna	

## **Parish Calendar**

Baptismal Prep	1st Tuesday, 7pm
	3rd Saturday, 10am
Marthas & Marys	2nd Tuesday, 7pm
Young Adult Choir	Tuesdays, 7pm
Children's choir	Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Adult Choir	Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Men's Club	1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Senior Luncheons	2nd Wednesday, bi-monthly, 12 noon
Finance Committee	4th Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Bible Study	Thursdays, 8:45 am
Staff Meetings	Thursdays, 10 am
RCIA	Thursdays, 6:45 pm
Lector Workshop	Thursdays, 7pm
Parish Council	Last Thursday, 7pm
Jr. High Youth Group	2nd Monday & Last Friday, 6-7:30pm
Little Children's Liturgy	Sunday 10am & 12noon

## **Contacts for Ministries/Organizations**

<b>Altar Linens</b>	Mary Lou Bodan	658-1953
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Marie Ricci	399-6327
<b>Baptismal Preparation</b>	Call the office to register	657-0200
<b>Bulletin</b>	Maureen Zander, Caroline Jasso	657-0200
<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b>	Helen Silva cgs@sjnc.org	657-0200
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Aruna Silva arunaisilva@yahoo.com	595-5798
	Marge Nelson	649-3318
<b>Gift Shop</b>	Nelda Schafer	657-0200
<b>Junior High Youth Ministry</b>	Jenn Bauchowitz	399-6710
<b>Hospitality</b>	Elsie Lyon	657-0200
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882
<b>Little Children's Liturgy (ages 3 through Kindergarten)</b>	Candy Kenny, Tania George, & Helen Silva littlechildrensliturgy@yahoo.com	
<b>Marthas &amp; Marys</b>	Lori Gabriel	445-7548
<b>Men's Club</b>	Bob Huddleston	385-3943
<b>Military Family Support Group</b>	Caroline Jasso	672-2451
<b>Ministry to Sick &amp; Shut-ins</b>	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
<b>Outreach</b>	Marge Pinto	657-0200
<b>RCIA</b>	Phil Lee	642-5450
<b>Sacristans</b>	Max Fightmaster	657-0200
<b>Senior Luncheons</b>	Bob Chiodo	649-5989
<b>Sponsor Couple Program; Marriage Prep</b>	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882
<b>Youth Group</b>	Greg Sinclair	657-0200 x 214

## **Parish Council 2010**

Terry Lamuraglia (President)	Tony Urevich	Shelley Robertson
Marie Ricci (Secretary)	Jay Rodrigues	Arlene Martin
Harry Shull (Consultant)	Chris Lee	Caroline Jasso
John Cruz	Phil Lee	James Frater

## **Parish Finance Council**

John Kilduff	Tim Coughlin
Margo Lamuraglia	Aruna Silva