



September 14, 2014

Saturday, September 13, 2014
6:00 PM
Ted Beshwate (D)
By Teresa Beshwate

Saturday, September 20, 2014
6:00 PM
Belle Barra (D)
By Riley Family

Sunday, September 14, 2014
8:00 AM
Jesvina Lima (D)
By Paul/Kathi Woodward/Family

Sunday, September 21, 2014
8:00 AM
Gary Ray (L)
By Mary Tiller

10:00 AM
Danny Cunha (D)
By Dolores Negrete

10:00 AM
Anthony David Santellano (D)
By Family

PRO POPOLO

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11:30 AM
Yolanda Villanueva (L)
Por Familia Rodriguez

11:30 AM
Mateo Ruiz (D)
Por Familia

WEEKDAY MASSES
7:30 AM

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Monday, September 15, 2014
Francisca Garcia (D)
By Paul/Kathi Woodward

Monday, September 22, 2014
Belle Barra (D)
By Clarence/Belle Martin & family

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Joe Hood (D)
By Correia Family

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
Belle Barra (D)
By Paul/Kathi Woodward/Family

No Mass
Wednesday, September 17, 2014

No Mass
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Thursday, September 18, 2014
Antonio Roberto (D)
By Irmandade Senhora Fatima

Thursday, September 25, 2014
Antonio Roberto (D)
By Abel/Amando Oliveira

Friday, September 19, 2014
Angela Rete (D)
By Lucy Silverio

Friday, September 26, 2014
Jesvina Lima (D)
By Paul/Kathi Woodward/Family

FATHER JERRY'S BIBLE CLASS

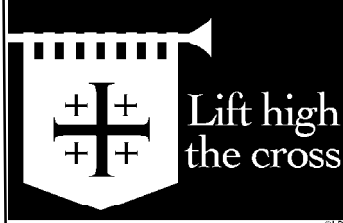
Class at 6:00 pm every Tuesday in the conference room.

RCIA RETREAT Sunday, September 21, 2014 sponsored by St. John's Cathedral at 3737 W. McKinley, Fresno from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Cost \$20 per person. To register, contact Rachele 355-1807.

2nd ANNUAL BLUE MASS Friday, September 26, 2014 at 12:10 pm at St. John's Cathedral. All faiths welcomed. Principal celebrant, Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D. D.

DIOCESAN CONGRESS & YOUTH DAY Help us celebrate by reaching our goal of 1,600 participants at this year's annual Diocesan Congress. Join the 26th Annual Congress at the Visalia Convention Center, October 11, 2014 and for Youth Day on October 12, 2014. Online registration www.diocesoffresno.org/congress or call Office of Ministries 488-7474. The Registration Guidebooks are now available.

KNXT CELEBRATION Save the date! October 25, 2014 at Warnors "Star Palace" Dinner by Vintage Press. \$150 per person. Phone 488-7440.



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." The first reading

today refers to the story of the Israelites and the serpents. These venomous creatures were biting and killing the people of Israel wandering in the desert. Moses begged God to save them from the affliction. God chose a strange antidote to the poison: he told Moses to mount a bronze serpent on a pole. Those who looked at it survived.

In the Gospel reading, John refers to this historical event in the context of salvation. Then, the people of God were saved from physical death by looking up. Now, we are saved from spiritual death in much the same way. Through the cross where Jesus was "lifted up," God has given us an antidote to the poison of sin. The habits of selfishness that threaten to suffocate our souls can be overcome when we raise our eyes to this cross upon which Christ made the ultimate act of selflessness.

Today at Mass, many of us will sing the rousing hymn "Lift High the Cross" and call to mind this "triumphant sign" that has come to be equivalent with Christianity itself. The cross is our symbol, our banner, and our hope. As Christians, we march behind it with confidence and courage because through it, even the most fearsome of all human realities-sin and death-have been conquered. Now we can enjoy the gift of eternal life.

But, like the children of Israel wandering in the desert, we have to participate in our own salvation. God desired that they actively "look" at the bronze seraph instead of passively being cured. So too, we must choose to actively embrace the cross of Christ by modeling our lives after the generous, life-giving love of the Lord.

THE BIBLE SAYS... READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

- Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Second collection: Religious Education
Last week's plate collection: \$2,651.50
Building Fund: \$735.50

Next week's collection: Maintenance & Repair
Thank you for your continued generosity.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers
Let us pray for all who are listed in our Book of Remembrance and all souls.
Pray for the sanctification of our priests.



CONGRATULATIONS FATHER JERRY

Father Jerry celebrates his 30th Ordination Anniversary on September 15, 2014. Our parish community has come together and planned a special celebration in his honor. We ask the Lord's blessings upon Father Jerry. May he continue to be "A Good Shepherd."

SPAGHETTI AND CHICKEN DINNER

Mark your calendar! The Annual Ernest Lencioni Memorial Spaghetti and Chicken Dinner will be served from 2:00-6:00 pm at the CPDES Hall on Sunday, November 9, 2014. The cost is \$10.00. Take-outs are available. Please call Louie Mendoza 907-6101 or Paul Pitchford 647-7169 or one of the Knights of Columbus.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

The Women's Guild at Our Lady of Victory Church will be having their Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale on December 6th & 7th, 2014. Any vendors interested in selling their products or crafts, please contact Martha Acuna at 229-3428 or at 237-9778.



LA EXALTACION DE LA SANTA CRUZ

La santa cruz es el símbolo más común de la religión cristiana, era el castigo usado en los tiempos de Cristo para asesinar a los criminales. Lo común era crucificarlos afuera de la ciudad de Roma.

Los criminales eran clavados o amarrados a ella y al ser levantados morían sofocados lentamente. Era una muerte muy cruel. Con mucho dolor. Después de morir sus cuerpos desnudos quedan a la vista de todos como una manera de advertencia. Muchos escritores a través de los siglos han escrito el significado de la cruz. Ellos han dicho que el signo de la vergüenza vino a ser el signo del honor, de la gloria y del triunfo. Al morir en la cruz, Jesús vino a unirse a los más pobres y marginados de la sociedad de todos los tiempos y lugares.

"Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna" (Jn 3, 16). ¿Cuál es tu opinión sobre la cruz? ¿De qué forma la venera? ¿Qué te recuerda cuando ves una cruz? A muchos de nosotros nuestras abuelitas o nuestros padres nos enseñaron la señal de la cruz; nos decían que al hacer la señal de la cruz en nuestra frente el mal se iría de nosotros. La cruz de Cristo no es mágica. Es el signo del amor de Dios para nosotros y ese amor lo llevamos en la frente y el corazón desde nuestro bautismo. Litúrgicamente, celebramos la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz el 14 de septiembre, día que se conmemora su descubrimiento en el año 325. La tradición mexicana celebra el evento el 3 de mayo, mientras que la Iglesia universal lo hace la fecha del 14 de septiembre.



LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 14 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2014

- Domingo: Nm 21, 4-9/Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17
- Lunes: 1 Cor 11, 17-26. 33/Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35
- Martes: 1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27-31/Lc 7, 11-17
- Miércoles: 1 Cor 12, 31—13, 13/Lc 7, 31-35
- Jueves: 1 Cor 15, 1-11/Lc 7, 36-50
- Viernes: 1 Cor 15, 12-20/Lc 8, 1-3
- Sábado: 1 Cor 15, 35-37. 42-49/Lc 8, 4-15
- Domingo siguiente: Is 55, 6-9/Flp 1, 20-24. 27/Mt 20, 1-16

HOLYLAND OLIVEWOOD

Today the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem are here with crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and a help to your personal devotion.

MARIAN-HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

September 26-28, 2014 at Radisson Hotel Fresno. Theme: "Mary's Fiat-Holy Spirit's Power" Opening mass: Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa. Registration \$50 per person by September 15th. More info call: 559-271-1246 or 824-0732.

YOUTH MARIAN CONFERENCE

September 27, 2014 Youth Marian Conference at the Radisson Hotel-Downtown Fresno. Registration: \$25 youth ages 12-17 (includes lunch). Please register by September 15, 2014. Ph. 824-0732. www.holycrossministries.net

ST. HELEN ALUMNI

You are invited to help celebrate St. Helen's 60th year. Come to the Casino Dinner Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Join in this fun and exciting event. Any questions, call school office 251-5855 or Katie Farris at katie@fresyes.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 24 to November 2 the Central Valley is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world in this vigil; representing one of the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. Please join us for an hour in prayer and fasting at a peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood's Fresno abortion facility, 650 N. Fulton Street, Fresno.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY

We served 317 families. Thanks to all the volunteers. They make it work! The food distribution day in Easton has been changed. The food will be distributed on the first Monday of the month. The afternoon time will stay the same all year. The food distribution will be from 2:00-4:00 pm or until all the food is gone. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 1:00 pm. For your safety, please wear closed toe shoes.

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Are you following in Jesus' footsteps? Pray for the grace to forgive.
Psalm 103

¡FELECIDADES PADRE JERRY!

El 30 aniversario del Padre Jerry Amerando es el 15 de septiembre. Este día todos en nuestra comunidad parroquial ayudaron para ven planear una celebración en honor del padre. ¡Padre Jerry, el Buen Pastor, gracias y que Dios lo bendiga!

CONGRESO DIOCESANO Y DIA JUVENIL

Ayudanos a celebrar y alcanzar nuestra meta de 1,600 participantes este año en el Congreso Diocesano! El Centro de Convenciones de Visalia el sábado 11 de octubre, 2014 y Juvenil el 12 de octubre, 2014. Las guías de inscripción están en la mesa de iglesia. Mas informacion, llame Oficina de Ministerios 488-7474.

40 DIAS POR LA VIDA

El 24 de septiembre a 2 de noviembre El Valle Central se unirá a cientos de otras ciudades de todo el mundo en esta vigilia; representando una de las movilizaciones coordinadas pro-vida más grandes y más largas de la historia. Por favor, únase a nosotros para una hora de oración y ayuno en una vigilia de oración pacífica en frente de Planned Parenthood, 650 N. Fulton Street in Fresno.

Segunda Colecta: Religiosa Educacion

Colecta la semana pasada: \$2,651.50
Fondo de Edificio: \$735.50
Proximo semana coleccion: Mantenimiento y reparaciones.
Mil gracias y que Dios les bendiga por su generosidad.