

Love is not blind of perfection. Not that misunderstanding of love prevalent in our society that equates love with the experiencing of pleasures and self actualization. No, the love which is the bond of perfection is the love between God the Father and God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. The Divine economy which is the Holy Trinity is not marked with selfishness, but with complete and total mutual commitment. Jesus tells us that He wants to share this same love with us and us with Him. We do not have to look far to find whom we are called to love first. They are our family.

Father Joseph



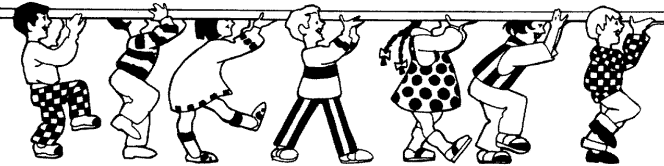
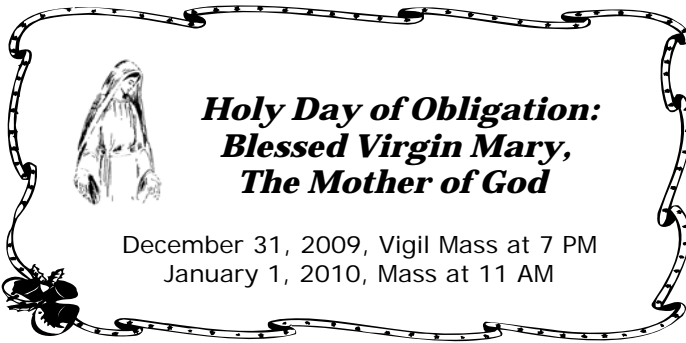

Casino Night Planning



- Anna Quigley
The next Casino Night planning meeting will be Thursday, January 7, in room 140 at 7 PM. Please come help plan this great fund raising event!

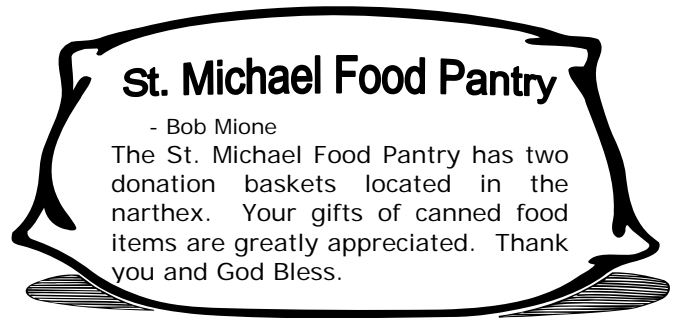
Mother's Day Out

- Marie Cervantes
The Mother's Day Out program will be accepting new registrations in January. We offer a great learning experience for children ages 6 months through 5 years old. Please contact Marie Cervantes for more information at (972) 279-6581, ext. 16.

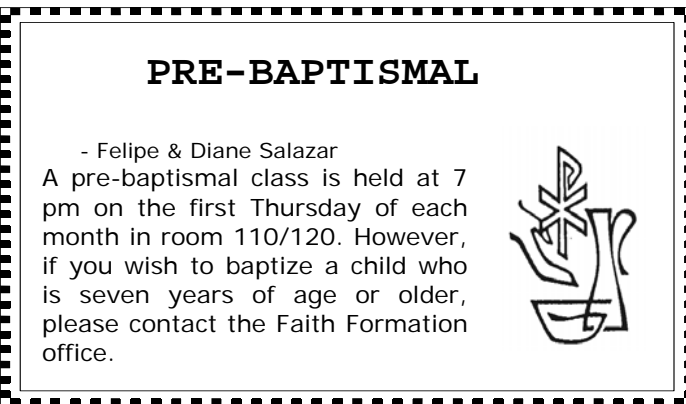
Holy Day of Obligation: Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

December 31, 2009, Vigil Mass at 7 PM
January 1, 2010, Mass at 11 AM




st. Michael Food Pantry

- Bob Mione
The St. Michael Food Pantry has two donation baskets located in the narthex. Your gifts of canned food items are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.



PRE-BAPTISMAL

- Felipe & Diane Salazar
A pre-baptismal class is held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month in room 110/120. However, if you wish to baptize a child who is seven years of age or older, please contact the Faith Formation office.




SAFE ENVIRONMENT MONITOR

- Adela Miller
A parish staff member is monitoring the restrooms and hallways during weekend Masses. For safety purposes, the monitor will not allow minor children to go into the restrooms alone. Parents or an adult **MUST** escort children to the restroom.

Flowers for the Altar

- Gloria Perez
If you would like to provide flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the parish office by noon on Monday. Orders for flowers will be made through the Parish office. The flower donor and intention will be printed in the bulletin following the notation about Tabernacle candles.



Welcome Visitors



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Novena for Christmas
 5:30 p.m. +Carmen Martinez by her family

Sunday, December 27

8:30 a.m. +Audrey Owens by Jerry Owens
 10:30 a.m. +Maria Minh by Dawn Minh
 12:30 p.m. Mass for the People
 6:00 p.m. Novena for Christmas

Monday, December 28

8:00 a.m. +Edgar Nazareno by Beth Mendoza

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 a.m. S.I. Jose & Luz Santiago for anniversary

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Novena for Christmas

Thursday, December 31

8:00 a.m. +Patricia Fresquez by John & Sheila Seifert
 6:30 p.m. Blessed Virgin of Fatima by Nida Cotiangco

Friday, January 1

8:00 a.m. +Maria Minh by Dawn Minh

Tabernacle candle is in memory of Cynthia Vanderstraten by her family. Altar flowers are for thanksgiving by Estrella Eisenhour and in memory of Audrey Owens by Jerry Owens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

The Week Ahead

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

SUNDAY: December 27
MONDAY: December 28
TUESDAY: December 29
 7:00 p.m. 12 noon Choir – Curran Hall
WEDNESDAY: December 30
THURSDAY: December 31
FRIDAY: January 1
New Year's Day
SATURDAY: January 2
 4:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel



Getting Married this Year –

If you have had your appointment with a Marriage Minister, be sure your paperwork is turned in as soon as possible.

Engaged and Planning a Wedding –

Contact the Marriage Minister six months in advance for preparation.

For more information, contact Anna Quigley in the Marriage Ministry Office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 14.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK/DECEASED

Let us pray for all the sick of our parish and for the families caring for them. Let us also pray for those members of our parish who have recently passed away.



St. Michael Cub Scout Pack 548

- Chris Fowler

If you are interested in joining the great program of Cub Scouts (boys grades 1st thru 5th), please contact Chris Fowler at (972) 567-3175 or email cdf364@att.net. You can also visit the Circle Ten Council at website www.circle10.org for more information.

Are you moving?

- Gloria Perez

If you move, change phone number(s) or other pertinent data; please let the parish office, (972) 279-6581, ext. 10, know so your information may be updated. Thank you!

Young Adult Fellowship

Are you 18 to 28 years old looking for a group to participate in fellowship with, have fun and learn more about your Catholic Faith? Contact Rachel Kollhoff if you are interested in joining this group, (972) 279-6581.

CRY ROOM & NURSERY

A cry room is available during Mass with space for one parent and child per family. A nursery is also available for children ages newborn to 3-years-old (before September 1). Please take advantage of these facilities for your convenience. They are free!!

ADUL BIBLE STUDY GROU

Interested in joining the Adult Bible Study group? They meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in room 110. Contact Marvin and Jaki Rutter, (972) 686-6367, if you are interested.

CURRAN HALL FOR RENT

Need a nice place to have your special event? Curran Hall is available for rental. Contact Gloria Perez in the Parish office for information, (972) 279-6581, ext. 10.

Community Social Events Group

Want to join a ministry that plans fun fellowship events for the whole family? That's what the Community Social Events Group is all about. If you would like to join us, please contact Felipe and Diane Salazar at (972) 686-0832. We would love to have you!!



MASS INTENTIONS

- Ernie Valencia

At every Mass the priest celebrating remembers the special intentions of parishioners and their loved ones. These remembrances can be an anniversary or birthday, the repose of the soul of a loved one or friend, an illness or impending surgery, or any special intention. Mass cards can be sent to the person or family being remembered. You may also sponsor the weekly Tabernacle candle. Contact Gloria Perez in the Parish office for more information.

Welcome Newcomers

Registration sheets are available at both entrances of the church. Please fill out and return the registration form to the parish office or you may place it in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Perez in the parish office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 10.

Please be mindful of the noise level in the narthex to those who are meditating and praying in the Sanctuary before Mass. Thank you.

**JOY
TO**

**PRAYER FOR OUR
SOLDIERS**



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



*Eye Glasses for the
Poor of Honduras*

- Gloria Perez

Due to the current political unrest in Honduras, the Diocese of Dallas is, at this time, unable to sponsor mission trips to that country. However, the presidential elections will hopefully bring peace to Honduras. With that possibility, the Diocesan Medical Mission Team is hoping to travel to Trujillo in the spring of 2010. In preparation for this mission trip, the team is once again collecting "eye glasses," (both prescription and over the counter), that can be used to give sight to Hondurans who do not have access to optical clinics. Your support each year has enabled the Diocesan Medical Mission Team to provide over a thousand pairs of glasses to school children and the elderly of Honduras. Please help touch even more lives with improved vision!

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

January 12 GEMS Class: Adoption, A Gift of Life & Love: 11:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m., at St. Rita Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Rd., Dallas 75244, in Sweeney Lounge. Facilitated by Carolina Salazar, MSW. Learn more about the option of adoption, both open and closed. Hear testimonials from a birth mother, an adoptive mother, a foster parent and others who can attest to this ultimate gift of life and love. We invite our moms to bring guests, family members and anyone interested to join us in learning the biblical aspects of this selfless gift. Light lunch provided. Please arrange off-site childcare (infants are welcome). For more information or to register, contact Alison Morales, 214-986-1411, or amorales@prolifedallas.org, by December 9.



Rachel's Corner

"Women of abortion do not stop living. Do not give in to despair. Do not let fear imprison you and prevent you from accepting the forgiving words of Jesus. There is hope for your future!"

- Pope John Paul II (paraphrased)

Begin the New Year with a peace that surpasses all understanding. We can help.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
214.544. CARE healing@racheldallas.org



