PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We as Catholics understand our Baptism is the Sacrament of initiation into the Church, the body of Our Lord Jesus Christ that effectively makes us one in union with God. Our baptism is the rejection of sin, death to our old

ways, and our embracing the rise to the new life of grace, with Christ to the Father. But many people ask, 'Then why did Jesus have to be baptized . . . to wash away his sins?' The answer is no, Jesus' baptism is not to wash away his sins, for he is sinless. Jesus' baptism of submersion and rising out of the waters of the Jordan River was to make holy the waters by his cleansing to purify the waters, which he touched. When invoking Jesus' name, the waters are sanctified. Normally the ordained ministers of the church sanctify the waters in Jesus' name, Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism is the baptism not only of water, but the Holy Spirit, Fire, and Blood. Water 'affects' the washing away of original sin; Spirit 'imparts' the fiery Truth of God, the light of Christ; and Blood (also a washing) is the witness of Christ's self-sacrifice on the cross that atones for our sins. We recall the image of the Divine Mercy we celebrate on the Sunday after Easter; water and blood are separated and flows out for the redemption of the world. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence.

From the sermon by the 4th century Saint Maximus of Turin, Bishop, God the Father begot his Son, the Word made Flesh, born to us on Christmas Day; Christ's birthday. Saint Maximus calls the baptism of the Lord, his 2nd birthday, a sacramental birth. "Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with his voice when he says: 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' The mother caresses the tender baby on her lap; the Father serves his Son by his loving testimony. The mother holds the child for the Magi to adore; the Father reveals that his Son is to be worshipped by all the nations."

Every time we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and attend the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we renew our Baptismal Promises, remembering who we are as children of God, bought by the price of His only begotten Son by the spilling of his blood at the crucifixion.

Happy Birthday Jesus, our Lord and our God.

Prayerfully in Christ, Your Pastor, Fr. Jeffrey Wilson

PARISH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Care Givers Prayer Meeting—Monday at 9:00am in the All Saints' Parish Hall

Parish Pantry—1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays, 10am to 11:45am. ATCAA Food Bank—3rd Tuesday 10:00—Noon. Both are located in Cottage #3 at All Saints' Church.

All Saints' Ladies Guild - Meets every other month on the 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. NO meetings during Winter.

Pastoral Council - every 3rd Wednesday 6pm monthly Choir Practice—Tuesdays at 5:00pm at All Saints.

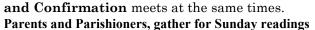
Order of Franciscan Seculars / Blessed Giles of Assisi
First Saturdays at 10:30am at All Saints' Church.
Every First Sundays is Coffee "clatch" in Parish Hall.
St. Joseph's Guild general monthly meeting—First
Sunday after Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

St. Joseph's Coffee Sundays—Third Sunday of the month.

Turning Point Fellowship of AA meets Tues., 7:00pm in Cottage #4. Keep it Simple Group of NA meets Wed., 6:30pm in Cottage #4.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten through sixth grade is on-going Sunday mornings starting at 9:30am to 10:45am. **Youth Group**



before Mass from 9:45 to 10:45 each Sunday. For more information or to register please contact Noli Farwell at (209) 586-3161 or email her at nfarwell@sbcglobal.net.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN

INITIATION FOR ADULTS Curious? If you are Catholic and have never received your First Communion or Confirmation, we can help you prepare for the recep-

tion of those sacraments. If you are not Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we can answer your questions and guide you on your journey. The RCIA team is ready to serve you. Meets for optional supper at 6:00 pm and class starts at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Gloria Hofer at 408-802-1232.

YEAR ROUND SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREPARATION

Meets *Mondays 11am St. Joseph & Tuesdays 4pm All Saints*. For more information, please contact John Dunlap at 928-3477.

STUDY GROUP contact: Dan Garcia 209-840-2644.

NEWMAN BOOK CIRCLE meets *monthly*. Contact Preston or Suzanne Patterson at 965-4260 for meeting times.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free



mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints Catholic Church in Twain Harte and Saint Joseph Mission Church in Tuolumne, responds to the Universal Call to Holiness in celebration of the Eucharist and is committed to a community of fellowship with the help of the Holy Spirit offering gifts, time, and talent to the people of God.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2020

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Please pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Dorothy Handel Joe Freitas Bob Combs
Chris Karels Frank Scully Ralph Webster
Barbara Volpi Fr. John Fitzgerald Sandy Kopp
Leon Heinen Pauline Beltran Auggie Soares

To add or remove a name from the list, **please contact Diane Prill at 586-5461** and leave a message with your contact number and name of person to be put on the prayer list.

Pray for the repose of the souls of the following: Recently Deceased:

Pray for in Memoriam: Fr. George Lacey, Msgr. Thomas Hayes, Fr. Eshai Joseph, Fr. E. Donohoe, Dcn. Eddie Zoma, Don & Trudy Brenon, Bishop Steven E. Blaire

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in
battle, be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil. May God
rebuke him, we
humbly pray; And do thou, O
Prince of the Heavenly Host, by
the Power of God, thrust into
hell Satan and
all the evil spirits
who wander the earth
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



Walk for Life West Coast 2020: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2020. Mass at 9:30AM at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland, OR. Rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down Market Street, begins 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. Visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

~REGULAR SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES~

Saturday 4:30pm Vigil All Saints Sunday 9:00am St. Joseph Sunday 11:00am All Saints

~WEEK DAY MASSES~

Monday – Thursday 8:30am All Saints Friday 8:30am St Joseph First Friday 8:30am St. Joseph First Saturday 8:30am All Saints

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15pm at All Saints Sunday: 8:45am at St Joseph 1st Saturdays following 8:30am Mass at All Saints

Office Hours: Monday -- Friday ~ 9:30am to 4:00pm Phone 586-3161, Fax—586-3161



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION

Every Friday at 5:00pm All Saints Church

To arrange a visit for shut-in members of our community, please contact the Parish office.

Marriages & Baptisms by appointment 6 months notice for marriage.

Contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 1-800-396-8777 and Foothill Pregnancy Center at 536-9262 for support before and after childbirth.

Project Rachel –1-800-396-8777 offers grief counseling and retreats for the loss of unborn children

TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS

assistance: Call Dial-a-Ride (209) 532-0404
By Appt. & 24-hour advance notice required. Fixed Regular Rate \$2,
Senior rate \$1 per ride.

Includes transportation for disabled.
Rides are local: Chicken Ranch, Sierra Village,
Avalon and up to Longeway (not past the school).
Also, Rent-a-Ride (650)-787-7022, contact: Jill or
Donna. \$20+ Rides include and extend outside the

local area: Twain Harte, Modesto, Columbia, Carmel.

PARISH 2019 2020 **CHRISTMAS** OFFERTORY Weekend of Jan. 5th Offertory **UPDATED** Offertory \$ 2,355 \$ 9.088 \$ 2,216 **All Saints** \$ 787 \$ 808 \$ 1.342 St. Joseph

NO 2nd Collection is for next week.

PARISH PANTRY The year of 2019 ended with feeding a total of 1,329 households and serving 2,158 clients. PLEASE NO GREEN BEANS. The Pantry is <u>currently</u> in need of the following items: Canned vegetables (peas, corn, diced tomatoes, pasta sauce and beans), Chili, Canned meals, Tuna, Jelly, Boxed Helpers and Soups. Thank you to all who continually support those in need. -Margie-

