

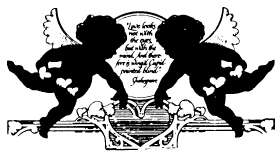
**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Though sin abounds, Jesus offers life, forgiveness and redemption. He overcame evil by having faith and trust in God's care despite the obstacles in his path. During Lent, each of us has the opportunity to be like Jesus. We make our own commitment to renounce the works of evil and strive to do God's will. God confirms our intention: "You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter." *How has the Spirit helped me to overcome temptations on my Lenten journey?*

**Question for Youth:**

*Do I take responsibility for my actions or do I use the excuse "The Devil made me do it?"*

**Valentine's Day & St. Valentine** – There is more to Valentine's Day than giving candy, cards, and flowers to your beloved. To understand this day we have to travel back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century A.D., when Roman Emperor Claudius II issued a decree forbidding Roman citizens to marry. The Emperor believed that married men were too



**St. Valentine's Day**

emotionally, physically and mentally attached to their wives, and were thus, less apt to be good soldiers in his army. One Roman priest, however, believed that marriage was a sacrament, and that two people in love should be able and free to receive that blessing from God and no emperor can stop or block that. The priest's name was Valentine. Thus he decided he would marry all couples in secret ceremonies...until the Emperor Cladius found out about his scheme and sentenced him to death. On this day it is good to remember that love is not in the falling...it's in the staying.

**Weekly Offerings**

Last Weekend

Plate:	\$4,584.00
Other Income:	\$1,935.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,519.00</b>
Budgeted Expenses:	\$6,103.00
Facility Repairs & Improvements:	\$4,269.00

*God Bless You for Your Support!*

**Parish Council News**

It is time for Parish Council elections. The Council meets once a month and is the primary advisory body to the pastor, considering all matters of major pastoral concern. Some of the Council's responsibilities include calling all to ministry, pastoral planning, stewardship and/or other pastoral concerns that the pastor designates.

Thank you to Tom Bader and Lee McFarland for their years of service on the Council. Shirley Bianchi, John McGarry, Margaret O'Bryan, Kathy Preciado, Rita Reardon and Don Woodard will be staying on to finish their terms. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else (after obtaining their permission) to run for election as a member of the Parish Council, call the parish office by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Elections will take place on Feb. 23/24.

**Catechists Retreat**

*"The Water is for the Flowers"*

On Saturday, Feb. 16, at 9:30 AM all Catechists are invited for a retreat with Fr. Emil. The retreat will take place in our parish hall and conclude with lunch at 12:00 noon for catechists, and their spouses, at the Manta Rey Restaurant in San Simeon. Please RSVP to the parish office.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*Fridays of Lent*



- 6:00 PM- Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 PM- Lenten Meal of Soup, Salad & Bread
- 7:30 PM- Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

**Lenten Online Radio**

The Franciscan "Lenten Radio Retreat" is a project of the U.S. Bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign. The webcasts are free, and each is a half-hour in duration. They feature one of 12 bishops (six English-speaking, six Spanish-speaking) reflecting on Sunday gospels. Please visit [www.franciscanradio.org/Retreats/Lent/default.asp](http://www.franciscanradio.org/Retreats/Lent/default.asp).

## Bible Study

Mark your calendars for our future Bible Study sessions: Wednesdays, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Mar. 5, and Mar. 12, all at 6:30pm in the parish Hall. The theme for all these four sessions is "The Passion, Crucifixion and Death of Christ according to the gospel of John." For the first lesson, participants are invited to read in advance John 18.



## Concerts

The Diocesan Choir of Monterey will hold fundraising concerts prior to their trip to Italy. The dates for the concerts are as follows: Friday, May 16, Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz (831-423-4182) at 7:30 PM; Friday, May 23, St. Rose, Paso Robles (805-238-2218) at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, May 25, Carmel Mission Basilica, Carmel (831-6241271 at 8:00 PM. Those interested should contact the parishes for more details.



Sat., Feb. 9th, 5:00 PM- Intention of Ceal Cowles & +Dodie Beecroft  
Sun., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM- +Jane Blankenship  
Sun., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM- People of the Parish  
Mon., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM- Communion Service  
Tues., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM- Communion Service  
Wed., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM- +Jesse Pinion & +Edward Cuizon  
Thurs, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM- +Francis Muller & +Nancy Campbell  
Fri., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM- Intentions of Sr. Pauline Thomas & Vicky Verlangieri

**Holy Cards Wanted-** Sister Pauline is in need of holy cards and small pictures of saints for children's religious education projects. Please bring them by her office.

## Thank You to Our Advertisers!

This week we give a special "thank you" to...

### Denner Vineyards and Winery

Be sure to patronize the businesses that advertise in this bulletin (most are parishioners) and let them know where you saw their ad!

## LENT 101 –Focusing on...

During the season of Lent it will be good for us to ask ourselves: where am I this year? Focus on your health. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your health? Do you have concerns or feel gratitude for your health? Focus on your family and friends. On the same scale how would you sum up relationships with your immediate and extended family this year? How comfortable are you about your friendships? What about your joys and sorrows? Focus on God. How would you assess your relationship to God at this time? In what ways do you feel intimacy? Distance? Confusion? Note what has strengthened or weakened your bond this year. Focus on your parish. How would you rate your relationship with your community of believers? Do you worship, socialize, serve with them? Any satisfactions or challenges in this regard? Focus on your mission. Every person belongs to a global community. How would you rate your concern for the earth and all its people? How have you contributed to your neighborhood? Do you communicate with civic leaders? Are you registered to vote? How have your faith and your actions made the world a better place this year? These are just few questions to ask ourselves as we begin the Lenten journey. More to come in the next weeks...

## Men's Club Meeting

All men of the parish are invited to the February meeting of the Men's Club on Tues., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the hall. Join them for great food and fellowship. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend.

## *Please remember the sick...*

Mary Collins, Cornelia Carey, Laverne Fisher, Kathleen Harms, Richard Macedo, Kelly Martinez, Katherine McMicking, Betty Fiscalini, Jim Adams, Glen Graham, Mary Lennan, Laura Edwards, Linda Hotchkiss, Michele Krohn, Jim Greathouse, Elie Crettol, Steve Richardson, Tommye Brennan, Don Schwarzkopf, Timothy Maschler, Michelle Moran, Sandy Stevens, Kellie Mackin, Fr. Scott Hill, Robert Brennan, Gladys Kearns, Charlotte Greathouse, Betty Williams, Louis Fiscalini, Bob Lennan, Edward Sullivan.



