Called to Be Holy
With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

The popular current film “The Two Popes,” starring Anthony Hopkins and Jonathan Pryce, will be shown in our parish hall this Sunday, Jan. 19th at 2:00 pm. The film is a thought-provoking speculation about a conversation that could have occurred between Pope Benedict (who was planning to resign) and his anticipated successor, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (who became Pope Francis). Please join us for this special presentation, followed by a discussion.

The Two Popes’ will be here today (Sunday)!

In Need of Prayer:
May our prayers be a source of comfort and healing to... Irene Hammond, Gale Keenan, Matt Van Scyoc, Martinez Family, Silva Family, Christine Eriser, Alice Blankenship, Bob & Evelyn Morales, Barbara Schofield, Kami Tersini, Rosanna Opperman, Louis Mikksesen, Dennis Rightmer, Mike Mulligan, Duane Kasulka, Ross Miller, Jeff Lachance, Terry Whisler, Steven Kersrue.

Parent Meeting
There will be a mandatory meeting for parents whose children will be making their First Holy Communion this year. It will take place on Thurs., Jan. 23rd, at 6:00 pm in the church.

Respect Life Mass
The annual Respect Life Mass for the Diocese of Monterey will be celebrated by Bishop Garcia on Tues., Jan. 21st, 7:00 pm at Madonna Del Sasso Pro-Cathedral in Salinas. Bishop Garcia invites all parishioners to attend this Mass.

Mark Your Calendar!
Valentine Brunch
Cambria Pines Lodge; Feb. 9th; 10:30 am
This annual event is sponsored by our Men’s Club, and is open to all parishioners. $30 per person, payable at the door.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Jesus wants to be head of your marriage. Learn how to do his will on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend® on April 17th - 19th, at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista. For more information email: applications@centralcawwme.org or register online at centralcawwme.org.

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