

Epiphany of the Lord

— January 3, 2009 A.D.

The Priesthood: A Gift to Be Shared

Christmas Day, the Christmas season, and New Year's Day have afforded me the opportunity to reflect on the gift received and a gift shared. For each of you has been a gift to me and a significant part of my priesthood.

On August 24, 2010, I will be celebrating my twenty-fifth year as a priest. Who could ever have imagined this special anniversary would occur in the footsteps of the Year for Priests!

I am happy, and I consider myself privileged to be celebrating the Eucharist with you.

Once you become a priest, you realize the gift of your vocation calls you to interact with people on their spiritual journey; your preaching needs to touch their hearts and souls. You are called to be a healer, celebrating Mass, baptism, and marriage, healing the sick and counseling people and hearing confessions, and you know no other life.

I acknowledge that the Holy Spirit guides me, inspires me, and gives me wisdom. I have been absolutely amazed at the things that have happened, that have helped me toward becoming the best person I can be.

I have been blessed with abundant gifts as I approach my twenty-fifth year. I have experienced the value of Christian community, even in its brokenness, for I have learned through the challenges in my life: to trust in God's plan.

I know that God is blessing my time here at St. Joseph's in Cayucos. So I will spend my time, not worrying about tomorrow, but allowing God to reveal the next challenge in my life.

You are my gift – allowing me to share in your life and your journey of faith. I am blessed and thank you for your prayers and unconditional support. This past Year for Priests has been a renewal of God's presence. Thank you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say that our parish is very blessed to have so many humble, hard-working visiting priests who lead by example. Our priests and deacon are quick to remind us that we are the Church and together we make things happen. We especially appreciate them for having helped us see the very best parts of faith through their works and preaching and for having helped us live more authentic lives.

Remembering their faithful service to us, we wish them all God's Blessing as we begin this New Year.

Fr. Charles

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Mon., Jan. 11: Mass at 9 a.m., then meeting in the Religious Ed. Room, then lunch at Martin's. Please call Dinah at 995-aaaa for lunch reservations.

PARISH POTLUCKS

Please join us for our quarterly parish potlucks. The next one will be on Thurs., Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall. Bring a friend! Enjoy the food! 50-50 drawing!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Those who had their picture taken for the directory can pick up a free copy otherwise they may be purchased for \$10.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Those who are not envelope users may sign up for a box set at the back of the church. Those who already have an assigned offertory envelope number may pick up their box set for 2010.

IRS GIVING STATEMENTS

Those who donated electronically or by using the offertory envelope system during 2009 may request a giving statement for IRS purposes by calling the parish office at 995-3243.

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE

You may drop off computers, monitors, scanners, printers, TVs, stereos, cameras, cell phones, fax, DVD, VCR, & Lap-Tops. Sorry, no batteries or appliances. Sat., Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. here our parking lot. Sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Tommy, Onnie Midiri, Jill Kelly, Don Monson, Margaret Jung, Tricia Scot, Mindy Greenville, Joe Svancara, Mark Sigmund, Jenna Franklin, Tom Mee, Jennifer Pasa, Katy Wilson, Benjamin Kafman, Jim James, Shalom Tinsley White, Mary Musso, Kelly Pittner, Alice Fortini, Elizabeth English Porter, Maria Howe, Jacqueline Durazo, Bobbie Planansky, Richard Lyons, Barbara Gray, Jack McGilvray, Larry Stayton, John Dias, Jim Sohler, Jim Greene Sr. & Jr., Jack Sable, Dennis Domaille, Bill, Danny & Kelly Wade, Mayre Marcollo, Gloria Aulbach, Evelyn Menn, & Joseph Henderson.

FOLDING WALL UPDATE

We look forward to meeting our goal soon as more donations come in. Thank you to those who have donated already to the folding partition wall.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

We offer the service of being able to make regular donations by EFT. Use your checking, savings, or credit/debit card. Save yourself the hassle of writing a check & remembering to bring your envelope. Forms are available at the back of the church or contact the office for more information. You may also sign up by using the secure page at www.stjosephcayucos.org.

Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 1-10; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

2nd Saturday & Sunday (Jan. 9-10)

Sat. 5 pm: Lector: Frank Hlavaty

EMs: B. Mazzacane, J. Edwards, E. Molnar

Ushers: Ron & Sue Rindge

Server: Red Harris

Cantor: _____

Sun. 9 am: Lector: Ski Planansky

EMs: Sam & Anita Ayoob, Dinah Piwowski

Ushers: Kay Ash, Evelyn Pellaton

Servers: Stan Piwowski, Quinten Thomas

Cantor: _____

Hospitality: Lena Minetti

Sun. 11 am: Lector: Kathy Boyte

EMs: E. Curti, S. DeCicco, E. Sigmund

Ushers: Glen & Anne Bennett

Server: Walter Terrio

Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Hospitality: the Wades and the Terrios

MASS INTENTIONS (JAN. 2-10)

Sat. 5 †Anthony Engineer by Mary Kendrick & Family

Sun. 9 †Karen Thomas by Eleanor Garcia

Sun. 11 †Genevieve Perez by the Bennetts

Mon. †Innes MacKenzie by Irene Sigmund

Tues. †Virginia Walter by Irene Sigmund

Wed. Elizabeth Sigmund by Irene Sigmund

Thurs. †Jimmie Cross by Mary Miller

Fri. Joe & Joyan Svancara by the Wades

Sat. 5 †Tony Engineer by Tony & LaVerne Bream

Sun. 9 †Karen Thomas

Sun. 11 St. Joseph's Parishioners

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church.

For further information call Mary at 995-aaaa.