



Diocesan Events

- 1) **Bilingual Adult Confirmation** – Sunday, November 8, 2009 – 3:30 PM – St. Joseph Parish, Modesto.
- 2) **Veteran's Day** – Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – Chancery Offices Closed.
- 3) **DRE's and Coordinators Networking Meeting** – Friday November 13, 2009 – 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM – St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Manteca.
- 4) **Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Leadership Retreat** – Friday through Sunday, November 13-15, 2009 – Madonna of Peace Renewal Center, Copperopolis -- Contact José Lopez at 546.7632.
- 5) **Reserve the Date:** Diocesan Procession and Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Informational Items

- 1) **All Liturgical Training Publications (LTP) annuals** ordered through the Office for Worship should have been delivered to parishes by now. If you are missing any items or need to order additional items, please contact Virginia Meagher at 546.7637 or vmeagher@stocktondiocese.org as soon as possible. Thank you.
- 2) **Liturgical Calendar Notes:**
 - Sunday, November 29th will begin the new liturgical year. As a reminder, Cycle C will be used for the Sunday Readings and Year 2 for the Weekday Readings in the new liturgical year.
 - Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.
 - Saturday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Masses celebrated in the evening will be for the Third Sunday of Advent.
 - Bishop Blaire has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Friday, January 1, 2010. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, remains a holy day.
- 3) **For Spanish Language Masses**, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has given the indult to use “*ustedes*” in place of “*vosotros*” in the Ordinary of the Mass using an approved translation of the third edition of the *Roman Missal*. Those who have new copies of the Mexican Sacramentary will have the correct wording. The full wording will be included in next week's “Friday Update.”

4) **Recommendations by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Regarding the Prevention of the Spread of the H1N1 Virus:**

Recommendations for the Parish:

- If the priest is sick, he should not fraction the Eucharist or distribute Communion himself. He should explain to the people why he is doing this.
- Water in holy fonts needs to be changed, and the fonts scrubbed and disinfected regularly.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitize their hands before the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Using larger hosts for Holy Communion will make it easier to give communion on the tongue.
- Where possible, parishes should place large bottles of hand sanitizer in their vestibules for all who are entering for Mass.
- The Communion Cup should not be offered at school Masses and other Masses primarily for children.

Recommendations for the Assembly for helping prevent the spread of the flu:

- If you are sick, stay home.
- Please do not put your hands in the holy water font if you are sick.
- Parishioners should not be holding hands during the “Our Father.”
- During the Sign of Peace, you are encouraged to embrace those around you by touching each other’s shoulders, rather than shaking hands.
- Reception of Holy Communion in the hand is encouraged.

5) **Retreat Day with Reverend Ronald Rolheiser, OMI** –Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM – Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Modesto – Sponsored by the Institute for Catholic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction of the Diocese of Stockton, the topic is “Sexuality and Spirituality: From Anxiety and Restlessness to Gratitude and Blessing”. The fee for the day is \$15. Bring your own bag lunch. To reserve a place send a check payable to Two Bears Dancing/ICSSD and mail to Margaret Shore, 1926 Colombard Circle, Lodi, CA 95240. Confirmation by email or phone. Contact Margaret at 209.368.5327.

Sample Prayer of the Faithful for the Year for Priests:

For our priests who bring consolation and healing to those in hospitals and long-term care facilities and for all who share in these ministries. We pray to the Lord.

*We give thanks to God for our priests who celebrate the
November anniversary of their ordination:*

Reverend Jairo Ramirez	November 5, 1988
Reverend Bill Kraft	November 8, 1986
Reverend Jorge Arboleda	November 17, 1994
Reverend Gustavo Quintero	November 29, 1980
Reverend Randy Rainwater	November 30, 1996

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