

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2008

Page 1

Adult Education/Educación para adultos

Peg Wuelfing 338-6535

Bishop Kelly Rep/Representante

Bryan Smith..... 853-0909

Building Committee/Comité de Reconstrucción

Bill Clayton 250-7547

Catholic Charities/Caridades Católicas

Bob Parsley 703-2568

Choir Directors/Directores del Coro

Bob Parsley 703-2568

Juan Moreno..... 378-0415

Benny Garcia 343-8186

Development and Finance Council/Consejo de Desarrollo y Finanzas

Roy Schiele..... 385-9364

Keith Pettyjohn 336-6456

Don Lieske 383-9065

Doug Siron 229-1955

Shirl Boyce 336-9567

Saul Huerta 891-2108

Food Bank/Banco de Comida

Isabell Yale..... 850-6818

Hispanic Community/Comunidad Hispana

Juan Jose Mena 703-4917

John J. Creegan Foundation/Fundación John J. Creegan

Cliff Yochum 342-5397

Knights of Columbus/Caballeros de Colón

Roland Krueger 336-1355

Liturgy/Liturgia

Catherine Petzak..... 658-8892

Magnificat/Revista Magnificat

Joanne Lechner..... 344-2782

Music Director/Director Musical

Jake Ineck 703-8313

Parish Events/Eventos Parroquiales

Marci Pape 388-3847

Susan Jones 342-1363

Parish Nursing/Enfermera Parroquial

Prayer Network/Cadena de Oración

Lenora Brown 376-5446

RCIA/Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de adultos

Monica Pittman.....331-2989

St. Mary's Mothers/Mamás de Sta. María

Trisha Wieber853-0796

St. Mary's School Governing Board

Bryan Smith853-0909

St. Mary's School P.T.O/ Escuela de Sta. María

Mike Pape388-3847

Small Church Communities/Pequeñas comunidades de base

Mary Johnson853-8136

Social Action/Acción Social

Bob Parsley703-2568

Stephen Ministry/Ministerio de Esteban

Darcy Amburn342-2988

Linda Leonard336-8773

West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women Liaison

Susan Thometz.....938-5780

PASTORAL COUNCIL/CONSEJO PASTORAL

Chairperson.....	Bob Parsley	703-2568
Parish at Large	Mike DePaola.....	863-4420
Parish at Large	Lorry Roberts	342-7929
St. Anne.....	Marilyn Tratz	342-3480
St. Anthony	Christy Chapman ...	345-1558
St. Cecelia.....	Carol Herring	342-7476
St. Francis.....	Toni Post.....	378-0446
St. Joan	Genie Calkins.....	331-7941
St. Juan Diego	Frank Casabonne ...	939-6706
St. Michael	Rod Jaszkwowiak	385-9893
St. Theresa.....	John Kralovec	385-7290
St. Sylvester	Belva Kerstetter	853-0946
St. Winefride	Deene Malone	375-7412

HISPANIC COMMITTEE/COMITE HISPANO

Coordinator/Coordinador	Juan Jose Mena.....	703-4917
Treasury/Tesorero	Alfredo Garibay	371-1612
Secretary/Secretaria	Tere Hernández.....	841-7490

Church Remodeling—Phase I Milestones

December 07	January 08	February 08	May 08	June 08
Pour interior on grade slabs; Lay Exterior block bearing walls; Parish sign names on beams.	Erect structural steel and decking	Roofing installation completed	Complete interior sheet rocking and finishes.	Move into Phase II!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2008

Page 2

From the Pastor,

I am writing this before we close the church to put in the new carpet and pews. If all has gone well -- and I am positive it will -- by the time you read this the new carpet and pews will be in place, and we can all see even more clearly what our new church will look like.

Christmas is in just a few days. The Masses in English will be at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Midnight, and 10 a.m. Christmas morning. Father Miller and I will be sharing the honor of celebrating the English Christmas Masses, but I will be preaching at all three of them.

Much of the church will remain unfinished until after Christmas, including the most important feature of the new church, the altar. We cannot use the new altar until it is consecrated during the dedication of the church on January 21st.

Unfortunately the church will continue to be closed until Christmas Eve just so we can get a large number of things done. It will be open after Christmas through the next weekend for people who want to come and visit and see the Great Doors.

Happy 4th Sunday of this very interesting Advent.

Peace, Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor

Del Pastor,

Estoy escribiendo este mensaje antes de cerrar la iglesia para instalar las nuevas bancas y carpeta. Si todo va bien y espero que así sea – cuando lean este mensaje la carpeta y bancas van a estar instaladas y van a poder ver como se va ver la nueva iglesia.

En unos días vamos a celebrar Navidad. Las Misas se celebraran empezando a las 5PM Noche Buena, a media noche y a las 10AM el día de Navidad. El Padre Miller y yo tenemos el honor de compartir estas Misas, pero yo voy a predicar en las tres Misas. La iglesia no va estar completamente terminada hasta después de Navidad, incluyendo la pieza mas importante, el altar. El altar nuevo no debe ser usado hasta que se bendiga y no lo vamos a bendecir-lo hasta el día de la dedicación el 21 de enero, 2009.

Desafortunadamente la iglesia se va a mantener cerrada hasta la Noche Buena porque los trabajadores necesitan terminar muchas cosas. Se abrirá de nuevo después de Navidad para que los que quieran venir a ver las Grandes Puertas puedan entrar a verlas.

Feliz Cuarto domingo en este muy interesante adviento.

Paz, Fr. Tom Faucher, Párroco



Esta semana celebramos la fiesta del misterio de la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios, que conocemos como Navidad. Como regalo de Navidad, quiero compartir con ustedes una historia y una petición. Allá por el año de 1969 escribí una pequeña obra de teatro, en tres actos, titulada "El Cumpleaños de Dios". El primer acto presenta el relato evangélico del nacimiento de Jesús. El segundo acto narra el origen de la fiesta de la Navidad: una fiesta pagana (romana) que se convierte en fiesta cristiana. El tercer acto trata de plantear la pregunta: ¿dejará la Navidad de ser una fiesta cristiana y volverá a ser una fiesta pagana? Porque fuera de las iglesias, parece ser que ya no se habla ni de la Navidad ni del Hijo de Dios que se hizo un Niño para salvarnos. En algunas partes se llega hasta el extremo de



Church Remodeling—Phase II Milestones

July 08	August 08	September 08	October 08	December 08	January 09
Demolition— Center Section of existing Church	New Masonry— wall on 26th Street Side	Erect Structural Steel & Framing Install roofing	Reconstruct Floor System	Interior Sheet rocking & Finishes; Install Audio/Visual System; Remove Temporary wall between Phase I and II; tie finishes together.	Install Furnishings and move in!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2008

Page 3

ni siquiera desear una feliz Navidad, sino "felices fiestas", con el pretexto de no ofender a nadie. Por todo esto, quiero pedirles a todos ustedes que no expulsemos a Jesús de nuestras casas ni de nuestro lenguaje. Dios no merece que olvidemos sus muestras de amor a la humanidad. Que nuestros niños y niñas sepan que la Navidad celebra el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios. Es el cumpleaños de Jesús, nuestro Salvador.

Deseo a todos ustedes una muy ¡Feliz Navidad!

El 25 de diciembre cumpla 33 años de mi ordenación sacerdotal. Los invito a que se unan a mi acción de gracias.

Su amigo y servidor, Padre Jesús Camacho

This week we celebrate the feast of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God, which we know as Christmas. As a Christmas Gift, I would like to share with you a story and a petition. Back in the year 1969 I wrote a small theatrical script, in three acts, titled "God's Birthday." The first act presents the Gospel narration of the birth of Jesus. The second act recounts the origin of the feast of Christmas: A pagan feast (Roman) that is converted to a Christian feast. The third act tries to pose the question: Will Christmas continue to be a Christian feast or will it return to being a pagan feast? Because outside of church there is no mention of Christmas nor of the Son of God who became a child to save us. Some places they even go as far as not wishing a Merry Christmas, but rather "Happy Holidays", with the pretext of not offending anybody. Because of all of this, I would like to make a request of all of you and that is to not expel Jesus from our homes or our language. God does not deserve for us to forget his examples of love and humanity. May our boys and girls know that Christmas celebrates the birth of God's Son. It is Jesus' birthday, our Savior.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

On the 25th of December I celebrate 33 years of ordination. I invite you to join me in my thanksgiving.

Your friend and servant, Fr. Jesús Camacho

St. Mary's Parish wishes to recognize the men and women, sons and daughters, of our parish who are serving in the Armed Forces. **Please pray for these people in the armed services who are protecting us.**

Gy. Sgt. Jason Anton	Marine Corps
Staff Sgt. John G. Carmonne Jr.	Marine Corps
Tech. Sgt. Cameron C. Beck	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Staff Sgt. Carri J. Beck	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Major Grant S. Fawcett	U.S. Army
Capt. James Corrigan	U.S. Air Force
Captain John R. Fawcett	U.S. Army
Major Marne Suttan Fawcett	U.S. Army
PFC Andrew E. Friton	U.S. Army
Staff Sgt. Amber Hansen	U. S. Army
Captain Tom Hitt	Air Force Nat'l Guard
Sgt. Benjamin Lee	U.S. Army
FC6 Christopher Mais	U.S. Navy
Lt. Col. William McQuade	U.S. Army
PV2 Ashley Peachey	U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Gregory W. Smith	U.S. Army
Spec. Adam Schumacher	Army Nat'l Guard
Spec. James Schumacher	Army Nat'l Guard
Corporal Jake Thacker	Marine Corps
Lt. Bernadette Tavelli	U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Shawn Michael White	U. S. Army

The Food Bank needs the following items: **Jelly, Chicken Noodle Soup and Pork & Beans.** If you can help, please bring the food to Mass or drop it off at the Food Bank, 2945 Chinden Blvd.—near the corner of Chinden and 30th St.— (M, W, F: 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.).

Help Keep our Food Bank Clean!

The Food Bank staff desperately needs a vacuum that is in good working condition. If you have a vacuum you can donate, **please call Isabell Yale (850-6818).** Any accessories you may have for the vacuum: bags, belts, etc., would also be greatly appreciated.



St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women invite women from other parishes and local churches to join us for **Movie Night, January 5, 2009, 7 pm**, at St. Mark's school auditorium, 7503 Northview (corner of Cole and Northview). Our movie will be *bella*, starring Eduardo Verastequi & Tammy Blanchard. The film is rated PG13; there is no admission charge. Question? contact Marjean Mueller at marjeanmueller147@msn.com or 375-0168.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2008

Page 4



Scripture Readings

December 21—December 27

SUN.	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
MON.	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
TUES.	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
WED.	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
THURS.	Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
FRI.	Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
SAT.	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

"May it be done unto me according to your word." Lk 1
Explore what God's word is for your marriage.

Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Dates: Boise Id. Feb 6-8

Call Jessica and Greg; info or registration 208-378-6851
or registration@wwmesnakeriver.org

CALENDAR – CALENDARIO

Sun., Dec. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30 p.m., Posadas (gimnasio)
Mon., Dec. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 p.m., Reconciliation Service (Holy Apostles)
Tues., Dec. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m., Development & Finance Committee (Rm. A) • 8 p.m., Alanon (Salón C)
Wed., Dec. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m., Family Mass (Church)
Thurs., Dec. 25	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 a.m., Midnight Mass (Church) • 10 a.m., Christmas English Mass (Church) • 12:30 p.m., Christmas Spanish Mass (Church)

Advertiser of the Week—John T. Kalange, DDS, MS!