

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018

Come,
Holy Spirit,
fill the
hearts of
your faithful
and kindle
in them the
fire of your
love.



"Pentecost" by Anton Raphael Mengs, c. 1765.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal: May 26-27



CATHOLIC
Diocese of Fresno
CHARITIES

In the past year, Catholic Charities has provided service to **almost 150,000 clients in need** throughout the Diocese.

The average income for families seeking assistance is less than \$22,000 per year; that is about \$1,800.00 per month. Nearly half of the families we serve consist mostly of children under the age of 17. Your own neighbors and possibly some within this very parish may have come to us seeking help. That's because one in four people in our valley can't support their family or overcome their situations without assistance.

We are most proud of our Career and Education Centers now open at all of our sites and are assisting our clients with education and job training. These FREE classes are teaching clients the skills that they need for success in the job market and in life. Things that we all take for granted – how to email, operate a computer, navigate the internet and create a resume. These tools not only put our clients back on their feet, but are transforming their lives.

You can be a part of the solution as well by investing in our programs and services at Catholic Charities.

Please help us to change a life with your contribution next weekend. For every \$1.00 that is donated by you, 90 cents goes directly to programs and services for those in need. If you would like to learn more about us, please go to our Website at www.ccdof.org or check us out on Charity Navigator and Guide Star.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pearle Zalud Fund Scholarship

Academic Year 2018-2019



To be eligible, high school seniors must be attending college full-time in the fall and be majoring in a music or agriculture related field of study. Call or stop by the parish office to learn more and to pick up an application. Submission deadline is July 31, 2018.

Summer Break

This Sunday will be our last day of the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses. We will resume dismissals again in August. We take a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the leaders and aides who have served our children through this ministry over the last year, that the Lord may bless them for the generous gift of their ministry every Sunday. We also keep all of the children of our parish in prayer, that they may enjoy of a safe and fun summer full of Christ's joy and happiness!



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



EDWARD SRI

Bring your Bible and join us in the hall for a **FREE** meal and Bible Study **EVERY MONDAY** as we study the riches of Holy Scripture. **Miss a lesson or jumping in mid-way? No problem!** This Bible Study includes a free access code to view the video lessons on your personal device.

DINNER: 6PM BIBLE STUDY: 6:30PM
Free! All are welcome!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

the teachings of Pope Saint John Paul II on the true meaning of the human person



THIS WEEK MAY 23RD (45 MIN)

OVERCOMING LIES ABOUT THE BODY; SPOUSAL ANALOGY; QUALITIES OF A HEALTHY MARRIAGE; NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

This video series is appropriate for mature teens and adults. Supervised games & activities are hosted for other children.

DINNER 5PM • FILM 5:30PM • FREE!

Sacraments

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,
12:00 noon, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM
(Communion Service on Thursday)

Confession: Friday 6 PM until all are heard; Saturday 3:00-4:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Weekdays 7-9AM, Fridays 6 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Sunday Mass at 9:00 & 10:30AM

Baptism and Marriage: Contact the parish office for details.



Mass Intentions

- MAY 19** 5:00 PM Sasha Melinda Martinez
(Kern County Superior Court Interpreters)
- MAY 20** 7:30 AM Warren Haupt
(Haupt Family)
- 9:00 AM Missa Pro Populo
- 10:30 AM Fr. Bert Mello
(Kelley Family)
- 12:00 PM Jennifer Drake
(Diana Gomez)
- 5:30 PM Msgr. Raul Sanchez
- MAY 21** 6:30 AM Fr. Dan Coyle
- MAY 22** 6:30 AM Fr. Michael Burchfield
- MAY 23** 6:30 AM Maria Jauregui & Family
(Jean Betbeder Family)
- 10:30 AM For all students and their families in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish & School
- MAY 24** 6:30 AM Communion Service
- MAY 25** 6:30 AM Maria Jauregui & Family
(Jean Betbeder Family)
- 8:15 AM For all mothers, living & deceased, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish & School

Mary, Mother of the Church

NEW MEMORIAL TO BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, MAY 21ST

Excerpts from the Decree on the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar:

The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.



In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the cross.

Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn

unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.

As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary had already begun her mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In this sense, in the course of the centuries, Christian piety has honoured Mary with various titles, in many ways equivalent, such as Mother of Disciples, of the Faithful, of Believers, of all those who are reborn in Christ; and also as "Mother of the Church" as is used in the texts of spiritual authors as well as in the Magisterium of Popes Benedict XIV and Leo XIII.

...Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.

This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God....

From the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 11 February 2018

Thank you!

Our heartfelt gratitude to all who made our school and parish Memorial Masses for Fr. Bert a beautiful gift to all! A special thank you to Bishop Armando Ochoa for celebrating Mass with our school children, to Fr. Sal who presided at our parish Mass, and to the priests who concelebrated. To the choir members, lectors, altar servers, Knights of Columbus, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and all who participated: thank you for making our celebrations of Fr. Bert so memorable, healing, and joyful.



MOM to Mom

A Support Group for Mothers at Our
Lady of Perpetual Help Parish & School

All mothers are welcome! Join us in the hall from 8:30AM - 10:30AM. Free childcare provided.

**LAST GATHERING BEFORE
SUMMER BREAK:**

Monday, May 21st

THE NEXT CHAPTER

You're invited to "The Next Chapter" for fellowship and lunch! "The Next Chapter" is a ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for widows and widowers for social and support. All are welcome! We also welcome men and women whose spouses are alive yet find their lives will never be the same, due to illness. Please contact Sandy James for more details at 661-871-0752.

When: Thursday, May 24th at 11:30 AM

Place: Loma Linda Restaurant, 3611 Mount Vernon Ave.



Join us in the hall for
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
hosted by the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



DINNER **MOVIE**
6:30 PM **7:00 PM**

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

ECONOMIC JUSTICE



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: PART 7

What is the goal of economic activity?

The goal of economic activity is to supply us with all the material things that we need in order to live. The resources for this purpose – raw materials, machines, land and soil, human labor, for example – are limited. Therefore we must create economic arrangements, in other words, organize economic activity in such a way that these limited resources are used as efficiently and reasonably as possible. The source, focus, and end of all economic activity is the free human being. As always, when we engage in social action, the dignity of the human person and the development of the common good are central (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* 63).

Is affluence "unethical"?

No. To increase prosperity can be a noble ethical purpose. But this purpose is morally good only when it is pursued in a way consistent with the *global*

development of all human beings in solidarity; not when only a few individuals profit from the increased prosperity. Development means the holistic, comprehensive development of human beings. This includes faith and family, education and health, and many other values. It cannot always be merely a matter of greater consumption. In a certain way "consumerism" makes people even poorer.

Is the Church critical of economic activity?

The Church has a fundamentally positive view of economic activity. She critiques economic activity only when commerce sets itself up as an absolute. This happens, for example, when laborers are exploited and co-opted or when people neglect to use the earth's resources in a sustainable way. The Church supports economic activity when human beings can thereby enjoy at least a modest prosperity and have no need to fear poverty. Catholic social doctrine wants everyone to

participate actively in bringing about economic progress, improving economic production, and distributing material goods (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* 63)

Can work in business be a vocation?

Yes. Work in commerce and business can be an authentic vocation from God: people who in their specialized area of responsibility place themselves at the service of their fellow human beings and of society are a blessing for all. God entrusted the earth to us, "to till it and keep it". In our work we can obey God's will and in some small area contribute to the perfecting of creation (Genesis 2:15ff.). If we act justly and lovingly, we will use the good gifts of the earth and our own talents for the good of our fellow human beings who are entrusted to us (Matthew 25:14-30).

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