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President's Message

Ah, February, the month of love! Take the time out of your schedule and tell or call the person you love and tell them....sons, daughters, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, best friends and on and on.

Ash Wednesday and the first day of lent is on February 18th (after Valentine's Day—YEAH!!) . This year, try to think of some way you can give to others (volunteer at the school, cook a meal for an elderly person, help out at the St. Vincent Food Kitchen...what other ways could we volunteer...let us know). Some of you are already volunteering and I'd like to hear the ways you volunteer.

We have some good events happening in the next couple of months and I hope you can come to them. If there is something you think we might all be interested in, please let me know!

Hugs and Blessings to you,

Sherry Dunn
President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



Feb 17	Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall Topic: The Philippines Speaker: Father Jun Manalo
Feb 18	Lenten Retreat, San Damiano
March 17	Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall Topic: Decorating cookies and filling Easter bags for Abode

Membership Notes

Our membership is 79 women strong. Please encourage your friends in the parish to join us. Invite someone to join us at one of our meetings or events.



Helping Hands

Liz would like to thank Pat Picard, Bea Taus, Peggy Mosko and Karin Romero for providing meals for Marion Carey during her confinement. Your response was greatly appreciated.

If you know anyone that would like to attend our meetings and/or events but needs transportation, please contact Liz Hormel (656-8495). She will arrange for one of our members to assist in having the need met. Also, let Liz know of anyone needing help from WOSJ.

Women of St. Joseph polo shirts

Margherita McIntosh has WOSJ polo shirts, if you would like to purchase one. Please email her at mvmcintosh@aol.com. The prices are according to size: S-XL: \$16.75, 2XL: \$20.01, 3XL: \$23.28, 4XL: \$26.54.



Father Jun Manalo

Tuesday, February 17th

7:30pm

Father Jun has been in the Philippines for the last month and he will be talking about the recent disasters in the Philippines. He will bring stories and pictures to share with us all. Be prepared for his talk to be a little longer than our normal meeting times, but well worth the time.



Lenten Day of Renewal Retreat

Wednesday, February 18th

9:30am to 3:30pm

Our annual retreat will be on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Those wishing to car pool can meet at the car pool parking lot across from McDonalds, down from the Mission at the 680 interchange) at 7:45am. This retreat is hosted by San Damiano's new director, Fr. Vince Mesi, OFM. . Lunch is included in the cost of \$35.00. Holy Eucharist will end the day including the distribution of ashes. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Nancy Newman at ncynrsern@gmail.com or 510-657-7693.



Cookie Decorating and Filling Easter Bags

Tuesday, March 17th

7:30pm

We will be decorating cookies and filling Easter Bags for the Abode children. You are invited to bring your children to help decorate the cookies or you can have your children bake cookies for that night.

How It Went

Senior's Christmas/Holiday Lunch

The annual senior's Christmas/Holiday luncheon was again a spectacular event. Thank you to all who contributed to the desserts and a HUGE thank you to our kitchen staff and Jon Dunn (for helping to set up and clean up).



The Senior Luncheon



Debbie Rosetto helping to clean the new oven!!



So many Kitchen Helpers!! We had lots more that aren't shown, too!! Thank you all so very much.

Friendship Force International

The presentation by Martha LeRoy and Karen McCready of Friendship Force International exposed us to the many interesting places to travel and a way to do it more economically. In addition, Friendship Force provides the opportunity to develop personal and enduring relationships with fellow travelers.





Happy Birthday to those born in February

Boken Anna	Feb 2	Fleming Linda	Feb 22
Vasquez-Morse Jennie	Feb 6	Rudy Madelyn	Feb 22
Mosko Peggy	Feb 21	Phair Donna	Feb 28

Spiritual Corner

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
 and asked the Lord above
 to fill your heart and bless your soul
 With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
 The kind that's meant to stay
 Just like the generous love
 You give to those you touch each day

I prayed for love from family
 And from every cherished friend
 Then I asked the Lord to give to you
 His love that knows no end.

Author Unknown

From: Salesian Inspirational Books

Nancy Newman
 Spiritual Chairperson

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