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Women of St. Joseph

March 2010



President's Message

The year is steadily moving along. It is hard to believe we are already in March. I would like to thank all of the WOSJ for being part of our ministry. I would like to also thank you all for all your help, support and the generosity of your time. A special thanks goes out to all the ladies that were able to help with the parish retreat, setting up/decorating for lent in the church and volunteering your time at Palm Sunday. Your contribution does not go unnoticed, we appreciate everything you all do! THANK YOU all!

This month will be the start of spring and day light savings. It will be nice to enjoy the lovely surrounding of nature and the extra sun light each day. This month we will have Father Tom Bonacci as our guest speaker. We are opening up this meeting to not only the WOSJ but their husbands, significant others and friends.

As we move along in spring, we will have a couple of events happening. We will be sponsoring two tables at the Sister Gonzaga's Tea and the Wine tasting trip in April. We will send an email regarding the Tea and the pricing per seat. Please watch for more information.

Have a wonderful month.

Debi Murata

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



Mar 16 Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall

Speaker: Father Tom Bonacci,
Topic: Religions of the world

Apr 20 Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall

Speaker: Sherry Dunn
Topic: Cake Decorating

Plus we will hear about Earth Day from our own
Adrienne Stephens

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Coming Events

Religions of the World March 16th 7:30 pm Church Hall

Father Tom Bonacci, renowned speaker, will discuss religions of the world. Everyone is encouraged to invite your spouse or friend to join us for an informative Lenten lecture. Father Bonacci is always an interesting and knowledgeable speaker who will captivate us with a comparative study of the world's religions.

WOSJ Wine Tasting Event April 18th Livermore

The Women of St. Joseph and their spouses and/or guests are invited to an afternoon of wine tasting in the Livermore Valley on **Sunday, April 18th**. We will start with a winery tour and tasting at Wente Vineyards, followed by a picnic lunch on the Wente grounds. We will then proceed to Deer Ridge, where we will have a second tasting and an educational talk by the owner/winemaker. We will meet in front of the Mission. Carpools will depart from St. Joseph Church at 10:15 a.m. Cost is **\$10.00 per person** (designated drivers are free). To reserve a spot, send a check payable to "WOSJ" to Nancy Dorigi, 44142 Boitano Dr., Fremont, CA 94539 by April 11. If you are willing to be a designated driver or have questions, contact Margherita McIntosh at mvmcintosh@aol.com (657-3349) or Nancy Dorigi at ndorigi@comcast.net (657-7543).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you are interested in creating prayer shawl and blankets which can be done by either knitting or crochet, please join us at our next meeting. This ministry meets the first Wednesday of each month. Those interested in joining this ministry should contact Sherry Dunn at 573-4220 or solodmom@aol.com. Please let us know if you know someone that would be a good recipient of a prayer shawl-it need not only be in the case of illness- it can be for a time of joy or accomplishment!

Sherry recently presented a prayer blanket to a friend of Dorothy Benya who has cancer. Please also pray for her peace.

Sister Gonzaga's Tea

The Annual Sister Gonzaga's Tea is coming, Saturday, April 17th! The Women of St. Joseph will once again sponsor two tables. The tea features beautifully decorated tables, delicious food, and entertainment, with proceeds benefiting Sister John Marie's Pantry and St. Joseph School's Tuition Assistance.

Do you have a flair for decorating? We need your help to decorate our tables! The theme is "Musical". This popular event is always a sell-out. WOSJ will offer tickets to members and their guests on a first-come-first-serve-basis. Look for more details in the near future!



How It Went

Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE)

Thank you to Sheri Plaza from SAVE who spoke to us about the organization, the work, and their needs. It is clear they do great work!



Happy Birthday to those born in March

Ellen Culver	March 11	Gerry Fulks	March 19
Alba Olivares	March 13	Chris Kandefer	March 19
Michele Young	March 18	Mary Rebello	March 23
Pat Samuels	March 19		

Spiritual Corner

Lent is a time of sacrifice and growth. Are we going to "give up" the same old things we do every year? Or, are we going to take advantage of this time and get out of God's way, letting Him direct our path? ""Ready to Serve"

Sing out, O heavens and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song you mountains, For the Lord comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. Isaiah 49:13

Reflection:

"Every day is a new unfolding of our life in Christ. Surprises are always happening. God reserves the right to intrude into our lives at a moment's notice, sometimes turning them upside down. It is essential to be flexible, adjustable, ready to tear up our plans and put them in the wastebasket at God's request. Hence, both the contemplative vision and its incarnation are essential, and the place where they meet is contemplative prayer. This is the key to the preservation and growth of the creative vision as well as its appropriate incarnation on a day to day basis. This is what leads to purity of heart, which is freedom from the false-self system and hence, freedom to be at the disposal of those we serve."

My Prayers Rise Like Incense - Daily Lenten Reflections from Fr. Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O.

- Thank you to Kathy Shelly, as I took this from one of her previous posts.



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2010-2011

Dominican Kindergarten offers quality education focusing on the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, and physical development of the kindergarten child and is located in Fremont, CA at the Motherhouse of the *Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose*.

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010 and you wish him/her to attend St. Joseph School in the future,

applications are available now!

Pick up applications at either St. Joseph School Office or Dominican Kindergarten.

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