

St. Anthony's School News

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Dear Families,

This weekend we will light the rose candle on our Advent wreath, the candle brighter than all the others, the one that symbolizes rejoicing. Take the prophet's words deep into your heart and pray:

*Strengthen the hands that are feeble
Make firm the knees that are weak
Say to those whose hearts are frightened; be
Strong, fear not!
Here is your God, he comes with vindication,
with divine recompense*

In other words, God comes to make up for what is lacking in our lives and He comes to save us.

Take the last promise literally. He comes to save **us** personally. In **our** personal circumstances and He is coming soon. This Christmas. This Advent. This Year. This week. This day. This moment. The question is, what do we need saving from? How are our hands feeble? How are our knees weak? What are our fears? What wrong do we need Him to set right? How are we blind? What is it that we cannot hear? In what ways are we lame?

What is it that keeps your heart and your tongue from singing? Do you sing at mass? I mean REALLY sing?! The Biblical evidence is clear and compelling: singing is a natural response to being touched by the hand of God deeply within your spirit. And when the music pours through us, as imperfect as it might be, we discover wonderful things beginning to happen in our soul and in our heart and in our life. We will look back and realize that yes, we were imprisoned and yes, indeed, He did come to ransom us!

He is coming to each and every one of us, if we let Him, in a way that is often known only to us and to Him. He **will** answer our prayers and he will shed light on us in our hour of need. He will fill us with wisdom and peace. But we've got to look in His direction....

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Nativity Raffle

We have 10 very beautiful and unique Nativity Sets being raffled off by Mrs. Gennock's 2nd graders. Find them displayed in the office and on our school website. Please consider purchasing chances for this very worthy cause. All money raised will be given to the children at the **Holy Cross Women's Shelter**. Chances are \$1 and \$10 buys 12 chances with \$20 buying 25 chances. Send money in an envelope with your name and phone number on the envelope and write "NATIVITY" on it. There is an envelope in the office marked "Nativity 2G". We will also be in the courtyard each day after school selling chances. We promise to make you tickets for each dollar donated. **The drawing will be Monday, December 12th at our prayer service.**

Christmas Program

Thursday December 15 in the Gym

6:00pm 2,4,6,8B

7:15pm 3,5,7,8S

Doors will open at 5:30pm to begin bleacher seating. Program will begin promptly at scheduled times. **Please be prompt.**

Friday, Dec. 16th : K and 1st at 11:00am

Thank you to Mrs. Sarkisian, Mrs. Cornwell and our talented student performers. We are looking forward to a great show. Students should plan to wear their Sunday best.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass @ 9:15 2G

On Thursday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, this is a holy day of obligation in the United States. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. *"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."* — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

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Toys 4 Tots

CJSF is sponsoring Toys for Tots this year. As your Holiday shopping begins, please include those less fortunate and purchase a toy. Bring in a new unwrapped toy. Boxes can be found in Rooms 20, 8, 3, and 4 as well as one in the school office. The Marines will be picking up toys on **December 15th**. For more information contact Mrs. Baker jbaker@sasfresno.com

U-10 Boys FGYSL

St. Anthony's Earthquakes had a 10-0 season and sealed it by winning their division championship Saturday. Congratulations to Aidan Crabtree (OLV) Colin Gonzales (SAS) Mathew Leech (SAS) Andrew Maldonado (OLV) Mike Moreno (Sunset) Isaiah Munoz (SAS) Ralph Munoz (SAS) Jeremy Orgill (OLV) Benny Soto (Robinson) Benjamin Vetter (OLV) Braden Walters (Granite) and AJ Young (OLV). Way to Go!

Hot Lunch

January Order Form is attached. Deadline for submission is next Wednesday, Dec 14, 2011.

Athletics Hot Lunch Help Needed

Athletic Department will be hosting Hot Lunch on Friday 12/9. Coach Roblee is looking for parent helpers to count, set up and serve. If you are available and interested in helping and earning Parent Hours, please contact Coach @ 435-0700 x242. Thank you for your support.

Corrections

- Congratulations to Isabella Salas and Daniela Wood and their U-10 soccer team for their recent tournament win!
- Congratulations to Dean Raymond for his 1st place in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge!

CHRISTMAS VIDEO

You can pre-order your video of this years Christmas Programs.... See flier to place your order. The cost is \$20.00 . Orders are due by **Friday, Dec. 16th**. They will be ready to pick-up in the office on **Dec. 21st**.

We have new Bishop

Our prayers have been answered as Bishop Ochoa has been named to lead our Diocese. Read more about him in the attached biography.

We await confirmation regarding the Installation Ceremony. It is a possibility that we may host the event here in our Church and Community Center in February. If this is the case, we call a NO SCHOOL day. Information will be announced as soon as Monsignor gives the word.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 223 is ready to sweeten up your Christmas! Come get some yummy treats for your family and friends. Our Cub scouts will be selling See's Candies this Friday the 9th after school and, Saturday and Sunday Dec. 10 and 11 after the 5:15 pm Mass and all St. Anthony Church morning Masses. Thank you for your support.

Let's Say Grace Cookbook

Pre-ordered Cook Books will go home Thursday 12/8 with the kids and a flier is in today's packet if you would like to order one. Pair the cookbook with some Savemart SCRIP and a bottle of wine and wow, you have a great gift!
\$20.00 in the school office while supplies last. Purchase yours today.

Springboard

Dear Parents/Guardians, This is the last week for the Fall 2010 Project Springboard classes. We have had a spectacular time this semester. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

We look forward to seeing you during the Spring 2012 where we will have a diverse array of classes including Spanish, Science, Creative Writing, Math and Art beginning in January 2012. For more information on how to register visit our website at www.springboard-sas.com to download the forms. Attached you will also find a copy of the Spring registration form and class descriptions.

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