



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2009

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Mass Schedule	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
Confessions	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Nicodemus himself is a scholar of the Old Testament, but nowhere in his reading of the Old Testament does he hear language of Resurrection as spoken to him by Jesus Christ. It is the words Nicodemus had all his life being seeking for. What is spirituality without Resurrection, but dead, doomed to die. Jesus speaks of a Spirituality of Life never to end, a spirit that never died.



Daffodils at St. Mary's



Thank you to our guest speakers: Jean Berensmeier, Dr. Albert Gaw, and Kathleen Mullen, for their Lenten Presentations.

Mass Intentions: Week of March 22, 2009

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	...	Mary & James Dowd and Family
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	...	John Lawson
Monday	8 a.m.	...	John Lawson
Wednesday	8 a.m.	...	Bill Hemmenway
Thursday	8 a.m.	...	Virginia Prendergast
Friday	8 a.m.	...	Jackie Quinn & Family

From the Pew

St. Mary's Palm Sunday Brunch, Sunday, April 5th, at the Druid's Hall, Nicasio from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both Masses (9:30 & 11:15 a.m.) will be at St. Mary's that Sunday. Enjoy the country brunch, no host bar, raffle and silent auction. Adults \$15, children \$5 (age 5-12), raffle book of 12 for \$10. For reservations, please send check payable to St. Mary's Parish, P.O. Box 501, Nicasio, CA 94946.

Parishioners are asked to buy a lily pot for Easter Sunday floral decorations. Bring the lilies on Palm Sunday to the church.

This week, 2nd Collection at St. Cecilia's is for the Fountain Fund.

Next week, 2nd Collection is for Catholic Charities.

Local Interest There are 156,000 inmates in the California system with an added 20,000 farmed out to other states. The Christian tradition sees prisons as places of punishment, but also rehabilitation, therefore also a place to prepare prisoners to re-enter society. Overcrowding in prisons has become a respect-life issue. An estimated 350,000 suffer from some kind of mental illness. 1.5 million prisoners are released every year in the states, many carrying infectious diseases, aids, anger and violent attitudes. The prison system has broken down so much that prison guards are decrying the conditions as inhumane, and judges ordering prisons to release prisoners not a threat to society.

Church Facts: Africa is the fastest growing church in Catholicism. Its roots go back to the European colonists, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, who colonized Africa.

Here are some statistics:

- a. More ordinations in Africa than anywhere else
- b. 630 Bishops in Africa
- c. 32,370 Priests in Africa
- d. 52,800 Catholic schools
- e. 1,046 Catholic Hospitals
- f. 843 Orphanages
- g. 4,664 Catholic Welfare institutions

Universal Church Recently Pope Benedict XVI received back into the church four excommunicated bishops who were ordained illegally some years ago. One of those bishops, Richard Williamson basically denied the Holocaust as a fabrication of pro-Semitism. It was quickly refuted as not representing Catholic statements on the Holocaust. Bishop Williamson later apologized. The four bishops no longer excommunicated are not allowed to minister as bishops and have no assigned dioceses.

Last week's collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 423.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 428.00
Total:	\$ 851.00

2009 Archbishop Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia \$ 1,345 (21% of \$6,500)
St. Mary \$ 1,290 (29% of \$4,400)

Donations received as of 3-21-2009



"There are no problems, only solutions."

John Lennon