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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for bringing us to this time when we can look forward to beginning a whole New Year in His service. The Lord has much work for us to do. His ways are forever fresh and new. He has been telling us to stand firm and be prepared for days of trial and testing of our faith in Him. He has generously bestowed upon us the gifts of his Holy Spirit. He continues to encourage us to have a renewed mind and die to self so that we through His grace will allow the Fruit of his love to develop in our lives. He speaks these powerful words of scripture to us – old, but new;

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, and always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Cor 15:58

I command you: Be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God, is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1: 9

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LOVE, JOY & PEACE

By Sister Christine Edwards

Have you ever met someone who had such grace about them and exuded so much love, joy and peace, that you felt drawn to them? Love, joy and peace are God's great gifts to us and are actually the normal state of a Christian. Yet these gifts don't come to us naturally, but come through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. That's why they're called the fruits of the Spirit. We cannot produce them by our own power.

"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, that has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5). And love is His first gift, containing all other. It's in God's love that we find joy and peace. It is the love of the Holy Spirit that flows through us as we love with God's own love. It's far different from the world's counterfeit for love, which can be brute passion or vile egoism.

Jesus says, "Abide in my love so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full" (Jn. 15:10). Abide means a constant presence—to live there. The key to our joy is our abiding in Jesus. It's not the world's joy, which is superficial fleeting happiness.

St. James says, "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance" (Jas 1: 2-4). So joy can be present even in suffering. It's not a surface emotion, but it's a depth experience—it's deeper and inner. We have access to a love, peace and joy that cannot be destroyed by pain, suffering and death, as long as we live in the Lord.

Can we grow spiritually to a point of having joy even in the midst of trials? The saints did. Jesus said, "Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete" (Jn. 16:24).

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem the angels proclaimed peace. On the last night Jesus spent on earth he said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you" (Jn. 14:27)

His customary greeting to his apostles after his resurrection was, "Peace be upon you!" (Jn, 20:21). Peace is a gift so beautiful, so profound, and so efficacious, that we shall never fully comprehend it. It's the fruit of the Holy Spirit in us and the synthesis of all the graces

and heavenly blessings that we have received in Christ. It's the peace that surpasses all understanding. The world cannot counterfeit peace, because peace is a Divine thing.

Since the fruits of the Spirit are such wonderful gifts, why isn't there more love, joy and peace among Christians? In a world beset by terrorism, recession, natural disasters and evil of all kinds, it can be increasingly difficult to live in Christ's spirit of love, joy and peace. The world, the flesh and the devil are at war to keep us from living in the fruit of the Spirit.

In Galatians 5 we find the fruits of the Spirit listed by St. Paul immediately after he is talking about the works of the flesh—meaning all that is opposed to the will of God. Paul gives a list of obstacles to the fruit of the Spirit. Here he is clearly telling us what to avoid and oppose, and what we are to cherish and cultivate. For Paul says the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. These are opposed to each other. Docility to the Holy Spirit at work in us is needed, and this often demands death to our own will and ego.

So what is the secret to a victorious life of living in the fruits of the Spirit? Jesus tells us quite clearly. He says that we are to remain in him. As a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can we. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. If we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Without him we can do nothing (Jn. 15: 4-5). Only as we abide in the Vine, who is Christ, can we bear the fruit of **love, joy and peace**. And the key word is abide, which is the constant ongoing union with Jesus.

Aids to abide in the vine include daily spending quality time alone with the Lord, as well as walking and talking with the Indwelling Presence of Jesus, who is the fount of all love, joy and peace. Daily prayerful reading of God's Word, frequent Confession, regular Mass and Communion are our nourishment. As Jesus says, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (Jn. 6:56).

The fruits of the Spirit are our inheritance as sons

and daughters of God. We can't obtain these gifts by seeking them. They are byproducts of our living in the Lord. When we are loving, joyful and peaceful we bring joy, comfort and consolation to those we meet. Probably those closest to us could give us a good idea as to how habitually we are living in the fruits of the Spirit.

It's so clear, so simple and yet not always easy. To have true love, joy and peace we need to be intimately united to Jesus, the Vine. It means living not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17).

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We wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year! May the words from Romans 12: 9 fill your minds and hearts.

"Let love be sincere, hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer".

Be filled with Love, Joy & Peace.

Sincerely, Jim & Mary Horvath

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Monday- Prayer Meeting- 7 to 9PM
St Bernard - Parish Center

Every Monday – Prayer Meeting
7PM St Andrew School MP Room
9950 NW 29th St
Coral Springs, FL

Every Tuesday - Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM - St Bernadette Church
7450 Stirling Rd, Hollywood, FL

Every Tuesday - Prayer Meeting - 9:30 AM
Our Lady of Mercy Church
5201 N Military Trail
Pompano Beach, FL 33064
954-783-4249

First Tuesday - Mass and Healing Prayer
8:00 PM - Nativity Church - Hollywood
Second Tuesday- Prayer Mtg 8PM - Church
Third Tuesday - Adoration - 8PM - Church
Fourth Tuesday - Prayer Mtg 8PM - Church

Third Tuesday-Annunciation Church
3781 SW 39th St
West Park, FL 33023
Fr. Robert Richardson
(954-989- 0606)

Every Wednesday - Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM - St Bartholomew Church
Call Church at 954 -431-3600

Every Wednesday - Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM - St Maximilian Kolbe Chapel
Call Church at 954-432-0206

First Thursday - Mass and Healing Prayer
8 PM – Nativity Church
Indian Community

Third Thursday-Praise, Worship, Benediction
7:30 PM All Saints Church - Chapel
Deacon Joe Tollis

Third Thursday - Bilingual Healing Mass
8:00 PM - St Stephen Church

First and Fourth Fridays
8:00 PM – All night Adoration
St Stephen Church, Hollywood

Praise and Worship
7:30 PM – St Maximilian Kolbe
Wed - December 14, 2011

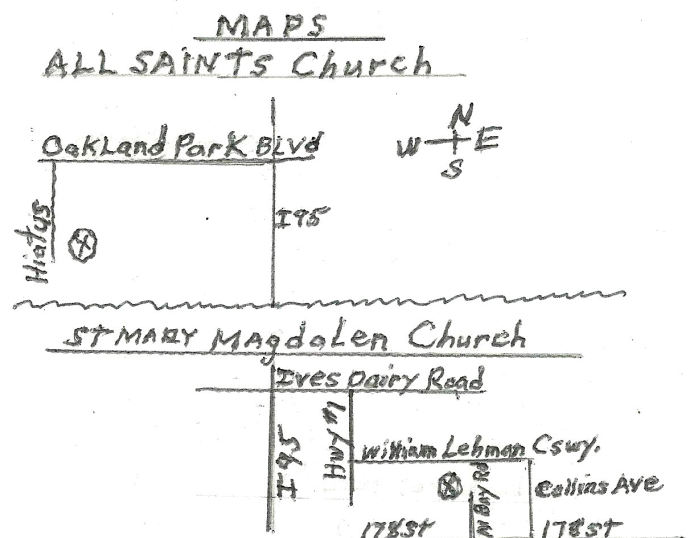
Mass with Healing Prayer
January 23 - St Bernard Church - 7:30 PM

DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday January 7, 2012- 8:30AM to 3:30PM
All Saints Church
10900 West Oakland Park Blvd
Sunrise, FL 33351
For Registration Form contact your Prayer Group
Leader or Call CCS Office at 954-961-1856
Music- Alex & Mary Jesurun

Coming up

**Leaders Day of Renewal for Prayer
Group Leaders, Core teams and Leaders
in Training**
Saturday, Feb 11, 2012 - 8 AM to 2:30 PM
St Mary Magdalen Church
17775 N Bay Road, Sunny Isles Beach
33160
Music – Alex & Mary Jesurun



SCRIPTURE READINGS

January

1. Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21
2. 1 Jn 2: 22-28; 1 Jn 1:19-28
3. 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1: 29-34
4. 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1; 35-42
5. 1 Jn 3: 11-21; Jn 1: 43-51
6. 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1: 7-11
7. 1 Jn 5 14-21; Jn 2: 1-11
8. Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12
9. Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Mk 1: 7- 11
10. 1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28
11. 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1: 29-39
12. 1 Sm 4: 1-11; Mk 1: 40-45
13. 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2: 1-12
14. 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1a; Mk 2: 13-17
15. 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42
16. 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2:18-22
17. 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28
18. 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6
19. 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12
20. 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19
21. 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3: 20-21
22. Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1: 14-20
23. 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10; Mk 3: 22-30
24. 2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3: 31-35
25. Acts 22: 3-16; Mk 16: 15-18
26. 2 Tm 1: 1-8; Mk 4: 21-25
27. 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5- 10a, 13-17; Mk 4: 26-34
28. 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
29. Dt 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1: 21-28
30. 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13; Mk 5: 1-20
31. 2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5: 21-43

February

1. 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6
2. Mal 3: 1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40
3. Sir 47: 2-11; Mk 6: 14-29
4. 1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Mk 6: 30-34
5. Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39
6. 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6: 53-56
7. 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7: 1-13
8. 1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Mk 7: 14- 23
9. 1 Kgs 11: 4-13; Mk 7: 24-30
10. 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Mk 7: 31-37
11. 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mk 8: 1-10
12. Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10: 13—11:1; Mk 1: 40-45
13. Jas 1: 1-11; Mk 8: 11-13
14. Jas 1: 12-18; Mk 8: 14-21
15. Jas 1: 19-27; Mk 8: 22-26
16. Jas 2: 1-9; Mk 8: 27-33
17. Jas 2: 14-24, 26; Mk 8: 34—9:1
18. Jas 3: 1-10; Mk 9: 2-13
19. Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1: 18-22; Mk 2: 1-12
20. Jas 3: 13-18; Mk 9: 14-29
21. Jas 4: 1-10; Mk 9: 30-37
22. Jl 2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5: 20—6:2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
23. Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25
24. Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15
25. Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32
26. Gn 9: 8-15; 1 Pt 3: 18-22; Mk 1: 12-15
27. Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46
28. Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15
29. Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

March

1. Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7: 7-12
2. Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26
3. Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48
4. Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8: 31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10
5. Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38
6. Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12
7. Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28
8. Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31
9. Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
10. Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
11. Ex 20: 1-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25
12. 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Lk 4: 24-30
13. Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35
14. Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19
15. Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23
16. Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34
17. Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14
18. 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21
19. 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a
20. Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16
21. Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30
22. Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47
23. Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
24. Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53
25. Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33
26. Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38
27. Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30
28. Dn 3: 14-20, 91 92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42
29. Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59
30. Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42
31. Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56