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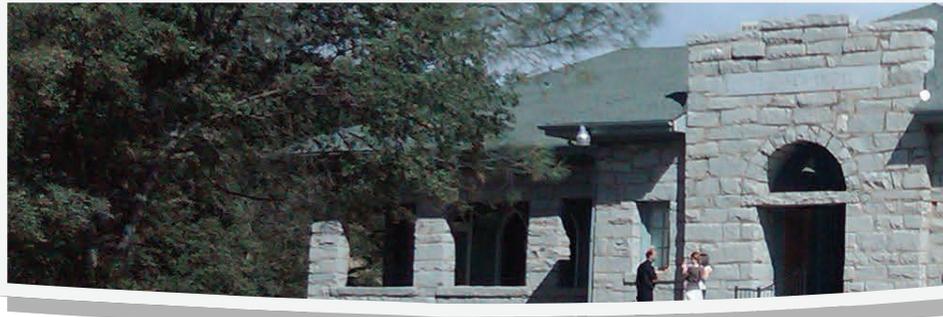
# Saint Anne's Chapel

## *50th Anniversary*



*April 7th 1962—April 7th, 2012*





### ***50th Anniversary Celebration***

<b>2:00PM</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>
<b>4:15PM</b>	<b>BLESSING OF GROTTA</b>
<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>MASS/HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
<b>6:00PM - 8:00PM</b>	<b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FEAST</b>

### ***Our Beginnings.....***

**In the late 1800's and early 1900's**, the town of Knowles had become a thriving community due to the granite quarries operating in the area. Traditionally an area of large cattle ranches, the granite quarries brought a major employer to the area which in turn spurred rapid population growth. Raymond, CA, the community slightly to the west of Knowles, was known as the "Gateway to Yosemite".

As Knowles continued to grow, it became apparent in 1918, that a larger school was needed to accommodate the increasing number of school children. The founder of the town of Knowles and President of the Raymond Granite Company, Fred K. Knowles, donated 4.3 acres to the town on which to build a larger school. Henry F. Starbuck, an Architect in Fresno, CA, was commissioned to design such a new school building.

In 1920, granite donated by the Raymond Granite Co. was used to build the new Knowles School: consisting of 3 classrooms, 2 small rooms, a basement w/ 2 restrooms, and a storage room. The new school w/ 60 students, continued to serve the community until 1942, when the Raymond and Knowles school districts were consolidated.

Shortly thereafter, the Knowles school was closed and the building was abandoned and over the next 17 years, the structure fell into major disrepair.



### ***Our Beginnings continued.....***

In 1959, John Alexander, Pres. of the Cold Spring Granite Co. and Raymond Granite Co. visited Knowles on a business trip. Noticing there was no church in the local area and concerned the locals and Company employees had no place to worship, he asked an employee about the abandoned school house across the street. Ironically, Alexander had previously conversed with Father Dominic Albertelli, O.S.J. (Oblates of Saint Joseph) the Pastor of St. Joachim of Madera, and the Pastor made it known he was interested.

Mr. Alexander researched the property and discovered the ownership had reverted back to the owners of the surrounding area, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Buchenau, as the school was not in use. After mentioning the Pastor's interest, the Buchenau's graciously donated the property/building to the Diocese of Fresno. Father Albertelli was authorized by Bishop Willinger to proceed and St. Anne's began to take form.

On Sunday, January 8, 1961, Father Albertelli met with the local Catholics to discuss the conversion of the school to a Chapel. Over the course of the next 13 months, the local community, with the aid of John Alexander and workers from the Cold Spring Granite Company in Minnesota, worked diligently to renovate the school and convert it into a Chapel. An unexpected blessing came from Father Fabian Wegletner, of Saint Johns Abbey, Collegeville, MN, in the form of a full set of vestments, altar linens, cruets, altar boy cassocks, and a complete set of Stations of the Cross. Finally, with great excitement and anticipation, on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1962, Saint Anne's Chapel was blessed by Father Mario Buttini, and assisted by Fathers John Grossi, Albert Marzani, and Lupe Sanchez. Immediately following the blessing, the first Mass was celebrated.

The first parishioners were: Lou, Jerry, and Larry Bell; Anita and Carol Fulmer; Florine, Terry, Gary, Robbie, Connie, and Time Guillemain; Emma Iverson; Jean and Lourdes Sabordo; Helen, Anthony, and Ambrose Schlicht; Rosemary, Theresa, Mickey and Matt Smith; Otto and Lillian Steigler; Margarita Terragno, Bob, Rosemary, Mike, Chuck, Dan, Cindy, Sandy, Tom, and Mark Warnert.



## ***50th Anniversary Celebration of the Mass***

### **Introductory Rites**

#### **Entrance Song:**

JourneysongS #393

Crown Him With Many Crowns

### **Gloria**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Reading 1**

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love’s everlasting”**

#### **Reading 2**

1 John 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.



## **Alleluia**

### **Gospel**

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



## ***50th Anniversary Celebration of the Mass***

### **Homily**

### **Creed**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Offertory Song:** JourneysongS #460 “Amazing Grace”

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Presentation of the Gifts

Holy Holy Holy: Chant

Memorial Acclamation: Chant

Amen: Chant

### **Communion Rite**

Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God: Chant

### **Concluding Rite**

**Recessional Song:** “He is Exalted” by Twila Paris

“He is exalted, the King is exalted on high and I will praise Him”

“He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name”

“He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign”

“Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name”

“He is exalted, the King is exalted on high”



## **Acknowledgements**

His Excellency, Bishop Armando X. Ochoa

Oblates of Saint Joseph

Fr. Carlos Esquivel, O.S.J.     Pastor

Fr. Gustavo López, O.S.J.     Parochial Vicar

Deacon Steve Taylor

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*Special Thanks to our Blessed History  
of Pastors:*

Fr. Dominic Albertelli, O.S.J.	1950—1961
Fr. Mario Buttini, O.S.J.	1961—1964
Fr. Sylvio Masante, O.S.J.	1964—1970
Fr. Siro Dal Degan, O.S.J.	1970—1980
Fr. James Catalano, O.S.J.	1980—1992
Fr. Arnold Ortiz, O.S.J.	1992—1998
Fr. Larry Toschi, O.S.J.	1998 — 2010
Fr. Carlos Esquivel, OSJ	2010—Present

