

Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

There is a true story told or maybe it is fictional but it has its application and truth. A man, who was getting progressively worse, went to the doctor. The doctor told him to stop drinking for two months. The man followed the doctor's advice for one month and then resumed his drinking. When he went back to the doctor, the doctor asked him why he had gone back drinking the man replied it felt good. This applies to many people; "it felt good" is more destructive than almost anything else. It is almost impossible to change. Well now we are entering Lent which gives us the opportunity not to feel good but to see what can be achieved with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is Jesus Christ's remedy to escape the 'feel good' system and allow the creator who created us to form the new person in us. The agenda for Lent guarantees a change in us if we follow it. Usually people complain that they don't have enough time for prayer and even say that their health won't allow them to fast. However there is no excuse for not giving alms. Almsgiving disposes us to pray. When you give alms you are doing God's will: You are helping another person: you are going beyond yourself: In turning from self to the will of God, you are having your sins forgiven. Here at Mary's Mercy Center you can fulfill all of these. It is almsgivers like you that keep us in operation. Spend your Lent at Mary's Mercy Center

- *Father Mike*

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Congratulations!



On the left - Nayeli, a Veronica's Home resident, is now working at Subway.

On the right - a former resident of Veronica's Home, Ofelia, spread some joy by stopping in to share her good news with our staff - she has been hired by San Manuel.



We are happy for you both!

Way to go ladies!



A first time volunteer at our Christmas Party, seeing Mary's Table in action first hand, was inspired. After talking with her co-workers, it was decided they would host a donation block party. They put out snacks and refreshments and hosted our Ernestine Ontiveros to talk with neighbors about Mary's Table. What a great way to build community while spreading the word. The ladies prefer to remain anonymous which reflects the verse Mathew 6:3 "when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." *It was kind, generous, and very much appreciated.*



On the left - Home Aide Inland Empire donated baby diapers and wipes for both Veronica's Home of Mercy and Mary's Table's Mary's Children program.

On the right - St Peter and St Paul parishioners helped stock the food bank with canned food from their Ash Wednesday collection.





“It is in giving that we receive”

We are very grateful for the nursing students who come and give our guests health screenings and information for better health. Above and above right - nursing students from Loma Linda University’s School of Nursing provided more than just blood pressure and blood sugar screenings; they also had visual displays of the salt and sugar contents in common beverages to educate our guests on the effects these items have on blood pressure and blood sugar. These out reaches help the students hone their skills in taking vitals and communication.

To the right - social science students from California State University San Bernardino gave an ear to our guests and in turn learned about the needs of the community as well as sharpened their listening and interviewing techniques.



Run for the Wall’s mission statement reads -

“To promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world.

“The organization raises awareness with their annual ‘bike’ ride across the country to Arlington Cemetery. Hundreds of motorcyclist “ride for those who can’t”, covering 3,000 miles in 10 days. Mary’s Table has been glad to be able to help and Run for the Wall gave a plaque to Mary’s Table in appreciation. This thanks is also for you and your generosity in supporting Mary’s Table..



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Did You KNOW



In January 2018 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **6,450** (*includes lunches for parolees*)

Food Bags: **656 bags**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **466**

Hygiene kits: **431 plus 194 shaving kits**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **136 of which 106 were for extreme emergencies, & 41 pairs of shoes.**

Children's Program: **42 families' needs were met. We were also able to help these families with:**

2 cribs, 3 car seats, 4 strollers, 1 jumpers, and 10 blankets.

We also gave out 120 pounds of pet food.

THANK YOU - what we are able to do is possible because of you!

MARCH 20TH - SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENT FOR KEY CASE ON ABORTION, FREE SPEECH

*Pray,
Pray &
Pray More!*

"NIFLA v. Becerra challenges a 2015 state law in California forcing over 100 privately funded pro-life pregnancy help medical clinics that offer free ultrasounds to post signage directing their clients to a taxpayer-funded abortion program through Medi-Cal. The clinics - which are state-licensed, but receive no taxpayer funding - argue that the state's so-called "Reproductive FACT Act" co-opts and overrides their right to free speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment." (Pregnancy Help News)

Pray for free speech and an end to abortion.