



January 16, 2005 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

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The Year of the Eucharist

Pope John Paul II has called the church to a special "Year of the Eucharist" which runs through October 2005. The purpose of the Pope's Apostolic Letter, Mane Nobiscum Domine ("Stay With Us, Lord"), is to "further sensitize the Christian Community so that we may make this wonderful Sacrifice and Sacrament the center of our lives."

The Pope's letter has as its underlying theme the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The letter begins with the words "Stay with us, for it is towards evening." This was the heartfelt invitation that the two disciples walking toward Emmaus issued to the wayfarer who had joined them along the road on the very evening of the Resurrection. Filled with sad thoughts, they could not imagine that the stranger was their very Master, now risen.

In the 32-page document, the Holy Father indicates that he had planned for some time to declare a "Year of the Eucharist." He hopes the initiative will lead to a deeper appreciation for the central role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church, a greater respect for the norms of liturgy, a more reverent attitude toward the Blessed Sacrament, and more active participation in Sunday Mass.

"Stay With Us, Lord" is the third in a series of recent documents on the Eucharist. Pope John Paul offered his encyclical letter Ecclesia de Eucharistia in April 2003; it was followed one year later by an instruction on liturgical actions, Redemptionis Sacramentum, prepared by the Congregation for Divine Worship.

"The Year of the Eucharist," the Holy Father writes, "will see the church especially committed to living the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus continues to walk with us and to introduce us to the mysteries of God, opening us up to the deep meaning of Sacred Scriptures. At the summary of this encounter, Jesus breaks for us 'the bread of life.'"

"The Eucharistic celebration nourishes the disciple of Christ with His meals," he continued, "that of the Word of God and that of the Bread of Life. When minds are enlightened and hearts burn, signs speak and the mystery is in some way open to the believer. The two disciples of Emmaus recognize Jesus as they break the bread."

In keeping with the spirit of the Holy Father's wishes, Holy Family Parish will present information on the Eucharist in the coming weeks and months as we seek to renew our love, devotion and respect for our Lord truly present in the Sacrament.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: If you itemize your deductions and will be requiring a contribution statement for the year-end, please contact the parish office. As usual, we will only be mailing statements to those who request them.

A NOTE FROM KATHY CONNER: Thank you to all the great parishioners at Holy Family Parish for your warm response to my talk and visit last weekend. If I can be of assistance to anyone in the area of respect life or post-abortion ministry, please feel free to call me at 733-0140. May God bless you all as we work toward a culture of life!

Kathy Conner, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator



HEAR, YE! HEAR, YE!: Once again the Women's Council invites you to our Annual Bishop Gallego's "Baby Shower," this afternoon from 1 to 3 pm in St. Joseph's Hall. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift. Lunch will be served.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS: Bishop Garcia will be celebrating the annual Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, January 18. Mass will be at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - 711 T Street in Sacramento. The pro-life rosary will be recited before Mass at 10:00 am. Come join us as we pray to promote a culture of life in our State and in our Nation! For more information contact the Respect Life Office at (916) 733-0140.

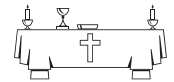
MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT: UN-PLUGGED AND RE-CHARGING! Time to get things back in perspective? Time to take a deep breath? Time to enjoy the beauty in nature? Then it's time to make a retreat with the men of our parish. We have a limited number of rooms reserved for the weekend of Jan. 21 - 23, 2005, at Christ the King Retreat Center. Just phone Chuck Rose or Ed Clark at 725-7119 or the Retreat Center at 725-4720 for information and reservations.

HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 17th in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Robert Ferrie +; Catherine France +; Ann Jeffries & Family +
- Tuesday: Tom Smoot +; Donna Kosinski -Int.
- Wednesday: Gustano Pistone +
- Thursday: Carmen Ferlisi +; Edward O'Malley +; George Geraldezo +
- Friday: Constance Estrada +
- Saturday: Jane Koty +



PRAYER CORNER

Remember in your prayers:

- Mary Avila, Fr. Chris-Paul Egege, Evelyn Gonsalves, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Amanda Hallmark, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Nikki LaTona, Tila Lenz, Mafua Family, Earl Mattingly, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Troy Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Charles Schneider, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop William Weigand, Jessie Williams



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: St. Anthony, Abbot: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tue: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thu: Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12 (Sts. Fabian and Sebastian)
- Fri: St. Agnes: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Sat: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21 (St. Vincent)





Holy Family School

TSUNAMI RELIEF: Holy Family School students put into action the Lessons of the Heart they have learned when they donated \$1,364.00 to the school's Tsunami Relief collection, January 4-7. The teachers added to the students' fund of general knowledge that week with special lessons in geography, world cultures, science and health. Our parish school staff takes great pride in the generosity of the students and the flexibility of the curriculum!

YOUTH MINISTRY

RUMMAGE SALE: The largest fund-raiser of the year for Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry, the Annual Rummage Sale, is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, Feb 5th 6:30 am to 6:30 pm and Sunday, Feb 6th from 7am-12 noon in the community center. DONATIONS for the sale will be accepted now through Friday, Feb 4th at 9 pm. Please call 721-8329 to arrange a drop-off time.

SINGLE ADULT MASS: All never-married, separated, divorced and widowed adults are welcome to join other single persons in fellowship and worship on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 11:30 am at SS Peter and Paul Church in Rocklin. The Mass will be followed by an informal social and a presentation by Matt Sanders. For more information, contact John Rieschick at (916) 733-0133.

HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY HOUR

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday, January 19th, 7:30 p.m. in the Church

The concept of a **Holy Hour** was inspired by Christ's words to His apostles in Gethsemane, "Can you not watch one hour with me?" A Holy Hour consists of Exposition of the Eucharist, Adoration, Benediction and Reposition. This "sacramental ritual" is rooted in the Passion of Christ, and its celebration leads us to focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and to keep where it belongs, at the center of our lives.

The **Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity** is an annual event from Jan. 18-25. All the churches of the Christian world join in marking a week of unity to strengthen ties between churches and bring peace to the world. The theme this year is "Christ, the one Foundation of the Church" (1 Cor 3:1-23).

Please join your parish family for this special celebration and consider sharing in the ongoing adoration of the Eucharist.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!: A special thanks to all that responded Sunday evening after the 6:00 pm Mass, putting Stewardship into Action once again, when asked to help with the dismantling of the Christmas Manger, taking down trees, rearranging flowers, cleaning, and changing the church colors. Thank you David John for not only donating all the Christmas trees, but for hauling them away, as well. This was a big task that needed a lot of hands to help to make the job go a easier. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

LECTORS: New lector schedules are ready for March-June. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

We often read that on a given Sunday, Protestant Christians give twice as many dollars as Catholics. They contribute, on average, about 2.4% of their annual income compared to 1.4%. If Catholics gave at the same rate as Protestants, it would amount to about a \$400,000 average per parish.

Some reasons for this seem to be:

- Protestants establish a strong sense of community by nurturing a passion for the mission of the parish.
- Protestants make stewardship a priority and see it as God's plan for them.
- Protestants communicate openly on issues of mission, operations and finances.

Catholic parishes for the most part do a poor job of teaching stewardship, relying primarily on a message of "giving to a need" rather than on the stewardship message of developing a "need to give." While "giving to a need" can produce excellent one-time or short-term results, when it comes to the ongoing support of the parish, it is not as strong a motivation as developing a "need to give" out of a sense of gratitude to God and returning a portion to God.

Catholic parishes need to do a better job of fostering this deeper connection. We must establish a greater sense of community. Then, with hearts and minds renewed, we will be inspired to give out of gratitude for our many God-given blessings and we will experience the joy of giving rather than just the obligation.

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Dec 19	\$ 9,689.00
Dec 26	\$ 10,536.50
Jan 2	\$ 10,453.50
Jan 9	\$ 10,629.50
Year-to-Date	\$ 269,916.00
Goal-to-Date (28 Weeks)	\$ 280,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	96.40 %
Annual Goal	\$ 520,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Dec 19	\$ 1,835.00
Dec 26	\$ 6,662.50
Jan 2	\$ 3,644.27
Jan 9	\$ 1,303.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 67,930.18
Goal-to-Date (28 Weeks)	\$ 105,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	64.70 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Tsunami Relief Efforts	\$ 19,109.50
<i>"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10</i>	