



# March 13, 2005 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"I am the resurrection and the life . . . everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" John 11:25-26*

## † Servant Leader †

### Our Lenten Journey

*On this Sunday before Passion Sunday we realize that Baptism is the key to understanding the meaning of Lent - preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitments lies at the heart of this season. In this season of Lent we ask ourselves, "What keeps us (or in the case of catechumens, what could keep us) from living out our baptismal promises fully, and what needs to change in our lives if we are to live the gospel values that Jesus has taught us?"*

### **Conversion**

*Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and His way of life. All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ.*

*What old way of living or acting have you "given up" this Lent? Just a few weeks ago our Lenten journey through the Word of God led us through Christ's Transfiguration - have you let yourself be transfigured this Lent, so that when we meet at the font on Easter we will all be wearing the dazzling white of baptismal promises and looking more Christ-like than we did at the beginning of Lent.*

### **Living the Season**

*We have learned that the basic elements of our Lenten Journey are prayer, fasting and giving. For the remainder of Lent and into the Easter season, let us continue:*

*Pray! Pray for someone you dislike... Pray for our catechumens... Pray for the sick of the parish... Pray at mealtimes... Pray by singing... Pray through Scripture...*

*Fast! Fast from gossip... Fast between meals... Fast in solidarity with the poor... Fast from negativity and sarcasm... Fast from self-pity... Fast from judging... Fast as a family... Fast to reveal your true hungers... Fast from rushing... Fast from self-centeredness... Fast, and fill yourself instead with gratitude...*

*Give! Give some time to a lonely shut-in... Give money saved from fasting to feed the poor... Give a listening ear... Give forgiveness without being asked... Give help without being asked... Give some quality time to a child... Give hope to someone in need of it...*

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 (St. Patrick)
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)
Saturday:	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a



### **LENTEN RECONCILIATION - NEW LIFE:**

Like the season of Spring, the journey of Lent is about new life - by participating in the death and resurrection of Jesus we are born anew. We reach for a fuller connection to life and for release from anxiety and self-centeredness. Reconciliation is an integral part of our Journey. It is important to make time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. One way is to participate in a Communal Penance Service. The assembled faithful listen to the Word of God, sing hymns, join in community prayer, make an examination of conscience, then approach a priest to confess sins individually. Holy Family will be celebrating Communal Penance on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm. A fulfilling, peace-giving experience awaits you - please join us.

**Individual Confessions Schedule Changed - See center pages!**

**CHRISM MASS 2005:** The Annual Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Sacramento will be held Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Carmichael. You are invited to join Bishop Weigand, Bishop Garcia, the clergy, religious and gathered faithful of the Diocese for this important liturgical celebration.

The Chrism Mass is the Mass at which the holy oils used for sacramental anointing are blessed. There are three oils blessed at the Chrism Mass: the Oil of Catechumens, the first oil used in Baptism; the Oil of the Sick, used in Anointing of the Sick; and, the Holy Chrism, used in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, in the ordination of a priest or bishop and the dedication of a church building or altar. The oils blessed at this Chrism Mass will be distributed to all parishes and missions in the Diocese for use throughout the year.

Join your diocesan family for this sacred event.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

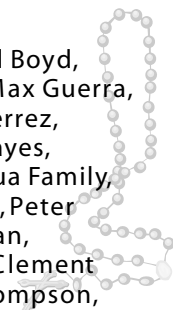
Monday:	Maxeiner Family +; Henry Dobek + Mr. & Mrs. Aniano Urbano -Int.
Tuesday:	Ruby Mae Casey +; Henry Dobek + Lenora Camcam -Int.
Wednesday:	Richard Hilger +; Henry Dobek + Leo Bardini +
Thursday:	Henry Dobek +
Friday:	Maria Kratky +; Frank Kratky + Henry Dobek +
Saturday:	Benny Barrios & Family -Int. Richard Hartman -Int.



### **PRAYER CORNER**

Remember in your prayers:

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





# Holy Family School

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** second graders in Miss Saint-Evens' class have chosen to honor all fathers and father-figures at the Mass they are preparing and will present to the school community on Friday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Their celebration on the day between two special feasts will focus on St. Joseph, the patron of fathers, and St. Patrick, the father of Catholicism in Ireland. All fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, etc. are invited to attend!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### MUSICAL WAY OF THE CROSS:

Looking for a meaningful way to begin Holy Week? All parishioners, especially Jr. High and High School youth and their families, are invited to experience the Musical Way of the Cross on next Sunday evening, March 20th, following the 6pm mass. This event will be held in the Church with soup and bread to follow in St. Joseph Hall.

Together we will pray the traditional stations of the cross, but we will do so in a new way. Come experience how the way of the cross can have significant meaning for your own life journey. We will use popular music and multi-media imagery as we pray, listen, reflect, and share together in this special Palm Sunday evening activity. Please RSVP to 771-5553 or email holyfamilycym@yahoo.com by Thursday, March 17th to let us know that you will be joining us.

## HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

The following liturgical celebrations were planned at the March Holy Family Liturgy Council Meeting and in Council subcommittee meetings. Mark your calendars and watch for more information throughout the bulletin each week:

- **Wednesday, March 16:**  
Communal Reconciliation Service - 7:00 pm (Church)
- **Saturday & Sunday, March 19-20:**  
Passion "Palm" Sunday - Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
- **Monday, March 21:**  
Memorial Mass, 25th Anniversary of the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. Bishop Garcia will preside. 6:30 pm (Church)
- **Tuesday, March 22:**  
Mass and Presentation with Josyp Terelya. 6:30 pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Garcia. (Church)
- **Wednesday, March 23:**  
Individual confessions, 7:00-8:00 pm (See next page for additional times.)
- **Thursday, March 24:**  
Communal Anointing of the Sick, 10:30 am (Church)  
Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 pm, Bilingual celebration (Church)
- **Friday, March 25:**  
Good Friday, Bilingual celebration, 12:00 pm (Church)  
Outdoor Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Behind the School
- **Saturday, March 26:**  
Easter Vigil Mass, Bilingual celebration, 8:00 pm
- **Sunday, March 27:**  
**EASTER SUNDAY - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**

# Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:

The special collection this weekend will be taken for **Catholic Relief Services** to help build the Church's international social ministry. Catholic Relief Services was recently cited for its outstanding support during the tsunami crisis. The funds will be used to: assist victims of natural disasters worldwide; support Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants; provide advocacy and pastoral care to migrant workers; and respond to global concerns such as religious freedom and debt relief to poor countries. A portion of the Catholic Relief Services special collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Holy Family has shown tremendous generosity in all that is asked of the Parish family - please pray over your contribution to this vital worldwide ministry.

**CHURCH CLEANUP DAY:** A group of volunteers is needed to assist our Angelic Dusters in cleaning those areas of the church that are especially difficult or troublesome. We will be meeting on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We can sure use your mop & bucket, vacuum cleaner, your dusting cloth, and whatever else you might use to clean. Please make plans to join us for some good "clean" fun and fellowship.

### STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 10,000.00
Feb 13 .....	\$ 9,981.00
Feb 20 .....	\$ 9,316.48
Feb 27 .....	\$ 9,062.00
Mar 6 .....	\$ 11,266.00
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 352,948.00
Goal-to-Date (36 Weeks)	\$ 360,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	98.04 %
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 520,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Feb 13 .....	\$ 995.00
Feb 20 .....	\$ 2,948.50
Feb 27 .....	\$ 2,964.50
Mar 6 .....	\$ 3,211.77
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 88,506.22
Goal-to-Date (36 Weeks)	\$ 135,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	65.56 %
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 195,000.00

### SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Faith Formation .....	\$ 2,010.50
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*When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death, rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives - our gifts as well as our sufferings - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.*

**A VERY SPECIAL EVENT AT HOLY FAMILY:** On Tuesday, March 22, 2005, Holy Family Parish will welcome a very special guest, Josyp Terelya and his interpreter Dr. Roman Chruchly. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 pm celebrated by Bishop Richard Garcia.

Josyp has been imprisoned for over 22 years for his Catholic Faith in prisons and concentration camps in the former Soviet Union. He has been a bold defender of the Catholic Faith and the teaching of the Catholic Church. He has visited many provinces in Canada, almost all the states of the Union, and many countries in Europe, Asia and South America giving witness. He has authored 3 books. He has always been a witness to the truth of the Catholic Faith and of loyalty to the Catholic Church and Holy Father.

"I salute Mr. Terelya, for his courage, tenacity, and faith for standing up for human rights and religious, national and political freedom of expression. Terelya is an inspiration to people everywhere." - His Holiness, Pope John Paul II

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS - NEW TIMES!!

The times for individual confessions for the remainder of Lent and Holy Week have changed since the "Easter Letter" was mailed. Please note the correct times:

**Saturday, March 19:** 3:00-4:00 pm  
**Monday, March 21:** 11:30 am-12:30 pm  
**Wednesday, March 23:** 7:00-8:00 pm  
**Saturday, March 26:** 3:00-4:00 pm



### JESUS WAS A CARPENTER

Have you ever put yourself in the place of the homeless man asking for money in the street? Or the single parent with children whom she doesn't know how she will feed tomorrow? If Christ met these people face to face, there is no doubt He would have held them in the highest position, clothed them and fed them. Jesus Christ has challenged us to do the same. When He said, "what you do to the least of my brother, you do to Me" they were not mere words, but a challenge to serve Him through our brothers and sisters. Jesus was a simple carpenter who through His actions blessed many people and performed miracles like only He can. But in giving us the order to serve our brothers, He has also allowed us to be part of His miracles. How would YOU like to be part of a miracle? The Hispanic Apostolate invites you to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, building a home for someone less fortunate than ourselves. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage those over 18 years of age to volunteer. No experience is necessary, just the desire to do God's work!

Please contact Luz Elia Meraz-Johnson at 916-397-9490 if you are interested in being part of a miracle. There is a maximum limit of 10 volunteers per date so please reserve your space as soon as possible.



**Sacramento  
Habitat for Humanity**

### WELCOME CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:

If you or someone you know has been away from the Church for whatever reason, we invite you to consider attending a special series called CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME. Sessions begin Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Community Center. We will meet for six consecutive Thursdays. There will be informal discussions and straightforward information about the Catholic Faith. For more details, call Mike Allison at 723-2205.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please plan on joining your united parish family each Friday night at 7:00 p.m. as we follow the way of the cross. The stations will be celebrated alternately (station to station) in Spanish and English every Friday, with the full text available in both languages for all stations. Holy Family is blessed with beautiful illuminated stained-glass windows depicting the stations. Come see, hear and feel the story of the Lord's Passion.

After the Stations, a simple meal of soup, bread, crackers and water is served in the School Fine Arts Center. The meager meal is provided free of charge, but if you wish, feel free to leave a donation which will be used for ministry to the poor.

The following ministries will be participating in the Lenten activity and will be responsible for the following Friday meals:

March 18 Knights of Columbus

Come taste and see the goodness of the Lord!!

### COMING GOOD FRIDAY - OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Watch for more information on this wonderful annual event.



**DISCIPLES IN MISSION:** Lent is a special time set aside by the Church for renewal and conversion. Disciples in Mission will help you come closer to the reality of Jesus' call to be his disciples on the journey. Disciples in Mission this week:

**Prayer:** Jesus, we come together as a faith-sharing group for the last time before Easter. As we enter the holiest week of the year, we remember and make present the depth of your love for us. Help us to be open to your spirit as we share and reflect on your Passion and Death. Amen.

**Saint:** St. Gregory the Great

**Verse:** "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Psalm 51:12

### HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Holy Family Women's Council has exciting news! Mark your calendar with the following dates of coming events:

The Saint Patrick's Dinner is on March 19, 2005 here in the Holy Family Community Center. Happy Hour is at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy good food, good music and a fun night out. For tickets please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775.

The Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention is April 7-9, 2005 at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento. For more information please call Hope Estrada at 721-9892. All are welcome to come and enjoy with us.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

## **HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT APRIL 8-10, 2005:**

Struggling after abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, April 8-10 in Tahoe City sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. The cost is \$150 for meals, a room and ail retreat materials. Financial assistance is available.

For a registration packet or mote information, call Kathy at (916)733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email kconner@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation strictly confidential.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The Sacramento Life Center is looking for volunteers to help with their annual fundraising dinner and auction. They welcome people willing to share their time and talent to do everything from public relations to decorations. Interested? Please contact Norm Rogoway at (916) 296-7363 for more information.

## **COACHING POSITIONS OPEN:**

St. Francis Catholic High School is now accepting applications for Head Water Polo Coach and Varsity Golf Coach for the fall 2005 season, mid-August to mid-November. Application deadline is March 31, 2005. Send application and resume to Pat Maier, Human Resources Administrator, St. Francis High School; 5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819; 916-452-3461, ext. 290. Download a Support Position Application at [www.stfrancishs.org](http://www.stfrancishs.org).

## **UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO OPEN HOUSE:**

The University of Sacramento, Sacramento's new Catholic university, is holding an *Open House for Prospective Graduate Students* on Tuesday, March 29, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Please call (916) 443-4760 to RSVP or visit [www.universityofsacramento.org](http://www.universityofsacramento.org). Applications and audit requests for evening classes are now being accepted in areas such as religious education and liberal arts.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

**Job Title** - Clinic Manager

**Organization** - Sacramento Life Center, Sacramento Clinic. The Life Center provides free pregnancy testing and counseling to women faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

**Description of Position** - Registered Nurse to oversee licensed health clinic, including supervision of lay counselors and ultrasound nurses. 20 hours per week. Ultrasound training will be provided. Upon certification, Clinic Manager will provide ultrasound scans to clients as needed. Labor & delivery experience a plus.

Applicants must be pro-life. E-mail cover letter and resume to [info@saclife.org](mailto:info@saclife.org) or fax to (916) 447-4953.

## **"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER."** - Pope John Paul II

Our Holy Father invites all married couples to experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, which is a fantastic gift of the Catholic Church. For more information, call Raul & Gayla Ponce at (866) 825-2046 or e-mail [srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net). Upcoming Weekend dates: April 8-10, Reno; June 24-26, Sacramento.



## **SEMI-ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MEETING:**

Mark your calendar - the Diocese will be hosting the Semi-Annual Respect Life meeting at the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, on Sunday, April 3, 2005, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The day will begin with mass and will include three presentations and lunch. Lots of information and resources will be given out at this meeting - Don't Miss Out!

## **CHRIST IS BECKONING**

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
AND  
DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:  
April 14-15

St. Clare Catholic Church  
1950 Junction, Roseville, CA 95747

Plan to attend this extraordinary religious program:

- April 14th
  - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Eucharist
  - Nocturnal Adoration will continue all night
- April 15th
  - 8:30 am Mass (con-celebrated)
  - Eucharistic Adoration will continue until
  - 7:00 pm Presentations on Vocations and the Eucharist
  - 8 pm Benediction celebrated by Bishop Garcia

### **Featured Speakers**

Vocations:

Sr. Maria Compos, RSM  
Father Brian Atienza

Eucharist:

Father Arnold Ortiz, OSJ



*Sponsored By St. Clare Catholic Church And Knights of Columbus*

**CHRIST IS BECKONING**

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## Catholic Ladies Relief Society

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## Catholics Returning Home

Mike Allison 723-2205

## Combined Capital Campaign

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## Disciples in Mission

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## Eucharistic Adoration

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## Evenings for the Engaged

Bill and Joyce Gray 723-8372

## Feed the Needy

Nora Martinez 721-1176

## Fellowship and Welcoming Ministry

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## Knights of Columbus

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Young Stewart

## Ministry to the Disabled

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Cub Scouts - Michael Pollard 723-1553  
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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH BULLETIN

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### Weekly Deadline for Item Submission:

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Visit the Parish Office or call (916) 723-2494

or

E-mail: [bulletin@holyfamilyliturgy.org](mailto:bulletin@holyfamilyliturgy.org)



## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 12/13, 2005

Dear Friends in Christ,

In coming days, the Diocese of Sacramento will undertake a court-ordered mediation process that could result in the settlement of some or all of the lawsuits pending against the Diocese.

I will do everything I can to balance the need to justly and responsibly resolve claims made by those who have been injured against my solemn obligation, as your bishop, to ensure that the Church continues to minister effectively to the people of God in the Diocese of Sacramento. In order to keep the sacramental and evangelical mission of the Church vibrant in our diocese, the impact on individual parishes must be minimized. The fact remains that the resolution of these lawsuits may have an impact upon critical diocesan ministries, including services at parishes, schools and other locations throughout the Diocese.

Three years ago, as the scope of the crisis caused by the sexual abuse of minors by Church personnel unfolded, I made it clear that our highest moral obligation was to make sure that children and young people are protected and safe. As a result of that commitment, we strengthened all of our policies and practices to do everything within our power to prevent the abuse of minors. These policies include:

- **Protecting Children and Young People** – no priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, employee, or volunteer who has abused a child or young person will be allowed to function in any Diocesan ministry.
- **“Safe Environment” Training** – to help give children and their families the facts and training they need to avoid dangerous situations and encourage them to report any inappropriate behavior.
- **Fingerprinting and Staff Training** – church workers whose positions place them in contact with children are fingerprinted and subjected to criminal background checks, as well as provided with training to help protect children and prevent abuse.
- **Enhanced Screening for Seminarians** - including a second round of psychological testing before ordination, fingerprinting and criminal background checks prior to acceptance to the seminary or the permanent diaconate program.
- **Cooperation with Law Enforcement** – the Diocese will continue to work cooperatively with local law enforcement authorities to ensure that children and young are protected and that those who have violated the law are held accountable under the law.

We will keep you informed of developments in the weeks and months ahead. We ask for your continued prayers for victims, as well as for the Church, and our Catholic community in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Be assured of my prayers as we approach Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

WILLIAM K. WEIGAND  
Bishop of Sacramento