



## † Servant Leader †

### WHAT IS TRUTH?

What comes immediately to my mind in response to this question is the verse from Scripture: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). So, first and foremost for Catholics, the truth is Jesus Christ. He is the all-important truth. He is also, we believe, the source of truth. In Him, we have the truth.

So, whenever we try to sort things out, we have Christ as our basic norm for truth - what did He do; what did He say; how did He act and react in his own time? The truths of our religion are points of doctrine (teachings) that we believe to come from Jesus (an example is the Beatitudes). The truths of our religion are teachings about the nature of God, the meaning of life, the ideas of creation, sin, grace, redemption, church, prayer and sacrament that the Church puts forth because they are extensions of the person, example, and teachings of Jesus.

On this topic are interesting words spoken by then Cardinal Ratzinger in the homily he delivered at the Mass that opened the conclave that elected him pope. The future pope said, "We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as certain and has as its highest goal one's own ego and one's own desires."

Cardinal Ratzinger then made this point: "However, we Christians have a different goal: the Son of God, true man. He is the measure of true humanism... an adult and mature faith is deeply rooted in friendship with Christ. It is this friendship

that opens us up to all that is good and gives us the knowledge to judge the true from the false and deceit from truth." He added that truth and love "coincide" in Christ.

When we are asked what we mean by truth, we reply: Jesus Christ. In attempting to discover the truth in our daily lives we say: What would Christ Do? What would Jesus say? How would He act in confronting this choice or that? The same Jesus who declared Himself to be the truth promised not to leave us orphans. He gave us Scripture, tradition, the entire Church as people of God, and of course, the magisterium (teaching authority) of pope and bishops. He did not give us detailed instruction on all the finer points of what God is like, nor did he provide us with comprehensive road maps and rule books to cover every twist and turn on our journey of moral decision making.

The day before he became pope, Benedict XVI spoke of an "adult and mature faith" being rooted in friendship with Christ and thus able to distinguish truth from falsity. For Benedict XVI, the bishops and all the faithful, truth is the objective conformity of reality with Christ.

The Catholic experience points the truth-seeker away from the extremes and toward the middle, where love and truth converge in the person of Jesus Christ.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Bruce Smith -Int.; Dewain Koch +  
 Tuesday: Dewain Koch +  
 Wednesday: Al Herkowski +; Charles Gibson +;  
 John Dutra +  
 Thursday: Dewain Koch +  
 Friday: Helen Johnstone +  
 Saturday: Anthony P. Ada +; Delia Acaba +;  
 Al Herkowski +



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

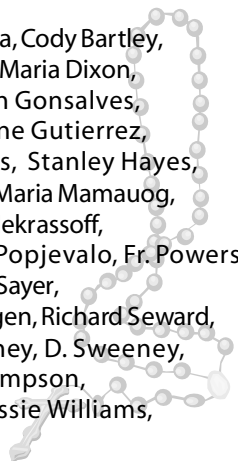
Mon: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
 Tue: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30 (St. Stephen of Hungary)  
 Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16  
 Thu: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14 (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)  
 Fri: Ru 1:1,3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40 (St. John Eudes)  
 Sat: St. Bernard: Ru 1:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12  
 Sun: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Is 22:19-13; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



### PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, George Barca, Cody Bartley,  
 Ray Bechler, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Maria Dixon,  
 Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Evelyn Gonsalves,  
 Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez,  
 J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes,  
 Tina Karlin, Betty Kava, Mafua Family, Maria Mamauog,  
 Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Mary Nekrassoff,  
 Eleanor Obmann, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Powers,  
 Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, John Sayer,  
 Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Richard Seward,  
 Judy Smoot, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney,  
 Maureena Sutton, I. Thompson, X. Thompson,  
 Bishop Weigand, Bob Westbrook, Jessie Williams,  
 Lani Zacherson



**A SPECIAL CELEBRATION TOMORROW:**

Tomorrow, August 15th after the 8:30 Mass, Holy Family Parish will have the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All parishioners are invited to this special, joyful celebration.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):**

The first step in the RCIA is the period of inquiry. Our inquiry sessions are ongoing, and we are in need of some new faces to join us. If you or someone you know is considering the Catholic faith, please feel free to join us in the Catholic Faith Formation class room in the Community Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. You may also contact Deacon Mark through the faith formation office at 726-7217.



**THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

With heart felt gratitude and a great sense of relief, we at St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of you for your generosity and continued support. Your contributions for the second collection on the 5th Sunday in July allow us the opportunity to continue helping the poor and needy in our area.

**FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED:**

St. Patrick's Home for Children's Foster Care Program is seeking people interested in providing a supportive, stable, safe and loving home for children who have been removed from their families. You will receive orientation, professional training, 24 hour support, and meet with a professional social worker on a weekly basis for ongoing support. If you are at least 21 years of age, in good health, and would like to explore this opportunity to be a positive influence in a child's life, please call the Foster Care Program at 916-386-1603.

Also, St. Patrick's Home accepts vehicle donations to benefit its programs. For information on this please call 916-428-1601.

Thank you for supporting St. Patrick's Home for Children.

**Monte Carlo Night**  
**Saturday, September 24th**

**Tickets for Monte Carlo Night are available today** after all Masses, as well as after all the Masses on Sunday August 28th and Sunday September 11th. Tickets are also available by calling Sue Coles at 729-6719. Tickets are \$15.00 each, which includes 2,000 in gaming chips. Early birds who arrive for the event before 7:00 pm will receive an extra 2,000 in gaming chips! Mark your calendar and watch for more details!



**FIRST METING OF THE DOMINICAN LAITY IN SACRAMENTO:**

Holy Family Parish is happy to announce to all men and women, old and young, married or widowed or divorced that you are invited to attend the first meeting of the Dominican Laity here in Sacramento. Come if you desire a better spiritual life and follow in the steps of St. Dominic who used prayer, study and apostolic works to grow closer to God and his neighbor. The first meeting will be on September 4th at 1:00 pm in St. Mary Hall of the Community Center. Watch for a flyer on the Dominican Laity. For more information please call Phyllis Sale, OPL at (916) 725-5358.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS - THIS WEEKEND:**

In this 21st Century, Catholics are challenged to spread the good news of our faith by modern means as well as traditional ones. That is why there is a second collection this weekend to support the annual Catholic Communications Campaign. Print, radio, internet, and television materials and programs are supported by your donations, including our local diocesan projects. Your support is both needed and appreciated. If it is more convenient for you than using the collection basket this weekend, you may submit your donation to the parish office, marked Catholic Communications Campaign. For more information on the Campaign, you can visit their website at [www.usccb.org.ccc](http://www.usccb.org.ccc). Thank you for your generosity.

<b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 10,500.00
Jul 17 .....	\$ 10,705.00
Jul 24 .....	\$ 8,900.00
Jul 31 .....	\$ 10,213.00
Aug 7 .....	\$ 11,491.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 64,764.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (6 Weeks)	\$ 63,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>102.80 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 546,000.00
<b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Jul 17 .....	\$ 2,165.00
Jul 24 .....	\$ 1,492.00
Jul 31 .....	\$ 2,087.77
Aug 8 .....	\$ 3,325.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 16,906.04</b>
Goal-to-Date (6 Weeks)	\$ 22,500.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>75.14 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 195,000.00
<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	
Catholic Faith Formation .....	\$ 2,451.50
<i>In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share? (See Romans 11:29)</i>	



## Holy Family School

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** will begin the 2005 - 2006 school year on Monday, August 22, with the traditional Open House from 9 a.m. until noon. All students and parents are to attend this school day to meet the faculty and staff and to lay the foundation for building this year's unique school community. August 23 and 24 will be Minimum Days (8 a.m. - noon), and all students are to be in uniform. August 25 and 26 will be full school days for Grades 2 - 8, and Minimum Days for Grade 1. Kindergarten students attend school during the first week according to the schedule in the separate kindergarten mailing. The Extended Day Center will open for students on Tuesday, August 23, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Extended Day will not be open for students on August 22.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER:**

If you would like to receive a copy of the Holy Family Youth Ministry Newsletter, which includes upcoming activities for jr. high and high school youth, please email your name, address, grade, school and phone to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY, COLOGNE GERMANY:**

Pope Benedict XVI and Catholic youth around the world are preparing for World Youth Day 2005, which takes place August 16 to 21. Just to give you an idea of the magnitude of this event, here are a few numbers from World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto which was attended by a group from Holy Family Parish. While these figures are staggering, keep in mind that this year's event is projected to have TWICE as many participants as Toronto:

- Eucharistic Hosts: 3 million
- Liters of Mass wine: 752
- Eucharistic Ministers: 4,000
- Volunteers: 25,000
- Papal Mass crowd area: Equal to 180 football fields
- Crowd Management 62 miles of fence, rope, etc.
- Portable Toilets 7,500
- Rolls of Toilet Paper 750,000

Quoting the Catholic Digest: "The most important measure of the event will not be how much toothpaste pilgrims used in a week, but how Pope Benedict XVI relates to the young people and how much impact his message will make in their hearts."

### **STAY INFORMED - READ THE CATHOLIC HERALD:**

Keeping up to date on news and events that impact the lives of Catholics throughout Northern California is as simple as reading *the Newspaper of the Diocese of Sacramento*:

## The Catholic Herald

And, getting The Catholic Herald is as simple as calling (916) 452-3344 or the Holy Family Parish Office at 723-2494.

## **COMING SOON!**

### *Annual Pasta Dinner*



Saturday, September 10, 2005  
No Host Bar - 5:30 pm  
Dinner - 6:00 pm



Adults - \$9.00 • Children 12 & Under - \$4.00  
Table for 10 - \$80.00

Tickets are available by calling:  
Anita Marsolais, 725-1775 or Gerry Matista, 725-1478

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### **Becoming a Sacramental Person at the Eucharistic Table**

Sunday, August 21, 2005  
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center 2110 Broadway, Sacramento

\$20.00 per person

(Morning & Afternoon hospitality offered, please bring a bag lunch)

**Facilitated by Gil Bailie, Ph.D**

*Long before either the Pauline epistles or the Gospels were written, communities gathered regularly for the Eucharistic meal. Each one of us are called to become sacramental people modeled on the self-donation of Christ on the Cross.*

To register or for more information,  
please call Claudia at 733-0138

### **FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:**

Parenting classes will be held on Mondays from: 6 pm - 8 pm beginning September 19th, 2005 through October 24th, 2005. The Parenting Class is a six-week program with a fee of \$55 for individuals/\$95 for couples per 6-week class. Please call Catholic Social Service/New Pathways Counseling at 452-7481 for further information and to enroll. The deadline to enroll is September 12, 2005.

### **PRO-LIFE ROSARY:**

Every Friday morning we will recite the pro-life rosary following the 8:30 am Mass. We will gather in the middle section of the church to pray. We will offer our prayers for all life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, the use of the fetus in stem cell research, the death penalty and other pro-life issues. Please join your parish family in this great cause to save lives and souls throughout the world through prayer of the pro-life rosary.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

## **CATHOLIC RADIO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

Celebrate and support your Catholic Radio (1620AM in Sacramento) by participating in the Sixth Annual Immaculate Heart Radio Golf Classic on Monday, August 29th, 2005, at North Ridge Country Club, located at 7600 Madison Avenue in Fair Oaks. Register today for this great day of golf, good food and fellowship or sponsor your favorite priest by contacting Immaculate Heart Radio at 1-866-774-3278 or Patricia Lebreton at [patricia@ihradio.org](mailto:patricia@ihradio.org). Space is limited.



## **IMPORTANT CATHOLIC CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Effective September 1, there will be sizeable price increase for pre-reservations of the new Holy Family mausoleums at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery and St. Theresa at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Pre-construction discounts of up to \$1500 will remain through the end of this month.

Planning in advance of loss is a wise decision, as waiting could be costly. Our exclusive Cemetery Plan offers affordable no-interest payments, prices significantly below secular cemeteries, and peace of mind for you and your family. For more information, contact Kathleen at (800) 611-1804 or (916) 521-5489.

## **DIVINE MERCY HEALING:**

A Divine Mercy Healing event is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Carmichael. The event will begin at 9:45 am. Father Michael Barry, noted for his healing charism, will individually pray for and "lay hands on" those who desire it. Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and additional presentations will be part of this free event. This is the inaugural activity of the Divine Mercy Support Network of Sacramento: please help make it a success by attending. For more information, call John at (530) 677-2805 or Marjorie at (916) 524-8591. The church is located at 5771 Locust Avenue (off Manzanita Avenue between Winding Way and Fair Oaks Boulevard.)

## **AN EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC:**

Come join the 11:30 Mass band from Divine Savior Catholic Church for an evening of contemporary Christian music for the whole family, Sunday August 21, 2005, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Divine Savior is at 9079 Greenback Lane in Orangevale. Love offerings will be accepted. For more information, please call 916-606-9738

## **THE CHURCH & CONTEMPORARY CULTURE: ENGAGING IN MYSTERY & PREDICAMENT**

Friday August 26 through Sunday August 28, 2005  
Facilitator - Gil Bailie, Ph.D, noted lecturer and author

Presented by Mercy Center Auburn  
For more information call (530) 887-2019  
or visit [www.mercyauburn.org](http://www.mercyauburn.org)

## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN:**

Western Service Workers Association (WSWA) is requesting the assistance to provide back-to-school clothing and school supplies to children of low-income families.

Back-to-school time can be a time of need and humiliation for the children of low-paid workers who cannot afford new clothing on top of increasing rent, food, and utility bills. WSWA distributes new and like-new clothing and school supplies free of charge. Families need school uniforms, especially navy blue bottoms and white tops with collars. Also needed are shoes, socks, and underwear; backpacks and lunch boxes; and supplies such as notebooks, pens, and colored markers.

Volunteers are needed to sign up parents who need help, to sort items in advance of the distribution, and to organize drives to collect clothing and supplies. Please call WSWA at (916) 456-1771 if you can donate items or volunteer your time.

We plan to fill requests for 135 families. The distributions will be held three Saturdays: August 20th, 27th, and September 3rd.

## **TRAVELS OF FAITH**



## **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY:**

Please join us on a fabulous 16-day pilgrimage to Italy, departing November 1, 2005, visiting the sites of the Eucharistic miracles and more!

Visit Florence, Orvieto, Assisi, Rome, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, Corato, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Naples, Pompei, Sorrento, Capri, and on to beautiful Sicily.

For details, please call Gloria Burgett, event coordinator, at 966-2230.

## **CATHOLIC SINGLES FUN CRUISE TO MEXICO:**

### **OCTOBER 21-24, 2005:**

Catholic Singles Network invites all Catholic Single Adults throughout California to a special FUN CRUISE to Mexico. We will be sailing from Long Beach Friday Oct 21st and returning Monday Oct 24th. Rates starting at \$380 per person (inside cabin). Your cruise fare includes food, entertainment/dancing, as well as most activities on. We will have a group for 21-40 years old and a 40+ group. We will have activities and individual activities aboard the ship. To secure your space on board this ship, call Kellee at 888-208-9555 x 86 or email at [kelleeb@csnca.com](mailto:kelleeb@csnca.com). Additional information can be seen on our website at [www.csnca.com](http://www.csnca.com).

## ARTICLE 13: AVOIDING AN IDENTITY CRISIS

*[As part of our ongoing celebration of the Year of the Eucharist, Holy Family presents each week this series "Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis through the remainder of the church year.]*

Sometimes in the course of life, some people experience what is called an identity crisis. Experiencing significant changes in one's life, such a person loses a clearly defined sense of who they are and what is important to them. It may take a while to find one's bearings again, to realize what is really central to one's sense of self and the meaning of one's life.

Perhaps it is to forestall a similar crisis that the liturgy invites us each week to reaffirm our identity in the Creed or Profession of Faith at Mass. Because we say it every week, it can easily become a routine ritual carried out with little thought. It may be helpful to take a few moments to talk about why we say the Creed each week.

Think about how we do the Creed on Easter Sunday. Abandoning our usual pattern, on that central day of the year we profess our faith by renewing our baptismal promises. This reminds us that the Creed finds its first home in the celebration of baptism. Before entering the waters of the font, those to be baptized (or their parents if they are infants) publicly profess their faith. In doing so, they claim their identity as believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Father and guided by the Holy Spirit. They commit their future to sharing the life of the Trinity.

So every week, we renew that commitment. The catechumens are dismissed before the Creed, because they have not yet made this profession of faith at baptism. We who are already baptized publicly profess again who we are and what is ultimately important in our lives. And we do this together, as one voice, because our faith is a shared faith, not just a set of beliefs but a way of life shared with all other members of Christ's body.

In the Creed, we use ancient language to profess eternal truths. The words we use most often are the Nicene Creed, stemming from the Councils of Nicaea in 325 and Chalcedon in 451. Sometimes, as on Easter, we use the words of the Apostles' Creed instead.

Both formulas reaffirm our faith in the Father who created us and all things, in the Son who redeemed us by his death and resurrection, and in the Holy Spirit

who guides us and unites us in the Church. Thus we identify ourselves as children of the Father, as those redeemed by the Son and as people who strive to live in the Holy Spirit. We base our lives on belief in the Trinity. Consider the contrast with Muslims, for example, who affirm their identity by professing their faith in Allah: "There is no god but Allah." We also believe in one God, but we believe that there are three persons in that one God.

The Creed comes just after the readings and the homily. It stands as a communal response to God's word. We hear what God has done for us and then we express our faith in response. Of course, the words only matter if we live by them. By proclaiming the Creed, we commit ourselves to live every day in the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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