



September 4, 2005 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

† Servant Leader †

COMMUNITY

We all know individuals who pride themselves on "keeping their noses out of other people's business." There is no virtue in being a busybody, but neither should we boast of disregard for others. On the other hand, some group-oriented societies seem to disdain the value of the individual. Personal preferences are regularly sacrificed for the common good. Unique talents or interests are renounced as threats to the status quo. Such extreme positions are beneficial for neither the individual nor the group. We need the community to thrive, and the community needs each of us to develop.

In today's scripture, Ezekiel is called a "watchman for the house of Israel," answerable to God for the spiritual well-being of others. He must convey God's word to the people; it will be their responsibility to accept this word and follow its direction. If only Ezekiel had "minded his own business"! However, as "watchman for the house of Israel," the spiritual well-being of the community was his business. Here we see the intimate relationship between the righteousness of one member and the religious soundness of the entire group.

Jesus insists that Christians cannot merely mind their own business. Each is responsible for the spiritual well-being of the entire community. Jesus describes a community that suffers from the sinfulness of one member. Reconciliation is necessary for the spiritual health of the entire group.

Reconciliation is a process. First, the offense is addressed by the individuals concerned. If it cannot be resolved, a few others are brought into the process. Only if this fails does it become a public matter. We see that the believing community is more like a family than a corporate organization. The goodness and the failings of one affect the entire family; the alienation of some is felt by all.

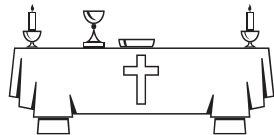
It is difficult to assume responsibility for the entire community, especially today. The local church is often too large for any individual to know many of its members. The church is often treated like a spiritual supermarket. People stop to get what they need, leave some money and do not return until they need something again. Furthermore, people often shop around for a church that can provide the best product.

This change in the character of the local church does not absolve us of our communal responsibilities. It merely poses new challenges. We continue to be responsible for the spiritual well-being of the church. We are still obliged to point out errors. We can do this through the way we raise our children, through the way we conduct business or fulfill civic duties.

We live in a world of overwhelming turmoil. Family members are alienated; there is animosity within the church; citizens distrust their governments; nations nurse longstanding grudges; and terrorism threatens us all. Still, we are responsible. We can be encouraged knowing that Jesus will be in our midst.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: The Poor Souls +
- Tuesday: Al Herkowski +
- Thursday: Dewain Koch +
Ileen Maseey +
- Friday: Al Herkowski +
- Saturday: Al Herkowski +
Dewain Koch +



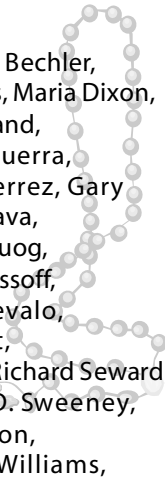
Monte Carlo Night Saturday, September 24th

Monte Carlo Night is just around the corner! Tickets will be available after all the Masses on 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!



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Diane Cummings, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Jean Freeland, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Tina Karlin, Betty Kava, Esther Layfield, Mafua Family, Maria Mamaug, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, 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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
- Tue: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
- Wed: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
- Thu: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- Fri: St. Peter Claver: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
- Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49 (Blessed Virgin Mary)
- Sun: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30-28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35





NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



PARISH BREAKFAST TODAY:

The Knights of Columbus invite you to breakfast this Sunday, September 4th from 7:00 - 11:00 am. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausages, melon, orange juice and coffee.

All profits from the September breakfast will be used by the Knights to support vocations and seminarians. You can contribute to the support of our future priests by joining us for breakfast. We hope you will join us for good food, good company and a great cause!

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, 723-1775 or Gerry Matista, 725-1478

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A PLEA FROM BISHOP WEIGAND FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF KATRINA:

The devastation wrought by hurricane Katrina has left millions of people in need of assistance. Nationally, Catholic Charities USA, working with the local diocesan Catholic Charities, will be among the primary respondents. It has a professional and well-developed system of reviewing the needs and providing help where it can accomplish the most good. The needs will be great and long-lasting. In addition, there is the possibility of more hurricanes over the next several weeks.

Therefore, I ask that you consider taking up, in your parish, a second collection for the relief of the victims of Katrina and other hurricanes of this season. Remembering the outstanding generosity to the tsunami relief, I thank you in advance for what I am sure will be a very generous response from the people of the Sacramento Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes.

Bishop William K. Weigand

[Holy Family will take up this collection for victims of Katrina next weekend, September 11th and 12th. Please be generous, as you have always been, in this time of great need.]

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Anyone who has walked past our Rectory lately may have noticed the brick walls of the planter beds are about to collapse. A generous parishioner has volunteered to dig out the dirt, transplant the plants, etc., but we REALLY NEED someone who is good at setting bricks to volunteer to repair the planter boxes. If you have this skill, please call and leave your name with the Parish Office at 723-2494. We will contact you for scheduling and to determine what materials you need.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK AT HOLY FAMILY

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the Holy Family parking lot on Saturday evening, September 17th, from 3:30pm until 6:00pm. It will also be open from 7:00 am until 1:30 pm on Sunday. We will be more than happy to accept your donations of gently used clothing, furniture and household goods. Unfortunately we are unable to accept anything that is soiled, ripped, torn, or stained. Again, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

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|------------------------|----|------------------|
| Weekly Goal | \$ | 10,500.00 |
| Aug 7 | \$ | 11,491.00 |
| Aug 14 | \$ | 10,014.00 |
| Aug 21 | \$ | 8,716.00 |
| Aug 28 | \$ | 9,527.00 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE | \$ | 93,021.00 |
| Goal-to-Date (9 Weeks) | \$ | 94,500.00 |
| % of Goal Collected | | 98.43 % |
| Annual Goal | \$ | 546,000.00 |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

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| Weekly Goal | \$ | 3,750.00 |
| Aug 7 | \$ | 3,325.00 |
| Aug 14 | \$ | 2,321.00 |
| Aug 21 | \$ | 2,385.30 |
| Aug 28 | \$ | 341.50 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE | \$ | 21,953.84 |
| Goal-to-Date (9 Weeks) | \$ | 33,750.00 |
| % of Goal Collected | | 65.05 % |
| Annual Goal | \$ | 195,000.00 |

SECOND COLLECTION

None \$

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"



Have A Happy and Blessed
LABOR DAY

The Holy Family Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.



Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL seventh and eighth graders had an additional three choices this year for their elective classes. Basic Electronics, Newspaper Publication, and Yearbook Production joined the existing classes: Acting/Performance Drama, Art, Chorus, Dance, French Culture, Guitar, and Performance Support. The classes meet once a week and will join forces to produce the annual Elective Event on Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in the Holy Family Community Center. Mark your calendar now!

YOUTH MINISTRY

A NOTE FROM SCOT & JEN

It was so awesome for us to be able to meet so many of you last weekend! We look forward to getting to know you better. We hope that you will accept our invitation to become more involved in the things we have planned for you! As you start a new school year, know of our prayers for you all!

GET READY FOR SLAM!!!

Attention parish 7th graders- Sunday Learning AM is coming to a parish near you - to **your** parish to be exact! Sunday, September 11th at 10:10, will mark the first day of classes. If you have not registered yet, please call 726-7217 or email rebecca_hfcff@yahoo.com immediately. It's sure to be a grand SLAM!

HOOPIN' IT UP - HOLY STYLE!

All High School Youth are invited to the first open gym this Thursday, September 8th at 7pm. in the gym. Bring your game and a friend!



JR. HIGH NIGHT:

The kickoff of "Junior High Night" will be held this Friday, September 9th, from 7-9pm. We will host an Ice Cream social with music, games, and prizes! Bring a friend! All youth in grades 7-8 from the school and parish are invited! See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR YOUTH.....

Christina Fabela, Michael Gellad, Whitney Stormberg-
\$10 Jamba Juice Cards
Erica Wong, C.J. Lalley, Samantha Roman, Justin Stusher-
\$10 Coldstone Certificates
Steven Roman, Nick Hoffman, Michael Laguna-
\$10 Best Buy Cards
Thanks to all who entered!

SUPPORT A HOLY FAMILY CUB SCOUT PACK 212 EVENT:

Join us Friday, September 23rd at 6:00 PM in St. Joseph Hall for the 2nd Annual Great Spaghetti Get Together. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Dinner includes salad, bread, spaghetti & dessert **WITH NO COOKING OR CLEANUP!** Please call/email Cristina for tickets at (916) 715-6601 or cristina@robertsonengineering.com

A NEW MINISTRY FOR MOTHERS AT HOLY FAMILY!

Mothers of all ages are invited to join us here at Holy Family for our first 9-week session. The purpose of the Mother's Ministry at Holy Family is to bring mothers together to grow in their sense of community, friendship and in their spiritual lives, and to provide a place for them to encourage and affirm each other in their spirituality and in their vocation as mothers. In this ministry, we will be piloting the Women of Grace program using the Full of Grace book written by Johnnette S. Benkovic. Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings - perfect for mothers who work out of the home and for stay at home Moms! This is truly a gift to yourself and the entire family. The orientation for the upcoming session will be in the evening on September 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Fine Arts Center. Please pick up a brochure at one of the church entrances and contact Jasmin Gonzales at 771-3795 or Julie Desrochers at 784-7622 for registration information.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN:

Holy Family Religious Education Classes will be starting the fall session on Sunday September 11, 2005. Classes are held after the 9:00 am Mass from 10:10-11:30 am. We are in need of filling three volunteer teacher positions this year. Are you interested in sharing your time and talent to help lead and teach Our Faith to our children? What an awesome opportunity to share your gifts with the youngest of our Church Family. We invite you to please join our teachers and staff on Sunday August 21, 2005 at 10:15 am in the RCIA room at the community center, as we plan together for the new school year. Please call Bonnie Johnson at the Faith Formation Office for more information, 726-7217.

PRO-LIFE MASS AT HOLY FAMILY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH:

There will be a Pro-Life Mass at Holy Family Church on Friday Sept. 9th, @ 8:30am. ALL are welcomed to this very important Mass. Let us all pray together for a natural respect for the human family. May our heavenly Father bestow upon us, in the universal Church, an awareness and a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred from conception until natural death. May we be ever mindful that all human life is created in the image and likeness of GOD. Recitation of the PRO-LIFE rosary will follow holy Mass in the center section of the church. For further details please contact Sally Fisher, 780-5305.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FESTIVAL OCTOBER 15TH & 16TH:

The Parish Festival is rapidly approaching and we need your help to make the Festival a resounding success!! Anyone willing to help with the festival, please contact the festival co-chairs at 2004festival@surewest.net or via phone at 9885171 for Michelle Stofan, 726-4154 for Alison Andrade, and 797-4843 for Jennifer Bishop.

Parish Festival Craft Booth Forms are available in the school office for anyone wanting to display and sell their products at the Festival.

Performers are needed for the Parish Festival. If you or your child is involved in a group that is interested in performing at the Parish Festival, please contact any of the co-chairs listed above.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

CALLING ST. MARY SCHOOL ALUMNI!

On September 17th and 18th St. Mary School in Sacramento will kick off a year-long Anniversary Celebration with a weekend of fun activities for grownups and kids alike. If you are an alumni of St. Mary School or a former parishioner please join us for a great weekend of reunion, remembrances and celebration! On Saturday, September 17th a Welcome Reception for alumni, parents and parishioners will be held from 6:30 pm to 10:30 p.m. on the grounds of the school. (If you liked our Wine Tasting, you'll love this event.) On Sunday, September 18th a Family Picnic will begin with an Anniversary Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a picnic with children's activities and open house. Ticket prices are \$15 for the Welcome Reception, and \$5 for the Family Picnic. Please call St. Mary School at 452-1100 for tickets or more information

HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT SEPT. 16-18,2005:

Struggling after abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, Sept. 16-18 in Auburn 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, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Kathy @ (916)733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email kconner@diocese-sacramento.org Inquiries and participation strictly confidential.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB:

The Club meets next on Weds., Sep. 14, from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard, Sacramento (Business 80 & Arden Way West). Catholic author Carl Olson, will speak on: "The *DaVinci* Hoax: Exposing the Errors in *The DaVinci Code*." To reserve your place, please register by calling (916) 930-1144 by Monday, Sep. 12, at 12:00 noon.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN PROGRAM:

Sacramento's volunteer community chaplain program responds with law enforcement to homicides, suicides, child deaths and other traumatic events, providing profound comfort to victims' families and friends. The U.S. Department of Justice has recognized it as the model program of its kind. If this is the kind of ministry to which you think you might be called, please visit www.sacchaplains.com or call 916-857-1801 for more info.

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

Call (916) 452-3344.

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.

SACRAMENTO CURSILLO IN ENGLISH MEN'S WEEKEND:

Sacramento Cursillo in English will have a men's 3-day weekend September 29 through October 2, and women's weekend November 3-6, 2005. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. For more information & applications, call Jennifer Cunha, TEL: 916-984-0625, or visit www.sacramentocursillo.org.

THE DOMINICAN LAITY IN SACRAMENTO MEETS TODAY:

Holy Family Parish is happy to announce to all men and women 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. For more information please call Phyllis Sale, OPL at (916) 725-5358.

CHRIST IS BECKONING

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND
DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

October 6th & 7th

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

Plan to attend this extraordinary religious program:

- October 6th
 - 7:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
 - 7:30 Mass with Exposition of the Eucharist
 - Nocturnal Adoration all night
- October 7th
 - 8:30 am Mass (con-celebrated)
 - Eucharistic Adoration will continue until . . .
 - 7:00 pm Presentations on Vocations and the Eucharist
 - 8:00 pm Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 8:30 Benediction celebrated by Bishop Joseph Madera

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

ARTICLE 16: HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

[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.]

As the ushers came around with the collection basket one Sunday, a small boy leaned over to his father and said, "You don't have to pay for me, Dad. I'm under five." Another youngster, listening to her mother complaining about the quality of the music and the preaching as they left Mass, said, "You have to admit, Mom. It wasn't a bad show for a nickel!"

Both children share the same misconception about the meaning of the collection at Mass. They see it as the price of admission, but there is no admission required here. How might we explain to them what the collection really means?

The official books tell us very little. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, as it describes the procession with the gifts, simply says: "It is well also that money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, should be received" (# 73).

Most pastors and parish finance councils, on the other hand, see the collection as absolutely essential to keeping the parish going. Its practical value is obvious. It takes a lot of money to maintain buildings and programs and to keep the light and heat and air conditioning going.

The role of the collection during Mass, however, goes beyond the practical goal of meeting the annual budget. Remember that the collection takes place during the Preparation of the Gifts, and the money we give is carried forward as part of the procession with the bread and wine. The point of the collection, then, has something to do with preparing ourselves to enter into the sacrifice of Christ.

In our culture, money is a powerful symbol of ourselves. The process of getting it and spending it tends to dominate our lives. So when we give some of it back to God, we express our willingness to give ourselves to God.

It is not just a matter of giving God one or two percent of our income or even of tithing ten percent to God. In biblical times, the Jews made an offering of the first fruits of the harvest. It was a sign of gratitude for the harvest but also a symbol that the whole harvest

really belonged to God. What we give in the collection should be a symbol of all that we have. It is a reminder that everything we own is a gift from God. Our gift in the collection is both a sign of our gratitude and a symbol that we will use all of God's gifts as God wills.

Notice, too, that the General Instruction speaks of gifts for the poor or for the Church. We need to remember that our gifts must do more than ensure our own comfort and our own programs in the parish. At least part of what we give must go to the poor if we are really to imitate our Lord. In this way, too, what we put in the collection prepares us to share in Christ's sacrifice, for it expresses our willingness to care for those in need and to give ourselves to others in love as he did.

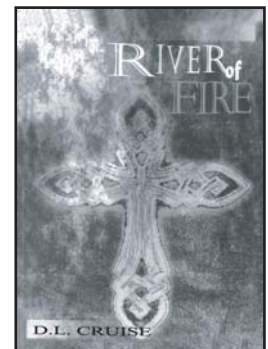
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Written by Donna Ransom of Holy Family Parish, this novel is based on an 1830 religious revival that led to civil war. This is the story of the intensely passionate birth of American social justice.

AYUDA PARA HACER EL BOLETIN:

Se solicita la ayuda de algún voluntario(a) para continuar realizando el boletín en español. Si conoces un poco de computación o sabes como usar la computadora y programas básicos, ámate para ayudar a realizar este medio tan importante de comunicación para nuestra comunidad hispana. Si estás interesado(a), llámale al Padre Santiago al 723-2494. De no tener nuevos voluntarios, el boletín dejará de salir los domingos.