

March 12, 2006 – Second Sunday of Lent

“ . . . from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Mark 9:7

† Servant Leader †

EXPLORING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES AT HOME

As you have heard many times in the last two weeks, one of the key elements or practices of Lent is prayer. One excellent form of prayer is to read and reflect on next Sunday's scripture readings at home during the week or before coming to church. This practice can help bring you in touch with the church's universal prayer, help you to listen more effectively as the readings are proclaimed, prepare you to get the most that you can from the homily, and help you to become engaged personally in the word of God.

Each week in the bulletin, we publish the citations (book, chapter & verses) for all the readings for the coming week, including the following Sunday. The text of the Sunday readings is available in many fine publications as well as on the U.S. Catholic Bishops website at www.nccbuscc.org/nab. To prepare the readings at home, get a copy of them or just look them up in your Bible.

It is important to set aside ample time and to create some space for this form of prayer. If you plan to read and reflect on your own, separate yourself fully from other activities. Choose a place where you can center yourself, open the Word and read through it with an open mind and an open heart. Write down some notes or thoughts that come to mind as you read. Ask yourself questions like these: "What is going on in this reading? Is anything like this going on in my life or in the life of someone close to me? What is the message God wants me to hear this week?"

If you plan to share this prayer with others, consistently find time that the whole group can get together. Find a suitable space to meet, fit for the group and the activity. Read the scriptures out loud, take some time to reflect silently, and then share your thoughts with each other. God's word will make its way as deep into your hearts and your lives as you let it - if you give it some time and space.

In the last two weeks I have mentioned the "Disciples on a Journey" program that we utilize in our Parish. The form of prayer I am sharing with you here is exactly what that program is all about. A foundation has already been put in place on which you can build an intimate, faith sharing experience that will provide both an extra spiritual opportunity during the week, and enhance your experience at Sunday Mass. When you come to church each Sunday, lift your head and open your ears and heart to the Word of God.

Beginning today, we will also be providing some very simple thought-provoking questions along with the list of readings for the week. Perhaps these simple questions can help you to get started on a new and wonderful path of prayer and spiritual growth.

May the Word of God fill you with great blessings!

HOLY FAMILY ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

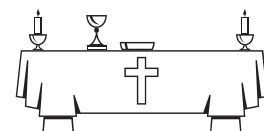
Holy Family Women's Council and the Knights of Columbus are teaming up once again to present the Annual Saint Patrick's Dinner on March 18, 2006 here in the Holy Family Community Center.

Happy Hour is at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Dinner is \$10 each, or you can get a table for 10 for just \$90. The evening will also feature raffles, entertainment, door prizes – lots of fun for everyone! Come enjoy good food, good music and a fun night out. For reservations, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Frank Kratky +
Tuesday: Hiltrud Nerke +
Wednesday: Elva Tinsley +
Thursday: Tom Poeschl -Int.
Friday: Troy Doil Powers +
Saturday: Troy Doil Powers +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tue: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a;17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun: Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: What kinds of anger are justified for a follower of Jesus?
For Children: Why was Jesus angry? How do you show respect for God's house?

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Shirley Bryant, Bernard Burke, Darren Crose, Rita Crutcher, Diane Cummings, Maria Dixon, Greg & Roni Etzel, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Francis & Leo Girard, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Rick Gutierrez, Stanley Hayes, Randy Kennedy, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Jenine Michilena, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Lee Ann Parrott, Nita Parrott, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Sr. Mary Porter, Pat Regan, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelly, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Bishop Weigand, Lani Zacherson, Claudette Zompetta

HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

presents

Holy Family Parish Mission Lent 2006 - March 13-16



“The Well of Life Giving Water” Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Join Fr. Richard Parks and your Parish Family
in this celebration of the Love of God!

Clear your calendars to experience the strengthening of the bonds of family and community, the deepening of your prayer life and the building of relationships centered in God.

Fr. Parks will introduce the mission at all Masses this weekend.

VOCATIONS NEWS

VOCATIONS CROSS

Beginning last Sunday, each week a parish family will be presented with the Vocation Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The following Sunday, the family will return the cross so that another family will be presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home in the future, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732 or the Parish Office at 723-2494.

YOUNG MEN!

Could God be calling you to serve him as a priest or brother? Come and See!!! The Oblates of St. Joseph are planning a weekend for men 17 and older to assist you in discovering how God wants you to serve him. This weekend will be held on March 31 through April 2 at Mt. St. Joseph in Loomis, CA. For more information and registration contact Vocations director Fr. Philip Massetti, O.S.J. at (916) 652-6336 or visit our website at www.osjoseph.org.

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

DIOCESAN FOOD BOWL – LENT 2006

The Diocese one again extends an invitation to parishes, schools, religious education programs, individuals and families to keep the Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving by supporting the 29th Annual Food Bowl. Holy Family Parish will do its part by:

- Sponsoring parish and school-wide Food Bowl programs
- Encouraging parish families to make a commitment to donate to the Food Bowl
- Encouraging individuals and organizations to pledge monthly support to the Food Bowl
- Praying for the success of the Food Bowl and the alleviation of hunger in our world

The annual Food Bowl collection funds local parish and community soup kitchens and food closets.

Please participate in our parish Lenten program or you can make a donation directly to:

Diocesan Food Bowl, Office of Social Service Ministry
2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 958 1 8

Help Us to Help Others!

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 10,500.00
Feb 12	\$ 10,217.00
Feb 19	\$ 10,332.00
Feb 26	\$ 10,975.00
Mar 5	\$ 13,312.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 375,099.00
Goal-to-Date (36 Weeks)	\$ 378,000.00
% of Goal Collected	99.23 %
Annual Goal	\$ 546,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Feb 12 (estimated)	\$ 1,000.00
Feb 19 (estimated)	\$ 1,000.00
Feb 26	\$ 846.50
Mar 5	\$ 3,325.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 86,695.34
Goal-to-Date (36 Weeks)	\$ 135,000.00
% of Goal Collected	64.22 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Faith Formation	\$ 2,205.50
Ash Wednesday	\$ 3,306.00

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial? See Romans 8:32



Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL students are beginning the third and final trimester of the school year with high levels of anticipation of special assemblies, field trips, class projects, and sports activities. Spring sports include golf and tennis for students in grades four through eight; track and field for boys and girls in grades five through eight; volleyball for boys in grades six through eight; and both junior varsity and varsity softball for girls in grades five through eight. Students, faculty, and staff are most grateful to all the volunteer coaches whose generosity of time makes all of this activity possible!

YOUTH MINISTRY

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AFTER THE YOUTH MASS

This Sunday following the 6 pm mass, Fr. Richard Parks will gather with jr. high and high school youth and their families. Please join us in the church.

YOUTH CASTING CALL: GOOD FRIDAY PRESENTATION

Holy Family Youth Ministry is looking for cast members for the Dramatic Presentation of the Crucifixion on Good Friday. Please call the youth office if you are interested.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION

The Diocesan Youth Convention will be held on Sat. April 22nd at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo. This event is for students who are 14-18 years old. Registration is going on now. You won't want to miss this day of fun and faith!

SUMMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Holy Family Youth Ministry is considering a week long Service Experience this summer. All high school youth who may be interested should contact the youth ministry office for more info call 721-8329 or email: holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.

HOOPIN' IT UP - HOLY STYLE!

All High School Youth are invited to the Open Gym Night on second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month at 7 pm in the Community Center. The next Open Gym night is this Thursday, March 23rd. Bring your game and a friend!



EVEN MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION...

The March/April Youth Ministry Newsletter is available. If you would like to receive a copy, please call 721-8329 or email holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.

SENIOR NEEDS VISITORS

If you have some time to offer a warm smile and a little friendly conversation, please consider filling the need for someone to visit a senior citizen at an assisted living facility on Old Auburn Road. If you would like more information or you're able to help, please call Debbie at 419-3228. Thanks!



Health Ministry

HOLY FAMILY HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Holy Family Health Committee meeting was held on Ash Wednesday. Many thanks to those eight women who participated. A representative of the Spanish Community is encouraged to join the Committee so that the health needs, etc. of all Holy Family parishioners can be addressed. It is anticipated that many ideas involving the physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological health of our faith community could be incorporated into already existing ministries. Our next meeting will be April 5th at 09:30 in the Health Ministry office in the Community Center. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

We hope that each family received a bulletin last weekend with an insert addressing Hypertension and Blood Pressure Testing. If you did not receive one of the inserts, you may stop by the Health Ministry Office Tues or Thursday 10-12 to obtain one. Questions may be directed to 721-0388 on the aforementioned days as well.

As we proceed on our Lenten journey, many spiritual opportunities have been made available to us. Lent is a time of soul refreshment. Speaking of refreshment-- Consider the gift of water. Water is necessary to sustain life. Did you know that 60% of your body is composed of water? Without water, we do not function effectively. Our mental, physical, spiritual and emotional systems become sluggish. How much water do you drink each day? Did you know that 6 to 8--8 ounce glasses of water are recommended to maintain good health (unless you have been directed by your physician to do otherwise)?

What are some of the benefits we receive from drinking water?

- Water removes waste products effectively
- Water assists with digestion and metabolism
- Water helps regulate our body temperature
- Water lubricates our joints
- Water improves our energy
- Water helps maintain our fluid balance
- Water helps with weight reduction
- Water increases our mental and physical performance
- Water keeps our skin healthy and glowing

Thank God for the abundance of clear, refreshing water!

Thought for the Week:

How deeply do I believe that God wants to erase the errant footprints of my past and lead me into a sun- filled future?

Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak

Isaiah 40:31

SEE YOU AT THE MISSION THIS WEEK!

COMPANION NEEDED FOR SENIOR PARISHIONER

WANTED: A compassionate person to live in as a caregiver for an older lady of the Parish. This is a ideal position for a senior citizen. Room and Board will be provided. If you are interested or may know someone who would have a interest, please call Fr. Kiernan in the Parish Office, 723-2494.



Catholic Faith Formation

PREPARING TO BECOME MEMBERS OF BODY OF CHRIST

As we journey through the Lenten Season, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection. There are a number of adults and children amongst us who are preparing for this year's celebration in a very special way. They are preparing to become members of Body of Christ in His Holy Catholic Church. Some will be baptized and all will receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As these adults and children prepare for this most wonderful part of their faith journey, please keep them in your prayers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children:

Ilean Carcano	Vidal Fabela Jr.	Katelyn Lomax
Steven Carcano	Laura Frojd	Daniella Noguez
Anthony Alvarez	Sarah Frojd	Melissa Penheiro
Breanna Alvarez	Anette Garcia	Mithun Penheiro
Roberto Alvarez	Betsy Garcia	Joshua Smith
Danielle Boado	Gary Harila, Jr.	Nathaniel Smith
Erika Cruz		

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Kent Anderson	Brenda Gamez	Jose Rubio
Gerardo Chaires	Mayra Garcia	David Schurr
David Chavez	Karen Gonzalez	Michell Spino
Patricia de Leon	Florence Koo	Jason Steele
Keta Eckenrod	Noel Krenkel	Ulises Vasquez
Maison Eckenrod	Maria Nunez	Irma Zaragoza
Jonathan Gaeta	Belen Rubio	

TEACHINGS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Sessions continue on Sundays after the 9:00 am Mass and will continue every Sunday morning until Easter. Sessions are held in the RCIA room of the Community Center from 10:20 – 11:20 am. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 726-7217 if you have any questions.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone you know has not completed their sacraments of initiation, we will be starting Adult Confirmation classes beginning March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Faith Formation classroom. These classes will continue until May and conclude with the celebration of Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 726-7217 for more information and to register.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – "KIDWISE" FACILITATOR TRAINING

Each parish should have two trained facilitators. Interested trainees need to attend both days of training and must contact Nancy Milton to pre-register for the training ASAP at (916) 733-0227 or by e-mail at nmilton@diocese-sacramento.org. Thank you.

- Sat., March 18
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Parish Sacramento
- Sat., March 25
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Pastoral Center Sacramento

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.

SOUP BOWL AND BREAD LENTEN ACTIVITY **THE POOR MAN'S MEAL**

This event will take place after Stations of the Cross, each Friday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the school Fine Arts building. Soup, bread, crackers, margarine, and water will be served. There is no charge. If you wish, you can leave a donation which will be given to the ministry to the poor.

Several parish ministries will be participating in this Lenten activity and will be responsible for providing and serving the following Friday meals:

March 17th	Catholic Faith Formation
March 24th	Hispanic Ministry
March 31st	Catholic Ladies Relief Society
April 7th	Hispanic Ministry

Please support these ministries and plan to attend this special Lenten event. A variety of soups and breads will be served, and the meal along with the fellowship experience will be nourishment for the body and the soul. Come taste and see!

MIDWEEK RETREAT AT CHRIST THE KING

March 21-23, 2006

Retreat theme for this retreat is: "Into Your Hands. . ." Risking, Releasing, Receiving. We hope everyone will take advantage of the blessings of this retreat experience. Call Margaret at the Retreat Center at (916) 725-4720 to reserve a space.

COOK NEEDED AT CHRIST THE KING

A cook is needed for the Christ the King Passionist residence just down the road from Holy Family. The need is for 2 to 2½ hours a day, Monday through Thursday. Please call Fr. Richard Parks at 723-5162.



**Christ the King
Passionist Retreat Center**

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE PRESENTATION:

The Diocese of Sacramento Lay Formation Institute presents ***The Acts of the Apostles.***

Site: St Joseph Parish, 1162 Lincoln Way, Auburn.
 Date: Saturday, March 25th
 Time: 9:00a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$20

For more info, contact John Rieschick at 733-0133 or john@catholicfamily.com.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

NEW PRAYER MINISTRY AT DIVINE SAVIOR:

Divine Savor Parish is hosting an interdenominational prayer group for those who have a loved one who is mentally ill. The group will meet on the last Thursday of each month in the St. Cecelia Room at Divine Savior in Orangevale. This prayer group will accept first names and last initials from those who unable to attend to pray for those in need of prayers. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Joan Griffin at 990-9400.

ST. IGNATIUS CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK

What: St. Ignatius Loyola Parish St. Patrick's Day Party

When: Friday, March 17, 2005

5:30 pm No-Host Bar/Cocktails

7:30 pm Dinner

9:00 pm Entertainment & Dancing

Menu: Green Salad, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, and Ice Cream

Price: \$15.00 per person

Location: St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Center, 3235 Arden Way in Sacramento, We are located between Professional Drive and Morse Avenue

Early reservations are encouraged. Please stop by our rectory office to purchase your dinners in advance. Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm. Walk-ins are welcome - if space is available. Questions, please call 462-9666.

ST. CHARLES ALUMNI DINNER - SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006

"Keep the Dream Alive", classes of 1963-1996 are invited to attend the 1st Annual Alumni Dinner benefiting the St. Charles School Annual Fund at the St. Charles Gym, 6 pm to Midnight. The evening includes cocktail hour, wine and beer, tri-tip and chicken buffet dinner, music, dancing and old friends. \$40 per person, (muse be 21+). For reservations or more information, call St. Charles School at 421-6189 before February 28th.

Pendola Center Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, April 24, 2006

North Ridge Country Club

Play your own ball or Scramble formats

Join us for golf, dinner, prizes, and raffle.

Help support our campership
funding program for children to
attend summer camp.

Play in the tournament, be a volunteer
or donate an auction item.

Call Pendola Center for details:
916-733-0127



HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT MARCH 24-26

Struggling after an abortion?

Still seeking peace years after the choice?

Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 24-26 in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Healing, 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 Edie @ (916)733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Your inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

JANITOR NEEDED AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral parish has an opening for a custodian to work 20 to 25 hours per week. Work on weekends is included. Duties include routine custodial work in the parish facility. Please fax your resume to Elia Maciel at 443-2749 or mail to Cathedral Rectory, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

MERCY CENTER AUBURN UPCOMING EVENT

Mar 17-19: Jesus' Revolution

During this silent weekend retreat we shall look toward Holy Week and Easter by reflecting on the central mysteries of the Christian faith from the wisdom perspective in which the New Testament has given them to us. Facilitator: Bruno Barnhart a monk of New Camaldoli Hermitage in Bug Sur, California. Begins Friday with dinner; ends Sunday with lunch. \$150 resident, \$110 commuter.

PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA

May 8 through May 18, 2006. Join us on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Francis Xavier and St. Thomas the Apostle, along with Fr. Rene Laurentine and meet Fr. Prasad who experienced the Miracle of the Eucharist. Visit the Taj Mahal, the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Health and many more places, people and miracles. For more information, call Claude at 728-5739.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP IN SPANISH

New Pathways Counseling, a division of Catholic Social Service, is offering a Women's Support Group in Spanish. This 16 week group is scheduled to start mid-March. The group will deal with a variety of topics including: depression, domestic violence, verbal abuse, communications, co-dependency, and cultural barriers. The fee for the group is \$20 per session. Please contact us at (916) 452-7481 if you have any questions or to sign up.

ROSEVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP TO RENO

The Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to Reno, Nevada, on Sunday, March 19, 2006. The cost is \$25.00 per person with \$15.00 returned. Checks should be made payable to K of C #4540. Please call Kathy at (916)783-3596 for details and reservations.