



March 19, 2006 – Third Sunday of Lent

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” John 2:19

## † Servant Leader †

### OF MANY THINGS . . .

#### **Sacrament of Confession**

Fr. Santiago and I are very glad that a good number of people celebrate the Sacramento of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons. May God bless our people, bringing them forgiveness and peace as they confess their sin to God in this great sacrament. We hope many will participate especially in the remainder of Lent and the Easter Season. We also have the special Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, April 11, with a number of priests to help.

Every Saturday we have confessions from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Please come early in the hour as often it is slow at certain times and then many come at 3:45 causing us to have to rush, run over time (to get ready for the 4:30 pm Mass) or even to have to ask some people to wait for another time. We hope we can get everyone in between 3:00 and 4:00. Early presence can really help everyone. Thanks.

#### **Conversion**

In the dictionary, one definition of conversion is, "a change in which one comes to adopt and uphold new opinions and beliefs; especially in matters of religion, a spiritual turning to righteousness and faith."

In conversion, I think we're meant to build on the foundation of our lives - to grow from where we were first planted - to mature and develop, integrating new insights - to make occasional corrections to ensure we are on course to our final destination.

Now, this doesn't mean someone should never make a radical, complete change. It may be that the course and direction of one's life is profoundly flawed or that a person is hungry for a new identity and community.

Ask yourself, "am I out to share whatever good that has been given to me or that I have found by the grace of God?" Of course! "Am I eager to grow in holy wisdom and help anyone and everyone else to do the same?" Of course!

Pray, "O God, if there is to be any 'conversion' in my life, please make it my turning away from all that pulls me away from you and correcting the course of my life so that it brings me to you."

#### **Parish Mission**

I hope you had a good experience with Fr. Richard Parks. A Parish Mission is a good time to renew our faith and rededicate ourselves to God and the church. May God bless your life as we continue the joyful, renewing Lenten journey.

#### **Noon Mass Changed to 12:30**

I am very grateful to the understanding of people in making this change. It will help in a number of ways, allowing more

time for the children and parents who attend faith formation classes after the 9:00 am Mass. By the time they get over to the classrooms it is almost 10:30. We need a good length of time to educate the children since it is only one class a week. Thanks to all the parents who use this time to enrich their children in the faith. The time change will also make the parking lot safer for all. I know change is hard and people have schedules set, but in the long run it will be for the best. God bless you and thank you for allowing this to be done for the good of all parishioners.

#### **The Rest of Lent and the Holy Triduum**

We are about half way through Lent already. I hope you are experiencing God's blessings. Let us keep going forward in the Lord - attending daily Mass more; attending the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 pm with a simple dinner following; doing acts of charity; being more kind and forgiving; and, studying our faith more to draw closer to God.

Plan if you can at all to attend the beautiful Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm with adoration to 10:00 pm, Good Friday services at 12 noon with outdoor Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm, the beautiful Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8:30 pm (better than any "Saturday Night Special" as you will witness the beauty and awe of the Resurrection celebrated.) Finally, experience the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 12:30 pm in English and 10:30 am in Spanish. Let us rejoice in the beauty of our faith in these marvelous High Holy Days. Please make a special effort to invite those who wouldn't otherwise come to celebrate these glorious days with you in the Lord.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon: Solemnity of Saint Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24
- Tue: Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wed: Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Sat: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



#### **Questions of the Week:**

For Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe?

For Children: Name one action you can do this week to thank Jesus for the gift of faith and of knowing him.

# Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

### NEXT SUNDAY

The theme for the 2006 Catholic Relief Services Collection is **Jesus in Disguise**. The Catholic community in the United States is committed to solidarity with the poor and the vulnerable all over the world.

Please help by giving to the collection next Sunday. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church agencies that build international solidarity and relief efforts. Ministries include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters, development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor, advocacy on behalf of the powerless, and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Mike Curran +  
 Segunda Dial +  
 William Goodwin -Int.

Tuesday: Maria Kratky +  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory +

Wednesday: Aida Troino +

Thursday: Jeanette Rogers +

Saturday: Mary Jo Padilla +



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for all your prayers, cards, thoughts and Masses. It is because of all your answered prayers that my health has returned to normal. God Bless you all!

Pat Regan

### 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, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Frances & 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, Lisa Stamps, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maurena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Bishop Weigand, Lani Zacherson, Claudette Zompetta

Please help by giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection next weekend, March 25-26, 2006.

Who is Jesus in disguise?

- One of the 43,000 people who die of hunger and its consequences every day
- One of the 4.4 billion people living in developing countries where:
  - basic sanitation is often lacking
  - safe drinking water is scarce
  - adequate housing is a challenge
  - modern health services are almost non-existent
  - education beyond a fifth-grade level is rarely available for the majority of people
- One of the estimated 35 million refugees and displaced persons living in often dangerous and squalid conditions without the hope of returning home
- One of the 100,000 people assisted by the Church who seek asylum and other legal immigration services each year

# Jesus in disguise

## STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

### GENERAL COLLECTION

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 10,500.00
Feb 19 .....	\$ 10,332.00
Feb 26 .....	\$ 10,975.00
Mar 5 .....	\$ 13,312.00
Mar 12 .....	\$ 9,725.00

<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>384,824.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (37 Weeks)	\$ 388,500.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>99.05 %</b>

<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 546,000.00
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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Feb 19 (estimated) .....	\$ 1,000.00
Feb 26 .....	\$ 846.50
Mar 5 .....	\$ 3,325.00
Mar 12 .....	\$ 1,635.00

<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>88,330.34</b>
Goal-to-Date (37 Weeks)	\$ 138,750.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>63.66 %</b>

<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 195,000.00
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### SECOND COLLECTION

Legacy Restoration Appeal .....	\$ TBD
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*"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us to be less resentful of the gifts of others.*



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** is proud of the thirty students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grades who are participating in the CSUS Academic Talent Search. Sixty students from these grades qualified for the summer program by scoring at the 90th percentile or above on the ITBS Standardized Test given in the autumn. Those who chose to participate in the program took the initial placement test on Tuesday. Based on the results of the test, the students will be advised which courses they can take on campus. The choices range from Astronomy to Zoology, and the experience is inspiring. This year, 8th grader Eric Will is a Student Ambassador for CSUS and able to answer all the questions parents and students have. HFS students are the BEST!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **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 AT 721-8329 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.



### **HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

Irish Blessings from Health Ministry! May all the Irish angels smile on you and keep you safe over the next year.

Last week, we discussed the importance water to nourish our spiritual and physical health. We hope that you were able to fill your hearts and minds with the spiritual nourishment presented at the Parish Mission. What a great opportunity we shared as we continue on our journey through this Lenten season. If you were unable to get to the Mission, you might consider reading the story of the Woman at the Well. It is found in your Bible (John 4:4-42). It is a wonderful change of heart and life story. It is a story of the conversion of a Samaritan woman after her encounter with Jesus.

In a couple of weeks, we hope to begin a 6 week series of bulletin inserts on end of life healthcare decision making. The series will begin with an introduction and explanation of the proposed information. These informational tools should provide you and your loved ones important material regarding end of life issues.

Thought for the Week:

Years ago a priest was walking through a bad section of the city at night. Suddenly, someone stuck a gun in his ribs and demanded his money. When the priest unzipped his coat, the robber saw his collar and apologized profusely. "Forget it," he said. "I didn't know you were a padre." Relieved, the priest took out a cigarette and offered one to the would-be robber. Incredibly, the man refused, saying, "I gave up the weed for Lent."

This story, from a past era, is funny because it illustrates how confused Lent's purpose has become.

What is Lent's purpose and how am I attempting to fulfill it?

*Excerpts taken from Mission--Praying Scripture in a Contemporary Way by Mark Link, SJ*

### **VOCATIONS CROSS**

Each week a parish family is 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.

### **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!



## 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.

### **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.

## HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

### Holy Hour

On Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 7:00 pm in the church, Holy Family Parish will celebrate a Holy Hour including the RCIA Rite of the Presentation of the Creed.

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

The Presentation of the Creed is a ritual designed for the elect to summarize their catechetical formation and prepare them for Christian prayer. It is an important step for the community to hand on our faith to those who will be presenting themselves for initiation. The actual "presentation" takes place orally - the faithful proclaim the Creed. We are all part of the RCIA process, and all parishioners are encouraged to participate in this ritual sharing of the faith.

Any opportunity for adoration of the Eucharist is a blessing - please join your parish family for this special celebration.



### **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 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!

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

## **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 25  
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Pastoral Center Sacramento

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **EXPLORE AFRICA!**

Explore Africa with the Sacramento Africa Initiative Group. Visit Nigeria and Ghana for 15 days in the summer of 2006 (July 23rd - August 6th). Observe first-hand the opportunities and issues facing Africa today. Cost = \$ 3,300 per person (double occupancy). For more details, contact Charlene Harris at (916) 733-0160; Charlene har@msn.com or Phyllis Johnson at (916) 729-8110; lilpi@surewest.net.

## **SINGLE CATHOLICS - MEET & MINGLE**

A 'Meet & Mingle' gathering will be held Sunday, April 2nd, 5:00 pm at Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sacramento. Call the Catholic Alumni Club hotline: (916) 962-6107 or visit our website at www.cacsacramento.org.

*The Sacramento Catholic Alumni Club is a member of Catholic Alumni Clubs International (CACI), one of more than 35 chapters across the country. The Sacramento CAC provides social, religious and community service activities for single Catholic adults.*

## **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



## **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**