



March 26, 2006 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” John 3:16

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IMMIGRATION REFORM

This week, pastors have been asked to provide information on Immigration Reform by the California Bishops:

CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS’ STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

And who is my neighbor? (Luke 10:29)

Recent news stories have highlighted the polarization that the issue of immigration has caused in our state and our nation. Although it is apparent that our immigration policy needs reform, we must not forget that virtually all immigrants to this country—both documented and undocumented—are here in search of jobs and opportunity for themselves and their families.

In California, immigrants live among us. They serve us in our restaurants and hotels, clean our homes, harvest our produce, tend to our yards, and provide us with technical expertise and factory labor. Many are entrepreneurs creating employment opportunities for others. Their children go to our schools. Their families go to our Churches. They are our neighbors.

We recall Christ’s teaching parable of the Good Samaritan which he offered in response to the question: And who is my neighbor? Jesus made the Samaritan—who was looked upon as an unholy outcast and foreigner—the model because he came to the aid of the injured man who was a stranger to him. Now is our chance to come to the aid of those among us who come from a foreign land. Now is our chance to care about the strangers whom Jesus called our neighbors!

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35) Today the illegal migrant comes before us like that ‘stranger’ in whom Jesus asks to be recognized. To welcome him and to show him solidarity is a duty of hospitality and fidelity to Christian identity itself.”

Pope John Paul II,

Annual Message for World Migration Day, 1995

We understand the polarization and frustration over this issue because the status quo serves neither the immigrant nor the citizenry well. For that reason we call on people of faith to welcome the strangers among us as our neighbors and we implore our national legislators to give us a law that reforms immigration in a way that protects human dignity and promotes the common good. In light of the Gospel, we call for an answer that is humane, realistic and responsible while also serving our nation’s economic and security needs.



California Catholic Conference

Specifically we call for:

- *Reform that includes earned legalization for the undocumented and their families, a temporary worker program, and timely family reunification policies;*
- *Restoration of due process protections for immigrants;*
- *Policy directions that address the root causes—so that migrants can remain in their home countries and support themselves and their families; and*
- *Reform that does not include sanctions for those who provide humanitarian aid for the undocumented.*

We expect our public officials to work together in a bipartisan fashion to create a new immigration system which respects our common humanity, reflects the values of fairness, compassion and opportunity and recognizes that we are a nation of immigrants.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Mike Claycomb +
 Herman E. & Elva Tinsley +
- Tuesday: Troy Doil Powers +
 Charles Doult +
- Wednesday: Sophie LaRosa +
 Benedicto Dallego +
- Thursday: Mike Claycomb +
- Friday: Msgr. Vito Mistretta -Int.
- Saturday: Mike Claycomb +



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, Raymond Remick, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelly, Lisa Stamps, 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

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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.

The second collection this weekend will be taken for Catholic Relief Services. This collection helps build the Church's international social ministry. Catholic Relief Services was 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.

In addition, a portion of the Catholic Relief Services collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Jesus in disguise

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

REMEMBERING HOLY FAMILY:

The people of our parish family are so generous in the general and special collections. How wonderful it is when, on occasion, people leave all or part of their will to Holy Family, depending on their circumstances. Thank you for considering this opportunity to build up Holy Family. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like the available material explaining this process.

Our legal title for documentation is:

Holy Family Parish (or School)
7817 Old Auburn Road
Citrus Heights, CA 9610

May God bless you for your love, support and concern for Holy Family Parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of – to die to – in order to rise with new life.

For Children: Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 10,500.00
Feb 26	\$ 10,975.00
Mar 5	\$ 13,312.00
Mar 12	\$ 9,725.00
Mar 19	\$ 11,132.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 395,956.00
Goal-to-Date (38 Weeks)	\$ 399,000.00
% of Goal Collected	99.24 %
Annual Goal	\$ 546,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Feb 26	\$ 846.50
Mar 5	\$ 3,325.00
Mar 12	\$ 1,635.00
Mar 19	\$ 2,233.50
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 90,563.84
Goal-to-Date (38 Weeks)	\$ 142,500.00
% of Goal Collected	63.55 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

SECOND COLLECTION

None \$ N/A

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

See Ephesians 2:10



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL students are enjoying a variety of educational enrichment activities as they await Easter Vacation. Field trips, both in-house and off-campus, abound at this time of year. The Folsom History Center visited both fourth grades, and the staff of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center presented science lessons to Mrs. White's second grade this week. Mrs. Taylor's kindergartners will visit the Placer Nature Center, and Mrs. Gallagher's class will see live theater at Magic Circle. Mrs. Fortunati's third graders are anticipating a visit to the Golden State Museum while Ms. Wetzel's fifth graders will tour the Crocker Art Museum. Perhaps the most anticipated of all the trips is Mrs. Biller's fifth grade trip to San Francisco, where the students will visit the seven most famous sights of the City. Fifth through eighth graders will receive information about Internet Safety at an afternoon assembly on March 31, and all parents are invited to a presentation on the same topic that evening in the gym.

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.

IMPORTANT CLOCK REMINDERS!

Beginning next Sunday the noon Mass is moving to

12:30 pm

Also, Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday:

Set your clocks forward!



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



HOLY FAMILY PARISH BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to our special Omelet and Champagne Parish Breakfast next Sunday, April, 2, 2006.

Join us after the 7:30 am or 9:00 am Masses for delicious food, accompanied by free champagne.

You can visit with your fellow parishioners while being served by the Knights in tuxedos!



HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

"MARK" YOUR CALENDARS

On the evening of April 12th, the Wednesday of Holy week, we will have the opportunity to gather in the church to prayerfully hear the gospel of Mark proclaimed.

This opportunity to prepare for the celebration of the Triduum will begin at 7:00 p.m. and should take about two hours. Everyone is welcome to join us for this prayerful reflection on the life of Christ and his passion.

We have a need for a total of 16 readers. If you would like to read that evening please leave a message for Bonnie Johnson in the faith formation office at 726-7217.

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.

THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

will celebrate the annual

Chrism Mass

6:00 pm – Thursday, April 6th, 2006

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

11th and K Streets, Downtown Sacramento

The CHRISM MASS is one of the most important Diocesan celebrations. At this Eucharist the Bishop blesses the HOLY OILS, which are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

At this liturgy we will also recognize in a special way the many vital ministries by which we as a Diocesan Community live out the common priesthood of our Baptism and Confirmation.

This is truly a celebration of the entire Sacramento Diocese, and you are most cordially invited to join with Bishop Weigand, Bishop Garcia, the priests of the diocese and your Catholic brothers and sisters as we pray for God's continued blessings on the Church of 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 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

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE:

There will be an All Night Vigil for Life at St. Rose Catholic Church, 5961 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento. The Vigil begins on Friday March 31 with 7:30 PM Mass and ends on Saturday, April 1st with 8:00 AM Mass. Please join us for an hour or more or spend the night. After the Mass we will go to the Wright St. Abortion Mill and pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. If you have questions, please call June at 916-967-9158.

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

Bogeys, Birdies & Backpacks

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



STAY INFORMED:

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.

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.

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.

The Diocese of Sacramento Lay Foundation Institute presents:

Ecclesiology

Facilitated by Rev. David Deibel, J.D., J.CL.

Site: Diocesan Pastoral Center
2110 Broadway, Sacramento

Date: Saturday, April 22nd

Time: 9:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

For more info, contact John Rieschick at 916/733-0133
or john@catholicfamily.com.