



May 14, 2006 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit" John 15:4

† Servant Leader †

Mother's Day

On this day all the world's mothers rightfully receive affectionate homage, whether they are in this life or in eternity. One's thoughts inevitably turn to the privilege of all mothers in bringing forth and nurturing human life.

In a very real sense, parents are partners with God as they prepare to bring a new human being into the world. The child which the mother carries beneath her heart during the months of pregnancy possesses a human soul, infused into it by God. Prospective parents, and especially those expecting their first child, await with anxiety and eagerness the time when their little one will be born. The mother particularly dreams of the future, and tries to speculate on what her child will look like, and what his future career will be.

If this is true of parents, it is true in a sense of God, from whose creative hand the immortal soul of the child has come. To the child He has given free will, and with loving care, God arranges the future pathway of this new human creature so that it will have ample opportunities to save and sanctify itself, and make a useful contribution to the world before it must depart this life and enter eternity.

Surely, it can be said with truth that there is no more important job in this wide world than the job done by a mother in bringing up her children. The fate of the world itself depends upon their fulfillment of that duty.

Without mothers, the world would be a weary place, soon emptied not only of love, but of life itself. Here are some reflections on motherhood that are fitting on this day of honor to all mothers. Motherhood is both physical and spiritual.

The first and most obvious kind of motherhood, of course, is physical. It is based on procreation, and the pains, worries and responsibilities that devolve on one who brings a child into the world. Great indeed are the sacrifices which a good mother gladly makes in fulfilling her vocation. Awe-inspiring is the trust God places in her to bring up her child rightly as a good citizen of this world and the next. For although motherhood originates in the physical realm, it inevitably involves a higher spiritual relationship. The child has a soul as well as a body, and both need a mother's care. All the world's honor is due to those who fashion within their bodies and form by their careful instruction and example the next generation of human beings to live upon this earth and to work out the final glorious destiny for the human race.

All women are called to be mothers, either spiritual or physical. All have endowments of motherhood. For uncounted numbers, however, motherhood, whether physical or spiritual, is a challenge and a joy which they meet with unwavering devotion. When the love and devotion of mothers

departs from the world, then indeed, it is time for the final curtain to come down, for the world will be an empty and a dreary place.

There is another special reason why all mothers should consider themselves privileged. When it was time in God's providence for the Redeemer to come into the world, He chose to make His entrance through the instrumentality of human mother. It is true that Mary remained a virgin even in her motherhood, by a miracle of God's power. Nevertheless, she was mother in the true sense of the word, having given her own flesh and blood to Christ.

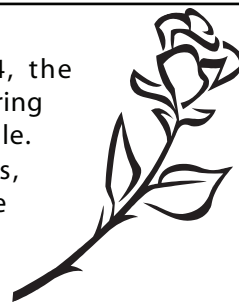
Thus, all mothers can claim Mary as their model and their inspiration. Her mothering of the Savior adds new luster to all motherhood: to all those who bring forth children, joint-heirs of Christ, until the appointed time of the coming of God's kingdom.

It is fitting that Mothers' Day occurs in May, which is the month of Mary. Christ has made her the spiritual mother of all human beings. May all Catholics strongly renew their devotion to Mary at this season, so that they may be worthy to find protection under her love and care.

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls... She is clothed with strength and dignity... She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her. (Proverbs 31)

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE -

This weekend, May 13 and 14, the Sacramento Life Center is sponsoring its annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Beautiful, long-stemmed roses, individually packaged, will be available for a donation of \$5.00. Please consider honoring a mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and/or friend and celebrating the sanctity of life by purchasing a rose this Mother's Day weekend. Thank You!



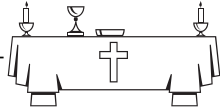
SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER

CONFIRMATION - MONDAY, MAY 22nd

Holy Family Community has many young people from the school and the parish who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, May 22nd. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they take one more important step along their faith journey. There is a poster of the candidates in the vestibule area- please take a moment to stop by and see it!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Peter Popjevalo +
Jacqueline Francescon +
Wednesday: Paul Ferlisi -Int.
Maria DePaoli +
Emilio & Carmen Perez +
Friday: Fred Gonzales +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: What does the image of the Vine and Branches say to you about your spiritual life?

For Children: When we live in Jesus, we do good things. Name a good deed you will do for someone this week.

PRAYER CORNER

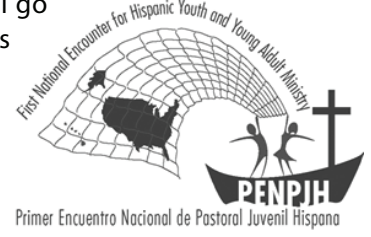
Please remember in your prayers:

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, Bob Cleveland, Darren Crose, Rita Crutcher, Diane Cummings, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Frances & Leo Girard, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Manuel Guerra, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Rick Gutierrez, Stanley Hayes, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Ian Larmore, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Jenine Michilena, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Betty O'Neil, Lee Ann Parrott, Nita Parrott, Bud Phelps, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelly, Lisa Stamps, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Marvin Webster, Bishop Weigand, Mike Williams, Lani Zacherson, Claudette Zompetta

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HISPANIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION

Last month, the Hispanic youth in our community initiated the Holy Family Hispanic Youth Group. The Diocese of Sacramento trained fifteen young people from our parish to carry out this ministry. Two youth members will attend the National Hispanic Youth Convention in Indiana on June 10th & 11th. To help them attend, we will have a second collection next weekend, May 20-21 for their ministry. The proceeds will go to help the two members attend the national convention and to obtain materials for their meetings. All your help will be greatly appreciated.



Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana
"TEJIENDO EL FUTURO JUNTOS"
"WEAVING THE FUTURE TOGETHER"

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 10,500.00
Apr 16	\$ 10,500.00 *
Apr 23	\$ 9,394.00
Apr 30	\$ 9,523.00
May 7	\$ 12,877.00

YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 473,660.00
Goal-to-Date (45 Weeks)	\$ 472,500.00
% of Goal Collected	100.25 %

Annual Goal	\$ 546,000.00
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* Generally, Easter and Christmas collections are separate line items in parish budget projections and thus are not included in averaging income or calculating goal-to-date percentages for the general collection; however, as Easter is one of the 52 Sundays of the fiscal year, we have included the amount of the weekly goal to keep the projections of our progress as accurate as possible.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Apr 16	\$ 1,690.00
Apr 23	\$ 1,000.00
Apr 30	\$ 2,222.50
May 7	\$ 1,897.50

YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 102,272.34
Goal-to-Date (45 Weeks)	\$ 168,750.00
% of Goal Collected	60.61 %

Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Faith Formation	\$ 2,100.50
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The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL Choir members invite all parishioners to their annual concert this Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., in the Church! School and parish Music Director Mr. John Wihl will lead the students in a musical review of all that they have accomplished this year. Soloists will reprise their Christmas and Easter roles, and the whole group will present selections ranging from liturgical to popular music. This concert is a Thank You to the parents and parishioners for their ongoing support! Plan to attend!



SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS AT HF PRESCHOOL

K.I.D.S. CAMP SUMMER PROGRAM

Holy Family Preschool will **Keep the Interests** of its campers **Developing All Summer** with stimulating theme-based activities. Imagine creating your own sand art, building a life-size alien, learning to hula dance, eating s'mores, making edible peanut butter play dough, participating in the Olympics and much more. The camp is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm beginning June 1st and concluding August 9th. Part time days are also available. It will include children ages 2 (potty trained) through third grade. Some of the featured events include, Fun Lunch Fridays, Ms. Amy's Gymnastics Program, Beach Day, a Hula Dancer, a fireworks display and special guests!

SURVIVOR SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Available for students going into 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Join the Math and Language Art Challenge for the weeks of June 12th - June 23rd and July 10th - July 21st. The program is from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon, including academic and sports skills of all sorts. The courses are taught by fully accredited teachers. Daily snack and Survivor kit are provided.

Please contact Lucy Eberhardt, Camp Director at 722-4620 for further details. Space is limited so please call today.

Eagle Scout Project

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN THE GUADALUPE GARDEN

My name is Eric Will and I am an 8th grader at Holy Family School. I also am a member of Holy Family Parish. I am working on my Eagle project for the Boy Scouts of America. I will be laying down stepping stones in the Guadalupe garden to make it easier to walk. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the stepping stones or if you have any questions about the project please contact me at 723-2616. Thank you.

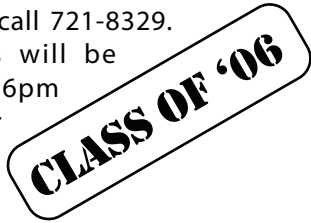


YOUTH MINISTRY

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2006:

Holy Family is preparing to honor all jr. high, high school, and college grads with a special Baccalaureate Mass and Reception. If you are (or you know someone who is) a graduate, please submit names to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com or call 721-8329.

This mass for all graduates will be held Sunday, June 4th at the 6pm Mass. We are looking for representatives from the local high schools to carry in the school banners.



SUMMER FUN!

Holy Family Youth Ministry has many fun and great events/activities in the works for this summer! The summer newsletter will be available in the next 2 weeks.

OPEN GYM ALL SUMMER

Don't Miss Open Gym- every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30pm. This is open to jr. high and high school youth! Tell a friend and come ready to have fun!



Catholics Returning Home

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones however we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church so they are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at Holy Family we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called Catholics Returning Home. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, call the Parish Office at 723-2494.



Health Ministry

DECISIONS SERIES CONTINUES - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Today we mark the halfway point in our Advance Directives Series. It is our hope that you are thoughtfully reviewing each week's information. This week, the Series focuses on choosing the "right" person to act as your spokesperson in the event you are unable to communicate your wishes. Take time to consider which of your relatives or friends would be best able to make the tough choices YOU want made on your behalf during life challenging events. Once you have decided on an individual, approach them and ask if they will accept this responsibility. It is important that whoever accepts this responsibility understands that they are agreeing to act on your behalf. If you have been hesitant to look into and plan for end-of-life care issues, consider this: Would you make a spur of the moment decision when it is time to replace an automobile, purchase or refinance a home? Generally, we discuss these things with our family and make decisions based on the quality of life, mobility, etc. that they will or will not bring to our situation.

Last week, the Health Ministry Committee met as agreed, (the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am). One of our members is now making weekly visits to a nursing facility to visit a delightful 90 year young senior citizen. Drafts of a meaningful parish survey are being prepared by various committee members and, hopefully, we will be ready to present it to you no later than September.

Thank you to all the bulletin insert stuffers that are giving their time each Saturday.

We wish for all mothers a wonderful and blessed Mother's Day. May you make wonderful new family memories and savor those you already have. We love you!

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION INITIATIVE:

During the weekend of April 23rd, signatures were gathered to get the "Parental Notification" initiative on the November ballot. We wish to thank the 282 people who took time to stop and sign the petition. If this initiative passes, you will be directly involved in saving the lives of countless unborn babies. Larry and Roseann Larson

56th Annual Fundraiser

Fabulous 50's Fiesta

at Christ the King Retreat Center

Saturday June 10th 2006, 12 noon 10 pm,
6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Classic Cars, Silent Auction, Outdoor Mass,
Barbecue Dinner, Live 50's music by the Tune Ups !

\$2500 Cash Prize Raffle, Hay Rides,
Game Booths, Jump House

Dinner Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$5 Children.

For more information call: 916-725-4720.

Prayer Opportunities

WEEKLY GET TOGETHER FOR BREAST CANCER PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS

On the third Thursday of each month after the 8:30 am daily Mass, there will be a get-together for all breast cancer patients and survivors in the sacristy. These gatherings will begin on June 15th.



WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army.) It is now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family. All are welcome to join us Mondays after the

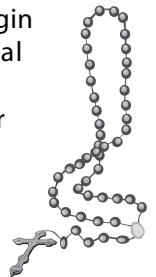


8:30 am Mass in St. Mary's Hall. For more information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE ROSARY:

During the liturgical year, May is one of the months set aside for special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our spiritual mother in Christ Jesus.

The Rosary stands alone as the prayer recommended by Our Lady to save souls and obtain peace for the world. Won't you come and join us in praying the Rosary with our Blessed Mother to our Eucharistic Jesus, her Divine Son, present before us in the chapel? Both Jesus and Mary look forward to your visit!



VOCATIONS CROSS



Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family will return the cross and another family will be presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!



NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Preserving Our Past, Building Our Future Campaign still many months and millions of dollars away from completion.

This past December 11th, Bishop Weigand celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to thank every campaign donor. Whether you were there in person or in spirit, the magnificent surroundings of the newly-restored Cathedral were a dramatic testimony to the achievements that continue to unfold. Yet the campaign is many months and millions of dollars away from completion. As of December 31st, \$47.7 million of the \$77.3 million pledged has been collected. The generosity of all those participating in the Campaign is appreciated now more than ever. Full funding of the designated parish projects, endowments, formation/education goals, priests' retirement and social ministries depends on every family and parish that pledged its financial support. Bishop Weigand expresses his continued appreciation for your dedication and generosity.

MILLION VOICES FOR DARFUR CAMPAIGN:

The Diocesan Social Service Ministry Office is urging all parishioners to participate in the Million Voices for Darfur campaign. The goal is to generate one million hand written and electronic postcards from Americans demanding a stronger and more effective U.S. response to the genocide in Darfur, which has claimed 400,000 lives. In addition, 2.5 million people are displaced and 3.5 million of our sisters and brothers are at risk of starvation.

Bishop John Ricard of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently said: "The crisis in Darfur must be ended. We cannot stand idly by while human life is threatened." Go online today at www.savedarfur.org and send an electronic postcard. Postcards sent by USPS can be addressed to:

Million Voices for Darfur
2110 L Street NW, Suite 600
Washington D.C. 20037.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC CONVENTION:

Convention Center, Great America Parkway, Santa Clara-weekend of May 26, 27 & 28. Convention highlights include seven outstanding speakers, General Sessions and Workshops, Eucharistic Worship Service, Healing Mass, and Prayer Ministry. Also, complete Youth & Children's Ministries (if pre-registered.) For complete schedule and registration brochure, call 1-707-643-2238 or register at the door.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

The greatest gift a Father can give to his children is to love their Mother. Why not give her the gift of your undivided attention for a whole weekend. There's still time to register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Reno date: June 2-4; Sacramento: June 23-25. Call Raul & Gayla Ponce: 866-825-2046, or e-mail: srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RESPECT LIFE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for a part-time (14 hours per week) coordinator of the Respect Life Program. The coordinator shall implement the pastoral plan for pro-life activities that focus on the sanctity of all human life, encourage and support natural family planning, provide opportunities for chastity education and support local programs that care for the dying.

Successful candidate will be an active Catholic in good standing, have knowledge in contemporary church documents, theology and scripture, an AA degree or equivalent with excellent verbal and written communication skills and experience in training and public speaking.

To apply e-mail your resume to John Rieschick at jrieschi@diocese-sacramento.org or mail it to John Rieschick, Diocese of Sacramento, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818.

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

St. Francis High School, Sacramento, is now accepting applications for the position of **Assistant Athletic Director**.

This is a part-time, 10-month position (24-30 hours per week).

Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree and experience in coaching or administering athletics.

Job description and application are available on the St. Francis website at www.stfrancis.org.

Send with resume to: Pat Maier, Human Resources; St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue. Sacramento, CA 95819. Questions: 916-452-3461, ext. 290.

Application deadline; May 31, 2006.

CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT

Cristo Rey High School, Sacramento, a new Catholic, co-educational college preparatory school and part of the Cristo Rey Network is accepting applications for the position of President for the school year beginning in the fall of 2006. The President will report to a Board of Directors and work directly with three religious congregations which are cosponsoring the school.

A candidate should have proven experience as an enthusiastic, passionate, administrator who can direct all management aspects of the school. We seek candidates who are Catholic and possess a Master's Degree in Education or equivalent. Spanish fluency is desired but not required. Compensation will be commensurate with experience within the Cristo Rey Network range.

Applications are being accepted until April 19, 2006. Submit resume, salary expectations and cover letter to Deborah Pacyna, Cristo Rey Board of Directors, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2640, Sacramento, CA 95814. For more information, visit www.cristoreysacramento.org.