



January 21, 2007 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21

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Pope Benedict XVI on Life

As our Diocese prepares to celebrate the Annual Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, I would like to give you just a brief glimpse at the thoughts of the Holy Father on the subject.

Pope Benedict XVI has made it clear that he will painstakingly follow the path traced by his predecessor concerning the defense of traditional moral values against ideas which, according to him, threaten faith. In his 1995 encyclical, Gospel of Life, which stirred much debate, John Paul II expressed his views on abortion and euthanasia by calling them tyrannical decisions and crimes against humanity. The pontiff added that not only do laws of this kind create no obligation of conscience, but they entail the obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. Against all temptations, which on the surface appeared well-meaning toward mankind, and against all mistaken interpretations of freedom, Pope John Paul II displayed in a manner beyond reproach the inviolability of the human being and the inviolability of the human life, from conception until natural death.

Pope Benedict's commitment to perpetuate John Paul II's defense of life is evident in these comments from a meeting with Latin American Bishops in December 2005.

"Abortion is a crime of aggression not only against the unborn, but also against society," Pope Benedict XVI said. "Children have the right to be born and to grow in the midst of a family founded on matrimony, where the parents are the first educators of children in the faith and where they can grow to full human and spiritual maturity. Children are the major richness and the most precious good of a family."

"For this reason, it is necessary to help all people to be aware that the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion, which attacks human life at its beginning, is also an aggression against society itself," the pope said.

Legalized abortion has laid the groundwork for acceptance of the destruction of embryos in scientific research, he said. The result is that human life is reduced "to an object or a mere instrument. When it reaches this level, society itself suffers and its foundations shake, with all classes at risk," he said.

The following is a section from the Holy Father's Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2007.

The right to life and to religious freedom

4. The duty to respect the dignity of each human being, in whose nature the image of the Creator is reflected, means in consequence that the person can not be disposed of at will. Those with greater political, technical, or economic power may not use that power to violate the rights of others who are less fortunate. Peace is based on respect for the rights of all. Conscious of this, the Church champions the fundamental rights of each person. In particular she promotes and defends respect for the life and the religious freedom of everyone. Respect for the right to life at every stage firmly establishes a principle of decisive importance: life is a gift which is not completely at the disposal of the subject. Similarly, the affirmation of the right to religious freedom places the human being in a relationship with a transcendent principle which withdraws him from human caprice. The right to life and to the free expression of personal faith in God is not subject to the power of man. Peace requires the establishment of a clear boundary between what is at man's disposal and what is not: in this way unacceptable intrusions into the patrimony of specifically human values will be avoided.

5. As far as the right to life is concerned, we must denounce its widespread violation in our society: alongside the victims of armed conflicts, terrorism and the different forms of violence, there are the silent deaths caused by hunger, abortion, experimentation on human embryos and euthanasia. How can we fail to see in all this an attack on peace? Abortion and embryonic experimentation constitute a direct denial of that attitude of acceptance of others which is indispensable for establishing lasting relationships of peace. As far as the free expression of personal faith is concerned, another disturbing symptom of lack of peace in the world is represented by the difficulties that both Christians and the followers of other religions frequently encounter in publicly and freely professing their religious convictions. Speaking of Christians in particular, I must point out with pain that not only are they at times prevented from doing so; in some States they are actually persecuted, and even recently tragic cases of ferocious violence have been recorded. There are regimes that impose a single religion upon everyone, while secular regimes often lead not so much to violent persecution as to systematic cultural denigration of religious beliefs. In both instances, a fundamental human right is not being respected, with serious repercussions for peaceful coexistence. This can only promote a mentality and culture that is not conducive to peace.

Bishop Garcia will be celebrating the annual Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, January 23rd at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be at 10:30 am with the pro-life rosary recited before Mass at 10 am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
 Tue: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
 Wed: St. Francis de Sales: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
 Thu: Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul:
 Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
 Fri: Sts. Timothy and Titus: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34
 Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
 Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: Name a moment in your life when you knew that Jesus was present in a very special way in your family. How did you know?
 For Teens: Name a situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?
 For Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Dominico Nguyen +
 John Robert McElvy +
 Tue: Joe Celaya +
 Jerry Lambirth +
 Guido Castronovo +
 Wed: Richard Bartucco +
 Thu: Jerry Lambirth +
 Brian Geronimo +
 Maria Nieto +
 Fri: Poor Souls in Purgatory +
 Sat: 8:30 a Mass Bill McElroy +
 Sun: 9:00 am Mass Pro Populo



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
 Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Bernard Burke, John Bustabade, Marge Caron, Bob Cleveland, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Jim Espinoza, Lois Espinoza, Andrew Flores, Walt Fogleman, Jennifer Ford, Loretta Francescon, Genny Giles, Frances & Leo Girard, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Manuel Guerra, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Rick Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Eric Hayes, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Betty Kava, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Lamore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Paul Moran Jr., Paul Moran Sr., Elliott Jerome Neal, 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 Silva, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Kyle Steele, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Frank Vogel, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Bishop Weigand, Mike Williams, Ken Zebroski, Claudette Zompetta

Stewardship
 ~ a way of life ~

LIVING DIOCESAN SYNOD PASTORAL INITIATIVE 7

Ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church... Can you help?

Catholic Ladies Relief Society

Call Joyce Schweitzer 781-8753

Feed the Needy

Call Nora Martinez 721-1176

Loaves & Fishes

Call Evelyn Campangna 782-8976

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Call Bill Swars 722-0264

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMING SOON!

Watch the bulletin and your mailbox for information on the Annual Catholic Appeal coming in February.



STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	11,000.00
Dec 24	\$	9,964.00
Dec 31	\$	10,945.00
Jan 7	\$	11,997.00
Jan 14.....	\$	11,153.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	297,457.00
Goal-to-Date (29 Weeks)	\$	319,000.00
% of Goal Collected		93.25 %
Annual Goal	\$	572,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	3,750.00
Dec 24	\$	3,160.00
Dec 31	\$	787.50
Jan 7	\$	2,392.50
Jan 14.....	\$	1,165.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	48,225.00
Goal-to-Date (29 Weeks)	\$	108,750.00
% of Goal Collected		44.34 %
Annual Goal	\$	195,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Legacy Restoration Appeal	\$	TBD
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The U.S. Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the church."



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL faculty, staff, and students are eagerly anticipating Catholic Schools Week which begins next Sunday, January 28. The theme of this year's national celebration is Catholic Schools: The GOOD NEWS in Education. The first activity of the week will spread the Good News to the parish and the local community at the annual Open House. The school community will gather for the 9 a.m. Mass, and all are invited to visit the classrooms and the preschool from 10 a.m. until noon. The work of every student will be on display; teachers will be present to answer questions about each grade level; and every class Auction Project will be on display. Please visit on that day, and encourage any relatives, friends, and neighbors to do the same!

Auxiliary Bishop Richard J. Garcia Named Bishop of Monterey

Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Garcia to succeed Bishop Sylvester Ryan as bishop of Monterey.



Bishop Garcia has served as auxiliary bishop of Sacramento for the past nine years. He is also Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese and Vicar for Hispanics and Other Ethnic Ministries.

During his ministry among us, Bishop Garcia brought a strong pastoral commitment to Catholic schools, Spanish-speaking Catholics, new immigrants, migrant workers, youth, and inmates in state prisons. He traveled continually to parishes throughout the 20-county diocese, which stretches from Solano County to the Oregon border and east to Nevada.

We are happy for the Diocese of Monterey, but we are sad to see him leave the Diocese of Sacramento. There will be a farewell Mass and reception for Bishop Garcia on Sunday, January 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend.

21st Congress on Parish Worship **NOURISHED BY THE WORD**

Saturday, January 27, 2007 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Rocklin
Keynote Address: Alexander Shaia, Ph.D

Saturday, February 3, 2007 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Bishop Quinn High School Palo Cedro
Keynote Address: Rev. Michael Hebda

YOUTH MINISTRY

FR. TONY IN SAC TOWN....(WELL, ROCKLIN ANYWAY!)

Fr. Tony is a dynamic speaker who visited our diocese for the Diocesan Youth Convention last spring. A special night for jr high and high school youth is planned for Friday, Feb. 9th from 7pm-11pm. You WILL NOT want to miss this. Call us NOW so we can reserve a spot for our group! Fr. Tony is full of jokes, stories, and even some pretty cool dance moves! Let us know if you want to join us!

DON'T WORRY ADULTS... There's plenty Fr. Tony to go around.....a special night just for us grown-ups is planned for Saturday, Feb. 10th from 7-9pm. Space is limited so let us know if you want to go as part of our parish group! You may email to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com or leave a message at 721-8329.

SPRING CLEANING WILL HAVETOWAIT UNTIL THE SPRING

The annual youth ministry Rummage Sale has been postponed this year to the springtime. Please watch the bulletin for more info on how and when to donate items! Thank you for your understanding.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Holy Family Youth Ministry would like to once again try this summer to gather a group of youth & adults for a mission trip. It would most likely be a week long service experience working with those who are poor. Some possible options include a trip to Tijuana to help build homes. We are also looking at some local sites. We need to have interest from at least 15 individuals. Please call the youth office if you are interested.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Open our ears and loosen our tongues. (Mark 7:31-37) is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). Begun in 1908, these days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one ... that the world may believe" (John 17 :21).

EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 21, 7:00 pm
Christ Community Church, RCVA

Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm
Trinity Cathedral

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm
Church of the Annunciation

Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm
Prince of Peace, United Brethren and American Baptist

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm
CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Family parishioners are encouraged to participate in a special event at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 25th that will wrap up the series of interfaith celebrations listed above.

Have you made any New Year's resolutions?

Are you or someone you know contemplating a **journey of faith** into the **Catholic Church**? How long have you thought about it? Now is the time to take that first step.

You are invited to ask questions and begin a journey that will guide the rest of your life.

Are you a Catholic who has resolved to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Join with others on a journey that will guide the rest of your life. For more information, please call the parish office at 723-2494.

You are also invited to **visit us Tuesday evenings at 7:30** in our faith formation classroom located in the **Community Center** on the East side of the parking lot, across from the church...



A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY OF RICK GUTIERREZ

We, the family of Ralph "Rick" Gutierrez, are and always will be very humble and thankful to all for the gifts of love given us during and after his passing. Your Masses, prayers, cards and the many contributions to the "Lou Gehrig's" ALS Foundation in honor of Rick are most appreciated. God bless you, each and every one of you. Rick was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, "Tio" and friend. He will be missed. Special thanks to all of you that were a part of the reception for Rick's families – you served with such wonderful, caring warmth.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

The Sacramento Cursillo Community Weekend is being held March 8 through March 11, 2007. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. There are talks, discussions, sharing, singing, laughter and prayer. The weekend will take place at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center in Applegate, CA. We are seeking sponsors from Cursillistas. For more information please contact Tom Poeschl 780-0254 or Young Stewart 332-8732.

Are You a Woman in Need Of: A Little Time To Yourself; A Little Food For The Soul?

Women of all ages are warmly invited to Holy Family Mother's Ministry 9-week spiritual renewal. Experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit; Deepen your Prayer Life; Meet New friends. Together we will work on the second part of the popular Women of Grace® Foundational Study Series. (There is a cost of \$45 if you haven't already purchased the materials for the class/Scholarships are available.) FREE childcare is provided (reserve space before Jan 23rd.) The meetings begin Tuesday, January 30th from 9:30-11:30 am in the RCIA room at the Holy Family Community Center and meet each Tuesday morning until March 26th. Please contact Jessica Lendewig at 988-4969 for registration information.

Prayer Opportunities

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 Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

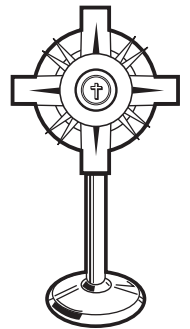
VOCATIONS CROSS



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 returns the cross and another family is 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!



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

The Dominican Laity meets here at Holy Family on the first Sunday of every month in St. Mary Hall from 1–3 pm. Come and join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For further information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest? You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26 through 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2007 at St Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you!

Single Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. Discernment Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction and following the daily routine of a seminarian. For further information, please see your parish priest.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy, Reno, on Sunday, January 28th. The cost is \$25 per person prepaid with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights Of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242.

NOTICE FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Diocese Department of Cemeteries has announced a price increase effective February 1. Pre-reserving property through our Community Service Office and Ministry allows you and your family to freeze cost, exempt yourselves from future price increases, and pay much less than at a time of need. Start 2007 off with a loving act. Obtain no-obligation information on handling this responsibility from the Community Service Office Ministry at (916) 521-5489.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT; March 30 - April 1, 2007

Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 30 - April 1st, 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 Edie @ (916) 733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

AWARDS BANQUET

The 2nd Annual Death Penalty Focus Capitol Awards Banquet will be held on March 2 at the Radisson Hotel, featuring Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and Mike Farrell, President of Death Penalty Focus. This year's honorees are Rev. Dr. David Thomson, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Assemblyman Mark Leno; and Laura Magnani, American Friends Service Committee. A VIP reception at 5:30 followed by dinner at 7 pm is presented by the Sacramento Chapter of Death Penalty Focus and the Friends Committee on Legislation of California. For more information or to buy tickets call 916-452-3806 or visit www.deathpenalty.org.

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB

The February 14 meeting of the Catholic Breakfast Club (formally called the "Catholic Professional and Business Breakfast Club") will feature Chris Lowney, a former Jesuit and current Managing Director of J.P. Morgan & Co., who authored, "Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company that Changed the World." A popular speaker on leadership and business ethics in the U.S., Philippines, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia and Spain, Mr. Lowney has accumulated a wealth of multinational experience while holding senior positions in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London. The Catholic Breakfast Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Sacramento Hilton, 2200 Harvard Street, to network and hear inspirational speakers. Mass is offered at 6:15 a.m. and the program begins at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more information visit www.catholicbreakfastclub.org.

WELCOME TO THE SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC LIFE GROUP!

Young adults in their 20's & 30's come together to learn and grow in their Catholic faith through discussions of the Gospel and/or activities based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. We meet every Friday at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Social Services building (Benedict Building) at 7th and T streets in Downtown Sacramento. Visit our website at: <http://www.saccl.net> or call Karen at 916-396-4597.

ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL REUNION

On Saturday, March 3, 2007, the 1960 eighth grade graduating class of All Hallows Parish Catholic Grammar School (now known as Pope John XXIII Grammar School) will hold its first-ever class reunion.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2007 - 7PM

Place: The home of Dona (Foleti) Wittman
9970 West Savona Dr., Sacramento, CA 95829

For information contact:

Margie (Collins) Smith (916) 974-1857

Dona (Foleti) Wittman (916) 681-9281

Kathy (Pestrin) Cox (916) 451-6386

CATHOLIC HIGH-SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

The High School Placement Exam for prospective students of all four Catholic high schools will be on Saturday, January 27 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for the exam should be done at the school you plan to attend in the fall. For more information contact the individual school's admission's offices at:

Christian Brothers High School:

733-3690 or www.cbhs-sacramento.org

Jesuit High School:

482-6060 x 227 or register on line @ www.jhssac.org

Loretto High School:

482-7793 x 103 or www.loretto.net

St. Francis High School:

452-3461 x 195 or www.stfrancishs.org
