

February 4, 2007 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” Isaiah 6:3

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Blessed Is the Peacemaker

The following is an article written by Drew Christiansen, S.J., for America Magazine.

POPE BENEDICT XVI'S late November visit to Turkey showed how quickly and thoroughly he has grown into his new role. In particular, he demonstrated his determination to realize his potential as a peacemaker. That role seemed to be suggested by his adoption of the name Benedict, reminiscent of Pope Benedict XV, who labored in vain to end the First World War. Hopes for a pontificate of peacemaking seemed to be dashed, however, after this pope's September lecture in Regensburg, where his quotation of a medieval Byzantine emperor on the question of violence in Islam evoked violent protests. But Benedict worked quickly to remedy relations and to renew his program of interreligious peacemaking.

It was the measure of the man and his new team that they moved immediately to respond to public criticism, including meeting with Muslim leaders and pledging to keep his commitment to visit predominantly Muslim Turkey.

In reaction to this crisis, as well as to armed conflicts in Lebanon and elsewhere, Benedict put behind him the old saw about the Vatican moving at a pace of centuries. The successful visit to Turkey won over ordinary Turks, and Benedict's time with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew moved the ecumenical dialogue with the Orthodox Church beyond the tensions that held back progress for the last decade and a half.

In redirecting Islamic relations, Benedict had to resist those in the Vatican and Catholic pundits close to it who were pushing, as John Allen of The National Catholic Reporter described it, a “hawkish,” confrontational policy toward Islam, in contrast to the late John Paul II's “dovish” encouragement of interreligious dialogue. The critics were particularly disparaging about the three prayer events at Assisi for peace (1986, 1992, 2002), in which John Paul had convened world religious leaders in collective witness for peace. (Benedict was rumored to have been uneasy particularly about the first meeting and the confusion the “spirit of Assisi” generated about the practice of

interreligious prayer.) No doubt there are shifts in the Vatican's Islamic policy, most notably the demand for “reciprocity”—that is, the granting of the same religious rights to Christians in Muslim countries that Muslims enjoy in Christian ones. But with his silent meditation facing Mecca, at Istanbul's Blue Mosque, Benedict put the hawkish policy proposals, and certainly rumors of his own discomfort, to rest.

In his annual message for the World Day of Peace on January 1, Pope Benedict once again underscored the need for what he calls “a dialogue of cultures” “between the followers of different religions and between believers and nonbelievers,” rooted in “the grammar written on human hearts by the divine Creator.” Fundamental to procuring peace, he noted, are two values: respect for life and respect for religious freedom. The absence of peace is shown, he observed, in the way Christians and people of other faiths are prevented from “publicly and freely expressing their religious convictions.”

The recent fighting in Lebanon, the pope observes, and the scourge of terrorism demand “that the international community reaffirm international humanitarian law and apply it to all present-day situations of armed conflict.” Likewise, Benedict contends the struggle against terrorism demands “careful reflection on the ethical limits restricting the use of modern methods of guaranteeing internal security.”

Finally, the pope turns to the nuclear peril. “Unfortunately,” he writes, “threatening clouds continue to gather on humanity's horizon. The way to ensure a future for everyone,” he argues, “is found not only in international accords for the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, but also in the determined commitment to seek their reduction and definitive dismantling.” By stressing nuclear arms reduction and abolition, Pope Benedict places responsibility not just on non-nuclear and aspiring nuclear powers, like Iran, but on the admitted nuclear powers, like the United States, Russia and China, to eliminate their nuclear arsenals. All in all, Benedict seems to be walking steadily along the peacemaking paths blazed by his predecessors.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: St. Agatha: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tue: St. Paul Miki: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thu: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Sat: St. Scholastica: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

For Teens: Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

For Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

ATTENTION ALL HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY

In the coming weeks, you will be introduced to The Holy Family Catholic Church Foundation. In the information to come you will find that part of the charter of the Foundation is to provide valuable information and assistance to families and individuals of Holy Family Church and School regarding financial planning and security for their financial futures.

The Foundation Committee will sponsor seminars, develop a system of referrals and provide materials on financial issues facing parishioners and the church. The Committee is asking parishioners of Holy Family Parish who are attorneys, financial/estate planners, accountants, and/or are in related professional fields to contact the Parish Office if you are interested in working with the Committee or taking part in the seminars and programs.

Please contact Father Kiernan at 723-2494, or leave a note or your business card at the Parish Office indicating your field and your interest in participating.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Charley Steele +; Mike Curran +; Jim Phillips –Int.
 Tue: Michael G. Hickey –Int.; Nancy Lucas –Int.
 Al Herkowski +
 Wed: John Hickey –Int.; Msgr. Patrick Nolan +
 Fred Gonzales, Jr. +
 Thu: Gene Jaime +; Norwood Family –Int.
 Fri: James Farnstrom +; Cyndi Venis +; Pamela Fisher +
 Sun: 7:30am 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, Jennifer Ford, Loretta Francescon, Genny Giles, Frances & Leo Girard, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Manuel Guerra, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Eric Hayes, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Betty Kava, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, 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, Cora Orzol, 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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMING SOON!

Please give generously to the 17th Annual Catholic Appeal: 25% comes back to our parish.

You may have already received information in the mail about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Bishop Weigand asks us to please give generously. People in our local communities: older people, foster teens, children, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless and the mentally ill find relief and a chance for a better future through programs supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift also provides funds to our parish for our own ministries to disadvantaged people.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the Eucharist commits us to the poor." The Annual Catholic Appeal is a wonderful way to help others. Please consider offering a 9-month pledge this year, if you are able. Pledge envelopes are available here at the parish if you did not receive one by mail. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed to the Appeal.



FLOWERS OF FAITH

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all those who donated flowers for the church and chapel during the month of January. God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Jan 7	\$ 11,997.00
Jan 14	\$ 11,153.00
Jan 21	\$ 12,558.00
Jan 28	\$ 10,008.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 320,023.00
Goal-to-Date (31 Weeks)	\$ 341,000.00
% of Goal Collected	93.85 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Jan 7	\$ 2,392.50
Jan 14	\$ 1,165.00
Jan 21	\$ 1,305.00
Jan 28	\$ 160.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 49,690.00
Goal-to-Date (31 Weeks)	\$ 116,250.00
% of Goal Collected	42.74 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Holy Family School	\$ 2,234.00
<i>In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"</i>	



Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL'S entire community – students, staff, parents, grandparents, and friends – generated a wealth of memories last week as they celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Open House on Sunday began the festivities, which accelerated on Monday with Grandparents' Day when that greatest generation spent quality time touring the school and viewing the changes in Catholic Education since they were students. Tuesday, Parent Appreciation Day, was focused on the Morning Coffee Social where kindergartners enrolled in the Morning Extended Day Program served the parents! Students were appreciated on Wednesday as all teachers presented a variety of treats and magician Dennis Loomis presented his magic show. Catholic Education throughout the decades was saluted on Thursday when students were invited to dress in styles ranging from the Twenties to the Eighties. Finally, Friday was dedicated to those who make this education possible: the staff. Special prayers were offered at the Mass, and the Parents' Club served a gourmet luncheon to the entire staff. Yes, it was a week to remember!

PARISH WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT:

When was the last time you treated yourself to something good? Christ the King Retreat Center welcomes you to a special time away with the Lord. Come and experience the Lord's peace in lovely, prayerful environment of the center and be rejuvenated in mind, body, and soul. Join us on the weekend of March 2-4, 2007. For reservations call Barbie Meistas (916) 725-5973, Chyrl Marquez (916) 723-1468, Clair Alway (916) 783-3329 or the Retreat Center at (916) 725-4720. Mothers and daughters, sisters and friends are welcome to come together. View the Center at:

www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking

Also at Christ the King:

FROM ASHES TO FIRE: OUR JOURNEY INTO LENT

Christ the King Retreat Center invites you to the Ash Wednesday Day and Evening of Prayer
February 21, 2007.

Day Program includes prayer, lunch and Eucharist.
Evening Program includes dinner and prayer.
Suggested donation: \$25.00

For more information or to make a reservation,
please call 725-4720.



**Christ the King
Passionist Retreat Center**

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-11 pm. 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 HAVE TO WAIT 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.

PATH TO BLISS

The 2nd series of the "PATH TO BLISS" Program of the Chavara International Center for Indian and Interreligious Studies begins on February 16, 2007. The objective of the program is to help us lead a serene life reaching us to our Eternal Bliss. The present series offers us a means to enter into the spirit of Lent leading us to the Blissful Glory of the risen Christ. All are welcome irrespective of one's religion and faith!

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

Voluntary Contributions accepted.

Venue:

Conference Hall, 2nd Floor
5890 Newman Court, Sacramento

For Further Information:

Rev Dr Isaac Arickappalil CMI, Director, CICIIS
St Mary's Church, 1333, 58th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819
Phone:(916) 452-0296 (Ext 16); OR
Rev Fr Francis Chirackal, CMI, MSW
Phone:(916) 452-0296 (Ext 23)

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...



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.

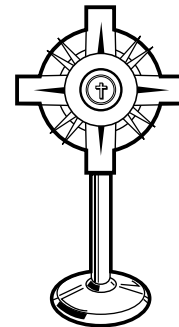
VOCATIONS CROSS



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!



FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF 2007

Our first blood drive of the year is taking place this weekend, Sunday, February 4, 2007, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Instead of the blood drive being held in the Community Center as usual, we will be able to take advantage of Blood Source's new Blood Mobile Coach (well, it's new to us!) Call Blood Drive Chairman Tony DeCillis at 726-5729 for an appointment to give the gift of life.



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.



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

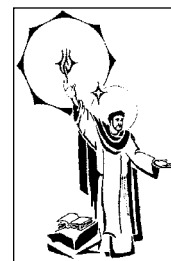
Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

Disciples On A Journey

Guess what – the Lenten season is just around the corner. In fact, Lent begins on February 21, and if you want to do something special for Lent, we have this inspirational program to offer - Disciples On A Journey. We meet in small groups in a program leader's home. We pray, read and discuss the Sunday scriptures. It's very rewarding! There will be an opportunity to sign up after all Masses next weekend. See next week's bulletin for more details.

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

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.

ATTENTION SCHOOL TEACHERS

If you are planning to tour the Cathedral with your class or school this academic year, then this informative and meaningful workshop is for you. The Cathedral is offering a special 5-hour workshop for teachers who plan to visit the Cathedral with their class. This informative and meaningful workshop will help you prepare your class for touring the Cathedral. The workshop includes a complete unit with interactive lesson plans appropriate for grades 4-8. The Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 7 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$15 and includes materials and a light dinner. For more information, contact Denise Fracchia at 444-3071.

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.

You are Invited to an
ECUMENICAL EVENING TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Ash Wednesday
February 21, 2007 5:00 pm
Divine Savior Catholic Church
9079 Greenback Lane Orangevale
(916)989-7400

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.

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

GET AWAY WEEKEND:

Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one." How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. For more information, or to register for the upcoming WWME Weekend, Feb 16-18 in Sacramento, call Raul & Gayla Ponce, 866-825-2046, Email: srsregistrar@comcast.net

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Francis Catholic High School, Sacramento has an immediate opening for a Capital Campaign Assistant, a full-time position. Responsibilities include all campaign administrative tasks, including scheduling, production of support materials and information management.

Job description and application are available on the St. Francis website at www.stfrancishs.org. Send with resume to: Pat Maier Human Resources, St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 9581.9. Questions: 916452-3461, ext. 290.

Deadline for applications: February 9, 2007.

BUS TRIP TO CAL-NEVA, RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to Cal-Neva, Reno, on Sunday, February 25th. 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.