

† Servant Leader †

DO YOU USE BOTH SPIRITUAL HANDS?

You can turn prosperity and adversity into spiritual benefit.

"But we know that all things work together for good to those who love God." (Rom 8:28) By saying, "All things work together for good," Paul includes everything alike, not only fortunate things, but also misfortunes.

In another place, the apostle tells us that he himself has passed through such things, when he says that he's commended himself "with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left through honor and dishonor, through ill repute and good repute as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich." (2 Cor 6:7-10)

All those things, then, that are considered fortunate, the holy apostle seems to speak of figuratively as the weapons "for the right hand," which he designates by such terms as "honor" and "good repute." And, those things that are counted as misfortunes, which he clearly means when he says "dishonor" and "ill repute," he seems to picture as weapons "for the left hand."

Together, these "weapons of righteousness" help him become a spiritually mature man if, when they come his way, he bears them bravely. Why? Because, as he fights by making good use of these situations, he secures their advantage through a patient attitude, and obtains a grand triumph of steadfastness by means of those very weapons of his enemies that are hurled against him to kill him.

In this way he avoids being puffed up by success or cast down by failure. Instead he marches ever forward on the king's highway.

The Danger of Prosperity

We can be more easily overcome spiritually by prosperity than by misfortunes. For adversity sometimes restrains us against our will and makes us humble. Through a most healthy sorrow it causes us to sin less and makes us better.

On the other hand, prosperity can puff up the mind with soothing but most deadly flatteries. When we are too secure in the prospect of our happiness, prosperity dashes

us to the ground with a still greater destruction.

But this power of being spiritually "ambidextrous" is a power we can acquire as Paul did. We only need make a right and proper use both of those things that are fortunate, and which lie "on the right hand," as well as those that are unfortunate, and, as we call it, "on the left hand." We must make both adversity and prosperity work to our spiritual advantage, so that whatever turns up proves in our case, to use the words of the apostle, to become "the weapons of righteousness."

If, then, you aren't at all puffed up with self-conceit by any of those things on the right hand, and you struggle bravely against those on the left hand, and you don't yield to despair and give in, but rather seize the weapons of patience to exercise yourself in virtue - you'll be using both your spiritual hands as fighting hands. In each action you'll prove triumphant, carrying off the prize of victory from both adverse and prosperous circumstances.

"...all things work together for good to those who love God."

The Example of Job

Follow Job's example. He was crowned by God for a victory on the "right hand" when he was the father of seven children and lived as a rich and wealthy man. Those prosperous circumstances didn't corrupt him.

With still greater virtue he triumphed over adversity on the "left hand." When he was deprived in one moment of his seven children, he acted as a true servant of God, rejoicing in the will of his Creator. When instead of being a wealthy man he became poor, naked instead of rich, wasting away instead of strong, despised and contemptible instead of famous and honorable, yet he still preserved his fortitude of soul unshaken.

Like Job, we must thank God in either kind of circumstances, gaining the same spiritual advantage from whatever good or bad may come our way.

This article was written by Abba Theodore, in Catholic Answer Magazine.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
 Tue: Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50
 Wed: St. James: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-
 Thu: St. Joachim and St. Anne:
 Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
 Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
 Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30
 Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
 Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



Questions of the Week:

- For Adults: When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?
- For Teens: Of service or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?
- For Children: Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Winifred O'Malley +
 Benito Hernandez +
 Mary Ann France –Int.
 Tue: Remedios S. Mariago +
 Jason Murphy –Int.
 Wed: Benita Hernandez +
 Brian Geronimo +
 Thu: Jason Murphy –Int.
 Fri: Francescon Family +
 Sat: 4:30 pm Mass Pro Populo
 Sun: 6:00 pm Mass Arturo Guitarte +



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
 Michael Albin, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Drake Bazzeroni, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Larry Cannon, Margaret Cioffi, Abraham Conant, Art Connolly, Christina Cowan, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Andrew Flores, Jennifer Ford, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, David E. Jones, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Kay LaTondre, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, Laura Maciej, Donald Maguire, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Mike McCord, McElvy Family, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, Cora Orzol, Maryanne Pelzel, Maria Perez, Gilbert Perron, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Stephen Vidrine, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Lori Weaver, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson

Stewardship
 ~ a way of life ~

MAKING CURRENT GIFTS FROM YOUR IRA

New law allows gifts to charity directly from your IRA. Recent legislation allows donors age 70 1/2 or older to make gifts to Catholic Relief Services using funds transferred directly from their IRA without paying taxes on the distribution. This manner of giving is in effect until December 31, 2007.

Features of the new law:

- A charitable transfer from an IRA generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction .
- The amount transferred is not included in your adjusted gross income. This can affect issues such as qualifying for other tax breaks.
- The gift is ideal for those who are required to take distributions, but do not need them for living expenses.
- The gift from the IRA counts toward your minimum required distribution.
- You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA.
- The gift can be beneficial for those who do not itemize or who cannot make full use of their charitable contributions either because of deduction limits or their income level.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

The "official" end of the Capital Campaign was June 30th. As mentioned in last year's financial report, the short-fall on our parish's contributions has to be made up to the diocese from general funds. However, within the parish, contributions from those who have not completed their commitment will continue to be encouraged to reimburse the general fund. Specific results of the campaign will be included in the annual financial report.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Jun 24.....	\$ 9,176.00 *
Jul 1.....	\$ 12,062.00
Jul 8.....	\$ 10,399.00
Jul 15.....	\$ 10,684.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 33,145.00
Goal-to-Date (3 Weeks)	\$ 33,000.00
% of Goal Collected	100.04 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00
* The first week shown above was part of the last fiscal year and is not included in the year-to-date total.	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
No second collection.....	\$ N/A
<i>Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?</i>	

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

This is an opportunity for you to improve your prayer life and to transform yourself. In this 15-week workshop you will learn different methods of praying, from basic prayer to contemplative prayer. In the process you will acquire traits of serenity, love, patience, forgiveness and humility.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday evenings starting Wednesday, August 1st, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Holy Family Math Lab School Room. A morning workshop will be held on Tuesday mornings, starting July 24, 9:15 to 11:15 at St. Clare Catholic Church, 1950 Junction Blvd, (off Baseline), in Roseville in the St Francis Room.

Please call Irene Cervantes, 972-8585, for information and to reserve a place.



ADULT EDUCATION THIS TUESDAY

By popular demand, Fr. Sullivan will continue the Church History classes through the summer months. Remaining classes will be held July 24 and August 28 at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE NGO FAMILY:

Please pray for Andy Ngo in his 40's and Scott Ngo in his 30's, two brothers who are both suffering through serious bouts with cancer. May the healing grace of God be with them.

MASTER CALENDAR REQUEST FOR FACILITY USE

It is vital that each group that plans to use parish facilities fill in and return calendar request forms which are processed as they are returned.

If you are a group leader or if you wish to pick up some forms for your group leader to reserve space, the request forms are at each of the exits of the church and are available through the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PICTURES:

Students of Religious Ed can now pick up their pictures from First Holy Communion and Confirmation – they will be available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 726-7211. Many thanks for your patience. Have a blessed summer, and we will see you in the fall. Very Important – please fax (624-2731) or mail the pre-registration forms for the fall Sunday morning sessions as soon as possible.

Thank you, Bonnie Johnson

ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS FOURTH DAY:

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Hall in the Community Center. Prior to the meeting, the Cursillistas may meet in the Chapel for Prayer at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Young Stewart at (916) 332-8732.

PRIEST AND DEACON APPRECIATION DAY (PICNIC):

Everybody is invited to celebrate and show our appreciation to our Priests and Deacon for their ministry on Sunday, August 19, at Rush Park, all day. Bring a dish to share; we'll have sign up sheets in the Parish Office or you can contact Vicky Alonzo at 761-5325 or Nora Borja at 723-6309.

THE SAVIOR OF THE WORD FEAST:

Everybody is invited to celebrate this feast on Sunday August 5 after the 10:30 am Mass. We are having the typical food from El Salvador, "Pan con Chumpe" (French bread w/ vegetables and turkey). Come and join us. It's free!!!

PARISHIONER NEEDS A RIDE TO CHURCH

A parishioner in the Antelope area who's eyesight is failing is in need of a ride to church for the 9:00 am Mass. If you are able to be of assistance, please call 331-8910 and ask for Peter Hertel. Thank you

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

The Youth Group camping trip is July 27 -29 at Scott's Flat Lake campgrounds. Cost is \$20 per person. Don't miss the fun – sign up and pay as soon as possible to join us for a great weekend! Send email to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com or call the Youth Office at 721-8329 ASAP!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

For over two years now, we have been publishing our parish bulletin in-house and administering our own advertising program. As mentioned on previous occasions, in order to maintain quality production for the bulletin, we need to maintain the placement of advertising, filling the empty spaces on the back of the bulletin. We hope at some point to have enough participation to even place ads on an inside page.

There are a few new open spots on the back this week, and we continue to be grateful to our advertisers that have loyally supported our bulletin through the years. Advertising in the bulletin is a wonderful way to support Holy Family Parish in a direct and effective way while also supporting your business. Holy Family offers the services of an experienced graphic designer to assist you in designing your ad, complete with photos, logos and coupons. If you or your firm may be interested in advertising in the Holy Family Bulletin, please call the parish office at 723-2494. In the meantime, please support those who support us by patronizing our bulletin advertisers. Thank you!

visit www.holyfamilych.org



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



CORPORATE COMMUNION SUNDAY JULY 29

Brother Knights & families are invited to join together and process in for the start of 9:00 am Mass, and receive communion as a group. Fellowship and light refreshments will be served in St. Joseph Hall after Mass. All parishioners are also welcome.



ONE TIME CHANGE IN PARISH BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

The regular parish breakfast usually held on the first Sunday of the month will be held on the second Sunday in August only – on the 12th. This is a one time only change due to our support of another parish ministry, the Spanish Community. The Spanish Community will be hosting a luncheon on August 5th in celebration of the feast day, "The Transfiguration of the Lord." September's parish breakfast will return to the first Sunday of the month on September the 2nd.



AUGUST 5TH BLOOD DRIVE:

It's time again to donate "a pint" and make a difference in someone's life! Baskin-Robbins will be offering a pint of their delicious ice cream for each donation. First registration is at 9:00 am, and ends at 12:30. To "book" your appointment early call Larry Larsen at 961-1036. Thank you.

THE VIRGIN MARY'S HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY:

In just a few weeks we will celebrate the Assumption of Mary, the Virgin Mary's heavenly birthday (the day that Mary was received into Heaven). Her acceptance into the glory of Heaven reminds us of the promise made by Jesus to all enduring Christians that they too will be received into paradise. Watch the bulletin for Mass times and more information.



SCRIPTURE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

Sr. Kathryn Doyle, R.S.M. is giving a workshop on the Gospel of Luke at the Sacramento Diocesan Pastoral Center, July 24 – 26, 9:00am – 12:00 noon. All are welcome! Catechists can obtain 9 certification hours under Christian Prayer. The fee is \$25.00. For more information and to register, please call Kathy at 916.733.0139 by July 19.



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.

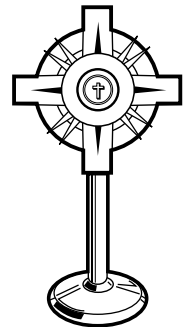
VOCATIONS CROSS



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

FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: "MEN IN THE FIRE"

Oct. 19-21, Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville

Many excellent speakers will focus on developing spiritual and life enhancement skills that help men live more effective and nurturing lives. Sponsored by National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, Society of Divine Word, Bowman Francis Ministry Team, Diocese of Nashville and St. Vincent Catholic Church. Adult advance registration \$125; youth advance registration \$75. For more information, call 317-632-9349, ext. 114, e-mail bowmanfrancisministry@yahoo.com or visit www.bowmanfrancisministry.com.

JOB OPENING - CLERICAL SUPPORT:

The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis has an immediate opening for a full-time clerical support person. Applicants must possess bi-lingual Spanish and English language skills and have excellent phone & computer skills. For more information, or if you are interested in applying, please contact Karen Filipich at 916-733-0239.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

Are you an inactive pro life Catholic who would like to help the pro life movement but have never found a way to get involved? Are you wondering what you can do to promote respect for unborn life - one of the most important and urgent missions of the Church today?

Then we at Catholics for Life invite you to visit a website named thelordbewithyou.com. There you will find out how best to unite your efforts with those of others. Whatever you have to offer by way of time, talent or treasure, be it great or small, now is the time to offer it. So please visit the above website or e-mail us at prolife@thelordbewithyou.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. FRANCIS HS

St. Francis High School is seeking a person to fill the position of **Student Accounts Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to Finance Department** (one position). This person is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the accounts receivable functions including student billing and cash receipts; the on-line book store and general administrative duties in the Finance Department including providing backup support to the school store. Job description and application are available at www.stfrancis.org/about/employment.html. Application deadline is August 6.

St. Francis is seeking an **Assistant Speech Coach and a Debate Coach** to work with a limited number of high school students. Responsibilities include after school coaching on weekly basis as necessary to prepare students for five to six Forensics Tournaments and local club competitions. Season begins in late August and extends through winter. Coaching duties at the tournaments are required. A stipend is provided. Interested parties should submit the Coaching Position application located at www.stfrancis.org/about/employment.html. Please direct questions to Kay Gaines, Director of Special Projects at 916-452-3461, ext. 114 or kgaines@stfrancis.org.

WHERE THERE IS NEED, THERE IS MERCY

**Commemorating the Sisters of Mercy's
150th Anniversary in Sacramento**

The Discovery Museum Gold Rush History Center presents an exhibit celebrating the history behind the Sisters of Mercy's 150-year legacy of caring for the community...

... YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW.

On October 2, 1857, Mary Baptist Russell led the Sisters of Mercy to Sacramento to minister to the sick, poor and uneducated. They started schools, established hospitals, began Sacramento's first free public library, and developed housing for the homeless.

Come to the museum to see:

- Hand-painted tiles from California missions
- A student's desk from St. Joseph's Academy
- Visitation books
- Dishes from early Mercy hospitals
- John Sutter's compass
- John Marshall's cup
- And more!

Exhibit runs from June 16, 2007 to February 9, 2008

DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Gold Rush History Center

101 "I" Street • Old Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 264-7057

WONDER, INC. – BE A GUIDE:

Start stretching your smiling muscles if you are an adult (21 years or older) and are ready to become a Guide (mentor). You'll need about 8 hours a month for one year to lead a child on excursions in music, the arts, sports, volunteer service, dining out and nature. You'll also need enthusiasm, patience, and an unwavering commitment to encourage, engage and enrich a young person's life.

We'll provide the training to prepare you for your journey, a well-stocked website full of age-appropriate ideas for planning activities in each category, ongoing support and supervision for each Guide/Explorer team, and free tickets and discounted admissions to some of Sacramento's hottest attractions.

Wonder, Inc. is now recruiting Guides for Summer 2007. If you would like more information, please call Brian Snow at (916) 779-2454 or send an email to bsnow@wonderinc.org.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAIRFIELD

A full-time Director of Religious Education is needed for the coming school year at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Fairfield. Job description includes directing a total parish catechetical program for about 250 families for Religious Education and coordinating the Sacramental programs for elementary and junior high students. Interested applicants may call Fr. Sebastian Meyer at 707-422-7767 or send a resume to OLMC, 2700 Dover Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.
