



March 9, 2008 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever...believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26*

## † Servant Leader †

### RESPECT FOR LIFE IN A SECULARIZED CULTURE

*Being a faithful Catholic today, whether you're a layperson or clergy, is a challenge requiring real skill in our complicated culture. Our society is advanced in the sciences and the arts. It has a complex economy and strong military. It includes many different religions, although religion tends to be, for some, a private affair or a matter of civic ceremony.*

*Our society also has big problems. Among them is that fertility rates remain below replacement levels. There aren't enough children being born to replenish the current adult population and to do the work needed to keep society going.*

*People often say we're living at a "post-Christian" moment. That's supposed to describe the fact that Western nations have abandoned or greatly downplayed their Christian heritage in recent decades.*

*The challenges we face as American Catholics today are very much like those faced by the first Christians who can enlighten us by how they went about evangelizing their culture. They did such a good job that within 400 years Christianity was the world's dominant religion and the foundation of western civilization. Christian success flowed from two things: first, Christian doctrine, and second, people being faithful to that doctrine.*

*The Church, through the Apostles and their successors, preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. People believed in the Gospel, but they weren't just agreeing to a set of ideas. Believing in the Gospel meant changing their whole way of thinking and living in a radical transformation - so radical they couldn't go on living like the people around them anymore.*

*One of the key areas in which Christians rejected the culture around them was marriage and the family. From the start, to be a Christian meant believing that sex and marriage were sacred. From the start, to be a Christian meant rejecting abortion, infanticide, birth control, divorce, homosexual activity and marital infidelity - all those things widely practiced by their Roman neighbors. Athenagoras, a Christian layman, told the Emperor Marcus Aurelius in the year A.D. 176 that abortion was "murder" and that those involved would have to "give an account to God." He said, "For we regard the very fetus in the womb as a created being, and therefore an object of God's care."*

*Christian reverence for the unborn child is no medieval development as it comes from the very beginnings of our faith. The early Church had no debates over politicians and communion. There wasn't any need, as no person who tolerated or promoted abortion would have approached*

*the Eucharistic table. The early Christians understood that they were the offspring of a new worldwide family of God. They saw the culture around them as a culture and a society that was slowly extinguishing itself.*

*In fact, when you read early Christian literature, practices like adultery and abortion are often described as part of "the way of death" or the "way of the devil". We need to find the courage those first Christians had living in their culture and we need to believe those things with the same deep fervor. Our Catholic identity as disciples of Jesus Christ and missionaries of his Church is vital. In the long run, we serve our country best by remembering that we're citizens of Heaven first. We become better by being more truly Catholic-- and the reason why, is that unless we live our Catholic faith authentically, with our whole heart and our whole strength, we have nothing worthwhile to bring to the public debates that will determine the course of our nation.*

*If we have our faith, it is our certain hope that its truth, in all areas, will prevail if we are faithful and do not lose heart. We can build a holy culture respectful of life at all stages.*

*As a Church, we have every right to stress views even if they are not shared by all and to present the Church's position with vigor, even if this is said by others to be divisive. The church will not impose, but it has every right to propose its position and to be counter-cultural.*

*Affirming the right to life from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death is appealing to an ideal, a vision which is not unscientific, but an affirmation of the uniqueness of every human individual, which is not ours to play around with.*

*Society is often like a teenager, appearing to throw off some of the long-established family values, boundaries and belief system, which it now feels to be overly restrictive. Society is opting instead for a more do-it-yourself system of individually selected life choices, many of which could be seen to be chosen on the grounds of short-term individual gratification and expediency rather than for a longer-term social or communal benefit.*

*The main challenge to the Christian church today is not from any external threat, be it secularism, materialism, consumerism or post-modernism. The main challenge is the internal one of ensuring that the integrity, the reality and the relevance of the church's life and worship, its teaching and communication, must strike a meaningful chord in a society that still has an appetite for spiritual reality.*

# Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

## SPECIAL NEEDS - SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

While strong support of Holy Family through regular weekly collections and the Legacy Restoration Appeal continue to be the central, critical focus of stewardship at Holy Family, many parishioners have expressed an interest in making additional personal contributions earmarked especially for specific needs that arise from time to time. The following "wish list" of current special needs presents a handful of perfect opportunities to offer such particular support:

- Our confessionals are in the process of undergoing a "Spiritual Makeover" which includes new carpet, paint, lighting, privacy curtains and beautiful wall tapestries to create an inviting, private environment for this sacred Sacrament. The total cost of these renovations will be around \$2,000.
- We are in need of additional altar server albs and replacement of rope cinctures in the colors of the liturgical seasons. The estimated cost will be around \$600 – 10 albs in various sizes at \$50 apiece and 20 cinctures at \$5 each.
- We are also in need of five additional violet priests' stoles to accommodate visiting priests for reconciliation services and various concelebrated liturgies. The estimated cost of these will be \$500, or \$100 for each stole.

If you are able to fund or help fund any of these special projects, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to offer your support, please contact Fr. Kiernan or Deacon Mark in the Parish Office.

## FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION ORIENTATION

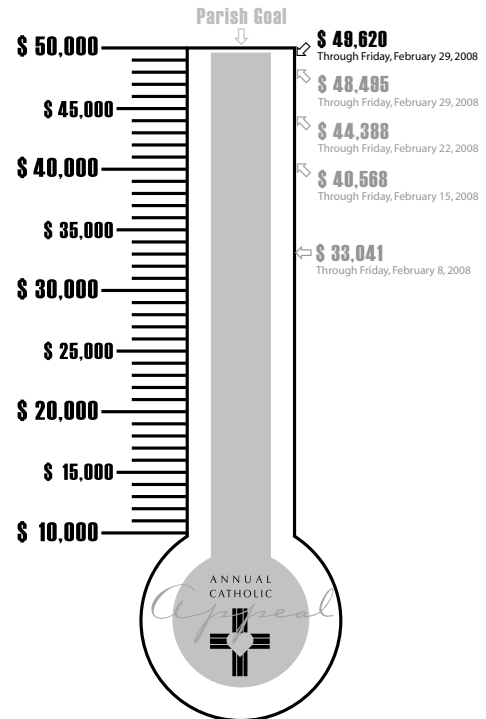
Have you ever thought about becoming a Foster Parent or even adopting a child? If so, please join St. Patrick's Home for Children Foster Care & Adoption Agency for an Orientation to discuss how to begin the process. This will take place on April 12, 2007 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at 5945 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento. Please contact Kamiko at 421-1620 ext. 214 to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This month, all the parishes in the diocese are taking up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection makes possible our participation in the Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Please help by giving to the Collection **NEXT WEEKEND**, March 15 & 16. Special envelopes are available. A portion of this special collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Please see additional Stewardship item on the next page regarding a church Clean Up Day...

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE



Holy Family Parish  
generously supports the  
2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
Feb 10.....	\$ 10,805.00
Feb 17.....	\$ 10,034.00
Feb 24.....	\$ 9,511.00
Mar 2 .....	\$ 13,013.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>380,509.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (36 Weeks)	\$ 396,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>96.09 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 572,000.00
<b>ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL</b>	
<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$ <b>50,000.00</b>
Collected and Pledged to Date	\$ 49,620.00
% of Goal Collected and Pledged	<b>99.24 %</b>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Diocesan Food Bowl - To Date.....	\$ 1,564.75
Catholic Faith Formation .....	\$ 2,772.50
<i>When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death, rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.</i>	

## **PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK**

Next weekend we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Weather permitting, a Grand Procession around the church grounds will begin at 12:15 pm leading into the 12:30 pm Mass. Parishioners planning to attend the 12:30 pm Mass are invited to come a little early to participate in the procession, and those attending the 10:30 am Mass and Faith Formation are invited to stay a while and help line the route around the church grounds (circling the main parking lot.)

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11  
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
Sat: St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
2 Sm 7:4-16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21, 24  
Sun: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:  
Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66



### **Questions of the Week:**

Children: How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?  
Youth: Lazarus received a second chance. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?  
Adults: What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: Corsene Murphy –Int.; Carleen Joven–Int.  
Evelyn & Aniano Urbano Family–Int.  
Tue: Michael B. Jordan–Int.; Sesmarie Joven–Int.  
Fr. Art Herkowski +  
Wed: Vanessa B. Jordan –Int.; Eric Maass +  
Joseph Cravenho, Sr. +  
Thu: Richard Howard +; Joseph Cravenho +  
Frank Kratky +  
Fri: Marie Kosanova +; Francis Wihl +  
Sat: 4:30 pm Mass Richard Donahoe +  
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Pro Populo  
9:00 am Mass Sheila Cox +; Michael Claycomb +



### **PRAYER CORNER**

Please remember in your prayers:  
Richard Blanco, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Sandi Burton, Bob Cleveland, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Sean Ehnen, Olivia Garcia, Ralph Gingrich, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Timothy Goodwin, Max Guerra, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Michele Hock, Kathleen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Keenan, Jonnie Kuennen, Karen Lewis, Kim Malone, Carmel Matranga, Earl Mattingly, Joan McShane, Rigoberto Mendoza, Jenine Michilena, Msgr. Mistretta, Xochitl Montano, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, Cora Orzol, LeeAnn Parrott, Maryanne Pelzel, Gilbert Perron, Steve Phelps, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Evangeline Romero, Suzanne Rose, Josefina Santiago, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Laurence Thompson, Xavier Thompson, Evelyn Urbano, Jovita Vargar, Jean Villanueva, Mike Walker, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson



## *Holy Family School*

**Holy Family School** students will complete their Lenten Service Project this Friday, March 14, when they return their coin and currency-filled Baby Bottles! For the third consecutive year, the student body has individually and collectively supported the Sacramento Life Center's annual fundraiser that supports all the programs of this local organization. The children put the money they would have spent on "junk" into the bottles which the center supplies, and over \$3,000.00 was collected in each 2006 and 2007. Staff members and visitors to the office are encouraged to contribute to the giant baby bottle located in the office. This and the Christmas Stocking Project are the most popular of all the service projects that the students support.

### **THANK YOU**

I am very grateful to all of you for your bountiful care given through prayers, cards, thoughts, visits, Masses, and general assistance. You've given me a special understanding of "love your neighbor as you love yourself." Through your prayers and loving support, God has gifted me a speedy recovery and another opportunity to serve him in this life. May God bless each of you and deepen your faith as we journey through this time of Lent.  
- Noele Krenkel Salgado

### **CHURCH CLEANUP DAY:**

A group of volunteers is needed to assist our Angelic Dusters in cleaning those areas of the church that are especially difficult or troublesome. We will be meeting on Saturday, March 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We can sure use your mop & bucket, vacuum cleaner, your dusting cloth, and whatever else you might use to clean. Please make plans to join us for some good "clean" fun and fellowship.

### **THE 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION**

Join us Saturday, March 29, 2008, for The 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION. There is a pious belief assuring ANY GRACE to be asked from Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, to whom one says TWO THOUSAND HAIL MARY'S for The Feast of the Annunciation of the Angel to the Virgin Mary. The devotion program will begin at 9:00 am sharp in St. Joseph Hall of the Community Center. Prayers will be non-stop. Dress comfortably - tennis shoes and a seat pad are recommended. There will be sign-ups for food, drinks, or desserts. You or your group may lead round of Hall Mary's (100). Petitions from family & friends are welcome, and will be offered up to Blessed Mother. RSVP - contact Dolores at 333-1869.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Email: hfyouthministry@yahoo.com

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:**

Tonight we will be addressing the question of God...Who is God, Why is God, Where is God...and know that above all, There is a God...and it's NOT YOU!

## **MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:**

Are you ready for the EDGE??? A Youth Group just for teens in grades 6-8 is coming to Holy Family and will kick off on Monday, March 17th in the Fine Arts Center from 7:00-8:30 PM. Join us for our first night and get ready to go Over the EDGE!!!

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY:**

The Diocese of Sacramento will be holding the 2nd Annual Middle School Rally (for those in grades 6-8) on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at St. Anthony Church in Sacramento. The Rally runs from 12 – 6 PM, and includes community building, dynamic talks, workshops, food, Mass, and lots of FUN!!! The cost is only: \$15...Those interested in joining us need to sign up with the Youth Office (721-8329) by March 20th...Questions? Call Victor at the Youth Office...

## **CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

As we journey through the Lenten Season, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection. There are a number of adults and children amongst us who are getting ready for this year's celebration in a very special way. They are preparing to become members of the Body of Christ in His Holy Catholic Church. Some will be baptized and all will receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As these adults and children prepare for this most wonderful part of their faith journey, please keep them in your prayers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children:

Tyler Bierbaum • Benjamin Bierbaum  
Efraim Geovanny Castellon • Kiersten Crozier  
Gabbie Galdamez • Jayne Giese • Samuel Simmons  
Julia Landeros • Chantel Landeros • Ernan Landeros  
Katherine Lynn • Jessica Lynn • Jad Medicielo  
Josette Medicielo • Cameron Memmott • Tiffany Nieves  
Hilario Nieves • Maria Nieves • Jazzie Prasad  
Lala Prasad • Josef Prindle • Joseph Saadeh  
Elisa Schurr • Aby Tambare

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Samantha Reuter • Gloria Winans • Karla Simmons

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Keep March 15, 2008, open on your calendar for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

## **DAYCARE FOR TODDLERS**

Holy Family continues to offer daycare for pre-school aged children during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. The service is available for "potty-trained" children and "not-quite-potty-trained" children if they are brought in with a fresh diaper change. This service is provided in Holy Family School's Extended Day Care room, facilitated by a member or members of the regular extended-day staff to serve parish families with pre-school aged children during Sunday liturgy.

## **SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE**

Cub Scout Pack 212 of Holy Family School is participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive during the month of March. The Pack is seeking donations of non-perishable food items which will be donated to Holy Family's Feed the Needy. If you would like to donate, a table will be set up outside the Fine Arts building on Fridays, March 7th & 14th after school. We will also have a table set up outside the church on Saturdays, March 8th & 15th after the 4:30 Mass, and Sundays, March 9th & 16th after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. Please help us feed the needy by bringing in your non-perishable food items. For information, please contact Jenny Draa at 967-3038.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

THIS WEEK,  
FRIDAY, MARCH 14  
7:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY  
SOUP & BREAD  
MEAL

## **Lent — Begin the Journey . . .**

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 Deacon Mark in the Parish Office at 723-2494, extension 305.

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



## **Special Events for Lent:**

### **HOLY HOUR THIS WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday evening, March 12th, during a Holy Hour, our elect will receive from us the prayer that summarizes the whole Gospel, The Lords Prayer. St. Thomas Aquinas says that the Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of all prayers and in it we ask for all the things that we can properly desire. Just as Jesus' teaching on the Sermon on the Mount is a teaching for life, so too the Lords prayer is a prayer for life. Our Holy Hour will begin at 7:00 pm with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continue with the Evening Prayer of the church and the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and conclude with Benediction. Please make plans to join us for this important event for those who will become one with us, this Easter, in the richness of our Catholic Faith.

### **THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

On Wednesday of Holy Week, March 19th, we will have an opportunity to walk with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark as we prepare to celebrate the fullness of the Triduum. We will begin the reading of Mark's Gospel in the church at 7:00 pm and we expect to conclude about 9:00 pm. It is our intention that the Gospel be proclaimed by several different readers. It is not necessary for you to be a lector for this occasion. If you feel you would like to proclaim a portion of this gospel, please contact Deacon Mark at 723-2494, ext. 305. Please leave us a message and we will be more than happy to schedule you for that evening.

### **OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY DRAMATIC PRESENTATION**

Join us on Good Friday evening at 7:30 pm for a truly moving and reflective experience of the journey to the cross. Featuring character dramatizations, readings, prayers, and song, we will share together a re-enactment of the Crucifixion of Christ. The program will start at 7:30 pm and will be held outdoors behind the last school wing (weather permitting.) You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chairs and a blanket/jacket for warmth. You will not want to miss this special evening.

### **RECONCILIATION SERVICE & MORE:**

Lent is a season of baptismal renewal and penitential reflection and an integral part of this is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation communally on Tuesday, March 18th, not for expediency or convenience, but because it is truly a community event. Just as sin affects the whole community, so does reconciliation have an effect on the whole community. Healing is present in the community of the church, and all are welcome. We all need Christ's loving forgiveness, and we need each other to know that his forgiveness is real.

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS**

In addition to the communal penance service, additional times for individual confession have been scheduled for Holy Week:

Monday, March 17:	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 19:	1:00 – 2:00 pm, and 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 20:	11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for the complete schedule of events for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Please try to make room in your schedule to participate in as many of these blessed events as possible.

#### **HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION**

On Monday evening, March 17th, our Elect, those who will complete their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, will be receiving instruction on "How to go to confession". We on the RCIA team would like to extend to our parish community an invitation to join us that evening. If you have not been to confession for a while, or you have questions concerning the "how to" or prayers, then please feel free to join us in the church that evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you have questions on the "why" of sacramental confession, we will have a short introduction on the spirituality of reconciliation as well. If you have any questions please call Deacon Mark in the parish office. 916-723-2494 X 305

## **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 to approach 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 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. The next series begins in April. We will meet on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for six weeks. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, call the Parish Office at 723-2494.

## **KNIGHTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

ALL CHILDREN of the Parish and friends are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our Knights of Columbus! This fun event will be held on Saturday March 22 at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. One child in each age group who finds the "golden egg" will win a prize basket! Age groups are: 4 & under; 5, 6, 7; and 8, 9, 10. Bring a basket, and please be in front of the Community Center before 1:00 sharp, as we always start on time, and all 1,000 candy-filled eggs will be found quickly! This event has been an annual Holy Family event for over 20 years! Gather your children and grandchildren and enjoy the fun! For more information, contact Chris Ornelas at 601-4989.



## **HOLY FAMILY'S ALTAR RELIC???**

Every Catholic Church's altar has a relic of a saint in it - the object can be part of the saint's body, clothes or other artifact. In a recent dialogue-style homily, the question was raised as to what relic is in Holy Family's altar. If you know the answer, please contact the Parish Office. Stay tuned!

## **BLOOD DRIVE RECAP**

We would like to thank the 30 parishioners who donated blood at last Sunday's drive. You do truly save lives. We would like to acknowledge also two individuals who wanted to give blood but were unable to at this time. Our next drive is on Sunday, May 4th. Hope to see you then.

## **SPRING - LENTEN 2008 "40 DAYS FOR LIFE"**

It's official--we have been given the go ahead by Bishop Weigand. Sacramento is registered for the Spring (Lenten) "40 Days for Life", February 6th (Ash Wednesday) through March 16th. All churches are invited to participate. Spend some of your Lenten fasting, penance and prayer time in front of a clinic. Pray to end the scourge of abortion and speak out for the unborn baby who has no voice. Those who participated last year truly felt God's graces. Please call Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

## **ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS FOURTH DAY:**

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, Mar. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the back room of the Parish Office. Prior to the meeting, if you desire, we will meet in the Chapel for Adoration at 7:00 pm. For more information, please call Young Stewart at 332-8732.

## **WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION**

The seventh annual Way of the Cross, down Capitol Mall will take place on Good Friday, March 21. The event, organized by the Catholic lay movement, Communion and Liberation, begins at Crocker Park in downtown Sacramento and proceeds down Capitol Mall stopping on the west steps of the State Capitol, then proceeding through Capitol Park and down 13th Street and K Street ending at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento (on 11th Street). The Way of the Cross includes Gospel readings, choral music, readings from the late Monsignor Luigi Giussani, and French poets Paul Claudel and Charles Péguy. For more information, contact Matthew Cooling, 267-3071.

# 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.

## **LENTEN ROSARY DEVOTION:**

We are asked to increase our prayer during Lent, and the Blessed Mother calls us to especially include the rosary. In the 15th Century, Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, presented to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche a list of 15 promises for those who have a true devotion to the recitation of the rosary. You can find this powerful list of promises at the entrances of the church. The people of Holy Family have a wonderful opportunity to respond to her call by joining in the community rosary that is recited in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel daily (except Sunday) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Pray the rosary. We all shall benefit by it!