



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TODAY / THIS WEEKEND

PARISH PHOTO SIGN-UPS

Schedule your portrait sitting for the new Parish Family Photo Album *(See Page 4)*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

End of the Year Party - Tonight, May 18th
Community Center - 7:15-8:45 pm *(See Page 4)*

MAGNIFICAT FOR JUNE IS IN STOCK

Available now in the Religious Articles Store.
First Communion items also available in English and Spanish.

THIS WEEK

TEEN EDGE MEETING

Monday May 19, 7-8:30 pm in the Fine Arts Center
End of the Year Party! 6-8th graders welcome. *(See Page 4)*

TEEN DROP-IN

Wednesday, May 21st from 3-7 pm *(See Page 4)*

FR. SULLIVAN'S TEA PARTY

Celebrating women of the parish in appreciation for all you do.
Saturday, May 24th, 1-4 pm. *(See Page 4)*

NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

"CORPUS CHRISTI"

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Saturday, May 24th & Sunday May 25th
Procession and Benediction after the 12:30 Mass

DIACONATE ORDINATION - ARTHUR NAJERA

Monday, May 26, 10:30 am
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament *(See Page 5)*

HFS GRADUATION

Thursday, May 29, 6:00 pm

REVEREND MICHAEL F. KIERNAN

Parochial Administrator / Administrador Parroquial

REVEREND JERONIMO "RON" MARCELO

Parochial Vicar / Vicario Parroquial

REVEREND JOHN P. SULLIVAN

Retired, In Residence / Retirado, En Residencia

DEACON MARK HOLT

Pastoral Associate / Asociado Pastoral

SISTER ARLENE CONNELLY, I.B.V.M.

School Principal / Directora de La Escuela

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

HORAS DE OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA

Monday/ Lunes 12:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday/ Martes - Viernes 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday/ Sábado y Domingo Closed

MASS SCHEDULE - HORARIO DE MISAS

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat)/ Misa Diaria (Lunes-Sábado) 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil/ Vigilia Sabatina 4:30 pm
Sunday / Domingo
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 6:00 pm (in English)
10:30 am (en Español)
Holy Days/ Días de Fiesta 8:30 am, 6:00 pm (in English)
7:30 pm (en Español)

CONFESSIONS - CONFESIONES

Saturday/ Sábado 3:00 - 4:00 pm (in English and Spanish)

In addition to the time shown, confessions are available by appointment in English and Spanish.

Además del tiempo demostrado, las confesiones están disponibles por la cita en inglés y español.

MARRIAGES - MATRIMONIOS

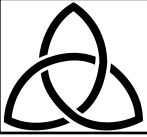
Six months advance notice requested -
Please contact the parish office.

Avisar seis meses antes -

Por favor contacte la oficina de la parroquia.

BAPTISMS - BAUTISMOS

Please contact Rebecca Kistler (916) 726-7217
Por favor llame a Lupita Wandry (916) 489-3673



† Servant Leader †

PASTOR AND PROPHET

As the church continues to rejoice in the recent visit of the Holy Father to the United States, I am glad to share with you a statement from America Magazine.

The enduring impression Pope Benedict XVI left with most Americans following his recent visit to Washington, D.C., and New York was of a pastor ministering to his flock. In repeated gestures, from meeting with the victims of sexual abuse to blessing the disabled and speaking with the survivors of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he showed his desire to heal those who are wounded and broken.

His numerous comments on sexual abuse by members of the clergy demonstrated awareness of the depth of the hurt to victims and their families as well as to the American Catholic Church as a whole. From his confession of shame to reporters during the flight to the United States to his spontaneous acknowledgment of his own human weakness at the Mass at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, he signaled that like Peter, he is an ordinary Christian who struggles to be a disciple.

Though commentators have often depicted his German heritage as a source of rigidity and heavy-handedness, Benedict's Bavarian Gemütlichkeit revealed itself with a relaxed smile, and it projected warm joy throughout his public appearances. His natural graciousness enabled him to look those he encountered in the eyes and to listen to them attentively. Though he is known to prefer more traditional liturgical styles himself, he appeared to relish the multilingual, multiethnic liturgical events prepared for him, which are so characteristic of the United States today. His prayer at ground zero was a gem of quiet commemoration, and the visit to the Park East Synagogue on the eve of Passover was a gesture of undiminished goodwill toward the Jewish community.

Just as he came to heal, Pope Benedict also came to unify. His homilies and addresses allowed no gloating by one church faction over another. In addressing the bishops, for instance, he balanced pro-life issues with social justice concerns. "Is it consistent," he asked, "to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs? Is it consistent for practicing Catholics to ignore or exploit the poor and marginalized, to promote sexual behavior contrary to Catholic moral teaching, or to adopt positions that contradict the right to life of the human being from conception to natural death?" Though Pope Benedict's critique of American culture—of individualism,

secularism, materialism and the cult of untrammelled freedom—was clear, his reproof was consistently gentle: questioning rather than condemning, edifying rather than hectoring.

With his gentle voice and peaceful demeanor, Benedict did not fail to offer a prophetic word to the world. At the United Nations General Assembly, he upheld the necessity of the organization for the defense of human rights and gave new prominence to "the duty to protect," that is, the responsibility of the international community to intervene when a government either fails to protect its own people or is itself guilty of violating their rights. He made clear that the United Nations serves human solidarity by making the strong responsible for defending the weak.

*Pope Benedict also extrapolated a seldom discussed teaching of Pope John XXIII in the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*—that the legitimacy of governments depends on their respect for and defense of the rights of their people. It is not "intervention," he argued, that should be interpreted as "a limitation on sovereignty," but rather "nonintervention" that causes harm out of indifference to the victims of oppression. With international missions foundering in long-lasting conflicts like those in Congo and Sudan, however, the pope's remarks place the burden on the international community to build the capacity to deal with major humanitarian emergencies.*

While Pope Benedict showed appreciation for American culture, especially for the flowering of liberty, and for U.S. Catholics, he also laid bare our temptations and failings. He spoke to young people about the "callousness of heart" that leads to "drug and substance abuse, homelessness, poverty, racism, violence and degradation—especially of girls and women." He also warned against relativism, "which, in disregarding truth, pursues what is false and wrong," leading to "addiction, to moral or intellectual confusion, to hurt, to a loss of self-respect, even to despair...."

This portrait is unflattering. Americans may find it hard to look in the mirror Benedict held up to us. We may want to avert our eyes. But the challenge of the visit is to learn from Pope Benedict's criticism as well as his praise, take it to heart and find new ways to redeem the shadow side of our American character. For, as he reminded us, with our eyes fixed on the saints whose lives enable us to "soar freely along the limitless expanse of the horizon of Christian discipleship," we too can live the Gospel life in 21st-century America.

**Next Sunday, May 25:
The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

*Traditionally, Corpus Christi; a special Eucharistic Procession
and Benediction will follow the 12:30 pm Mass.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tue: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wed: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
Thu: Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
Sun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



QUESTION OF THE DAY

Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?
Youth: How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?
Adults: To encourage members of the parish to live as a "community of love" – how we define the Trinity– how would you advise them to live?

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed: Gilbert Perron +; Mabel Nason +
Sat: 4:30 pm Mass John Hickey –Int.
Michael Hickey –Int.
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Pro Populo
9:00 am Mass Frank Gaul +; Helen Enlow +
10:30 am Mass Family of Leonardo Hernandez –Int.



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
Virginia Batina, Richard Blanco, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Sandi Burton, Bob Cleveland, Jordan Courtright, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Sean Ehnen, Henrietta Escovilla, Walt Fogleman, Loretta Francescon, Gabbie Galdamez, Olivia Garcia, Ralph Gingrich, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Timothy Goodwin, Delia Grijalva, Max Guerra, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Michele Hock, Lila Jarvis, 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, LeeAnn Parrott, Maryanne Pelzel, Steve Phelps, Nona Piha, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Evangeline Romero, Suzanne Rose, Josefina Santiago, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Debra Scott, 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

Stewardship
~ a way of life ~

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR
THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Next week is the 2008 Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Collection proceeds are used for: training seminarians and religious men and women; providing pastoral care to the sick; providing formation training to pastoral ministers within parishes; strengthening family ministries; and developing ministries to youth and indigenous people. Over the past five years, the collection for the Church in Latin America has faithfully distributed 89% of its annual income as pastoral grants. Please be generous. For more information, please see www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Your love and commitment to Holy Family Parish and School can continue with a planned gift. You can make a bequest through your will that would guarantee your commitment to our students forever. Consider naming Holy Family Parish or School as a beneficiary in your estate. All bequests to Holy Family Parish or School are exempt from federal estate taxes. Feel free to contact us at 916.723.2494 for more information about bequests and other planned giving options.

LETTER FROM SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER

Please read a letter Fr. Kiernan and Holy Family Parish and School received from the Sacramento Life Center - see page 6 of this bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Apr 20.....	\$ 10,295.00
Apr 27.....	\$ 8,745.00
May 4.....	\$ 12,893.00
May 11.....	\$ 10,997.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 488,015.00
Goal-to-Date (46 Weeks)	\$ 506,000.00
% of Goal Collected	96.45 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Legacy Restoration Appeal.....	\$ TBD

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, "God loved . . . God gave . . ." is the paradigm for stewardship – we give because we love!
See John 3:16



Holy Family School

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL'S Class of 2008 began the final countdown to graduation on Friday when all students in grades K through 7 serenaded the graduates at the traditional Gift of Song Assembly. Next on their very special agenda is the Graduation Trip to Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo this coming Friday, followed by the General Awards Assembly on May 27. At that assembly, all students who have participated in sports, choir, Student Council, band, baton, and altar serving will receive Certificates of Appreciation.

The Big Day itself will be Thursday, May 29. The day's first event will be the Honors Assembly followed by the Graduation Brunch produced by the parents of the Class of 2009. At the assembly, HFS Lifers (those who have been here since preschool), Honor Students, and scholarship recipients will be announced. The finale of their HFS experience will be the 6 p.m. Graduation Liturgy followed by the presentation of diplomas. Congratulations, Class of 2008!



YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

Teens, join us tonight (Sunday, May 18) for our last Youth Group Meeting of the School Year: Our End of the Year Party! 7:15-8:45 PM in the Community Center.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE: 6-8TH GRADERS,

Join us this Monday (May 19) for our End of the Year Party! Come have a ball as we end our school year and get ready for summer! 7-8:30 PM in the Fine Arts Center.

TEEN DROP-IN:

The Youth Office is open on Wednesdays from 3-7 PM for teens to drop-in, hang-out, do your homework, play games (like our NEW air hockey table and karaoke), etc...Questions? Contact Victor at the Youth Office (916-721-8329) or hfyouthministry@yahoo.com.

GRADUATION MASS:

Sunday, June 1st, we will be honoring all of our graduates at the 6:00 PM Mass. If you are graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college we would love to honor you at this special Mass. Graduates, please contact Victor at the Youth Office (916-721-8329) or hfyouthministry@yahoo.com to sign-up and be included in this beautiful celebration. A reception will follow the Mass in the Community Center.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



WHEELCHAIRS FOR THE VETERANS

Friday May 30- 1:00pm at Mather VA Hospital in the main auditorium, the Northern California Knight of Columbus Councils and Assemblies will be honoring the Veterans Administration with 25 wheel chairs. Many K of C State Officers will be there. The Knights of Columbus Color Core will be there from many different Assemblies. Everybody is invited to attend this function. Parking is very scarce. You may want to get there early. You could look at the brick donations laid at the flagpole of brother Vets and Knights. Many people, councils, and assemblies throughout Northern California donated these wheel chairs. We wish to thank everyone who had a part in helping the Knights purchase these Wheel Chairs. For more information, contact SK John Norwood, 783-0453, SK Eldon Hancock, 723-3986, or SK James Donaker 729-5975.

FATHER SULLIVAN'S TEA PARTY

Father John Sullivan is having a garden tea party in the garden behind the rectory. He is requesting all the women of the parish who volunteer throughout the year to attend.

The date is Saturday, May 24 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Reservations must be made by today, May 18, by filling out and returning the flyer from last week's bulletin or by calling Anita Marsolais at 723-1775. We need your RSVP to know how many to plan for. Semi-formal attire and hates are greatly appreciated, and all who attend should bring their own cup and saucer.



Father John wants to show his appreciation for all that you do. It should be a delightful time for all of us.

PARISH FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

Beginning on May 27, there will be photo sessions for a new Holy Family Parish Photo Family Album! Any parish family or individual parishioner that participates by sitting for a portrait shoot will receive a free full-color photo directory of the parish and a complimentary 8" x 10" print of their portrait. Additional photos and special packages will be available for purchase, as well, but there is no obligation to purchase.

Photo sittings will be scheduled well in advance - the next opportunity to schedule your time is THIS WEEKEND after all Masses. Members of a committee which has accepted the task of organizing the directory process will be outside the church after all Masses to schedule appointments from May 27th through June 11th.

Plan ahead to take advantage of a special opportunity and celebrate your parish family! If you are unable to sign up this weekend, you can register online through a link on our parish website, www.holyfamilych.org.

Prayer Opportunities

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A VISITING STUDENT FROM JAPAN?

Students will be arriving in Citrus Heights on July 29 and departing August 9th. Our own St. Mary's Hall will serve as the study center for visiting students as they participate in English classes and in other local activities. Host Families receive a stipend for hosting. Provide a bed and transportation to and from the study center and provide meals. This is a wonderful and fun opportunity for host families and students alike. Please call Amor Taylor at 721-6071 or 212-7055 for more information. We are looking for 8 more host families by the end of May.

NEW COLLECTION PROCEDURES: 6PM MASS

This Sunday after 6pm mass we will have a brief training for any current ushers as well as any others who wish to help with implementing the new collection process. Please plan to meet in the church at 7pm and remain for about 30 minutes or so. We are looking for men, women, teens, and children over 8 years old to serve in this role.

AN INVITATION TO ORDINATION

The Diocese of Sacramento cordially invites the Holy Family parish community to the Diaconate Ordination of seminarian Arthur Najera at 10:30 am on Monday, May 26 at the Cathedral. Arthur extends his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the parish for their continued prayer and support. Arthur, then a second year seminarian, served a summer assignment at Holy Family Parish in 2005. He visited classes at Holy Family School and served several roles in the parish as part of the process of learning about parish life — sacristan, extraordinary minister, assisting our priests on the altar, and working with parish staff and the various councils and committees of the parish. Keep Arthur in your prayers and consider attending his ordination as he continues on the blessed path God has chosen for him.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society's closet is in need of your support. A container will be placed by the Chapel entrances. We especially need: pasta, peanut butter, tuna, jelly, cereal, and mayonnaise. Please do not drop donations off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your always generous support. CLRS#11

NOW IN THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

The June edition of "Magnificat" is now available in the Religious Articles store. Many First Communion items are also available in English and Spanish.

WINNER OF THE HANDMADE QUILT:

Leah Regan. Leah's name was picked by 4 year old Analise Wolf. Many thanks for supporting our youth with this project, and most especially thank you to Pat Regan who made and donated the beautiful quilt. We collected \$520.00. If you did not have a chance to buy raffle tickets and you would like to support this effort, you may still donate to Holy Family CFF. Proceeds will go to help with expenses for the youth when they attend the LA Congress Youth Day in February 2009. Please watch for other opportunities to support our youth in the next few months.. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Bonnie Johnson at 726 7217 or Deacon Mark at 723 24 94 Thank you again!

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 information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.

DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD:

The church dedicates the month of May to Mary, the Mother of God and our spiritual mother. And in what way may we express our loving devotion to her throughout this month of May? ...By praying to her and with her, the beautiful prayer of the rosary. How this prayer pleases Mary and her Divine Son, Jesus! Please her throughout the week by joining us in reciting the rosary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church. Ave Maria!





Sacramento Life Center

Dear Fr. Kiernan,

Blessings and Greetings of the Season! You always help us celebrate two important days- Mother's Day on May 11 and Father's Day on June 15! As I prepared this invitation, I found myself reflecting on my parents who have both passed on to their new LIFE. My mother used to say that "parenting is the hardest job you'll ever love." Her observation along with other memories of both my parents brings me poignant joy this time of year.

You may recall that the Life Center has a longstanding tradition of inviting all who believe in our life-saving mission to honor their living parents, to commemorate their parents who have died or to remember in a special way those people who have been like parents to you.

Here at the Sacramento Life Center we daily welcome what I sometimes refer to as "pre-parents." These are pregnant women, many of whom are not that happy about becoming a parent for reasons ranging from financial and emotional to medical or even their actual physical safety.

Just this morning, I was talking with a young woman who, with her four-month-old son, "James," had brought her neighbor to our clinic for a pregnancy test and counseling. She said, "My fiancé and I came to the Life Center about a year ago and found out we were going to be parents. We were really scared. However, you helped and encouraged us even though we were afraid our families would be upset. As it turned out, our families have done more for us since we told them we were going to become parents than we could ever have imagined." She then said, "Sometimes a baby really makes you grow up and do things you didn't think you were ready to do." She ended with, "I love my son more than I ever knew was possible."

On behalf of the Sacramento Life Center, thank you for allowing the students at Holy Family School to participate in the Life Center's annual Baby Bottle Project. The students collected \$4,251.25 for the Life Center. What a wonderful response!

The Baby Bottle Project is our second largest fundraiser. The money raised by the students and their families enables the Life Center to continue offering professional, confidential, compassionate counseling, support and resources, at no cost, to our clients.

On behalf of the over 2,500 clients who were served by the Life Center in 2007 thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Project. We are very grateful for your support. We look forward to having you participate again next year.

A number of schools and churches ask the Life Center to make a brief presentation to students when we deliver the baby bottles. Please know we are always ready and happy to explain the uniquely important mission of the Life Center. Please feel welcome to call me at (916) 451-4357 if I can provide any information, or arrange a tour of one of our clinics in Sacramento or Roseville.

For all the new LIVES your generous donation will help us help-we THANK YOU.

Colleen T. Branagan
Executive Director

CHRIST THE KING SPIRITUAL LIFE INSTITUTE PROGRAMS

- Family Fiesta June 14, 2008
- Silent Directed Retreat July 4-11, 2008 - Cost \$425
- Married Couples Retreat July 18-20, Directed by Fr. Alan Philip, CP Cost: \$265 per couple
- Family Retreat August 15-17, 2008

For more information on these retreats, call Christ the King Retreat Center at 725-4720.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Dennis Cronk, David Ford, Donald Galli, William Goeke, Dennis Gorsuch, James Hopp, Patrick Kearns. Lawrence Klimecki, Rick Morales, An Binh Nguyen, Thomas O'Connell, Joseph O'Donnell Anthony Pescetti, Rafael Rey, Benito Rico, Orin Rovito, and Rich Valles who will be ordained to the Order of Deacon to serve the Church in the Diocese of Sacramento on June 7, 2008.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

SHARING RECIPES & SACRED STORIES:

In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the miracle of Lourdes, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Sacramento is compiling a cookbook to share with the Sacramento Diocese. They are requesting that parishioners throughout the Diocese submit their favorite recipe, and, if desired, a short (2 paragraphs) sacred story, a personal story that contains a universal truth. Deadline is May 12. These may be submitted to Francis Norsworthy at bldgblox@comcast.net

ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE WOMEN:

The Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus In La Mesa, Calif. are hosting a free live in Experience vocations retreat May 30–June 1st. Pray and work with the community and hear the Informative vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. There is no cost but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to the nearest major city they will pick you up. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more dates and info.

MARRIED COUPLES:

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: June 20-22, 2008. For more information or to register, contact Raul & Gayla Ponce, 866-825-2046 or Email: srsregistrar@comcast.net.

MARY, MOTHER OF ALL NATIONS

Annual Diocesan Multicultural Mary's Hour
Sunday, May 18th 2008, St. Rose Church @ Kavanagh Hall
5905 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento
Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto will be the main celebrant and homilist of the Mass. All ethnic communities in the diocese are invited to participate. The Celebration will begin at 2pm with the praying of the Rosary and a procession. Bishop Soto will celebrate Mass at 3pm. The Celebration will also include the rite of crowning of the image of Mary, scripture readings and intercessory prayers in various languages. The event is presented by the diocesan Mary's Hour committee and is a celebration that traditionally takes place in May to honor the mother of Jesus.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHRED DAY:

St. Mel's parish is having its "ANNUAL SHRED DAY" on May 24, 2008, from 8:00a.m to 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by St Vincent de Paul Society as a fund raiser; the proceeds are used to serve the poor and homeless in our community. St. Mel's is located at 4745 Pennsylvania Avenue in Fair Oaks. For more information, contact Martha Rusnak at 966-9430.

RAISING KIDS WITH CHARACTER:

Take the "Fear Factor" out of Parenting! Excellent workshop for parents of grammar school-age children will be offered on Saturday, May 31 from 9am -11noon at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. Syndicated Catholic radio host, Dr. Coleen Kelly Mast of the radio program "The Doctor Is In" will lead this informative workshop for all parents. Come and get answers to questions such as: What are the four priorities of a good parent? What are some simple ideas for teaching character at home? Cost of the workshop is \$10. For more information or to register, call the diocese at (916) 733-0123.

MSGR. KAVANAGH'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Rose Church is celebrating Msgr. Kavanagh's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood all at St. Rose Church in South Sacramento. The Dinner will be on Sunday, June 22nd, 4:30 pm at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. \$35.00 seating limited. Call Lily 438-3086.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FESTIVAL:

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, located at 1951 North Ave. in Sacramento, is holding its annual Parish Festival on Sunday, June 1st. Events include a great variety of ethnic foods, Bingo, bounce house, games and pony rides for kids, live music, a White Elephant Sale as well as our exciting raffle, the grand prize being a 42" LCD Flat Screen TV. Second Prize is a 8GB iPod, as well as other cash prizes. Please stop by to support our little parish in the city. Festivities start with Holy Mass at 9:30 and continue to 5:30pm. Please call 916.925.5313 for more information!

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL ALUMNI

St. Peter's School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., now in its 162nd year, is creating an alumni directory. If you would like to be included, please contact us at: St. Peter's School, 12 Father Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 - or - (845) 452-8580 ext. 267. Please include your name, maiden name, class year, occupation and address.

JAZZ MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The annual celebration of the Jazz Mass, which coincides with the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, will take place on Memorial Day weekend at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass times are as follows: Saturday, May 24 at 5 PM & Sunday, May 25 at 11 AM and 5 PM. Bishop Quinn will preside at the Saturday Vigil, and Bishop Weigand will celebrate the 11 AM Sunday Mass. The Diocesan Jazz Jubilee Choir, which is comprised of choir members from 14 parishes around the diocese, will be accompanied by Sierra 6, a jazz combo based in the foothills. Come and make beautiful liturgy and great music a part of your holiday weekend! If you have any questions, please contact the Cathedral Office: (916)444-3070.