



May 24, 2009 - Ascension of the Lord

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.” Mark 16:19

† Servant Leader †

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Many people have asked me about the status of the new Pastor appointment. Several have even told me they know who it will be. However, I can honestly say I do not know, and no one knows, nor is anything certain until Bishop Soto signs the appointment letter of the priest he chooses. Although I have many responsibilities at the diocesan level, I have not been involved in the process of this decision. I am confident that Bishop Soto will give us a good Servant Leader of Holy Family. I do expect an announcement soon, as I am being told it will be not later than June 5th.

It is important to know that bishops are not intrinsically involved in day to day operations of each parish – they do not micromanage parishes as each parish has its own style and personality. Mass times, confession schedules, various devotions, and parish organizations are all decided at the local level. While the personality and style of the pastor has its own impact on parish life, each parish works within the diocesan structure and general church guidelines.

It may be helpful at this time to outline how Holy Family and parishes in general are administered. The expectation for every parish is that parishioners be involved in all aspects of parish life, that there are as many consultative bodies as a parish needs, and that all parish business is conducted in an open spirit. Transparency is important and parishioners have a right to know what is happening in their parish through bulletins and regular reports. If these are not forthcoming, parishioners have a right and even a responsibility to request they be in place.

At Holy Family we have major consultative boards; the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the Liturgy Council and the School Advisory Council. These have all been in place for a very long time and have served this community very well over the years. The Pastoral Council oversees overall planning for the parish, the Finance Council oversees all financial matters, the Liturgy Committee oversees and plans all liturgies and the School Advisory Council oversees all school activity.

At Holy Family Parish we have a system of checks and balances which involves the cooperation of all the mentioned ministries and the parish in general. These bodies meet on a regular basis. Some, like the Liturgy Council, meet monthly, while others may meet quarterly and more often if circumstances require it. An annual state-of-the-parish report is usually given during the Sunday liturgy in September. It is also published as a part of our parish bulletin, and is available online through our parish web site.

Our day to day operations require that all financial matters are handled by more than one person. In the school we have an excellent bookkeeper who, with Sr. Arlene, is very particular on all transactions. In the parish, our bookkeeper is enormously respected in the diocese and is very demanding in all transactions.

The normal bill paying procedure is as follows: The bookkeeper receives all bills which must provide detailed proof for payment. Deacon Mark Holt then reviews each bill and signs off on it for payment. He also studies all work proposals, parish project needs, etc., and signs off on these to proceed as appropriate. He plays a very important role in parish and school administration – the reality of the process is that there really are very few things I do administratively that do not go through him. This is an excellent system as it is best if the pastor can devote himself to the spiritual needs of the people as much as possible rather than spending too much time on financial matters. I expect this will continue after I leave as our system works well and has proven value.

I hope this helps you understand how the parish is administered at this time and the way it will likely continue going forward.

God bless you for all you do to keep Holy Family strong. Together, let us pray for a new pastor and go forward confidently – without a doubt, Holy Family will continue to prosper in the Lord.



PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 31

Celebrating the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles: “And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit.” John 20:22



THE MOST HOLY
TRINITY
JUNE 7

Celebrating to honor the Most Holy Trinity: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19



THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 14

Celebrating the Institution of the Holy Eucharist: “While they were eating, he took bread, “Take it; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, “This is my blood of the covenant.” from Mark 14:22-24



Next weekend we celebrate
Pentecost Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tue: St. Philip Neri: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sun: Pentecost Sunday
 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

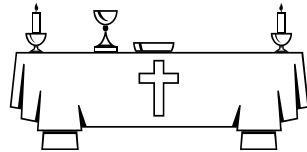


QUESTION OF THE DAY

Children: Jesus helps us be brave when we need to be. When do you need to be brave?
 Youth: How can you open yourself up more to let Jesus work through you to be Good News in the world today?
 Adults: How do you experience the divine power of Christ-among-us in your daily life?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Nelida Pennington –Int.
 Tue: Simon Sucharski +
 Francescon Family +
 Wed: James Scarcella +
 Thu: Hope Estrada +
 Paula Dewlen +
 Sat: Michael Redington +
 Sun: 7:30 am Mass Katherine P. Cruz +
 10:30 am Mass Pro Populo



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
 (Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove a name.)
 Kaden Alayan, Marion Amescua, Lyndon Benson, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernie Burke, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Scott Crose, Claro DeAsis, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Gazella Erickson, Olivia Garcia, Laura Geoia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Madeline Greenly, Sr. Margaret Greenly, Rita Gulate, Jason Hayes Family, Bunny Herbert, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Bill Keenan, Tina Kemp, Kamryn Mafua, Tuesse Mafua, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Luke McCord, Msgr. Mistretta, Mary Mortensen, Roberta Murphy, Loretta Parsons, Ludo Pereira, Nona Piha, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Patty Root, Suzanne Rose, Dick Salsberry, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Jardee Stanley, Mace Stanton, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Amy Svistoonoff, Bill Sweeney, Xavier Thompson, Alexandria Torres, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson, Jeri Yarchenko

Stewardship
 ~ a way of life ~

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BOTTLES FOR THOSE IN NEED

At the beginning of the Lenten season the members of the Holy Family Conference of St. Vincent de Paul distributed empty water bottles to the children in our Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) classes and to children and adults in RCIC and RCIA classes. Both the English and Spanish speaking classes were offered the opportunity to fill the bottles with coins and dollars to help those in need in our parish while practicing their Lenten sacrifices. The children and adults returned the bottles after Easter. The results of their sacrificial giving are truly inspiring. They contributed a total of \$1536.96! May God continue to bless you all as you grow in your faith.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

With the beginning of the new fiscal year approaching, I again humbly and deeply thank you for your great generosity to Holy Family Parish. As always, I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of our Finance Council. I hope you continue to review the stewardship report that appears in each Sunday's bulletin, and I hope you find it useful. This week's report shows that we are at just under 94% of our goal with a month to go. Perhaps a little year-end push can drive us even closer to our goal! May God continue to bless you.

CAN YOU HELP?

Catholic Ladies Relief Society : Joyce Schweitzer 781-8753
Feed the Needy: Nora Martinez 721-1176
Loaves & Fishes: Karen Vidor 296-1362
Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Bill Swars 722-0264

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
April 26	\$ 8,659.00
May 3	\$ 11,243.00
May 10	\$ 10,187.00
May 17	\$ 9,252.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 473,619.00
Goal-to-Date (46 Weeks)	\$ 506,000.00
% of Goal Collected	93.81 %
Annual Goal (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Church in Latin America \$ 2,403.00

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth - to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWS:**CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2009!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Please join us for this very special Mass: Sunday, June 7th, 2009 @ 9:00 am will be a very special Holy Family School Mass as we will be announcing our new Principal Mr. Chuck Suarez. Immediately following Mass will be a pancake breakfast in St. Joseph Hall. More information to follow....

"STING SWING" GOLF TOURNAMENT

Are you ready to swing with us? Holy Family School and the Development Office is proud to announce we are having our 1st Annual Golf Tournament. "The Holy Family Sting Swing" Scheduled for Monday, August 24, at 11:00 am. Shot Gun Start. Golf with us at the beautiful Catta Verdera Country Club located in Lincoln. We encourage everyone who loves to golf to join us! All alumni parents, grandparents and parish families are invited! We can assure you a great day of golf, reminiscing with old friends and making new ones.

We are always looking for exciting ways to raise the much needed funds to cover the cost of educating a child above what tuition covers. Interested? Please e-mail hfsdevelop@surewest.net or call 722-7788 ext. 208.

CALLING ALL CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20S & 30S!!!

Whether you are in college or the workforce; single, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you attend daily Mass or haven't been to Mass lately; whether you are involved in your ministry or looking for a place to belong...We need to hear from YOU! The West Placer Deanery of the Diocese of Sacramento cordially invites YOU to a Wine & Cheese Gathering with the opportunity for you to meet with representatives of our Church leadership eager to hear your story on Sunday, June 7, from 7:00-9:00 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Rocklin. For more information or to reserve your spot at the table, please contact Victor Alvarez at (916) 721-8329 or hfyouthministry@yahoo.com There will be a place at the table waiting for YOU!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

All students in the 4th – 8th grades are welcome to become an Altar Server.

Please join us for a new training session.

When: Monday, June 8th

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Where: Holy Family Church



www.holyfamilych.org

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Summer 2009 SESSION BEGINS in June.

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 Thursday, June 4th. We will meet on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:45 pm for eight weeks. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, please call Chris and Bill Swars at 722-5578 or Beth Fullenwider at 223-2648.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM CHPD

The following items are in effect **immediately** and are **now being enforced**, so they merit immediate attention from Holy Family parishioners and school families:

- **No U turn at Kadota Street** (U turns are nor permitted in a business zone within 200 yards of intersecting roads)
- **No parking on roadway** (Parking is not permitted on the street in front of the church and school)

Please observe these new regulations – so far only warnings have been issued but offenders **will be cited**.

FATHERS' DAY WITH BISHOP SOTO & THE RIVER CATS:

Bring your dad and the whole family to celebrate Fathers' Day together on Sunday, June 21st at Raley Field in Sacramento. Event features "Father to Father" Catch on the field at 11:15am, special blessing of the Dads at 11:45am and Bishop Soto throwing out the first pitch at 1:05pm. Groups are encouraged to buy a block of tickets to the event at one



time so that families from your group can sit together. For tickets and information, check out the Diocese Youth Ministry website by going to www.diocese-sacramento.org and clicking on "Youth and Young Adults" or contact us at dec@diocese-sacramento.org or 733-0123.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: No High School Youth Meeting tonite (Sunday, May 24th), but join us next Sunday (May 31st) as we end the 2008-09 School Year with a Senior Honoring & Frosh Welcome BBQ.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL: EDGE is on Summer Break! Check the website for upcoming Summer events for Middle Schoolers...www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com

TEEN DROP-IN: Drop-In is taking a break, but will start back in June! Check the website for details...

FAITHFUL FATHER CONTEST FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12: In an effort to recognize the important role a dad can play in passing on the Catholic faith to his children, the Diocese of Sacramento Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a "Faithful Father Contest" for youth grades 6-12 in conjunction with our "Fathers Day With Bishop Soto" event at the River Cats game on Sunday, June 21st 2009. Contest winner will receive 4 Tickets to the Father's Day event and special recognition on the scoreboard during the game. Contestants can enter the contest by sending an email to kstaszko@diocese-sacramento.org with "faithful father contest" in the subject line. Email should include name, contact information, age, grade, school and parish and describe in 50 words or less how your father has been an example to you of how to live as a good Catholic Christian. The contest is open to youth grades 6-12 only. Entries are due by Friday, June 5th. Must be a registered parishioner of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Sacramento to win. For more info, visit our website by going to www.diocese-sacramento.org and clicking on "Youth and Young Adults" or contact us at dec@diocese-sacramento.org or 733-0123.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!! Are You Graduating from 8th Grade? High School? College? If You are, we cordially invite You to take part in the BACCALAUREATE MASS on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 6:00 PM! Following the Mass will be a Frosh Welcome BBQ; a chance for the High School Youth Ministry to welcome all incoming Freshmen to High School Youth Ministry. Please contact Victor Alvarez to SECURE Your spot at the Baccalaureate Mass (916-721-8329; hfyouthministry@yahoo.com).

YOUNG ADULTS: Young Adult Ministry is breaking 'til June, when we will be moving to Sunday evenings for Faith Development and Spirituality for those in their 20s & 30s...More details available on our blog: www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com

FOUND CAR KEYS

Have you lost your car keys? We have many "found" sets of keys – could it be that we have yours? Come by the Parish Office to see if we have your keys.



Prayer Opportunities

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army), 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 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 at Holy Family on the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary Hall, 12:30–3:00 pm. Come 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, 725-5358.

"Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him"

Mother Theresa



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4964

Become a Knight and you'll have more to be thankful for:

FAITH - As Knights, our faith is our foundation;
 COMMUNITY- As committed as we are to the Catholic church, so are we committed to our communities;
 FAMILY- Serving our families is not only part of what we do, it's part of who we are;
 YOUTH- The importance of helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order;
 FELLOWSHIP -To be a Knight means to believe in each other as we believe in ourselves, realizing that by creating social and supportive local councils, we help create a stronger Order worldwide.

If you are interested in serving both Church and Community, consider becoming a Knight. We promise you'll be thankful you did. Call Bob 729-3334, Mike 784-7581, Con 723-2355 or Paul 721-9752

CLRS BUS TRIP CANCELLED ☹

We are sorry to say, the CLRS bus trip to South Lake Tahoe has been cancelled as we were unable to fill the bus. We hope to have better luck next time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program of Lectionary-based discussion groups that are held during Mass at the 9:00 am. Children are dismissed during the Readings and Homily to hear the Gospel and discuss its meaning at their own level of understanding. An adult leader and adult helper manage the groups. No special training is needed. A workbook with the readings and thought provoking discussion questions is provided. We need more leaders and helpers. We will only be able to provide this ministry twice a month until we get more help. Could you lend an hour one Sunday a month to help provide this wonderful ministry to our children. Contact Pat Hoffman 916-781-2487 for more information.

HEALING SERVICE - ROSE PETAL IMAGES

All are invited to experience a wonderful evening of grace, the story of the Rose Petal Images, and a healing service with our guest Carmelo Cortez on Saturday, June 20, at the 4:30 PM Mass. Please bring fresh white roses to be placed on the altar. These roses are offered to the Mother of the Eucharist and Grace. Rose petals are taken from fresh rose flowers brought by the faithful and distributed to the faithful during the healing service. It is on these distributed rose petals that religious images appear. Although not all rose petals may bear religious images, many people have reported being healed of various ailments. Come early! Please bring your rosary. Major neighborhood stores have been notified for "white roses" availability. Flyers are available in the church. For more information, please call Dolores at 910-9638.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

Interfaith Service Bureau Presents:

2009 Honors Banquet

"The Power of One" - Meeting Human Need, Raising Hope

Dinner / Auction / Program

Thursday, May 28th, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 1300 N Street, Sacramento

Keynote Speaker: Heather Fargo

Special Invited Guest: Representative Doris Matsui

Music By: Spiritual Life Center / Mary Youngblood

Honorees: **Father Michael Kiernan**

Assemblyman Roger Niello

Native American Musician Mary Youngblood

RCCTV Program Director Kenneth Jackson

Elder Richard Montgomery

The Jewish & Muslim Communities

ISB Executive Director Dexter McNamara

A Remembrance of Rev. Wadhawa Singh Gill
 of the Sikh Community

Tickets: \$100

Table Sponsorship \$1,000 / Event Underwriting \$ 1,500

We would like to organize a group of parishioners to attend this special event. Please call Deacon Mark in the Parish Office for more information - 723-2494, extension 305.

"REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT. Promises for a Joyful Soul" is the topic of a new women's workshop hosted by Zori Friedrich and Michele Kinaan at Christ the King Retreat Center, La Casa Room on May 30th from 9 a.m. to Noon. All women in the community are invited to participate in this interactive workshop to explore ways to reconnect with the Lord's direct source of joy. Cost: \$25. For a flyer or to register, contact Zori at 635-7791.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY

The Roseville Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Silver Legacy on Sunday, June 28th. The cost is \$28 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.

17TH SF INTERNATIONAL MARIAN CONFERENCE

July 3-5, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
 Conference Center of Foster City

Theme: **"MARY MOTHER OF CHRIST"**

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