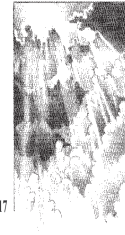


WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



“May God grant you
a spirit of wisdom & insight
to know Him clearly.”
- Ephesians 1: 17



**Our Lord's
Ascension**
June 05, 2011
7th Sunday
of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION



REGISTRATION DAY for the new **CFF 2011-2012** is this **Sunday, June 5th**. Forms are available on our parish website www.divinemergynatomas.com. Please bring your completed forms and payment. For first time registrants, please bring your child's original baptismal certificate AND a

copy of the certificate to be submitted.



Please consider helping out with our Religious Education Program.

We need volunteers as catechists, aides and more. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information in the Parish Office and we will get in touch with you.



~ Learn more about your Catholic Faith ~

Several classes are being offered through **"The School of the Faith"** this summer starting the first week of June.

INTRODUCTION TO FAITH

Monday evenings starting June 6th at 7:00 pm

SPIRITUALITY

Wednesday mornings starting June 8th at 10:00 am - 12 nn

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Thursday evenings starting June 9th at 7:00 pm

Instructor : Fr. Octavio Ventura **Fee :** \$10

All classes will be held at the Narthex and will run for 4 months. A sign up sheet is available at the Narthex. For more information, please call **Mike or Renee Chavez at (916) 928-0684** or email reneechavez@sbcglobal.net.

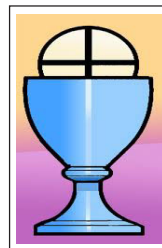
YOUTH

June 5th: Adoration at 6:30 pm. We invite everyone to join us as we sing praises and adore our Lord.

June 12th: Movie Night. Potluck - please bring something to share with everyone as we enjoy a movie together.

We invite all youth to join us in any of our youth activities. If you have any questions, please contact **Cathy Pham-Nguyen** at cathylanpham@gmail.com or (503) 560-1406.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



For those of you who missed **EM Training Part I**, this will be **repeated on Sunday, June 12th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm** in the Church.

EM Training Part 2 will be on **Sunday, July 10th, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm** in the Church. Since there are some new changes, it is highly recommended that ALL current as well as

prospective EM's attend both training sessions.

Extraordinary Ministers 4th quarter schedule requests are due by **June 20th**. Please call **Kathleen Carroll-Hack at (916) 419-5319** and leave a message with your request or email rkhack@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our next Council Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30 pm at the Narthex. Please remember to bring canned goods or other donations to go towards Feeding the Hungry.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, or in finding out more about what the Knights do, please contact Grand Knight Dick Stuart at (916) 928-7138.

TAGALOG MASS



Please join us as we celebrate Tagalog Mass on JUNE 11th at 6:30 pm (every 2nd Saturday of the Month)

CELEBRANT : FR. MANUEL RECERA - a priest of Dipolog Diocese, Philippines and was assigned as Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nevada

PARISH PICNIC



Divine Mercy will have a PARISH PICNIC on Saturday, June 25th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Parish will supply hotdogs, hamburgers and bottled water. Please bring any side dish you wish to share. In addition to food, there will be games for the kids. If you own a canopy tent, please bring it and share with your fellow parishioners. For more information, please call Alex Alanis at (916) 419-0715 or email alex.alanis@sbcglobal.net.

We will have a special raffle during our Parish picnic:

- 1st Prize: Manny Pacquiao Jacket (L)
2nd Prize: Manny Pacquiao T-shirt (L)
3rd Prize: \$50 cash

The new jacket depicts the Filipino eight-division world champion professional boxer Manny Pacquiao - the first boxer in history to win ten world titles. A picture of the jacket and t-shirt will be on display this weekend at the Narthex. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Parish picnic.

Saints & Readings for the Week

Our Lord's ASCENSION (7th Sunday of Easter) • Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20
Monday • St Norbert • Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday • Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11
Wednesday • Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11-19
Thurs • St Ephrem of Syria (Ch Dr) • Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
Friday • Acts 25:13-21 / Jn 21:15-19
Sat • BVM / St Barnabas, Apostle • Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 / Jn 21:20-25
PENTECOST Sunday (Solemnity) • Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 / Veni Sancte Spiritus Sequence / Jn 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP AND FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

- Upcoming Meetings and Events -
Sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure

- Welcoming Committee - meeting being planned. Help welcome new Parishioners to Divine Mercy. Please call Susan Wright at (916) 419-4321 if you are interested to join this Ministry.
• Saturday, June 25th - Parish Picnic 11:00 am - 2:00pm
• Sunday, June 26th - Hospitality Sunday after the 12 noon Mass
• June 27th - July 4th - Fireworks Sale - Two-hour shifts are needed at our Parish booth. Join the fun and help raise money for our Church. See bulletin for more information.
• Friday, September 16th - Multi-Cultural Buffet Feast
• Saturday, September 17th - Fall Festival

SPANISH MASS



Beginning June 12th, Spanish Mass will now be celebrated at Divine Mercy every 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm.

If you plan to come to this Mass, it is important to attend the meeting on Sunday, June 5th at 7:00 pm at the Narthex.

FIREWORKS FUNDRAISING



It is time once again for our Annual Fireworks Fundraising! We will be needing volunteers for two-hour shifts from June 27th to July 4th, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Sign-up sheets are available after each Mass at the narthex or email us at fireworks@divinemergynatomas.com.

We will be pre-selling Fireworks tickets this weekend. Tickets cost \$20 and can be redeemed at our Parish fireworks booth. Your ticket will also be entered in a raffle to win \$500 worth of fireworks sponsored by TNT Fireworks ("The Big Bang" prize) which will be drawn after the 12 noon Mass on July 3rd. Buy ahead of time! Help us raise money!

We are looking for someone to donate a battery-operated cash register to be used at our Fireworks booth the week before July 4th. Anyone having "connections" to help us get a cash register, please contact the Parish office at (916) 256-3134, Ed Pagala (916) 897-7480 or Susan Wright (916) 419-4321.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION MINISTRY

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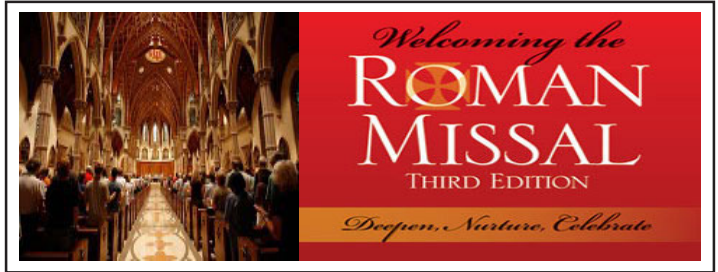


The second year of the novitiate was approaching. Whenever I recalled that I was to make my vows, my soul shuddered. I did not understand what I was reading; I could not meditate; it seemed to me that my prayer was displeasing to God. It seemed to me that by approaching the Holy Sacraments I was offending God even more. But despite this, my confessor did not let me omit one single Holy Communion. God was working very strangely in my soul. I did not understand anything at all of what my confessor was telling me. The simple truths of the faith became incomprehensible to me. My soul was anguish, unable to find comfort anywhere. (23)

However, in all these sufferings and struggles, (Saint Faustina was undergoing intense spiritual trials) I was not omitting Holy Communion. When it seemed to me that I should not communicate, I went, before Holy Communion, to the Directress and told her that I could not approach the Sacrament, because it seemed to me that I should not do so. But she would not permit me to omit Holy Communion, so I went, and I understand now, that it was only obedience that saved me. The Directress told me later that my trials had passed quickly, "and this solely because you were obedient, Sister: and it was through the power of obedience that you struggled through this so bravely." It is true that it was the Lord himself who brought me out of this torment, but my fidelity to obedience did please him. (105)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Last weekend, we hosted a Hospitality Sunday fellowship after the 9:30 am Mass. Many parishioners joined Fr. Soane, Fr. Octavio and the Stewardship Committee for donuts, pastries and coffee. **Thanks to all who helped set up the tables, make the coffee, cut up the donuts and clean up afterwards.** The Hospitality Committee is working towards its goal to offer this fellowship once a month after every Mass.



Now is the time to prepare for the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*
New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the same Mass

The Roman Missal will be implemented in the United States of America on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011.

What will make the changes in the Roman Missal meaningful to the Congregation?

With the implementation of the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council the use of sacred scripture was re-established in the celebration of the Church's liturgy. In the post-Second Vatican Council Lectionary for Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and the ritual books for the celebration of the Church's sacraments and sacramentals, the Church has nourished hearts and minds of people with a rich and diverse use of scripture.

The revised translation of the Roman Missal captures scriptural allusions more explicitly and clearly. Thus, the congregation will hear in the revised translation of the Eucharistic Prayer III the beautiful image from the words of the prophet Malachi, "you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that **from the rising of the sun to its setting** a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name." The revised translation of the conclusion of the invitation to Communion, "Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb," presents John's eschatological vision of the heavenly banquet in Revelation 19:9. In their response to this invitation, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof . . .," congregation will echo the words of the centurion in Luke 7:6-7.

In all other changes in the entire Revised Roman Missal, many of us will first find the prayers to be in a style and register more formal than the prayers we presently experience. In the course of time, however, as we come to constantly familiarize ourselves of the new translation the greater attention paid to reflecting the underlying scriptural imagery of the Latin text and the ingenious way the ancient author uses this imagery, we will benefit from a fuller translation of the rich tradition of the Church's origin and source of prayers.

M^{sgr}. Campion, editor of **The Priest** and associate publisher of **Our Sunday Visitor** offers his own affirmative commentaries: "I like this new translation, because it so well furthers this association between the liturgy and the Bible. In a word, I look forward eagerly to learning more about the new translation and finally, as a celebrant, to using it."

For the most up-to-date information about the translation, along with the implementation timeline and listing of resources, visit www.revisedromanmissal.org and www.usccb.org/romanmissal.


WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday
7:00 am & 6:30 pm

Tuesday ~ Thursday
8:30 am & 6:30 pm

First Friday
8:30 am & 6:30 pm

We have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every FIRST FRIDAY of the month.





Jesus, Our Example of **LOVE**

The **First Reading** is the only full, detailed account of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven (today's Gospel is a more perfunctory version). It is dedicated to Theophilus, *Theos* meaning God and *phileo* meaning love. Hence, it is dedicated to those who love God, i.e., all Christians. We are given an outline of Jesus' ministry before His crucifixion and after, including His live appearances to His apostles. *The promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit will be fulfilled on Pentecost.* Here, we see Him ascend into heaven on a cloud. In the Book

of Daniel, it is predicted that the Son of Man would *descend from heaven on a cloud*, so it is appropriate that He *ascend* in the same way. However, Heaven is not really up above, it is a different dimension, beyond our understanding. The image of ascending upward is used by Jesus to help them understand what has happened, He returned to His Father, from whence He came.

The **Responsorial, Psalm 47**, praises God as King of heaven and earth; on His throne where He ascended on Ascension day. He has been exalted and proclaimed as Lord of the universe. Every knee shall bend, every head bow at the mention of His name. By celebrating God as Lord and King, we commit ourselves to the project of living as if He were the Lord of our lives. We praise Him and celebrate His goodness; we observe His commands and live for and in Him. St. Francis of Assisi often said, *"My God and my all."* This is exactly what it means to make Jesus King of our lives.

The **Second Reading** is a prayer to understand the profound nature of the mystery into which God calls us, our redemption. If we comprehend the glory of our call and what's in store for us, then we'll never abandon it. The key to this understanding is to reflect on this mystery of our redemption. Jesus died for us, but the Father exalted Him and welcomed Him into His glory through the Ascension. The Father *also* proclaimed Jesus as Lord of all creation. The Father considered Him most loving when Jesus was obedient unto death. We might consider this humiliation, but it was His hour of glory, and for this the Father exalts Him in supreme glory. Reflecting on this helps us realize that when we are obedient to the Father's will, we are not losing our dignity, but are living at the deepest level of love.

In today's **Gospel**, we find the final commission Jesus gives His apostles. There are five major points: **(1)** Jesus has all power and **(2)** He gives His authority to His disciples to **(3)** go make disciples of all nations through baptism in the Holy Trinity. **(4)** He promises to always be with us to guide and protect us, **(5)** until He returns in glory.

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Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Submission of bulletin articles are due on **Mondays at 4:00 pm.** Please email your announcements/articles to bulletin@divinemergynatomas.com



"Bonded by Love, Building Our Future" Campaign Prayer

God, Our Father, we come to you with a grateful heart for everything you have given us. You called us to be bonded by love and to offer our time, talent & treasure for the needs of our parish family. As we face the challenges ahead, fill us with faith and hope. Give us a spirit of cooperation; create in us a wise and generous heart that knows how to face the responsibilities and challenges of our parish project. We know there is much to do, but we believe that our goals are rooted in your promise. We ask you to guide us, send the Holy Spirit to give us strength. Divine Mercy, have mercy on us now and forever. Amen.



SECOND COLLECTION June 4 - 5, 2011 BUILDING FUND

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collections	
08-May	\$ 7,782
15-May	\$ 6,472
22-May	\$ 6,088
29-May	\$ 5,977
Goal This Week	\$ 7,000
Deficit this Week	\$ (1,023)
FY Collection to Date	\$ 291,742
Deficit to Date	\$ (37,258)

Capital Campaign Collections

08-May	\$ 953
15-May	\$ 2,778
22-May	\$ 150
29-May	\$ 356
Goal This Month	\$ 20,000
Deficit this Month	\$ (15,764)
FY Collection to Date	\$ 173,410
Deficit to Date	\$ (39,590)

Special Collection

Catholic Faith Formation	\$ 734
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Thank you for your generous financial contributions to support Parish operations and repayment of our loan obligation.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 04 Saturday

8:30am Chris Garrett †
 5:00pm Bob Obranovich (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

June 05 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
 9:30am Oscar and Letty Baldonado (*Thanksgiving*)
 5:00pm Remedios Joaquin †

June 07 Tuesday

8:30am Roy Misola †
 6:30pm Rosario Reynoso (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

June 08 Wednesday

6:30pm Delfin Family (*Healing of the Family Tree*)

June 09 Thursday

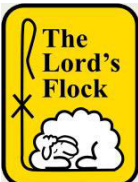
6:30pm Nathan Santos (*Thanksgiving*)

June 10 Friday

6:30pm Joseph Austin Fitzsenry † (*Death Anniversary*)

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you would like your photo or family photo to be included in this year's **PARISH DIRECTORY**, please have your picture taken by our Parish Photographer as soon as you can. **The deadline for getting all the pictures taken is September 30, 2011, with absolutely NO EXTENSION** as the order needs to be submitted immediately by October 1st in order to have it printed prior to year-end. **Pictures are now being taken at the Photo Studio/Residence of Oscar Misola at 641 Regency Park Circle.** It is about a two-minute drive from the church. Please email directory@divinemicynatomas.com for more details or to schedule an appointment.



Every Saturday at 7:00 pm (7:30 pm on 2nd Saturdays) at the Divine Mercy Narthex.

For more information about The Lord's Flock, please contact **Sis. Dina Espino at (916) 595-8006, Bro. Derick Santiago at (916) 439-3351, Bro. Rudy Bonifacio at (916) 849-7685 or Bro. Danny Barnaja at (916) 201-4344** or you can visit our website at <http://www.lordsflock.org/>.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

June 06 Monday

7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
 7:15pm Children's Choir Practice (Church)

June 07 Tuesday

6:30pm K of C Council Membership Meeting (Narthex)
 7:00pm Presentation of the New Roman Missal (Church)

June 08 Wednesday

10:00am School of the Faith (Narthex)
 6:30pm Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
 7:00pm Adult Confirmation Class (Rectory)

June 09 Thursday

7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
 7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)
 7:30pm Finance Council Meeting (Rectory)

June 10 Friday

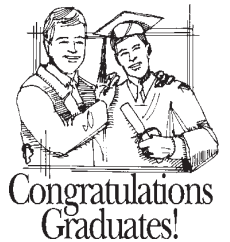
3:00pm Holy Hour
 7:30pm DM Catholic Charismatic Group (Narthex)
 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)

June 11 Saturday

9:30am Lector's Training
 3:45pm Confession
 6:30pm Tagalog Mass
 7:30pm The Lord's Flock (Narthex)

June 12 Sunday

1:30pm EM Training (Church)
 6:30pm Youth Ministry
 7:00pm Spanish Mass



VOCATION MINISTRY



Vocation Cross and Prayers are being sent home to families, couples or individuals after the **7:30 am, 9:30 am and 12 nn Masses**. They pray for an increase and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life for a week. The following Sunday, they will return the Vocation Cross during the Mass. **For more information**

about this program, please contact Tess Mostajo (916) 285-6351 for 7:30 am Mass; Auring Pagala (916) 515-1045 or Arceli Melendez (916) 515-1870 for 9:30 am Mass; Annie Reyes (916) 419-9515 for 12 noon Mass.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consolatrix Ageas
 Melvin Ray Ahorro
 Cynthia Alvarez
 Lyn Alvarez
 Rosa Azevedo
 Ester Bandong
 Dyan Barrios
 Rosanna Benito
 Joe Bernardo
 Sonny Bologaita
 Randy Brazil
 Marcelina Brecht
 Alex Cabasal

Gloria Camacho
 Robert Campbell
 Bill Carlos
 Michelle Cavros
 Cesar Chaves
 Judy Chavez
 Brad Colvis
 Daniel Cook
 Augusto De Guzman
 Walter Dennis
 K. Dunn
 Letty Dyogi
 Maria Elena

Shirley Espiritu
 Evangelista Estaris
 Teresita Esteban
 Lily Friend
 Lita Gonzales
 Victoria Hitchcock
 Marie Holmes
 Jesus Jaime
 Aida Jamir
 Vic Juan
 Jennifer Kirrene
 Carmencita Lim
 Judith Lladoc

Jun Malabunga
 Lourdes Malabunga
 James Maloney, Sr.
 Tony Manalo
 Pio Maranan
 Dominga Marzan
 George Mateo
 Seamas McCarthy
 Daniel Mijares
 John Montanez
 Marcia Montanez
 Mia Nepomuceno
 Boy Neri

Chason Neri
 Dr. James Nishio
 Dolores Noceda
 Arsenia Nudas
 Nancy Nuguid
 Nathaniel Offenheiser
 Jeff Orr
 Jonah Pagala
 Mario Pagaragan
 Domingo Peralta
 Bert Ramos
 Ambiro Reyna
 Sharon Ross

Gregorio Sabado
 Leon Salas
 Monnie Sanchez
 Virginia Schreck
 Joe Tagueant
 Louis Tagueant
 Pearl Tagueant
 Pastor Tamboboe
 Scott Taylor
 Romar Torres
 Carmina Trias
 Nela Tuatonga
 Aida Voss
 Phin Vu

...and all in need of prayers including those who serve in the Military.

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News From Around The Diocese



MADRIGAL SINGERS CONCERT



The world renowned **Philippine Madrigal Singers** will be performing at the Holy Family Parish – 7817 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 – on June 18th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. Sponsor tickets are also available for \$150. You will receive 2 tickets and will be seated in the first five rows of the Church. For tickets, please call **Mayet Delfin** at (916) 419-2904.

The Madrigal Singers are also performing at **GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH** in Elk Grove on **JUNE 22nd**.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next local **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be held **June 10-12 in Sacramento**. Other dates/locations are also available. **For more information or to register, please call Jim and Michelle Stutz at (916) 285-0706 or Barry and Julia Reynolds at (888) 825-2046 or email merestrar@aol.com.**

SUMMER RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING

6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

* RETREAT with FR. JOE MITCHELL, CP: *“Recovering a Sacred Balance”* **June 17 - 19. Requested fee is \$200 per person.**

* SILENT-DIRECTED RETREAT: Full three-day silent retreat under the guidance of a personal spiritual director **June 30 – July 4. Requested fee is \$350 per person.**

* MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT with FR. TOM BONACCI, CP: *“Companions on the Journey”* **July 15 – 17. Requested fee is \$285 per couple.**

For more information and reservations, please contact Dorothy Carpenter at (916) 725-4720, Ext. 314 or email dcarpenter@passionist.org.

* FAMILY RETREAT: Presented by the Christ the King Retreat Team **August 12 - 14. Requested fee: \$120 per adult, \$60 per child (ages 6 – 16), ages 5 & under free.**

For more information and reservations, please contact Jane Oliver at (916) 725-4720, Ext. 303 or email joliver@passionist.org.

MARRIAGE SPIRITUALITY

“Come to me all you who are weary and heavily burdened and I will give you rest.” (Mt. 11:28)

We all need a place to get away to rest if not in our dreams then somewhere else. The Marriage Spirituality weekend offers couples the kind of rest only Jesus can give. Come now, take a break, and join us for this once in a lifetime experience at the **Marriage Spirituality Weekend on June 11-12 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 2700 Dover Ave., Fairfield, CA.** For more information, please call **Emil and Dini Valdes at (916) 333-1447 or John and Carmela Lanting at (415) 602-3660.**

FATHER’S DAY WITH BISHOP SOTO

Bring your dad, granddad and entire family to Raley Field on **Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19th at 11:00 am** for an exciting day at the ballpark that includes catch on the field with the Bishop and special blessing of the dads on the field before the game, first Pitch by Bishop Soto, National Anthem by the youth of Sacramento and a great afternoon of baseball between the Sacramento Rivercats and the Fresno Grizzlies! Dads and granddads will receive a free commemorative foam hand. **Tickets are only \$7 for lawn and \$10 for box seats. Meal voucher is available this year for only \$6.50 per person.** Don’t Miss It! For more information, please contact **Kevin Staszkw (916) 733-0152 or email kstaszkw@diocese-sacramento.org or download flyer and details at <http://icatholicyouth.com> or on facebook at <http://facebook.com/yamsacramento>.**



ON FIRE NOR•CAL JAM



The Dioceses of Northern California are proud to announce **ON FIRE NorCal Jam 2011** featuring **Matt Maher, Jason Evert and Frere Phong.**

This all-day event on **Saturday, September 24th at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo** is the **PERFECT** way to kick off your ministry for 2011-2012. Don’t miss this opportunity for prayer and inspiration! Tickets are now on sale! For details, please go to <http://norcalcatholicityouth.com>.

This event is intended for high school youth and young adults in their 20’s and 30’s. **NO junior high groups please.**