

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Hail, Holy Mother!
The child to whom you gave birth
is the King of heaven & earth."
- Entrance Antiphon
Luke 1: 31



Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
January 1, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



"I owe you all a great deal of thanks my dear Divine Mercy Parishioners. Year 2011 is behind us now and 2012 is beginning. May all the misfortunes of the past year cease repeating on this new year. May God Bless you and make all your dreams come true this year." Happy New Year!
~ FR. SOANE KANISELI

SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
6:30 pm

TUESDAY - THURSDAY - SATURDAY
8:30 am

FIRST FRIDAY
8:30 am and 6:30 pm

The Most Holy Name of *Jesus* January 3rd •Tuesday•



The Knights of Columbus Council 14158 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Eric Watson** at (916) 419-9940 or **Bill Gilsdorf** at (916) 285-6067.



From The Parish Office . . .
Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of New Year's Day holiday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the month. Adorers are needed to fill the hours from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. We would like to have at least two people commit to each hour.

If you would like to participate in this ministry of prayer in the Real Presence of Jesus, please call

Cora Belen at (916) 419-5662 or (408) 761-2493.



Learn more about your Catholic Faith through the "The School of the Faith"

THE HUMAN PERSON

Thursday evenings starting January 12, 2012
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (for 2 months)

Instructor : Fr. Octavio Ventura **Fee** : \$10 for the book

All classes will be held at the Narthex. Sign up sheet and flyers are available in the Narthex. For more information or if you have questions, please call **Mike** or **Renee Chavez** at (916) 928-0684 or email reneechavez@sbcglobal.net.



Thank You!



Maraming Salamat Po!

- ✿ **Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers** for helping out each night.
- ✿ Our **Sponsors** for their donations, the food they brought for each night of fellowship and for actively participating in the Mass.



Hoping to see everybody again as we host our monthly **TAGALOG MASS** every 2nd Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm. Beginning January 2012, there will be fellowship after Tagalog Mass.



The Simbang Gabi Committee would like to thank the following for another successful year of having this wonderful Filipino Christmas tradition:



- ✿ Our very own **Pastor Fr. Soane Kaniseli** and **Parochial Vicar Fr. Octavio Ventura** for supporting the Simbang Gabi and concelebrating on several Masses.
- ✿ Our Guest Priests for continuing to support Divine Mercy: **Fr. Aldo Ranin** (St. John Parish - Quincy), **Fr. Vince Juan** (Marriage Tribunal - Pastoral Center), **Fr. Arlon Vergara** (St. Isidore Parish - Yuba City), **Fr. Cesar Ageas** (Holy Family Parish - Citrus Heights/Marriage Tribunal - Pastoral Center), **Fr. Ruel Mesa** (St. Mary's Catholic Church - Vacaville), and **Fr. Roland Ramirez** (Immaculate Conception - Sutter Creek).
- ✿ **Fr. Bert Selga** for celebrating Mass and concelebrating during ALL the 9 days.
- ✿ **Divine Mercy Choir, The Lord's Flock Choir, Bayanihan Choir** for serenading us every night with their heavenly voices.
- ✿ **Everybody** who brought their favorite dishes to share with the community.
- ✿ Simbang Gabi Committee members and volunteers for their dedication and support!

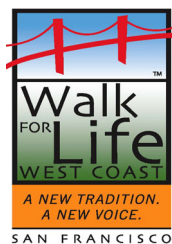
MASS INTENTIONS

- December 31 Saturday**
5:00pm Edmundo Joaquin †
- January 01 Sunday**
7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
9:30am Edmundo Joaquin †
12noon Jose Cabral †, Jenaro King †
5:00pm Asuncion Tirao Claveria †
- January 02 Monday**
6:30pm Edmundo Joaquin †
- January 03 Tuesday**
8:30am Sebastian Dalan †,
Edmundo Joaquin †
- January 04 Wednesday**
6:30pm Edmundo Joaquin †
- January 05 Thursday**
8:30am Edmundo Joaquin †
- January 06 Friday**
6:30pm Edmundo Joaquin †



WEEK AT A GLANCE

- January 02 Monday**
7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
7:15pm Children's Choir Practice (Church)
- January 03 Tuesday**
6:30pm K of C Council Membership Meeting (Narthex)
- January 04 Wednesday**
10:00am School of the Faith (Narthex)
6:30pm Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:30pm Meeting (Narthex)
- January 05 Thursday**
9:00am Altar Society - Flower Arranging (Narthex)
7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)
- January 06 Friday**
9:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00pm Holy Hour
5:45pm Benediction
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
- January 07 Saturday**
3:45pm Confession
7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Grp (Narthex)
- January 08 Sunday**
10:45am RCIA for Adults
1:30pm CFF
3:00pm CFF
6:30pm Youth Ministry
7:00pm Spanish Mass



Divine Mercy Catholic Church will have a pilgrimage bus trip to the **8th Annual West Coast Walk For Life in San Francisco on Saturday, January 21, 2012**. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for 18 years or younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or contact Jim Stutz at (916) 285-0706.





Mary, God's Mother and Ours

In today's **First Reading**, we find the famous blessing of St. Francis (from the Book of Numbers). It is the blessing God Himself gave Moses to pray over the people of Israel. This blessing is attributed to St. Francis because he recommended it to all his followers as a greeting. It is God's presence in our lives

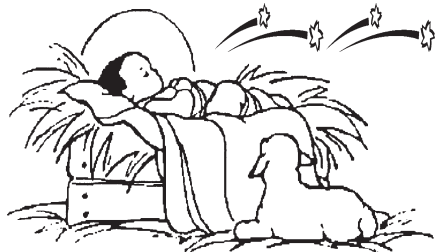
that is the true definition of blessing. In fact, our lives only have meaning inasmuch as we make God the center.

The **Responsorial** continues the theme that the only true blessing is found in God's presence, for He is the source of our salvation and mercy. From the moment we make Jesus a part of our lives, we already experience the joys of heaven here on earth.

In today's **Second Reading**, St. Paul highlights one of the two Greek meanings of time. Here he speaks of *sacred* time, time made holy by the God-man's entrance into it. It is also the first reference in Scripture to Jesus' birth. We are transformed into God's children when He sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts. This act lets us know how much God loves us.




In today's **Gospel**, St. Luke recounts some of the wondrous events that accompanied our Savior's birth. According to biblical symbolism, the heart is the source and place of thought. Hence Our Lady is here shown to be pondering the meaning of all these great Christmas events. Eight days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph, as good Jews, fulfilled all the precepts of the law by circumcising the newborn King, Jesus, and giving Him the name revealed to them by St. Gabriel, the archangel. It is also of note, that in the time of Jesus' birth, the message of salvation was first given to those most in need, the shepherds watching their flocks by night. May we be found to be so worthy to receive, and then exult in and implement God's good news to us. (In 431 A.D., bishops from all over the world met in Ephesus, Turkey, and declared Mary to be the Mother of God. The Council Fathers were declaring Jesus to have two natures, human and Divine, united in one person. Today's feast of Our Lady reminds us that devotion to Mary is always Christ-centered for she always points to her Son, saying, "Follow Him!")



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"Bonded by Love, Building Our Stairway to Heaven" 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 and treasure for the needs of our parish family. As we face our 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
Dec 31, 2011 - Jan 1, 2012
BUILDING FUND



SHARING OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collections	
04-Dec	\$ 6,844
11-Dec	\$ 9,326
18-Dec	\$ 6,809
25-Dec	\$ 14,079
Goal This Week	\$ 8,000
Variance this Week	\$ 6,079
FY Collection to Date	\$ 184,317
Deficit to Date	\$ (23,683)

Building Fund Collections	
04-Dec	\$ 7,978
11-Dec	\$ 2,235
18-Dec	\$ 8,201
25-Dec	\$ 16,673
FY Collection to Date	\$ 88,817

Special Collections	
Simbang Gabi	\$ 1,837
Catholic Faith Formation	\$ 371
Christmas Flowers	\$ 15

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to support Parish operations and repayment of our loan obligation.

Saints & Readings for the Week



Mary, Mother of God • Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
Mon • Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (Ch Drs) • 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
Tue • **The Most Holy Name of Jesus** • 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday • **St Elizabeth Ann Seton** • 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
Thursday • **St John Neumann** • 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51
1-Friday • **Bl Andre Bessette** • 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11
1-Saturday • **BVM / St Raymond of Penyafort** • 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-12
Our Lord's Epiphany • Isa 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-11

News From Around The Diocese



STO. NIÑO FIESTA



Everyone is cordially invited to the
**11th Annual Sto. Nino Fiesta
Celebration!**

When: January 14, 2012

Where: Cathedral of the Blessed
Sacrament, 1017 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mass starts at 11:00 am, reception follows
at the lower level of the Cathedral

Main Celebrant: Bishop Jaime Soto

Concelebrants: Rev. Michael Kiernan and Rev. Arlon Vergara

VOCATIONS ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

The Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations invites community members to visit our seminarian website considerpriesthood.com to become familiar with the seminarians of the Diocese of Sacramento who are discerning a vocation to priesthood. If you would like to contact the **Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations**, you may call (916) 733-0258 or email callserve@diocese-sacramento.org.

Vocations Annual Celebration Dates:

- National Vocation Awareness Week, January 9 - 14, 2012
- World Day for Consecrated Life, February 5, 2012
- World Day of Prayer, April 29, 2012

RETROUVAILLE

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, please contact Retrouvaille. **For confidential information about or to register for the February 2012 program beginning with a weekend on February 10-12, please call (800) 283-5952 or email: sacramento@retroca.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Is someone you know suffering after an abortion, perhaps years after the choice? Please consider the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, March 2 - 4, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of**

Sacramento. This unique and effective experience presents the mercy and compassion of God. The retreat is extremely helpful for those who struggle with feelings of shame, anger or grief and for those who have not forgiven themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples, and family members touched by abortion. **The cost is \$175 per person. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, please contact Annette at (916) 733-0161 or write projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.**

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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