

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"seeing the Child with Mary, His mother; they prostrated themselves & worshipped Him."



Our Lord's Epiphany

January 8, 2012

- Matthew 2:11

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA



There will be a procession in devotion to Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, January 13th at 4:30 pm outside the Church. We are inviting everyone to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother and pray together for world peace and an increase in Vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life. For more information, please call Tess Mostajo at (916) 792-4193.

Have a Blessed New Year to all Divine Mercy CFF Students and their Families!



TAGALOG MASS



Please join us as we celebrate Tagalog Mass on JANUARY 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm (every 2nd Saturday of the Month) Celebrant: FR. ARLON VERGARA

Potluck fellowship follows after the Mass. Sponsors are welcome to bring your favorite dish to share. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Maricel Lumaquin at (916) 716-7471 or call the Parish Office at (916) 256-3134.

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.



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 renee-chavez@sbcglobal.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Divine Mercy family for the generous donation to the coat drive. The donations were delivered to the Missionaries of Charity and the sisters were very grateful.



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 . . .

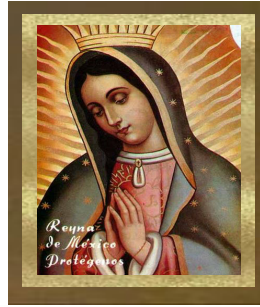
Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 16th** in observance of **Martin Luther King Day**.



National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in the Diocese of Sacramento and dioceses across the nation **January 9 - 14**. The week begins on the church's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 9 in 2012. The feast marks

the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE



The Guadalupe Committee would like to invite everyone to their first meeting of the year on Saturday, **January 7th** from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm**.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact **Lui (Lauro) Santamaria** at (916) 709-4600.

Happy New Year! May this year bring peace, good health and love to everyone.

Monthly Raffle Winner

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **BENJAMIN & LIZA GONZALEZ** with **envelope no. 114** for winning our monthly raffle. You can claim your prize (Raleys/Bel Air gift card & more) at the Parish Office during office hours - Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The next winner will be announced on the weekend of February 4 - 5.

If you need collection envelopes or information on the ePay system, please contact the **Parish Office** at (916) 256-3134.



ST. FAUSTINA'S ROSARY MAKERS



St. Faustina's Rosary Makers normally gathers on the **2nd Wednesday** and **4th Monday** of the month at **7:30 pm** to make rosaries and provide them to missions abroad and those in need who cannot otherwise afford one.

If you are interested in participating, please send email to faustinas_rosaries@sbcglobal.net or call **Eric Watson** at (916) 419-9940.

St. Faustina's Rosary Makers has a stock of rosaries available for purchase to give as gifts on birthdays and holidays. Please consider a new rosary for yourself or as a gift for family and friends. ALL proceeds are used to make mission rosaries for those less fortunate.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 07 Saturday

8:30am Loreto Tamondong, Jr. (*Birthday*)
5:00pm Edmundo Joaquin †, Richard Nelson †

January 08 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
9:30am Edmundo Joaquin †
12noon Diana Hinton (*Birthday*), Edmundo Joaquin †,
Christians in the Middle East (*Safety & Well-being*)
5:00pm Richard Nelson †

January 09 Monday

6:30pm Richard Nelson †

January 10 Tuesday

8:30am Richard Nelson †

January 11 Wednesday

6:30pm Reynaldo Gallegos † (*40th Day*), Richard Nelson †

January 12 Thursday

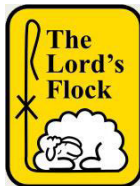
8:30am Richard Nelson †, Juan Reynoso †

January 13 Friday

6:30pm Richard Nelson †

THE LORD'S FLOCK

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is like a wise person who builds a house on a solid rock. Rain poured down, rivers flooded, and winds beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on a solid foundation." ~ Mt. 27:24-25



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 Catholic Charismatic Community, 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

January 09 Monday

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

January 10 Tuesday

January 11 Wednesday

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

January 12 Thursday

7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)

January 13 Friday

9:00am Altar Society - Flower Arranging (Narthex)
3:00pm Holy Hour
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
7:30pm DM Catholic Charismatic Group (Narthex)

January 14 Saturday

3:45pm Confession
6:30pm Tagalog Mass
7:30pm The Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Group
6:30pm Youth Ministry

January 15 Sunday

10:45am RCIA for Adults
1:30pm CFF
3:00pm CFF
6:30pm Youth Ministry



Remember Those
in the Military



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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consolatrix Ageas
Oma Alice
Jerry Bacani
Christopher Balaoro
Noriel Bambilla
Onnie Bass
Ken Benavente
Keolani Benavente
Celia Beran
Gigi Bernardez
Isabelo Bolongaita
William Bullman
Landon Carter
Mr. Casagrande

Joanne Cepeda
Austin Cooper
Jose De Guzman
Victor Dela Cruz
Walter Dennis
Maria Elena
Rosemarie Español
Shirley Espiritu
Evangelista Estaris
E. Fernandez
S. Fernandez
Mrs. Foucek
Jovita Gabriela

Fil Garcia
Mercedes Gatus
Mary Gomez
Amelia Guibao
Marie Holmes
C. Huber
Mary Isham
Railey Johnson
Kent Kim
Joe King
Brian Lee
Lucila Liwanag
Judith Lladoc

Arvuela Lucero
Liwayway Magsarili
Jun Malabunga
Lourdes Malabunga
Tony Manalo
Dominga Marzan
Susan Mejares
Linda Miles
Tyrone Miles
Ethel Mims
Nicca Moore
Leticia Mostajo
Rico Mostajo

Boy Neri
Chason Neri
Dolores Noceda
Rica Norbraten
Arsenia Nudas
Nancy Nuguid
Fernando Omega
Auring Pagala
Mario Pagaragan
Mike Pettis
Sharen Phillips
Baby Policarpio
Rene Policarpio

Adela Quintana
Rea Family
W. Lee Roberts
Sharon Ross
Armando Sagario
Marily Schmucki
Carolina Tamayo
Manuel Tamayo, Sr.
B. Uribe
Marlyn Q. Uy
Luisa Valderrama
Marvin Williams
Georgina Yeboah
Rebecca Yeboah

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

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Epiphany: Called to Pay Homage

The First Reading is a foretelling of Israel's deliverance and the worship of *their* God by Gentile peoples, by *all* nations. God will fulfill His promises to them (made in Second Isaiah). God's glory will so shine on His chosen people that foreigners from all over will come in pilgrimage to Jerusalem to pay homage to the Lord. This promise is fulfilled in the arrival of the Magi.

The Responsorial Psalm 72, describes the perfect king of Israel: someone as wise as Solomon, who secures justice for all, especially the poor, and a great warrior to enlarge Israel's boundaries. Realizing no king could fulfill these high expectations, the prophets spoke of a future king, unlike any other in Israel. The arrival of the Magi to pay homage to the Baby Jesus, the Messiah, is the fulfillment of this prophecy and the inauguration of God's reign. In the Magi, the *recognition* of the splendor and majesty of the newborn King of Kings *and* the *homage* paid Him *by all nations on earth* begins.



In the Second Reading, we see *the bounty of God's love extends to all peoples*; this is the mystery of salvation. The New Covenant is one in which all peoples will participate in God's grace, for all are chosen by Him, without distinction; all are part of the mystical body of Christ.

The Gospel continues the theme of this Sunday's Readings, the feast of Our Lord's Epiphany. Epiphany means *manifestation*, for we commemorate the day the glory of God's Messiah was made *manifest* to the pagans (all peoples) in the personage of the Magi. Even though the murderous King Herod (*whose paranoia about rivals to his throne caused him to murder a wife, three sons and a high priest brother-in-law*) sought to destroy the Messiah, God's protection of His Son's mission prevailed. The Magi brought three gifts: *gold*, a gift one gives to a king, *frankincense*, what is burned to honor a god, and *myrrh*, an ointment used in burials. These gifts indicate not only the royalty and divinity of Jesus, but also how He would save us; our God and King dies for us on a cross.



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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.

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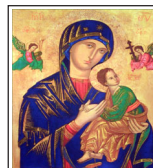
SHARING OUR TREASURE

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11-Dec	\$ 9,326
18-Dec	\$ 6,809
25-Dec	\$ 14,079
01-Jan	\$ 8,068
Goal This Week	\$ 8,000
Variance this Week	\$ 68
FY Collection to Date	\$ 192,385
Deficit to Date	\$ (23,615)

Building Fund Collections

11-Dec	\$ 2,235
18-Dec	\$ 8,201
25-Dec	\$ 16,673
01-Jan	\$ 6,258
FY Collection to Date	\$ 95,075

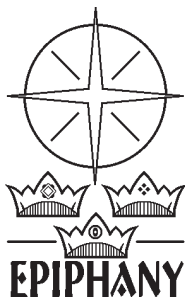
Thank you for your generous financial contributions to support Parish operations and repayment of our loan obligation.



NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP every Wednesday during the 6:30 pm Mass.



Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary in Spanish every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church.



Saints & Readings for the Week

Our Lord's Epiphany • Isa 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Monday • The Baptism of Our Lord

Isa 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Isa 12:2-6 / Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday • 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday • 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday • 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday • St Hilary (Ch Dr) • 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22 / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday • BVM • 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mk 2:13-17

2- Sunday Ord Time • 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

News From Around The Diocese



STO. NIÑO FIESTA



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

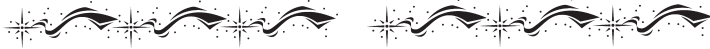
When: January 14, 2012

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

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

Main Celebrant: Bishop Jaime Soto

Concelebrants: Rev. Michael Kiernan and Rev. Arlon Vergara



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.**

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



CRAB FEED



The Knights of Columbus' Annual Crab Feed will be on Saturday, January 28th at St Lawrence Hall, St. Lawrence Parish, 4325 Don Julio Boulevard, North Highlands. Menu features *clam chowder, bread, salad, pasta & crab*. All for only **\$35 per person**.

Doors open & no-host cocktails at 5:30 pm; Dinner from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. **For tickets or for more information, please call Vince at (916) 961-8912, Steve at (916) 338-3816 or Monte at (916) 991-7721.**



True Devotees Prayer Group invites you to increase your intimacy with Jesus through a fuller appreciation of His Mother, Mary. St. Louis de Monfort's treatise, *True Devotion to Mary*, will prepare you for the consecration practiced by generations of popes. **Saturday meetings begin on February 11th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at St. Philomene's Church.** The

devotion will conclude on **March 25th** with Holy Mass of the Annunciation/Incarnation. This session uses the Fr. Faber original translation. **For more information, please call Robin at (916) 483-4638.**

A NIGHT WITH JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT



Come and join us and be blessed on **Wednesday, February 29th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Elk Grove for a wonderful message and music performance. **John Michael Talbot** has followed his calling as an internationally renowned composer, musician, author, retreat facilitator and teacher/evangelist. With over 35 years of travel and recording, he is one of the Greatest Contemporary Christian Artists of our time.

John Michael is the Founder and General Minister of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity, (monastery) Little Portion Hermitage and its Little Portion Retreat Center. An "integrated monastic community" with celibate brothers and sisters, singles, and families.

For questions or to donate, please contact Christopher Encinas at (916) 690-1407 or email encinas.christopher@yahoo.com or visit www.johnmichaeltalbot.com for more information on the artist.

Come join us for a DAY Retreat



For the Pro-Life Community of our Diocese
Saturday, February 11th
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mercy Center, 535 Sacramento Street
 Auburn, CA 95603

(Check-in at 9:30 am, Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm)

To be led by FR. PATRICK LEE

WHO IS IT FOR?

Come be refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened in your apostolic work as a pro-life Catholic Christian. Whatever type of pro-life ministry you're involved in, you're invited to attend: *Sidewalk Counselors, Life Center Staff/Volunteers, Parish Respect Life Ministries, Rachel's Vineyard Team Members, etc.*(Limited to the first 100 registrants).

Cost: \$30
 Includes Lunch

Sponsored by the
 Catholic Diocese of Sacramento

Register online:
www.feb11.info

Questions?
 Please contact **Steve Patton** at
(916) 733-0133 or email at
spatton@diocese-sacramento.org

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 7th

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway St.
 Sacramento, CA 95818
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

This training will provide practical information regarding marriage cases and matters pertaining to the declaration of invalidity of marriage (annulment). This will also be a great refresher experience for priests, deacons, lay ministers and RCIA team members who have already taken some training. Anyone involved in marriage or annulment ministry are invited and encouraged to attend the workshop. **Workshop materials and lunch will be provided.** A \$10.00 donation to help defray cost of the lunch would be welcomed.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

The Diocese of Sacramento is sponsoring trainer and speaker **Brian Butler** for two training days on **Theology of the Body for Teens**. On **Tuesday, January 24, 2012 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Clare in Roseville** he will train participants on Theology of the Body for Middle School Students and on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Fairfield** he will train participants on Theology of the Body for High School students. **Trainings cost \$45 each** and include lunch, a Leader's Guide for Ascension Press' program, plus many helpful handouts and other materials. Register online at <http://catholicyouth.com>. **For more information, please email Kevin at kstaszko@diocese-sacramento.org.**

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Join parents from all over the diocese for an excellent talk on **Theology of the Body for parents of teens**. **Brian Butler** will speak on *"Love and Relationships: Building a Culture of Chastity in Your Home"* at **St. Clare Catholic Church in Roseville on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm**. Admission is FREE. A free will donation will be taken to defray the costs of the event. Please contact **Kevin Staszko** for more information at **(916) 733-0152**.

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.*



2012 National Migration Week January 8 - 14

"Welcoming Christ in the Migrant" is this year's theme for National Migration Week. It helps remind us that Christ makes Himself present to each of us in the lonesome traveller, the newcomer, and the migrant. We are called to open our hearts and provide hospitality to those in need. It is our duty to create a space of welcome and acceptance to the migrant who finds himself or herself far away from home and in a vulnerable situation.