

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"May all the earth break
into song to Your name,
Most High."



2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2012

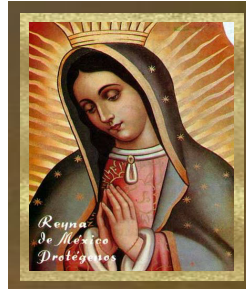
- Entrance Antiphon
Psalm 66: 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Faith Formation

CFF classes started last Sunday, January 8, 2012 and **still at the same time at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm**, respectively. The portable classrooms are NOT quite ready to be occupied just yet. We will be sending out announcements through the bulletin, pulpit, flyers and email once we get the go signal. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

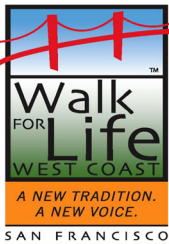
VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE



The Guadalupe Committee would like to invite everyone to our **monthly meetings every first Saturday of each month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm** to plan for the December celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information or if you have questions, please contact **Lui (Lauro) Santamaria at (916) 709-4600**.

Please join us for the **Spanish Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm** and **Rosary in Spanish every Thursday from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Last chance for tickets to SF Walk for Life Bus Trip



There are several tickets available for the Saturday, **January 21st parish bus trip to the Annual Walk for Life** to be held in San Francisco. We **leave at 9:00 am** from the church and **return by 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm**.

The walk is just 1.8 miles (vs. 3.0 miles last year). You will be joined by over 40,000 other fellow Christians in this peaceful public statement of our belief in the dignity of all human life. You can get tickets from **Jim Stutz after the 9:30 am Mass or call him at (916) 285-0706 or from the Parish Office at (916) 256-3134**. Get yours before the last few are gone. Cost is **\$25 for adults and \$20 for 18 years or younger**.



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

THE HUMAN PERSON

Thursday evenings
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (for 2 months)

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

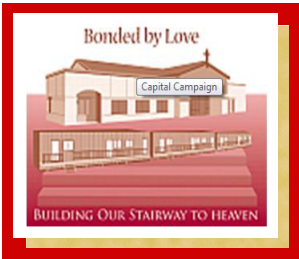
All classes will be held at the Narthex. Sign up sheet and flyers are available in the Narthex. For more information or if you have questions, please call **Mike or Renee Chavez at (916) 928-0684 or email renee Chavez@sbcglobal.net**.

Saints & Readings for the Week

2nd Sunday Ord Time • 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42
Monday • 1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday • St Anthony • 1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday • 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mk 3:1-6
Thursday • 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12
Friday • **Pope St Fabian** / St Sebastian • 1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19
Saturday • **BVM** / St Agnes • 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Mk 3:20-21
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20



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



Bonded by Love, Building our Stairway to Heaven Capital Campaign Update

- Pledge gifts continue to be received. Please be sure to make your gift. We must hear from every Parish family – one way or another – if you can help with this Campaign. **Please contact Lourdes in our Parish office** and let her know. Thank you.
- Our children turned in their coins! **They raised more than \$800 for the Campaign.** That equates to a 3-year pledge of about \$5 a week! God bless our children! Can you match their generous spirit?
- Lastly, get ready for Celebration Weekend! **On January 21st and 22nd,** we will celebrate the success of our Second Capital Campaign. There will be a short announcement after each Mass along with food and drinks. What a great way to enjoy the success of our campaign. Please plan to attend! *(And did you notice the modular buildings that are being prepared for our use in a month or so? We are one step closer because of your generosity!)*

We want to **THANK** everyone for making pledges. Pledge envelopes will be available soon. In the meantime, please write **“PLEDGE DONATION”** on those checks you deposit. We will collect your checks during the **Building Fund collection during the first weekend of every month.**



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



Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for being an iconic figure in the advancement of civil rights in the United States and around the world, using nonviolent methods following the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. King has become a national icon in the history of modern American liberalism.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.



Ordinary Offerings Most Powerful

(After working diligently in menial activity, trusting that God would help her accomplish it). I took up the pot with ease and poured off the water perfectly. But when I took off the cover to let the potatoes steam off, I saw there in the pot, in the place of the potatoes, whole bunches of red roses,

beautiful beyond description. **I had never seen such roses before.** Greatly astonished and unable to understand the meaning of this, I heard a voice within me saying, *I change such hard work of yours into bouquets of most beautiful flowers, and their perfume rises up to My throne.* From then on I have tried to drain the potatoes myself, not only during my week when it was my turn to cook. I try to be the first to help in any other burdensome task, because I have experienced how much this pleases God. **(65)**

A great mystery took place during that adoration, **a mystery between the Lord and myself.** It seemed to me that I would die of love (at the sight of) His glance. I spoke much with the Lord, without uttering a single word. And the Lord said to me, *You are the delight of My Heart; from today on, every one of your acts, even the very smallest, will be a delight to My eyes, whatever you do.* **(137)**

Pure love knows that only one thing is needed to please God: **to do even the smallest things out of great love - love, and always love.** **(140)**



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



TAGALOG MASS

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

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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

January 14 Saturday

8:30am Richard Nelson †
6:30pm Pipa Melendres (*Birthday*), Alex Jarin (*Birthday*)

January 15 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
9:30am Richard Nelson †, Pasumbal Family †
12noon Reynaldo Español †,
Emmanuel Oladimeji (*Speedy Recovery*)

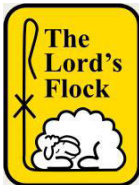
January 16 Monday

6:30pm Isaac Gomez †, Violet Stenhouse †,
Marcelo Quiambao †

January 19 Thursday

8:30am Laurence Dela Cruz † (*Death Anniversary*)

THE LORD'S FLOCK



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/>

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church considers it her duty to defend in our society as a whole the truths and values in which the very dignity of man is at stake. Accordingly, to mention one particularly important point, we have no right to judge whether an individual is "already a person" or "still a person," and even less is it up to us to manipulate the human being or even to wish to do so."

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011

WEEK AT A GLANCE

January 16 Monday

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

January 17 Tuesday

6:30pm K of C Officers' Meeting (Residence)
7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)

January 18 Wednesday

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

January 19 Thursday

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

January 20 Friday

9:00am Altar Society - Flower Arranging (Narthex)
3:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Capital Campaign Cabinet Meeting
7:00pm Capital Campaign Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
7:30pm DM Catholic Charismatic Group (Narthex)

January 21 Saturday

8th Annual West Coast Walk for Life (SFO)
3:45pm Confession
7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Grp (Narthex)

January 22 Sunday

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



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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Marfil Aganon
Consolatrix Ageas
Adam Agot
Muriel Alex
Oma Alice
Shauna Anderson
Aristotle Arreola, Sr.
Nicole Atkinson
Christopher Balaoro
Amelia Barnett
Gigi Bernardez
Jose Bernardo

Leony Bernardo
Isabelo Bolongaita, Jr.
Michael Bush
Gordon Campbell
Mr. Colvis
Seth Cooper
Deanna Decker
Walter Dennis
Shirley Espiritu
Evangelista Estaris
Fil Garcia
Mary Gomez

Amelia Guibao
Mary Isham
Joe King
Pricilla Lazo
Lucila Liwanag
Judith Lladoc
Arvuela Lucero
Liwaway Magsarili
Jun Malabunga
Lourdes Malabunga
Tony Manalo
Cindy Marek

Susan Mejares
Benny Melendez
John Mendoza
Naty Mendoza
Rosalina Miles
Tyrone Miles
Boy Neri
Chason Neri
Kim Nguyen
Ivy Nguyen
Rica Norbraten
Arsenia Nudas

Nathaniel Offenheiser
Auring Pagala
Mario Pagaragan
Adela Quintana
Stella Reyes
W. Lee Roberts
Stacie Shaffer
Bill Spallas
Matt Thode
Edwin Ugalde
Marlyn Q. Uy
Phin Vu

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

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

As of last Sunday, we are once again in Ordinary Time, which generally centers around one main Gospel, this year it is St. Mark's. However, this week is an exception, taking the Gospel from St. John. This Sunday's Readings revolve around the theme of **God's call and our response.**

In the **First Reading** we find the call of Samuel, the last of Israel's judges. A judge was a leader who served as prophet and priest. Samuel's conception was a miracle and Hannah, his mother, dedicated him to God's service while he was still a baby. It's no surprise then, that Samuel responds to God's call in the middle of the night, and God in turn, gives power and authority to Samuel's every word.

The **Responsorial, Psalm 40**, speaks of what God really asks of us; not external sin-offerings, but to follow Him with all our heart and will, announcing His justice to all we meet by courageously living out our Christian calling, witnessing in public by word and deed. This is what brings us true joy, for hiding our Christian identity or responding half-heartedly brings only frustration and emptiness.

The **Second Reading**, is a reminder to live morally and modestly, for our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and should not be degraded or manipulated. Jesus died on the cross to give us this new chance and He asks us to use our bodies as instruments to proclaim His goodness.

In today's **Gospel**, we find the beautiful account of St. Andrew bringing his brother, St. Peter, to Christ. St. Andrew was a follower of St. John the Baptist, and when the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his disciples, *St. Andrew being one of them*, they left St. John, and followed Christ. Andrew told Peter that Jesus was *the Messiah*, "*the Christ*" in Greek. Peter also receives his new name which is translated from Aramaic (*Cephas*) into Greek "*Peter*". Hence the new *rock* solid foundation of the Church is established in St. Peter. And it all began with St. Andrew's response to God's call. May we have the grace to always respond to God's call even in the littlest of things.



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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.



SHARING OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collections

18-Dec	\$ 6,809
25-Dec	\$ 14,079
01-Jan	\$ 8,068
08-Jan	\$ 6,481
Goal This Week	\$ 8,000
Deficit this Week	\$ (1,519)
FY Collection to Date	\$ 199,396
Deficit to Date	\$ (24,604)

Building Fund Collections

18-Dec	\$ 8,201
25-Dec	\$ 16,673
01-Jan	\$ 6,258
08-Jan	\$ 4,821
FY Collection to Date	\$ 115,783

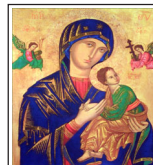
Thank you for your generous financial contributions to support parish operations and repayment of our loan obligation.

MONTHLY DRAWING



Please use your envelopes or ePay when you make your donations and qualify to participate in the monthly prize drawing. The drawing prizes are donated and will not be paid from the church collections. If you need collection envelopes or information on the ePay system, please contact the **Parish Office at (916) 256-3134.**

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



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.**

News From Around The Diocese



PRO-LIFE MASS WITH BISHOP SOTO



On Friday, January 20th at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate the 12:10 pm Mass in recognition of the anniversary of the infamous 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our country. A similar Mass will be

celebrated that same day at 6:00 pm at Our Divine Savior Church in Chico. All priests are invited to concelebrate and all the faithful are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Diocesan Respect Life Office at (916) 733-0133.

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

Coping with Life Alone



A weekly series designed to help you work through the pain of losing your spouse, whether by divorce, separation or death. The program follows a specific topic each week, and consists of presentations given by trained facilitators, followed by a short personal reflection time and small group discussion. All sessions are led by men and women who have been right where you are and invite you on the healing journey to a new beginning.

Fridays 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
January 6th - March 9th

St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall
5751 Locust Avenue, Carmichael

Registration fee of \$10.00 AND weekly meeting fee of \$5.00

Beginning Experience® Weekend March 16th - 18th

For more information, please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our web site www.sacramentobe.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.



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?

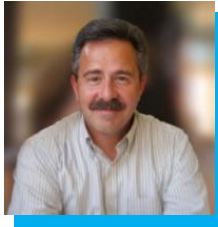
Come be refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened in your apostolic work as a pro-life Catholic Christian. Whatever type of pro-life ministry you're involved in, you're invited to attend: *Sidewalk Counselors, Life Center Staff/Volunteers, Parish Respect Life Ministries, Rachel's Vineyard Team Members,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



Patrick Madrid is coming to Sacramento!

Patrick Madrid - popular Catholic author, speaker, apologist, and radio host will be in Sacramento on **Friday, January 20th for two events.** All are welcome!

- He will be speaking at the **Woodlake Hotel (formerly known as the Radisson at 500 Leisure Ln.)** at a luncheon at **12:00 noon.** Please pre-register and pre-pay online at www.SacCatholicForum.org. The topic will be *"Why Be Catholic? When you could be anything else."*
- He will be speaking at **Presentation Parish (4123 Robertson Ave.) at 6:30 pm.** This evening event is **FREE** and a **freewill offering** will be taken up to reimburse Patrick for his time and talent. The topic will be *"Search and Rescue: How you can help people come home to the Church."*

At both events, his books will be for sale, and there will be a book signing.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the annual celebration of **World Day of the Sick** for the Diocese of Sacramento on **Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am** at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.** This beautiful liturgy will include a blessing of the assembly with water from the Shrine at Lourdes, sacramental Anointing of the Sick, and the celebration of the Eucharist. Those in need of sacramental anointing are especially invited to this day of prayer and celebration.



World Marriage Day – Renewal of Vows



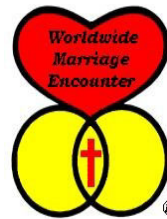
On **Saturday, February 25th,** Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a special **11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** in which married couples may renew their wedding vows. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples

celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.SacWMD.com. For more information, please call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis at (916) 733-0123.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



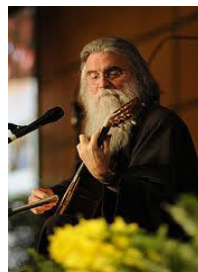
Is someone you know suffering after an abortion, perhaps years after the choice? Please consider the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, March 2 - 4, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento.** This unique and effective experience presents the mercy and compassion of God. The retreat is extremely 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.*



WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.....Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Valentines Weekend, February 10-12, Sacramento.**

For information, please call Jim and Michelle Stutz at (916) 285-0706. To register, please contact Barry & Julia Reynolds at (866) 825-2046 or go to meregistrar@aol.com.

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.