

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"... I will make you fishers of men."

~Mark 1:17



3rd Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 22, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



*Bonded by Love,
Building our Stairway
to Heaven*

Capital Campaign Update

Celebration Weekend January 21st and 22nd

■ 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?

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.**



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.**

STO. NIÑO FIESTA



Everyone is cordially invited to our **1st Sto. Niño Feast celebration on Saturday, January 28th.**

10:30 am - Procession of Sto. Niño. Please bring your Sto. Niño statues/ images to be blessed.

11:00 am - Holy Mass

Officiating Priests:

FR. ALDO RANIN and FR. BERT SELGA

Potluck reception follows after the Mass. Please bring the following **based on the first letter of your last name:**

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| A - D : Chicken | M - P : Lumpia |
| E - H : Pancit | Q - T : Fruits |
| I - L : Rice or Rolls | U - Z : Paper plates, forks & spoons, cups |

Your **sponsorship of \$25** will help us with the priests' stipend. If you would like to be a sponsor, **please contact Annie Reyes (916) 747-1527, Evelyn Rohrer (916) 419-0468 or Carmen Gila (916) 922-7013.**

~ **Our nine-day Novena Prayer for the Sto. Niño started last January 19th and will end on January 27th ~**

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.** Sign-up sheet is also available in the narthex.

The Image of the Divine Mercy



The earliest element of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina was the **IMAGE**. On February 22, 1931 Jesus appeared to her with rays radiating from His heart and said,

*Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: **Jesus I trust in You**. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. (Diary 47)*

I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory. (Diary 48)



*I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature "**Jesus, I trust in You.**" (Diary 327)*

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The **pale ray** stands for the *Water* which makes souls righteous. The **red ray** stands for the *Blood* which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. (Diary 299)

Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush, lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace. (Diary 313)

By means of this image, I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works. (Diary 742)

In these texts, the Church's doctrine on images, justification and grace are explained. First, by itself an image is merely a painting, no matter how beautiful and expressive. Yet, it can point us the mysteries of the faith and dispose us to grasp and receive what it represents, in this case the Divine Mercy. It is thus a vessel, not the source, a reminder, not the reality. The reality is the merciful fountain of grace flowing from the pierced Heart of Christ on the Cross, and flowing out visibly to represent the visible, that is the sacramental, signs of grace, Baptism and Eucharist, standing for all the sacraments of the Church. Thus, St. John in his first letter insists on the presence of the invisible with the visible, the Spirit with the water and the Blood.



blood and water reminds us that the Cross, love in action, is the price of mercy. "**As I have loved you so also should you love one another.**" (Jn 13:34)

The image also reminds us that **salvation is not just by faith, but by works of charity also.** It takes faith to see and believe in what the Image signifies, Divine Mercy poured out from Christ upon the Cross, but it takes mercy, love going beyond the strict requirements of justice, in order to draw down mercy on oneself. "**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us**" (Mt 6:12) and "**the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you**" (Mt 7:2)

The Image of the pierced side of Christ pouring out



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

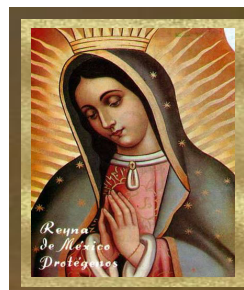
THE HUMAN PERSON

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 21 Saturday

8:30am Albert and Julie Aninzo (*Wedding Anniversary*)
5:00pm Teologia Botones (*Birthday*), Marcelo Quiambao †

January 22 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
12noon Maria Cariño †, Ronnie Gomes †

January 23 Monday

6:30pm Sebastian Dalan †, Xylie Adrienne Tiglao (*Birthday*)

January 26 Thursday

8:30am Lydia Carballo-Tordilla †, Amelia Sanchez †

January 27 Friday

6:30pm Artemio & Catalina Real (*Wedding Anniversary*)
Fidel & Jovi Real (*Wedding Anniversary*)

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.

Our speaker on **Saturday, January 28th** is **Sis. Mikmik Rodriguez Flores**, International Director of the Lord's Flock and Regional Coordinator (for Mid-Pacific Region) of the Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities.

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 23 Monday

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

January 24 Tuesday

7:30pm Simbang Gabi Committee Meeting (Narthex)

January 25 Wednesday

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

January 26 Thursday

4:00pm Quinceañera Rehearsal (Church)
7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)

January 27 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 28 Saturday

10:30am Sto. Niño Feast Celebration
2:30pm Quinceañera
3:45pm Confession
7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Group (Narthex)

January 29 Sunday

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



Saturday • January 28



St Francis de Sales
Tuesday • January 24th



The Conversion of St Paul

Wednesday
January 25

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sera Adjemian
Marfil Aganon
Consolatrix Ageas
Oma Alice
Aristotle Arreola
Ester Bandon
Amelia Barnett
Gigi Bernardez
Marcelina Brecht
William Bullman
Virginia Cajustin

Frank Calcagno
Gordon Campbell
Cesar Chaves
Karen Anne Crespo
Jose De Guzman
Deanna Decker
Walter Dennis
Eugenio Ellos, Sr.
Shirley Espiritu
Evangelista Estaris

S. Fernandez
Mary Gomez
Amelia Guibao
Jocella Gutierrez
Jose Gutierrez
Mary Isham
Kent Kim
Joe King
Pricilla Lazo
Judith Lladoc

Lwayway Magsarili
Jun Malabunga
Lourdes Malabunga
Tony Manalo
Dominga Marzan
Josephine McCalip
Sally Miller
Leticia Mostajo
Sid Muñoz
Boy Neri

Chason Neri
Dr. James Nishio
Dolores Noceda
Rica Norbraten
Arsenia Nudas
Nancy Nuguid
Mario Pagaragan
Adela Quintana
Ambiro Reyna
W. Lee Roberts

Hector Rodriguez
Sharon Ross
Lynn Sciltto
Alfreda Sim
Robert Smith
Simone Smith
Matt Thode
B. Uribe
Marlyn Q. Uy
Mario Villarama
Marvin Williams

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

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CALLED TO CONVERSION

In the **First Reading**, we again see how the people who believed in God, respond to His call. Jonah, the prophet, was sent by

God to the large pagan city of Nineveh, to warn of impending destruction. The people respond with a call to repentance; even the king decrees a fast for all in the city, reasoning that God might relent and forgive them their sins (which is exactly what happens). As in every Mass, today we are called to examine our lives and turn from our sinful ways, so that we too, can respond to God's call.

The **Responsorial** beseeches the Lord to instruct us in His ways, to reveal His paths to us, so that we can do what pleases Him; for human effort alone will fail. We experience God's compassion, not only in His forgiveness, but also in His teaching us how to avoid sin, which hurts us. God does not leave us orphan, but treats us as His children, guiding and instructing us in His ways of goodness, humility and justice.

Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord.

The **Second Reading** is a reminder of the ephemeral, transitory nature of the world and worldly things. It calls us to keep this life and worldly concerns in perspective. We can do this if we view all things in light of eternity.

Today's **Gospel** recounts the call of the first Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James and John. Both sets of brothers: Peter and Andrew; James and John, were fishermen. Here, Jesus calls them to proclaim the Word. The Good News is that Jesus is the personification of God's Kingdom and the dawning of a new era. These first Apostles left all and followed Jesus wherever He went. Being His followers means that our Christian calling permeates how we live; all else: work, possessions, status, etc. are secondary to that call.



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NEXT WEEKEND, January 28 - 29, our Second Collection is for the Catholic Faith Formation (CFF).

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.

"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	
Weekly Goal	\$ 8,000
25-Dec	\$ 14,079
01-Jan	\$ 8,068
08-Jan	\$ 6,481
15-Jan	\$ 7,027
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 206,393
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 232,000
Year-to-Date Variance	\$ (25,607)

Building Fund Collections	
Annual Goal	\$ 372,000
25-Dec	\$ 16,673
01-Jan	\$ 6,258
08-Jan	\$ 4,821
15-Jan	\$ 968
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 115,783

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.**

News From Around The Diocese



JOB OPENING

The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for a full time Administrative Assistant/ Office Manager for the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis. The ideal candidate is high energy, bilingual (good verbal and written skills in both English and Spanish), excellent on the computer (Office Suite), and good with volunteers. Some experience working in a Catholic parish or volunteering in a parish ministry is also a plus. **Position is full time 35 hours per week, Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway in Sacramento.

Interested candidates should email cover letter and resume to **Kevin Staszkw**, kstaszkw@diocese-sacramento.org.

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

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.**

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.**

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.

**Come celebrate with
Father Paul Zirimenya and Bishop Soto
in Sacramento!**

Bishop Jaime Soto would like to invite the Catholic Deaf Community of the Sacramento area to celebrate **Fr. Paul's recent appointment as Deaf Chaplain!**

Please join us for Mass in ASL and Reception

**Sunday, January 29, 2012
at 10:30 am**

**Newman Catholic Community
5900 Newman Court
Sacramento, CA 95819
(near CSUS, J St. & Carlson Dr.)**



Fr. Paul Zirimenya will also be available for confession and individual visits. Please contact Stanley Simonet in advance to schedule visits with Fr. Paul.

**Stanley Simonet (916) 668-6609 videophone
Email: deafministry@diocese-sacramento.org**

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.

Roman Catholic
Diocese of Sacramento Presents

Mother Daughter
Program 2012

Mother-Daughter Programs - The Diocese of Sacramento is offering programs to help mothers discuss puberty and fertility with their 10 - 12 year old and 13 - 16 year old daughters. These programs are offered nationwide and have helped thousands of mothers and daughters have healthy, wholesome and God-centered discussions about the sometimes challenging transition from being girl to being a woman. To register or for more information about program locations and content go to www.motherdaughterprogram.com. To register by mail or with other questions, please contact **Steve Patton** **Phone: (916) 733-0133 | Email: spatton@diocese-sacramento.org**

Cost: \$20 per family - Includes: Drinks, prizes and ice cream sundaes by Leatherby's. Reservations required.

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.

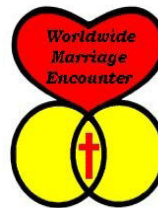
For questions or to donate, please contact Christopher Encinas at (916) 690-1407 or email encinas.christopher@yahoo.com or visit www.johnmichaeltalbot.com for more information on the artist.

CHINESE LUNAR NEW YR. CELEBRATION



The Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community will be celebrating the **Lunar New Year with Holy Mass and Ceremonial Tribute to our ancestors on Sunday, February 5th at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.** **Bishop Jaime Soto will be the Presider of the Holy Mass to be celebrated in English at 3:00 pm.** We will also gather for a **Celebratory Chinese Dinner at Holiday Villa Restaurant at 6:00 pm.** For dinner reservation and information, please contact **Gloria (916) 442-7178 or Barbara (916) 396-9783.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend



Married Couples: It takes so much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Register for our next weekend **February 10-12 in Sacramento.** For more information or to register, please call **Barry & Julia Reynolds at (866) 825-2046** or go to meregistrar@aol.com.



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