

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"The people in darkness have seen a great light."

~Alleluia Verse 4:16



4th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 29, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Divine Mercy West Coast Walk for Life Bus Pilgrimage

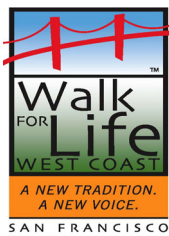
THANKS to everyone who helped make this year's pilgrimage such a success last **Saturday, Jan 21st**.

Our bus was sold out and we had a waiting list. Everyone was able to go however, as a few people could not go at the last minute, they made their tickets available to those on the waiting list.

- THANK YOU **Fr. Octavio** for giving us a great send off with your inspiring pro-life homily at the 8:30 am Saturday Mass and again in person on the bus before we left.
- THANKS to the **SF Organizing Committee** who planned a new and better rally location (Civic Center Plaza) and walk route (Market Street). The turn out was even larger than the 40,000 for last year.
- THANK YOU to the **Knights and two anonymous donors** who made the trip affordable for the youth group and other passengers who otherwise might not have been able to go.
- THANK YOU to all the **45 of you who attended**. You were prepared to go rain or shine and we were blessed with beautiful sunshine and even a rainbow.
- Most of all, THANK YOU **Dear Lord** for giving each of us life and the opportunity to publicly witness our belief in the dignity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Tickets for next year's pilgrimage will begin in **October 2012 which is Respect Life Month**. Please do not forget about the **40 Days for Life** events during the upcoming Lenten Season.

~ Jim Stutz and Jim Perry
Bus Co-Captains
Respect Life Ministry



2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



The 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place on the weekend of **February 11 - 12**. Through our support, we can assure that many vital social service programs continue to assist tens of thousands of people in need, assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, and provide need-based tuition assistance to families desiring a Catholic school education for their children. Please prayerfully consider what you can give.

TAGALOG MASS



Please join us as we celebrate Tagalog Mass on **FEBRUARY 11th 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**. Sign-up sheet is also available in the narthex.

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**.



1st Friday & 1st Saturday
This Friday & Saturday
February 3 & 4



Secret Harbour - Portus Secretioris



Saint Faustina Suffered for Victims of Abortion

Not well-known or highly touted in conversations about the "Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska" are the pangs of abortion she suffered on behalf of souls who experienced this tragic occurrence. It's quite obvious from Saint Faustina's entry that abortion is not just an issue with Catholicism or the Pro-Life movement, but is also an issue with God Himself. Here is Saint Faustina's entry (1276):

September 16, 1937. I wanted very much to make a Holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament today. But God's will was otherwise. At eight o'clock I was seized with such violent pains that I had to go to bed at once. I was convulsed with pain for three hours; that is, until eleven o'clock at night. No medicine had any effect on me, and whatever I swallowed I threw up.

At times, the pains caused me to lose consciousness. Jesus had me realize that in this way I took part in His Agony in the Garden, and that He Himself allowed these sufferings in order to offer reparation to God for the souls murdered in the wombs of wicked mothers. I have gone through these sufferings three times now. They always start at eight o'clock in the evening and last until eleven. No medicine can lessen these sufferings. When eleven o'clock comes, they cease by themselves, and I fall asleep at that moment. The following day, I feel very weak.

This happened to me for the first time when I was at the sanatorium. The doctors couldn't get to the bottom of it, and no injection or medicine helped me at all or did I myself have any idea of what the sufferings were about. I told the doctor that never before in my life had I experienced such sufferings, and he declared he did not know what sort of pains they are. But now I understand the nature of these pains, because the Lord Himself has made this known to me. Yet when I think that I may perhaps suffer in this way again, I tremble. But I do not know whether I will ever again suffer in this way; I leave that to God. What it pleases God to send, I will accept with submission and love. If only I could save even one soul from murder by means of these sufferings!

Something to keep in mind is that Saint Faustina was a victim soul. God called her to experience suffering on behalf of the world's sins. As Christians, God calls all of us to pray for mercy on behalf of our own sins and the sins of the world. Saint Faustina's Diary is not her own. She was God's instrument to express His thoughts to the world. This diary is a diary of mercy not judgment. It is the mercy of God we seek in prayer, not the judgment of God. There are many women who have had abortions who today very much wish they had not. Jesus gave us the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a means to seek His mercy for all souls. And certainly it is no coincidence that Jesus arranged that the Divine Mercy Chaplet could be prayed using His Mother's beads.



VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE



Please join us:

- **Spanish Mass** every 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm
- **Rosary in Spanish** every Thursday from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Our **monthly meetings are 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.



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**.

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/>

MASS INTENTIONS

January 28 Saturday

8:30am Ron Noah Rapatalo ☩
5:00pm Gloria Espejo ☩

January 29 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
12noon Natalie Tamondong (*Birthday*),
Aida Panganiban Nadal ☩
5:00pm Artemio Loyola ☩

January 30 Monday

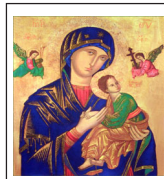
6:30pm Venus, Vanessa & Emmanuel (*Safe Trip*)

February 02 Thursday

8:30am Lourdes Botonio (*Birthday*)

February 03 Friday

8:30am Fred Aurelio (*Birthday*)



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



Tuesday • Jan 31

WEEK AT A GLANCE

January 30 Monday

NO Children's Choir Practice
7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)

February 01 Wednesday

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

February 02 Thursday

9:00am Altar Society - Flower Arranging (Narthex)
7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)

February 03 Friday

9:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00pm Holy Hour
5:45pm Benediction
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)

February 04 Saturday

11:00am Guadalupe Committee Meeting
3:45pm Confession
7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Grp (Narthex)

February 05 Sunday

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

Saints & Readings for the Week

4- Sunday in Ordinary Time • Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28
Monday • 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20
Tues • St John Bosco • 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3 / Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday • 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Mk 6:1-6
Thursday • Our Lord's Presentation •
Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40
1-Friday • St Blaise / St Ansgar • Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29
1-Saturday • BVM • 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34
5- Sunday Ordinary Time • Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

"God loves us. This is the great truth of our life; it is what makes everything else meaningful. We are not the product of blind chance or absurdity; instead our life originates as part of a loving plan of God."
~ Pope Benedict XVI, Prayer Vigil with Young People at Cuatro Vientos Airport, August 20, 2011



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

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Sera Adjemian
Consolatrix Ageas
Adam Agot
Oma Alice
Shauna Anderson
Allan Andes
Aristotle Arreola, Sr.
Anna Baczynska
Amelia Barnett

Ken Benavente
Gigi Bernardez
Rico Biteng, Jr.
Rose Borja
Dick Boudreau
Brecht Family
Milagro Lizama Choi
Mr. Colvis
Austin Cooper
Buck Crawford
Karen Anne Crespo
Walter Dennis
Shirley Espiritu
Evangelista Estaris

Mercedes Gatus
Mary Gomez
Amelia Guibao
Jocella Gutierrez
Jose Gutierrez
Marie Holmes
Mary Isham
Sandy Jang
Kent Kim
Joe King
Karen Lakomy
Francisco Lansang
Pricilla Lazo
Judith Lladoc

Liwayway Magsarili
Jun Malabunga
Lourdes Malabunga
Tony Manalo
Cindy Marek
Dominga Marzan
George Mateo
Rosalina Miles
Tyrone Miles
Sally Miller
Ethel Mims
Maria Montes
Nicca Moore
Leticia Mostajo

Silvia Muñoz
Boy Neri
Chason Neri
Dr. James Nishio
Rica Norbraten
Arsenia Nudas
Nathaniel Offenheiser
Mario Pagaragan
Adela Quintana
Ambiro Reyna
Eugenio Rindon, Sr.
W. Lee Roberts
Sharon Ross
Stacie Shaffer

Alfreda Sims
Bill Spallas
Will Sutter
Carolina Tamayo
Manuel Tamayo, Sr.
Iva Tanner
Matt Thode
Zenaida Uson
Marlyn Q. Uy
Maria Vakaahi
Domingo Villarama
Mario Villarama
Aaron Yan
Rebecca Yeboah

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

God's Perspective, Our Following

Today's **First Reading** comes from *Deuteronomy* (second law); a collection of laws. This collection was found in the temple during King Josiah's religious reform, written centuries after many of the Mount Sinai laws. Here Moses promises a continuity of the prophetic tradition. God will leave His people with the guidance they need to walk in His ways. Over time, Moses' prediction was seen to refer to a Messiah. This is one reason we see Moses in the Transfiguration, to show that Jesus truly was the fulfillment of Moses' promise. A prophet is not so much one who foretells the future, as one who reveals God's perspective.

The **Responsorial** has two parts. In the first part, God is celebrated as our King and shepherd. With great majesty we acclaim His power and mercy. The proper response to this glory is to fall on our knees and worship Him, recognizing His greatness and our insignificance. Such a response is not self-humiliation, but acknowledgment of God's awesome nature. The Lord is not only our companion and friend, but also the Creator of all, and holy beyond our understanding. If we believe this first part to be true, then the call to obey and convert in the second part should be clear. If God really is our King and shepherd, then we should live obedient, righteous lives.

In the **Second Reading**, St. Paul lists some advantages of celibacy and virginity for clergy and religious to more easily serve the Lord and His people without distraction, in an undivided fashion.



Today's **Gospel** recalls Jesus' first day in Capernaum. Here we're given an example of His authority, when He exercises it to dispel a demon from a possessed man. Even the evil spirit cannot deny who Jesus is, it is a spontaneous reaction to the presence of God's Holy One. His awesome nature causes it to convulse and obey Our Lord immediately. May we always have the grace to humbly discern and obey God's will for us. © Church Bulletin Co

"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
 January 28 - 29
CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)
 February 4 - 5
BUILDING FUND



SHARING OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collections	
Weekly Goal	\$ 8,000
01-Jan	\$ 8,068
08-Jan	\$ 6,481
15-Jan	\$ 7,027
22-Jan	\$ 6,643
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 212,986
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 240,000
Year-to-Date Variance	\$ (27,014)

Building Fund Collections	
Annual Goal	\$ 372,000
01-Jan	\$ 6,258
08-Jan	\$ 4,821
15-Jan	\$ 968
22-Jan	\$ 10,046
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 128,440

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

St Blaise
 Friday • Feb 3rd
Blessing of Throats

SHARE THE FAITH

The Presentation
 of Our Lord
 Thursday • Feb 2nd

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.

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

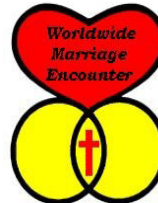
will be the Presider of the Holy Mass to be celebrated in English at 3:00 pm. We will also gather for a Celebratory Chinese Dinner at Holiday Villa Restaurant at 6:00 pm. For dinner reservation and information, please contact Gloria (916) 442-7178 or Barbara (916) 396-9783.

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.

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.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Parish of St. Peter and All Hallows invite you to its **First Men's Conference on Saturday, February 25th at 5605 14th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820**. Registration starts at 8:00 am. Cost is \$30 (includes lunch). Please send payment to All Hallows, 5500 13th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820. For more information, please call (916) 456-7206.



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.

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.

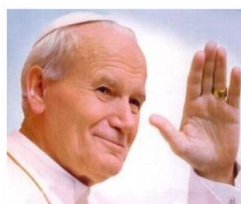
RETRouvaille



Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase –
The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. 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.

SERIES ON JOHN PAUL II'S THOUGHT




John Paul II's theological and philosophical reflections on man and woman have generated great interest in the Catholic vision of marriage and family, especially in light of Vatican II. Because of that interest, **St. John the Baptist parish in Folsom** is hosting a series of

talks for those who want to explore, discuss, and understand what the Church says about marriage and family and why she says it.

The series, given by **John Hamlon**, will highlight the following works:

- John Paul II's first encyclical, Redeemer of Man; his exhortation on The Family in the Modern World; and his Theology of the Body
- Edith Stein's essay, "The Separate Vocations of Man and Woman According to Nature and Grace"
- Paul VI's encyclical On Human Life
- Dietrich von Hildebrand's Marriage: The Mystery of Faithful Love

The talks will be on four successive **Thursday evenings, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, starting February 11nd at St. John the Baptist Parish Center, 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom**). A free-will offering of \$5 per session is suggested. For further details, please contact **Cynthia Mulcaire** at (916) 985-2065, ext. 17 or by email at re@stjohnsfolsom.org.



Columbian Senior Advisory Service presents ...
Navigating the Cost of Senior Care

Please join us for a FREE education event for Knights, their families and members of the community. Whether you are planning for the future or currently making life-changing decisions, this event will provide an overview of important topics to help you be informed. There will also be community resource representatives at the event to answer any questions you may have. This presentation will cover valuable information about:

- The spectrum of housing and facility options for seniors
- In-home care and how to proceed
- Medicare, Medi-Cal, Veteran's Aid & Attendance and Long Term Care Insurance
- Myths and realities about senior services and aging

Date : Friday, February 24th
Time : 10:30 am -1:30 pm
Location : Knights of Columbus 953 Hall
 5961 Newman Court
 Sacramento, CA 95819

Please RSVP by February 17th at (800) 273-0068
 ~ Light lunch will be provided ~

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?
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