

# WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"For the honor of  
Your name, lead  
me and guide me."*  
~ Entrance Antiphon  
Psalm 31:4

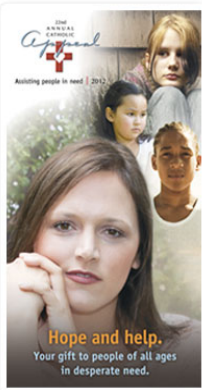


**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
February 12, 2012**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**APPEAL WEEKEND  
THIS WEEKEND,  
FEBRUARY 11 - 12**



Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the **2012 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Seminarians currently in formation, Catholic school students, the sick, the aged, and people in need - they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal. Greatly increasing

participation here at Divine Mercy Church assures the continuation of these efforts.

### DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA



There will be a procession in devotion to Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 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 contact Tess Mostajo (916) 285-6351 or Auring Pagala (916) 515-1045.



- Ash Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Palm Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Easter Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>



From The Parish Office . . .

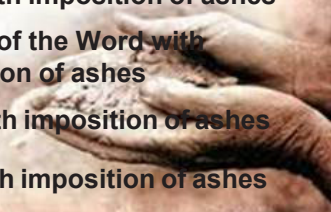
Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for the President's Day Holiday.



### ASH WEDNESDAY February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Schedule of Services:

- 8:30 am Mass with imposition of ashes
- 12noon Liturgy of the Word with imposition of ashes
- 4:00 pm Mass with imposition of ashes
- 6:30 pm Mass with imposition of ashes



*Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lenten season. It is a day of **fast and abstinence** for Catholics.*

## Sportsfest Spring 2012

The Divine Mercy Sportsfest is once again **starting to accept registrations for the Spring 2012 season**. We are looking for **kids, youth and adult basketball and volleyball players**. Please see one of the committee members after each Mass or visit the parish website for more information.

### Volleyball

Wednesdays starting February 29<sup>th</sup>

### Basketball

Thursdays and Fridays starting March 1<sup>st</sup>



### Venue

Norwood Junior High School  
4601 Norwood Ave., Sacramento, CA 95838

# CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

If your child is receiving sacraments this year, please save these important dates:

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION

**Review and Examination of Conscience**  
April 13, 2012 (Friday), 4:30pm – 6:00 pm

**First Holy Reconciliation**  
April 14, 2012 (Saturday) TBA

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal**  
May 10, 2012 (Thursday), 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

**First Holy Communion**  
May 12, 2012 (Saturday), 11:00 am

## CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Rehearsal**  
May 31, 2012 (Thursday), 7:30 pm

**Confirmation**  
June 5, 2012 (Tuesday), 7:00 pm

**\*\*Please check the list posted on the CFF board\*\***



Viva Pit Señor!



*Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our celebration of the Feast of St. Niño last January 28<sup>th</sup>. Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Aldo Ranin and Fr. Bert Selga for celebrating the Mass. Thank you to those who brought food and drinks for the fellowship.*



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

## **FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH**

Wednesdays beginning February 15<sup>th</sup> (for 4 months)  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

**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](mailto:renee-chavez@sbcglobal.net).



The Knights of Columbus Council 14158 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting - location TBA**

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.



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

## **Attention California Voters!**



The California Bishops have endorsed **two initiatives proposed for the November 2012 California general election**, but both need more signatures of registered voters in order to qualify for the ballot. The **Parental Notification Initiative** will respect parents' right to be informed about the welfare of their daughters by requiring doctors to notify parents 48 hours prior to an abortion on their minor daughter. The **SAFE California Initiative** would recognize the dignity of human life, even in those who have done grave harm, by replacing the death penalty with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. At the invitation of Bishop Soto, our parish will be conducting signature gathering for these initiatives after all the Masses on February 18/19 and 25/26. If you are registered to vote in California, please take just a few minutes to sign these initiative petitions.





**Divine Mercy in Scripture  
New Testament**

Based on Pope John Paul II's Encyclical *Rich in Mercy*  
(*Dives in Misericordia*)

At the very beginning of the New Testament, two voices resound in St. Luke's gospel in unique harmony concerning the mercy of God - a harmony which forcefully echoes the whole Old Testament tradition. Mary, entering the house of Zechariah, magnifies the Lord with all her soul for "His mercy," which "from generation to generation" is bestowed on those who fear Him.

A little later, as she recalls the election of Israel, she proclaims the mercy which He who has chosen her holds "in remembrance" from all time (60). Afterwards, in the same house, when John the Baptist is born, his father Zechariah blesses the God of Israel and glorifies Him for performing the mercy promised to our fathers and for remembering His holy covenant (61).

In the teaching of Christ Himself, this image inherited from the Old Testament becomes at the same time simpler and more profound. This is perhaps most evident in the **Parable of the Prodigal Son (62)**. Although the word "mercy" does not appear, it nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way.

This is due not so much to the terminology, as in the Old Testament books, as to the analogy that enables us to understand more fully the very mystery of mercy, as a profound drama played out between the father's love and the prodigality and sin of the son. That son, who receives from the father the

portion of the inheritance that is due to him and leaves home to squander it in a far country "in loose living," in a certain sense is the man of every period, beginning with the one who was the first to lose the inheritance of grace and original justice.

The parable indirectly touches upon every breach of the covenant of love, every loss of grace, every sin. The analogy at this point is very wide-ranging. The parable indirectly touches upon every breach of the covenant of love, every loss of grace, every sin. In this analogy there is less emphasis than in the prophetic tradition on the unfaithfulness of the whole people of Israel, although the analogy of the prodigal son may extend to this also.

"When he had spent everything," the son "began to be in need," especially as "a great famine arose in that country" to which he had gone after leaving his father's house. And in this situation "he would gladly have fed on" anything, even "the pods that the swine ate," the swine that he herded for "one of the citizens of that country." But even this was refused him.

The analogy turns clearly towards man's interior. The inheritance that the son had received from his father was a quantity of material goods, but more important than these goods was his dignity as a son in his father's house.



*Parable of the Prodigal Son  
Lk 15: 11-32*

~ Divine Mercy  
Devotion Ministry



- More next week -

President Lincoln's  
Birthday  
February 12  
TODAY



**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
February 14

**VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE**



Please join us:

- **Spanish Mass** every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ST. FAUSTINA'S ROSARY MAKERS**



**St. Faustina's Rosary Makers normally gathers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:faustinas_rosaries@sbcglobal.net) or call Eric Watson at (916) 419-9940.

**Next meeting is on February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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.





## Jesus wants to heal our hearts

The **First Reading** sets the stage for today's Gospel account of Jesus healing the leper. Here, we find the law regarding leprosy. Any sort of skin disease, even severe acne or eczema was considered leprosy. All such citizens were severely segregated from the rest of the community and lost any right to participate in society. The priests were involved in the official declaration of uncleanness and healing of such.

The **Responsorial Psalm 32**, speaks of God as the sole healer of physical disease and of our hearts. However, God's healing can only take place if we ask, admit to our own sinfulness, and seek His pardon. Sin denies love of ourselves and others. When we sin we are telling ourselves that we are worthless and may as well treat ourselves like trash. God does not so treat us. God treats us with more respect than we think we deserve. He always loves us even when we do not know enough to love ourselves.

In the **Second Reading**, St. Paul encourages us to imitate him because he already imitates Christ, having chosen to live for the Lord. All we do must be done to bring others to God.

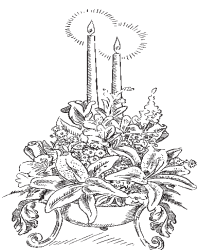
Today's **Gospel** is a miracle account of Jesus healing a leper. Jesus however, does not want to be known as a miracle worker, for His mission is much more profound. He wants to be *the healer of our hearts*. Today's

healing, as is often the case with Jesus, is based on His compassion for the leper. The leper is told to tell no one except the priests who can certify his healing and allow him to re-enter society. The healed leper, however, did not follow Jesus' warning because he did not understand. He told everyone about the matter, which made it impossible for Jesus to freely enter a town, forcing Him to stay in deserted places. May we have the grace to follow the Lord, even when we do not understand.

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## Saints & Readings for the Week

6- Sunday Ord Time • Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 / Mk 1:40-45  
 Monday • Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday • **Sts Cyril & Methodius** • Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday • Jas 1:19-27 / Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday • Jas 2:1-9 / Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday • **Seven Founders of the Servites** • Jas 2:14-24, 26 / Mk 8:34 – 9:1  
 Saturday • **BVM** • Jas 3:1-10 / Mk 9:2-13  
 7- Sunday Ord Time • Isa 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25 / 2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mk 2:1- 12

### "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.*

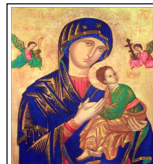


### SHARING OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collections	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
15-Jan	\$ 7,027
22-Jan	\$ 6,643
29-Jan	\$ 6,345
05-Feb	\$ 7,151
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 226,493
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 256,000
<b>Year-to-Date Variance</b>	<b>\$ (29,507)</b>

Building Fund Collections	
<b>Annual Goal</b>	<b>\$ 372,000</b>
15-Jan	\$ 968
22-Jan	\$ 10,046
29-Jan	\$ 1,390
05-Feb	\$ 14,173
<b>Year-to-Date Collections</b>	<b>\$ 144,003</b>

*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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 11 Saturday**

8:30am Erika Velasco (*Birthday*)  
 6:30pm Maricel Lumaquin (*Birthday*),  
 Chloe Betonio-Fule (*Birthday*)

**February 12 Sunday**

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)  
 9:30am Stephanie Morisey (*Birthday*),  
 Deb Wurgler (*Birthday*)  
 12noon Reynaldo Español † (*Death Anniversary*)  
 Petra Diaz † (*Death Anniversary*)  
 7:00pm Jose Jimenez †

**February 13 Monday**

8:30am Jesus S. N. Rojas (*Speedy Recovery*)  
 6:30pm Rosalia De Guzman-Rosario †

**February 15 Wednesday**

6:30pm Anastacia Casilla †

**February 16 Thursday**

8:30am Ellie Betts †

**February 17 Friday**

6:30pm Teodulo Botones, Sr. †  
 Eric and Vicky Watson (*Anniversary Thanksgiving*)

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**February 13 Monday**

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

**February 14 Tuesday**

**February 15 Wednesday**

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

**February 16 Thursday**

7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)  
 7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)  
 7:30pm World Youth Day Participants (Rectorry)

**February 17 Friday**

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

**February 18 Saturday**

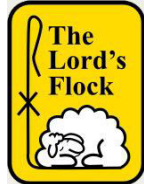
3:45pm Confession  
 7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Grp (Narthex)

**February 19 Sunday**

NO CFF CLASSES - President's Day Weekend  
 10:45am RCIA for Adults  
 6:30pm Youth Ministry



**THE LORD'S FLOCK**



Every Saturday at 7:00 pm (7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

**TAGALOG MASS**



Please join us as we celebrate Tagalog Mass on MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sera Adjemian      | Walter Dennis       | Lucila Hernandez      | Tess Manzano    | Rica Norbraten     | Marilyn Schmucki   |
| Consolatrix Ageas  | Shirley Espiritu    | Mary Isham            | Cindy Marek     | Arsenia Nudas      | Stacie Shaffer     |
| Adam Agot          | Nieves Estacio      | Elena Justo           | John Mendoza    | Fernando Omega     | Alfreda Sim        |
| Muriel Alex        | Evangelista Estaris | Joe King              | Naty Mendoza    | Mario Pagaragan    | Robertina Solorio  |
| Amelia Barnett     | Rosita Galdo        | Karen Lakomy          | Rosalina Miles  | Christine Palacios | Adel Soriano       |
| Primo Bibat, Jr.   | Mercedes Gatus      | Judith Lladoc         | Tyrone Miles    | Lucia Palacios     | Ruby Soriano       |
| Brecht Family      | Mary Gomez          | Liwayway Magsarili    | Sally Miller    | Sharen Phillips    | Bill Spallas       |
| Fredisvinda Cañete | Digby Gonzalez      | Jun Malabunga         | Ethel Mims      | Ragadio Family     | Will Sutter        |
| Pacita Cañete      | Barbara Graichen    | Lourdes Malabunga     | Nicca Moore     | Melita Relos       | Carolina Tamayo    |
| Antonina Cemanian  | Amelia Guibao       | Manalo Family         | Leticia Mostajo | Stella Reyes       | Manuel Tamayo, Sr. |
| Austin Cooper      | Jocella Gutierrez   | Tony Manalo           | Joyce Myles     | Ambiro Reyna       | Edwin Ugalde       |
| Karen Crespo       | Jose Gutierrez      | Amelia Manuel         | Boy Neri        | Matilda Ross       | Marlyn Q. Uy       |
| Dominique Datu     | John Hebler         | M/M Ricky Manuel, Jr. | Chason Neri     | Sharon Ross        | Georgina Yeboah    |
| Maricar Datu       | Eduardo Hernandez   | Ricardo Manuel, Sr.   | Dolores Noceda  | Armando Sagario    | Rebecca Yeboah     |

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

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# News From Around The Diocese



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Come Pray, Help Women, & Save a LIFE!*

The Lenten 40 Days for Life begins **Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Bishop Soto will celebrate our **Opening Mass** the evening before, on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm** at **St. Philomene's Parish**, preceded by the **Holy Rosary at 4:30 pm**. All Priests are encouraged to con-celebrate. Everyone is invited to participate in this life-saving, peaceful, prayerful ministry at the public sidewalk in front of the abortion business at **1750 Wright Street, near the corner of Wright Street & Alta Arden, Monday - Saturday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, through April 1<sup>st</sup>**. By God's grace and the power of prayer, over 5,000 women have changed their mind, choosing LIFE for their children, rather than abortion, due to people just like you praying at the Sidewalk! See [40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/sacramento) or call **Wynette at (916) 955-1577** for more information.



The Diocese of Sacramento will celebrate the annual **CHRISM MASS** on **Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, 11<sup>th</sup> and K Streets, Downtown Sacramento.

The **CHRISM MASS** is one of the most important Diocesan celebrations. At this Eucharist, the Bishop blesses the **HOLY OILS**, which are used in sacramental celebrations in all the Parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.



Also in this Liturgy, our priests renew their commitment to priestly service in our midst. The Chrism Mass is a reminder that we are all a priestly people, called to proclaim the gospel in accordance with the sacraments we have received.

## COLUMBIAN SENIOR RESIDENCE



**Columbian Senior Residence** is located in historic charming Marysville. It is a charitable enterprise of the California Knights of Columbus. It is an independent living for seniors in a small community setting; opportunities for spiritual enrichment and apostolic outreach; low rate meals and housekeeping included; subsidies considered. **Please call (530) 743-7542 for more information.**

## World Marriage Day – Renewal of Vows



On **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, **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](http://www.SacWMD.com). **For more information, please call the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis at (916) 733-0123.**

## MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PRIESTS



You are invited to join in a special **monthly Rosary for Priests** at **Easter's Catholic Books and Gifts, 5290 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento, on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** (every **last Saturday** of the month). It includes the four mysteries with special prayers for priests before each decade.

It is our duty to **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**. **For more information, please call Easter's at (916) 338-7272.**

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND



Beginning Experience is offering a special weekend retreat of healing and hope for divorced, separated or widowed persons on **March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** at **Jesuit Retreat Center** near Applegate.

For more information, please call **(916) 835-2282** or visit our web site [www.sacramentobe.org](http://www.sacramentobe.org).

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS



**Bishop Jaime Soto** will preside at a **Black Catholic History Month** celebration Mass on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** in **St. Anthony Church**, located at 660 Florin Road in Sacramento.

The **Black History Month Mass**, sponsored by the diocese's **Black Catholic Council**, has been a tradition in the diocese for more than 25 years. **Concelebrants for the Mass will be Father Manuel Soria, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, and Father Gus Taylor, homilist.**