

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Even the sparrow finds a home."
~ (Comm Antiphon)
Psalm 84:4



3rd Sunday
of
LENT
March 11, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 6:30 pm Mass during the Lenten Season.

Happy



St Patrick's Day!
March 17th



Lenten
PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lenten PENANCE SERVICE is on Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 pm.

There will be NO 6:30 pm Mass on this day.

Memorial Service for Robert Smith

Please join us for the memorial service of **ROBERT SMITH** on **March 24, 2012 at 9:30 am** in Divine Mercy Parish. A small reception will follow at the narthex. For any questions, please call **Marjorie Martin** at (916) 524-8591.



MATTHEW
The King and His Kingdom

- **Matthew the King and His Kingdom** -
A Bible Study from the Great Adventure Series featuring Jeff Cavins will be offered from **10:00 am to 12 noon on Tuesdays in the Narthex beginning March 13th**. Sign-ups in the Narthex or call **Karen Huie** at (916) 928-0067 if interested.

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CONFIRMATION: Deadline of submission of sponsor packets is **March 25th**.



Adult Faith Formation on March 31st and April 7th in the Church from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Open to everyone especially parents of CFF children preparing for the sacraments.

- easter egg hunt -

We are collecting eggs for our **Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8th after the 12 noon Mass.** Please donate stuffed plastic eggs with wrapped candies, small toys or coins. There will be a bin available at the Narthex. For more information or if you would like to help with coordinating the Easter activities, we will be meeting in front of the Church **this Sunday, March 11th at 1:30 pm.** You can also contact **Camie Gould** at (916) 275-0806 or email camie.gould@gmail.com.



DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA



There will be a procession in devotion to **Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday, March 13th 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.



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



HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

April 01 - Palm Sunday

7:30 am, 9:30 am (with procession), 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

April 02 - Holy Monday

8:30 am and 6:30 pm

April 03 - Holy Tuesday

8:30 am and 6:30 pm

April 04 - Holy Wednesday

8:30 am and 6:30 pm

April 05 - Holy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass until 12 midnight

April 06 - Good Friday

NO MORNING MASS

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Three parts ceremony: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Communion)

3:00 pm - Novena to the Divine Mercy

April 07 - Holy Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

3:00 pm - Novena to the Divine Mercy

3:45 pm - Confession

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Celebration

(Four parts ceremony: Blessing of Fire, Liturgy of the Word, Baptism & Eucharist)

April 08 - Easter Sunday

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm

3:00 pm - Novena to the Divine Mercy

YOUTH

Divine Mercy Youth Group meets every **Sunday in the Narthex at 6:30 pm**. We invite the youth to come join us.

- **March 11th** : Movie Night
- **March 18th** : Bible / Music Discussion
- **March 25th** : NO Youth Meeting
- **April 1st** : Adoration
- **April 8th** : Easter Sunday - NO Youth Meeting
- **April 15th** : Bible Study
- **April 22nd** : Game Night

If you have any questions, please contact **Cathy Pham-Nguyen** at **(503) 560-1406** or email cathylanpham@gmail.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

All adults who are missing the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete their Baptismal Grace are invited to attend **Divine Mercy's Confirmation Class at 7:00 pm in the Narthex**. We will be joining the Faith Formation Class. **Please contact the office and arrange an interview with Fr. Octavio.**

ST. FAUSTINA'S ROSARY MAKERS



Following the Masses on March 25th, the rosary makers will have rosaries available for purchase. Please consider a new rosary for anyone receiving the sacraments this Easter.

St. Faustina's Rosary Makers normally gather 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.

March meetings are on the 14th and 26th

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

FOOD FOR THE POOR



Lent is the time for prayer, fasting and alms giving. **Please consider sharing your non-perishable food items with our needy brothers and sisters.** A bin is located in the Narthex for your donations.

"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for Me."
~ Matthew 25:40



It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. *"I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and co-workers."*
www.usccb.org

STEWARDSHIP and FUNDRAISING

True Stewardship: Recognizing that all you have come from God. Giving your time, talent and treasure to glorify God, His Church & People and your Parish. Remember that God will never be outdone in His generosity. Thank you for giving your special gifts to our Parish.



STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT:
The Youth of Our Parish

- **WORLD YOUTH DAY** Did you know??????
 - More than a year from now, in July 2013, **14 from our Parish plan to attend World Youth Day** – a great pilgrimage for younger Catholics.
 - Established by Pope John Paul II, the 2013 World Youth Day will be held in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**.
 - **Three million youths** are expected to attend and see Pope Benedict XVI.
 - **The theme?** “Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)
 - But the trip is expensive – nearly **\$3,500** for each person to attend.
 - They plan a **monthly Bake Sale** to raise money and you can help by buying the baked goods. You can also contact **Giselle Nobleza at (916) 832-8140/ gisellenobleza@gmail.com** if you want to donate to their cause!

• **ALTAR SERVER OLYMPICS** coming up on **April 21st**. Pray for the success of our team as they compete for the coveted St. John Berchmans Trophy and the privilege of serving with Bishop Jaime Soto and the Bishops of Northern California at ON FIRE 2012 at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.



• **JUNIOR OLYMPICS** Congratulations to our own **ISABELLA and JULIANA PECELI who competed on February 18 - 20 in Salt Lake City, Utah!** Both girls competed in the Junior Women's Epee fencing competition in the “women under age 20” category. This intensive competition helps get them qualified for the Nationals coming up in June/July in Anaheim where they could be selected to represent the United States team. Please keep them in your prayers!

FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 17th** Fundraising Committee Meeting
9:30 am in the Narthex
- March 18th** Knights of Columbus Food Sale after the
9:30 am and 12 noon Masses
- March 24th** Stewardship Hospitality Sunday after the
5:00 pm Saturday Mass
- March 25th** St. Faustina's Rosary Makers Fundraising
- Rosaries for sale after all Masses
- March 31st / April 1st** Youth Bake Sale
- Raising \$\$\$ for World Youth Day
- April 21st** Altar Server Olympics at Holy Family
Parish in Citrus Heights

AND MORE EVENTS BEING PLANNED...

- Annual Stewardship Report to Parish
- Divine Mercy Golf Tournament
- New Car Raffle - \$25,000 Car or Cash

Read the bulletin each week for more information!

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.

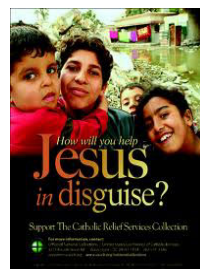


Girl Scout Sunday
• This Sunday •

1912 - 2012



Girl Scouts
100th Anniversary



NEXT WEEKEND, March 17 - 18, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.



*Lord, Strengthen
Our Faith In You*

The **First Reading**, recounts the reception of the Ten Commandments. The first three commandments deal with our obligation to God. We are not to create idols or worship strange gods

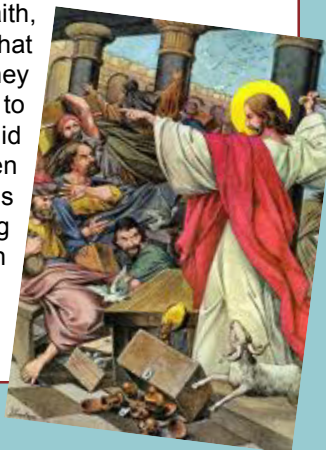
which includes participating in pagan religions or practices that question God's control over our destiny; e.g., horoscopes, palm readings, etc. God's name and the Sabbath are to be treated with *sacred respect*, for the Sabbath harkens back to the days of creation, when God, after working six days, rested on the seventh. The Jews rest from sunset Friday through sunset Saturday; while Christians rest the next day, Sunday, in honor of Jesus' resurrection. The other seven commandments regard our obligations to others. Only the absolute minimum is recommended. Even if we observe them all, we are not necessarily good Christians, since charity to others could still be lacking. The Beatitudes are like commandments for Christians, asking more of us, inviting us to generosity.

Today's **Responsorial**, the second half of Psalm 19, celebrates the goodness of the Law using different synonyms to describe it. The Psalmist prays that his words and meditation will please the Lord. The Law cannot really be perfect until it is interiorized in one's heart and professed with one's life.

The **Second Reading** addresses the concerns of the Jews and the Greeks. St. Paul explains that in reality, Christ is God's power (the Jewish concern for power) and He is also God's wisdom (the Greek concern for wisdom). God's wisdom, power and love are incarnate in Jesus, God's Son. He is above and beyond the ephemeral power and wisdom the world (the Jews and the Greeks) seeks.

Today's **Gospel** rests on Jesus' words. He lays out an analogy between Himself and the temple. His entire ministry is a revelation of the Father's love for us that can only end up on the cross. Jesus speaks of the destruction of the temple of His body, which His listeners mistook as a reference to the actual building. Many of His followers had superficial faith, being only interested in miracles and what *they* could get out of the relationship. They did not want to commit their lives or love to Jesus. Since Jesus knew all this, He did not trust them. On the other hand, when Jesus rose from the dead, His Apostles remembered His words about destroying the temple, and this fortified their faith in Him, and the Scriptures, as well.

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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 Collection	
Weekly Goal	\$ 8,000
12-Feb	\$ 7,004
19-Feb	\$ 6,063
26-Feb	\$ 6,830
04-Mar	\$ 7,546
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 254,165
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 288,000
Year-to-Date Shortage	\$ (33,835)

Building Fund Collections	
Annual Goal	\$ 372,000
12-Jan	\$ 7,695
19-Feb	\$ 2,016
26-Feb	\$ 2,156
04-Mar	\$ 14,310
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 170,210

2 nd Capital Campaign Report As of February 29, 2012	
Goal	\$ 1,000,000
Pledges - 94%	\$ 940,917
Collections - 11%	\$ 105,699

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

March 10 Saturday

5:00pm Victoria Plantilla (*Birthday*), Victoria Stenhouse †
 6:30pm Zenaida Tiongson † (*Death Anniversary*),
 Augusto Leonardo, Sr. †,
 Pedro Caldito, Sr. (*Speedy Recovery*)

March 11 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
 9:30am Norma Macapagal †
 12noon Juanita Oregana †, Aurora Barry †,
 Reynaldo Español †
 5:00pm Rogelio H. Hare †, Augusto Leonardo †
 7:00pm Raquel Garza Ochoa †

March 13 Tuesday

8:30am Gavina Aurelio †
 6:30pm Rosalia De Guzman Rosario †

March 14 Wednesday

6:30pm Dolores Noceda †

March 16 Friday

6:30pm Josefa & Enrico De Asis †

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION MINISTRY



**Willpower - Midst the Darkness -
and the Power of Free Will**

Once during an adoration, the Lord demanded that I give myself up to Him as an offering, by bearing a certain suffering in atonement, not

only for the sins of the world in general, but specifically for transgressions committed in this house. Immediately I said, "very good; I am ready." But Jesus gave me to see what I was going to suffer, and in one moment the whole passion unfolded itself before my eyes. Firstly, my intentions will not be recognized; there will be all kinds of suspicion and distrust as well as various kinds of humiliations and adversities. I will not mention everything here. All these things stood before my soul's eye like a dark storm from which lightning was ready to strike at any moment, waiting only for my consent. For a moment my nature was frightened. Then suddenly the dinner bell rang. I left the chapel, trembling and undecided. But the sacrifice was ever present before me, for I had neither decided to accept it, nor had I refused the Lord. I wanted to place myself completely in His will. If the Lord Jesus Himself were to impose it on me, I was ready. But Jesus gave me to know that I myself was to give my free consent and accept it with full consciousness, or else it would be meaningless. Its whole power was contained in my free act before God. So I answered immediately, "Jesus, I accept everything that You wish to send me; I trust in Your goodness." At that moment, I felt that by this act I glorified God greatly. But I armed myself with patience. As soon as I left the chapel, I had an encounter with reality. I do not want to describe the details, but there was as much of it as I was able to bear. I would not have been able to bear even one drop more. (190)

(More next week)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

March 12 Monday

1:00pm Funeral Mass
 7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
 7:15pm Children's Choir Practice (Church)

March 13 Tuesday

10:00am Bible Study (Narthex)
 5:00pm Our Lady of Fatima Procession (Church Grnds)

March 14 Wednesday

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

March 15 Thursday

7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
 7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)
 7:00pm World Youth Day Delegates' Meeting (Rectorry)

March 16 Friday

9:00am Altar Society - Flower Arranging (Narthex)
 3:00pm Holy Hour
 7:15pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)

March 17 Saturday

9:30am Stewardship & Fundraising Committee Meeting (Narthex)
 3:45pm Confession
 7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Grp (Narthex)

March 18 Sunday

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

Next meeting will be on March 20th - location TBA

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Eric Watson 916) 419-9940** or **Bill Gilsdorf (916) 285-6067** or any knight for more information.

Saints & Readings for the Week

3^o Sunday of LENT • Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

Monday • 2 Kgs 5:1-15 / Lk 4:24-30 or Ex 17:1-7 / Jn 4:5-42

Tuesday • Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday • Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday • Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday • Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34 • (*abstinence*)

Saturday • BVM / St Patrick • Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

4^o Sunday of LENT • 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

News From Around The Diocese



The Diocese of Sacramento will celebrate the annual **CHRISM MASS** on **Thursday, March 29th at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, 11th 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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND



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

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

Save the Date

“MVP goes to St. Therese” - The St. Vincent de Paul 6th Annual “Benefit for the Poor” Dinner with Major League Baseball Coach, Jack McKeon, on Friday evening April 20th at the Woodlake Hotel, Sacramento (formerly the Radisson Hotel).

The Sacramento District Council, Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Jack McKeon, Major League Baseball coach, will be the featured speaker at its 6th Annual “Benefit for the Poor” Dinner**. His remarks will focus on the Power of Prayer and “Dreams Do Come True.” He has managed the Kansas City Royals, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres and Cincinnati Reds. Coach McKeon led the Florida Marlins to a dramatic “David vs. Goliath” World Series victory over the New York Yankees. *Jack is a daily communicant who has a special devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux and the Blessed Mother.* Please join us to hear his message and why he called St. Therese the Marlin’s most valuable player when they won the 2003 World Series.

For information on sponsorships, advertising, table or individual ticket purchases, please call **Frank Plavan at (916) 715-8666** or **Dee Smith at (916) 487-6160**.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Emeline Abay | Rodney Coleman | Livio Innocenti | Nati Mendoza | Lucille Palacios | Simone Smith |
| Sera Adjemian | Jose De Guzman | Mary Isham | John Mendoza | Elizabeth Perini | Solorio Family |
| Tina Africa | Walter Dennis | Elena B. Justo | Angela Meneses | Sharen Phillips | Aurelia Soriano |
| Consolatrix Ageas | Carlo Dupaya | Joe King | Daniel Meneses | Roseline Prasad | Tansio Soriano |
| Daryl Agoncillo | Shirley Espiritu | Brian Lee | Lynn Merza | Adela Quintana | Bill Spallas |
| Felisa Aguilera | Nieves Estacio | Christine Lewis | Linda Miles | Ragadio Family | Elias G. Tabet |
| Sanford Alesna | Evangelista Estaris | Judith Lladoc | Tyrone Miles | Maria Reyes | Manuel Tamayo, Sr. |
| Oma Alice | S. Fernandez | Andy Loveland | Thelma Miller | Stella Reyes | Lupe Toledo |
| Annie Aliven | T. Fernandez | Liwayway Magsarili | Ethel Mims | Ambiro Reyna | Edwin Ugalde |
| Felicidad Aliven | Rosita Galdo | Jun Malabunga | Felicia Morton | Luz Reynoso | Zenaida Uson |
| Jesus Alvarez | Gambrell Family | Lourdes Malabunga | Boy Neri | Eugenio Rindon, Sr. | Marlyn Q. Uy |
| Magdalena Amante | Mary Gomez | Rody Mamauag | Chason Neri | W. Lee Roberts | Gervie Valdepeñas |
| Mrs. Anderson | Barbara Graichen | Antonio Mamonong, Jr. | Dr. James Nishio | Lourdes Rogers | Vicky Vallejo |
| Mart Arciga | Amelia Guibao | Luz G. Manalo | Rica Norbratan | Eufemia Rosete | Renato Velasquez |
| Randy Brazil | Efraina Handugan | Tony Manalo | Arsenia Nudas | Sharon Ross | Sharon Villaseran |
| Marcelina Brecht | John Hebler | Amelia R. Manuel | Theresa Nuguid | Lupe Rubalcaba | Marvin Williams |
| Fredisvinda Cañete | Eduardo Hernandez | Ricardo Manuel, Sr. | Nathaniel Offenheiser | Susan Saenz | Rebecca Yeboah |
| Jesse Castillo | Kamille Hondrada | Cindy Marek | Carmen Olivares | Marily Schmucki | Douglas Yee |
| Antonia Cermania | C. Huber | Maria Mendoza | Fidel Olivares | Jeff Shafe | Inez Yee |
| Navin Chandra | Galicano Ibe | Francisco Mendoza | Mario Pagaragan | Alfreda Sim | Benjamin Yhip |

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

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