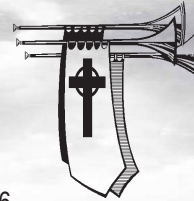


WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"God mounts His throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord!"

~ Responsorial Psalm 47:6



Ascension Sunday

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May 20, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



From Respect Life Ministry...

Thank you to **Divine Mercy parishioners, Respect Life Ministry members, and Knights of Columbus and their family members** for your support of the Mother's Day Rose sale. **Donations received totalled \$720.00** and will greatly assist the Sacramento Life Center in their life saving mission.

From Vocation Ministry...

Thank you to everyone who joined our procession/crowning of Our Lady of Fatima last Sunday, May 13th. A special thank you to **Letty Baldonado and Dominga Rivera** for providing the food for our fellowship and to **Tess Mostajo** for bringing the flowers and bottled water.

Our next monthly procession will be on Wednesday, June 13th at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join.

From Filipino Mass Committee...

We would like to thank **Fr. Resti Galang** and everyone who came and shared in our monthly Filipino Mass last Saturday, May 12th in celebration of Mother's Day. Thank you to the **committee members, volunteers and food sponsors.** Thank you to the **choir and Gellimy** for rendering beautiful Tagalog songs honoring our mothers.



From The Parish Office . . .

Our Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday.



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

LITURGY

Every Wednesday starting May 23, 2012
10:00 am - 12 noon (for 4 months)

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

All classes will be held at 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.



Congratulations to all our First Communicants!



CONGRATULATIONS!

to the winners of our Mother's Day "Buy My Chair" fundraising raffle:

- **Lidia Corpora** won the beautiful heirloom 14K earrings and ring with blue abalone setting generously donated by a parishioner.
- **Mercedes Ancajas** won a consolation prize of a golden handknitted shawl with gold thread personally knitted by one of our parishioners and a catechist.

Thank you for your support!



"Our Religious Liberty is being threatened. Please write to President Obama and your Congressional Representative to protest the recent HHS mandate. An easy way to do this is through this website: www.nchla.org. You can either use the sample message provided there or compose your own. To write a note to President Obama, go to www.whitehouse.gov/contact, click on "Submit your questions and comments here" and choose Category: "I Have a Policy Comment." This will only take a few minutes and these emails really do make a difference!"

(More information on the bulletin insert)

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.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 20	Knights of Columbus Burrito Sale
May 27	Stewardship Hospitality after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass
June 2 - July 1	Firework's Scrip on Sale
June 23 - 30	Altar Society Baked Goods Lumpia Fundraiser
June 24	Stewardship Hospitality after the 12 noon Sunday Mass
July 29	Stewardship Hospitality after the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass
August 25	Youth Group Special Event

Thanks for supporting your ministries by participating in their fundraising activities.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry



Parish Marriage Enrichment Program

Introductions to Theology of the Body
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Natural Family Planning
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday June 23, 2012 at the Divine Mercy Narthex
Light lunch will be served from 11:00 am - 11:30 am.

Reservations : Please leave a message to **Jim & Michelle Stutz at (916) 285-0706** or email jcstutz@sbcglobal.net or just show up.

Presentations by **John Hamlin M.A. and Loree Lippsmeyer.** Suggested donation of **\$ 5.00 per person.** Presented by the Marriage and Family Life Ministry.

The Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic



Every Saturday at 7:00 pm (except 2nd Saturdays) at the Divine Mercy Narthex.

Our speaker on May 26th 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: **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.**



"Wish List" for the Portables

We need financial assistance to purchase furnishings for our portable buildings. If you have a generous heart and are able to help, please consider paying for one or more of these items:

- Cushioned chairs, stackable (\$40 each) – need 60
- Free Standing Screenflex Dividers (price TBD) – need 4
- Conference Table & 6 chairs set (\$145.95) – need 1 or more
- Children's Chair – 14" High (\$24.50 each) – need 20
- U-shape table with 8 chairs set (\$227.95)
- Office & Classroom supplies (see future bulletins for a list)

Please talk to Fr. Soane, Fr. Octavio, Mayet Reina or Susan Wright if you can help us furnish the portable class and meeting rooms.

Virgin of Guadalupe Committee



Correction: The committee will donate **20%** of its fundraising profits to the Church.

The Guadalupana Committee was established to work with Fr. Soane and Fr. Octavio in honoring the Virgin of Guadalupe. Last year our parishioners united and donated the funds to bring the beautiful statue to our Church. The statue now belongs to all of the parishioners of Divine Mercy.

We have started a membership drive for new members. Any parishioner of any ethnicity may join the group. There are NO dues to pay. We meet **every 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 am in the Narthex.**

The low attendance in the Spanish Rosary and Spanish Mass is a big concern for us. We need help in getting the word out through our membership so that the Spanish Mass and Rosary can continue.

Fireworks



It is time once again for our Annual Fireworks Fundraising! We would like to thank everyone who has been supporting this annual event especially our parishioners for volunteering your time. We are asking for your support again this year.

Volunteers are needed to staff the fireworks booth for two-hour shifts from June 28 - July 5, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Additional volunteers will be needed to assist with weekly presales and handing out flyers prior to opening the booth.

Sign-up sheets are available after each Mass in the Narthex or email us at ericwats@sbcglobal.net.

Pre-selling of fireworks will begin on the 20th of May. This fundraiser is one of the largest fundraisers supporting the parish so please participate. Proceeds will be used to help furnish the portable classrooms.

Mass Intentions

May 19 Saturday

8:30am Celedonio Mostajo, Sr. †, Donald White †

May 20 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
 9:30am Francisco Balajadia †,
 Garcia-Vasquez Family (*Thanksgiving*)
 12noon Evelyn Casal Rohrer (*Birthdays*),
 Pia Zabala & Mark Biesert (*Wedding Anniversary*)

May 21 Monday

8:30am James Humphrey †
 6:30pm James Humphrey †

May 22 Tuesday

8:30am Dorie Fontaine (*Eye Surgery/Speedy Recovery*)

May 23 Wednesday

8:30am Lourdes Martinez †
 6:30pm Jose Rosario (*Birthdays*)

May 24 Thursday

8:30am Kaitlyn Tamondong (*Birthdays*)

May 25 Friday

6:30pm Mike Shrode †



Saints & Readings for the Week

Ascension Sunday • Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 4:1-13 / Mk 16:15-20
Monday • St Christopher Magallanes & Comps • Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday • St Rita of Cascia • Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11
Wednesday • Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11-19
Thursday • Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
Friday • Pope St Gregory VII / Venerable Bede (Ch Dr) /
 St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi • Acts 25:13-21 / Jn 21:15-19
Saturday • BVM / St Philip Neri • Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25
Pentecost Sunday • Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 /
 Veni Creator Spiritus Sequence / Jn 20:19-23

Week At A Glance

May 21 Monday

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

May 22 Tuesday

10:00am Bible Study (Narthex)

May 23 Wednesday

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

May 24 Thursday

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00pm School of the Faith (Narthex)
 7:00pm Rosary in Spanish (Church)

May 25 Friday

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

May 26 Saturday

10:00am Wedding
 1:00am Wedding
 3:45pm Confession
 7:00pm Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic Grp (Narthex)

May 27 Sunday

10:30am Hospitality Sunday (after the 9:30am Mass)
 10:45am RCIA for Adults (Rectory)
 1:30pm CFF Picnic (Church Grounds)
 6:30pm Youth Ministry



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

Pray For The Sick

Larcy Abaniel
 Sera Adjemian
 Consolatrix Ageas
 Adam Agot
 Aldan Family
 Sanford Alesna
 Muriel Alex
 Cynthia Alvarez
 Prima Aparece
 Tiffany Arscott
 John Azevedo, Sr.
 Christopher Balaoro
 Araceli Barrera
 Ken Benavente
 Benavente Family
 Jose Bernardo
 Leony Bernardo
 Isabelo Bolongaita, Jr.
 Marcelina Brecht
 Brecht Family
 Simone Brimberry
 Michelle Cavros

Joanne Cepeda
 Cepeda Family
 Rogelio Cruz
 Cruz Family
 Walter Dennis
 Shirley Espiritu
 Evangelista Estaris
 Tracy Fejeran
 Albina Francisco
 Monica Gable
 Gambrell Family
 Filomeno Garcia
 Mercedes Gatus
 Mary Gomez
 Barbara Graichen
 Ramona Guevara
 Amelia Guibao
 Gutierrez Family

Kamille Honrada
 Galicano Ibe
 Mary Isham
 Candelaria Johnson
 Kent Kim
 Joe King
 Lucila Liwanag
 Judith Lladoc
 Fernando Lorenzo
 Patricia MacMurray
 Liwayway Magsarili
 Jun Malabunga
 Lourdes Malabunga
 Antonio Mamonong, Jr.
 Tony Manalo
 Cindy Marek
 Don Marland
 Susan Mejares
 Mendoza Family
 Asuncion Mesa
 Ryumi Metcalf
 Regina Millagracia

Sally Miller
 Thelma Miller
 Ethel Mims
 Nicca Moore
 Cindy Morrison
 Leticia Morton
 Muna Family
 Amparo Muna
 Diana Muna
 Milagro Muna
 Jack Muñoz
 Boy Neri
 Chason Neri
 Arsenia Nudas
 Fidel Olivares
 Enzo Otayco
 Mario Pagaragan
 Lawrence Palafox

Rosanna Papa
 Marie Phipps
 John Quaile
 Joseph Quaile
 Roland Quaile
 Liza Quesisem
 Stella Reyes
 Lourdes Rogers
 Christine Rose
 Sharon Ross
 Elvira Saldaña
 Jesus Saldaña
 Kadetau Sanneth
 Marily Schmucki
 Stacie Shaffer
 Dr. Larry Sheridan
 Shauna Smith
 Alan Solorio
 Francisco Solorio
 Robertina Solorio
 Bill Spallas
 Mike Stokes

Steve Stokes
 Carolina Tamayo
 Manuel Tamayo, Sr.
 Marcelo Tiangson
 Damacia Torres
 Narciso Torres
 Carmina Trias
 Edwin Ugalde
 Zenaida Uson
 Marlyn Q. Uy
 Renato Velasquez
 Ben Verder
 Rogelia Verder
 Marvin Williams
 Georgina Yeboah
 Rebecca Yeboah
 Gabriel Zschach
 Samia Zumoat

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



Jesus is Still With Us

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In the **First Reading**, we find the New Testament's only full account of the Ascension story. It is most likely addressed to *all who love God*, Theophilus (*Theos*: God, *phileo*: to love). Jesus ascends into heaven on a cloud; just as He descended to earth on the clouds (as was predicted in the Book of Daniel). So it was appropriate that He returns to heaven the same way He came to earth.

In the **Responsorial, Psalm**

47, on this Ascension feast, we praise God as King of heaven and earth, seated on His throne, judging the world. Jesus ascended to be enthroned next to the Father. By celebrating God as our Lord and King, we commit ourselves to living as if He really *is* Our Lord, the Lord of our lives. We celebrate His goodness and observe His commands, living *in* and *for* Him. St. Francis of Assisi summed up the meaning of living as though Jesus is our King when he often said, "My God and my all."

In the **Second Reading**, today's selection to the Ephesians, St. Paul emphasizes Christian unity. The foundation of our faith is unifying: one Lord, one God, and one Baptism. Our beliefs are not random. We are called to live the unity the Lord calls us to; treating others with humility, gentleness, patience and respect, always seeking the common good of the whole community. Sometimes we must sacrifice our own wants for the greater good. In "descending" to earth as a baby in a Bethlehem manger, and "ascending" back into heaven, Jesus was always God, though for a while He took on human form in order to save us.

In today's **Gospel**, Jesus is commissioning His Apostles to go out to the entire world and preach the Good News. He also promises to always accompany them and grant them miraculous powers. These predictions are fulfilled in some of the Acts of the Apostles accounts, e.g., when St. Paul is bitten by a poisonous snake and is not harmed by its venom. Miracles large and small still occur today; they are all around us. Some are prompted by prayer; others are God's gratuitous gift.



SECOND COLLECTION

May 19 - 20
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

May 26 - 27
CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION



Sharing Our Treasure

Offertory Collections	
Weekly Goal	\$ 8,000
22-Apr	\$ 7,037
29-Apr	\$ 5,886
06-May	\$ 6,424
13-May	\$ 6,861
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 317,144
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 360,000
Year-to-Date Shortage	\$ (42,856)

Building Fund Collections	
Annual Goal	\$ 372,000
22-Apr	\$ 2,191
29-Apr	\$ --
06-May	\$ 14,351
13-May	\$ 4,734
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 241,036

2 nd Capital Campaign Report As of May 13, 2012	
Goal	\$ 1,000,000
Pledges - 97%	\$ 966,483
Collections - 17%	\$ 167,029

Special Collections	
Rummage Sale	\$ 408

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

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is having an Apple iPad Raffle. Winner of the raffle will receive the choice of an **Apple iPad valued at \$500 or \$300 cash**. Tickets are limited to 100 and cost **\$20 each**. Drawing will be held when the 100 tickets are sold. Proceeds will be used for the portable classrooms. **For tickets, ask any knight or call Brian Kelly at (916) 419-4678.**

ST. FAUSTINA'S ROSARY MAKERS - NO meeting on May 28th (Memorial Day)

FILIPINO MASS - Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm.

SPANISH MASS - Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm.

ROSARY IN SPANISH - Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

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



THIS WEEKEND is the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. Your contribution is a tangible way to express your solidarity with your brothers and sisters throughout Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Donations to the collection fund pastoral projects that bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latinalmerica. Thank you for supporting the universal Church.