

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Whoever welcomes a child...welcomes, not Me, but Him who sent me."

~ Mark 9:37

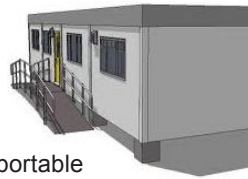


25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sept. 23, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank You



We would like to express our sincere THANKS to those who sponsored our portable class and meeting rooms. Your generous contribution is very much appreciated. As sponsors, your names or ministry's name will be on a plaque placed by the door of the room you sponsored.

- P1 - St. Therese (Little Flower)**
Sponsored by: Tamondong and Giron Families
- P2 - Blessed John Paul II**
Sponsored by: Marriage & Family Life Ministry
- P3 - St. Faustina Kowalska**
Sponsored by: The Lord's Flock Catholic Charismatic
- P4 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Sponsored by: Virgen de Guadalupe Ministry
- P5 - St. Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila**
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- P9 - Sacred Heart**
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DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2012

Saturday, October 13th at Divine Mercy Parish
9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Check-in starts 8 am)
www.DivineMercySacramento.org

Bishop Jaime Soto will open the conference with prayer. Other guest speakers are **Dr. Bryan Thatcher** - Founder of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, and **Marty Rotella** - Catholic convert singer/songwriter. All are invited to the **parish morning Mass at 8:30 am** and the **Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm.**

There will be confession during the conference until 4:45 pm.

Contact nos. (530) 677-2805 or (916) 212-0513



Are you grieving the death of a loved one?

Join our **Bereavement Support Group** every **Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm** starting **September 25th**. For more information, call **Graciela Munn (916) 419-3376** or **Annie Reyes (916) 747-1527**.

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila

The **San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena Mass** at Divine Mercy will be on **Monday, September 24th at 7:30 pm**. *Potluck fellowship follows after the Mass.* For sponsors and food donations, please contact **Oscar Misola (916) 574-9858** or **Maricel Lumaquin (916) 716-7471**.



1st Annual Diocesan San Lorenzo Ruiz Fiesta

Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Canonization of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila as the First Filipino Saint

September 29th - 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 5751 Locust Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

Mass with Bishop Jaime Soto, Entertainment (Filipino Songs and Dances), Food and Ministry Fair. For more information, contact **Johnny Regadio (916)541-7905** or **Beep C. Alo (916) 673-4259**.

Bible Study



A new bible study class will start on **Tuesday, October 2nd from 10:00 am to 12 noon** and meet for **11 Tuesday sessions** in the Narthex.

The series will use the "Great Adventure" DVD series by Jeff Cavins. Information on purchasing the optional workbook, approximately \$23.00, will be given during the first class. Format is DVD viewing for about 75 minutes, then workbook discussion for 45 minutes.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to join the class or just show up on Tuesday, October 2nd. All are welcome. There is NO FEE for the class.



3RD ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL INFORMATION UPDATE...

Your Festival Committee has been working hard on our 3rd Parish Festival which will take place **Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th**. Please plan to join us and bring your family and friends. We really need your help and participation if you are able.

- **VOLUNTEERS** : Sign-ups are in the Narthex. We need help staffing several booths, helping with food, children's games and with the bounce houses. Please help if you can.
- **DONATIONS** for the General Store are needed. **This year the General Store includes: Granny's Attic, 1Stop4Kids and the Book Store.** All charitable items are appreciated, but please make sure children's clothing articles are clean and ready to be sold.
- **ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE:** Additional tickets are available in the Parish Office. Please help us sell them to your neighbors and friends. \$2 buys a chance to win the **\$1,500 Grand Prize!**

FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Many old and new surprises are in store! Please bring your family & friends. **Festival will be open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.**

- Bingo
- Bounce Houses including 22' water slide and obstacle course - Wow!
- Music & Entertainment * Fashion Show
- Carnival Style Games * Face Painting * Sand Art
- Ministry & Vendor Booths
- Ethnic & American Food * Leatherby's Ice Cream
- Our BEER GARDEN will be open selling beer, wine and margaritas!



Contact **FRANK CUZZO** at (916) 418-4002 for general information or **JOHN LANTING** regarding vendor booths at (916) 798-3225.



Pre-Festival Dinner Dance Friday Night, October 5th

If you attended last year's Luau Dinner, you will remember how much fun everyone had. This year promises to be even better! Seating is limited and we expect to sell out so please buy your tickets early.

ITALIAN DINNER TICKETS are available after Mass and from the Parish Office. Last day to buy is October 1st. Absolutely **NO** tickets will be sold at the door. **\$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12.** **Hannibal's Catering** will provide our Italian meal including Chicken Parmesan, seasoned mashed potatoes, penne pasta in a creamy sundried tomato pesto sauce, a Tuscan salad, garlic bread and fresh berry jell-o deserts. Bottled water will be provided.




LIVE BAND FRIDAY NIGHT: Music will be provided by **Double Vision** from **6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**, including instrumental music, oldies, and dance music.



Vocation Ministry



Anyone wishing to take the *Vocation Cross* home for a week to pray for an increase in Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life, please call the **Parish Office (916) 256-3134** or **Aniana Reyes (916) 747-1527.**

Entertainment Books



We've sold 25 but must sell more! \$30 will buy you a coupon book with great deals on restaurants, movie theaters, children's games and bounce houses – everything you can think of is contained in these books! Available at the Parish Office or after the weekend Masses. Books can be ordered online and **SHIPPING IS FREE!** **Divine Mercy receives 50% of all books ordered online**, so please share this link with your families and friends.

<http://www.divinemergycynatomas.com/blog/2012/08/13/2013-entertainment-books-for-sale/>

Note: If you purchased a book last year it will expire on October 31st – why not buy your new book now?

Eucharistic Adoration



There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, October 5th after the 8:30 am Mass.** Adorers are needed to fill the hours from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mass follows after the Benediction at 4:00 pm. There will be NO 6:30 pm Mass** due to our Parish Festival Dinner.

Guadalupe Committee



The Guadalupe Committee wishes to **THANK** all our parishioners who participated and contributed to the success of our fundraiser last Sunday, **September 16th**. **THANKS** to the members of our committee who were so generous with their donations of time, talent and treasure.

MONTHLY MEETING - Saturday, October 6th is **CANCELLED** due to our Annual Fall Festival. **NEXT MEETING** is on **November 3rd** in the portable classrooms. Membership is **FREE**. All adult parishioners are welcome!

For any information regarding the Virgin of Guadalupe Committee, please contact **Ray Hernandez** at **(916) 285-9923.**

Mass Intentions

Sept 22 Saturday

8:30am Lin & Jared Edward (*Birthday*)
 5:00pm Paul & Fran Bellino †, Stanley & Helen LaKomy †

Sept 23 Sunday

7:30am Divine Mercy Parishioners (*Pro Populo*)
 9:30am Reynaldo Español †, Mirla Carlos †,
 Rosita Español (*85th Birthday*)
 12:30pm John Reed †, Bruce Schott †
 5:00pm Noel Martin Canaya †

Sept 24 Monday

8:30am Matt & Susie Lazarie (*Healing*)
 6:30pm Maria Trinh Vu (*Speedy Recovery*)

Sept 25 Tuesday

8:30am Marites & Junifer Solon (*Thanksgiving*),
 Rosa Lopez (*Speedy Recovery*)
 6:30pm Matt & Susie Lazarie (*Healing*)

Sept 26 Wednesday

6:30pm Matt & Susie Lazarie (*Healing*)

Sept 27 Thursday

8:30am Ceil Giaquinto †

Sept 28 Friday

8:30am Edison Omega †
 6:30pm Dionisio Rivera †

The Archangels



September 29th
 • Saturday •



Saints & Readings for the Week



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16 – 4:3 / Mk 9:30-37
 Monday • Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday • Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21
 Wed • **Sts Cosmas & Damian** • Prv 30:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6 • Yom Kippur •
 Thursday • **St Vincent de Paul** • Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9
 Friday • **St Wenceslaus / St Lawrence Ruiz & Comps** • Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday • **Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels** •
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12 / Jn 1 47-51
 26th Sunday Ordinary Time • Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Divine Mercy Devotion Ministry



OBEDIENCE

“By obedience you give great glory to Me and gain merit for yourself.”

~ Jesus to St. Faustina
 (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 28)



(During a time of suffering) Mother came at once. As soon as she entered the cell she said, *“In the name of holy obedience get up from the ground.”* Immediately some force raised me up from the ground and I stood up, close to the dear Mother Directress. **(24)**
By obedience you give great glory to Me and gain merit for yourself. (28)

However, in all these sufferings and struggles, [Saint Faustina was undergoing intense spiritual trials] I was not omitting Holy Communion. When it seemed to me that I should not communicate, I went, before Holy Communion, to the Directress and told her that I could not approach the Sacrament, because it seemed to me that I should not do so. But she would not permit me to omit Holy Communion, so I went, and I understand now, that it was only obedience that saved me. The Directress told me later that my trials had passed quickly, *“and this solely because you were obedient, Sister: and it was through the power of obedience that you struggled through this so bravely.”* It is true that it was the Lord himself who brought me out of this torment, but my fidelity to obedience did please him. **(105)**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

“Come Follow Me”



RCIA

RCIA : Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you new to the Catholic Faith or are you missing some of your Sacraments? Do you want to explore the calling that has led you here?

Sessions are EVERY SUNDAY from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in Rooms P4 & P5 of the Portable Buildings. If you are interested, please submit a completed registration form at the Parish Office.

Pray For The Sick

Sera Adjemian
 Consolatrix Ageas
 Adam Agot
 Felissa Aguilin
 Sanford Alesna
 Oma Alice
 Cynthia Alvarez
 Freddie Aquino
 Lamberto Aquino
 Aristotle Arreola, Sr.
 Tiffany Arcscott
 Paul Atherley
 Christopher Balaoro
 Araceli Barrera
 Belen P. Belen
 Margarita Blanco
 Isabelo Bolongaita, Jr.
 Simone Brimberry

Rocky Calma
 Rogelio Cruz
 Beth Dagcasin
 Mary Dela Cruz
 Walter Dennis
 L.A. Dimson
 Edna Dimson
 Elias Dueñas
 Shirley Espiritu
 Loretha Ford
 Albina Francisco
 Heintze Gabriel
 Mary Gomez
 Celia Gonzalez
 Barbara Graichen
 Amelia Guibao
 Gutierrez Family

Carolyn Haq
 Joe Hauck
 Eduardo Hernandez
 Marie Holmes
 Aldo Innocenti
 Lee Innocenti
 Carl Jones
 Joe King
 Pricilla Lazo
 Marcia Lisuzzo
 Lucila Liwanag
 Liwayway Magsarili
 Generoso Malabonga
 Pedro Malabonga
 Jun Malabunga
 Lourdes Malabunga
 Antonio Mamonong, Jr.

Cindy Marek
 Teve Martinez
 Lucy Medeiros
 Trinidad Medina
 Susan Mejares
 John Mendoza
 Nati Mendoza
 Ryumi Metcalf
 Regina Millagracia
 Thelma Miller
 Nicca Moore
 Erlinda Motol
 Jack Muñoz
 Julie Muñoz
 Rey Nanca
 Chason Neri
 Ivy Nguyen

Arsenia Nudas
 Fidel Olivares
 Anita Opoku
 Mario Pagaragan
 Joseph Quaile
 Roland Quaile
 Cora Radoc
 Stella Reyes
 Jose Reynoso
 Rosario Reynoso
 Angeline Roberts
 Kalysta Roldan
 Sharon Ross
 Marily Schmucki
 Stacie Shaffer
 Leana Smith
 Solorio Family

Erlinda Soto
 Bill Spallas
 Carolina Tamayo
 Manuel Tamayo, Sr.
 Juanita Tiu
 Amy Torio
 Carmina Trias
 Meoleticia Uclaray
 Edwin Ugalde
 Emma Usón
 Zenaida Usón
 Marlyn Q. Uy
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 Renato Velasquez
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Serving the Suffering Christ

The theme of the **First Reading** (like the Gospel's) is the suffering the just one endures at the hands of evildoers. The evildoers conspire to attack the just one because they cannot stand his goodness. If we try to live Christian lives, choosing the good, rejecting evil, we too, will suffer for the Good News. There are people who will resent us for our choices and they will oppose us.

Today's **Responsorial** is the cry of a psalmist oppressed by surrounding difficulties. He cries out to the Lord, knowing He will listen. Sometimes God intervenes powerfully, righting wrongs; other times He asks us to trust in our suffering. It is then we are asked to be patient; He will meet us on the cross. Either way, He answers our appeal in the most loving way possible.



The **Second Reading** warns against the danger of allowing our passions to guide our actions. Bad things happen when we allow our passions to run amok. We end up using other people as objects of our own gratification. We are miserable, full of jealousy and resentment. However, if we live peacefully, with gentleness and mercy, then we will live with others as God intended.

Mirroring the First Reading, today's **Gospel**, presents Jesus predicting His passion and death, referring to Himself as *the Son of Man*. Son of Man implies *power and authority* (the Book of Daniel) and *suffering* (the Book of Isaiah) as well. The disciples did not understand Christ's prediction about His suffering or death; they were clinging to the power aspect. Jesus counters that thinking by telling them that whoever serves a child, does God's will. Children cannot pay us back, so serving them and all who are powerless, is to serve Christ Himself. May we have the grace to always recognize the suffering, helpless Christ in others and serve Him in them.

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• **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

• **ST. FAUSTINA'S ROSARY MAKERS** Meet on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Monday of the month in the Sacred Heart Room (P9) at 7:30 pm. Next meeting - September 24th

• **THE LORD'S FLOCK CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC** - Every Saturday at 7:00 pm in the Narthex; 2nd Saturdays in Rooms P7/P8

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 26th - November 4th

Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate our diocese's opening Mass for the 40 Days Vigil on Tuesday, September 25th at St. Philomene's Parish in Sacramento, beginning with a Rosary at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited!

Marriage and Family Life Ministry

The Meaning of  with John Hamlon

A nine-session course taught by Professor John Hamlon is one that will change your life and the lives of those you touch. The course draws heavily from Blessed John Paul II's work *The Theology of the Body*. Starts Monday evening, October 1st at the Pastoral Center (2110 Broadway). Registration fee: \$50 per person or \$60 per couple. Go to www.themeaningoflove.info to register.



SECOND COLLECTION
September 29 - 30
CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION
October 6 - 7
BUILDING FUND

Sharing Our Treasure

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500
26-Aug	\$ 6,348
02-Sep	\$ 6,299
09-Sep	\$ 6,758
16-Sep	\$ 6,648
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 78,057
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 90,000
Year-to-Date Shortage	\$ (11,943)

BUILDING FUND COLLECTIONS

Building Fund Collections include:

- All Capital Campaign payments
- All monthly Building Fund 2nd Collection donations, donations otherwise identified for the Building Fund in envelopes or by notation on a check
- Pew or wish list donation, and
- Donations made specifically for the Portable Class & Meeting Rooms

Annual Goal	\$ 335,257
26-Aug	\$ 1,452
02-Sep	\$ 9,112
09-Sep	\$ 2,584
16-Sep	\$ 3,061
Year-to-Date Collections	\$ 75,455

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Priests' Retirement	\$ 1,216
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2nd Capital Campaign Report As of Sept. 16, 2012

Goal	\$ 1,000,000
Pledges - 97%	\$ 966,483
Collections - 25%	\$ 246,817

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



Sunday Bulletin Deadline:

Submission of bulletin articles is due on **Mondays at 4:00 pm**. Please email your announcements/articles to

bulletin@divinemergynatomas.com.