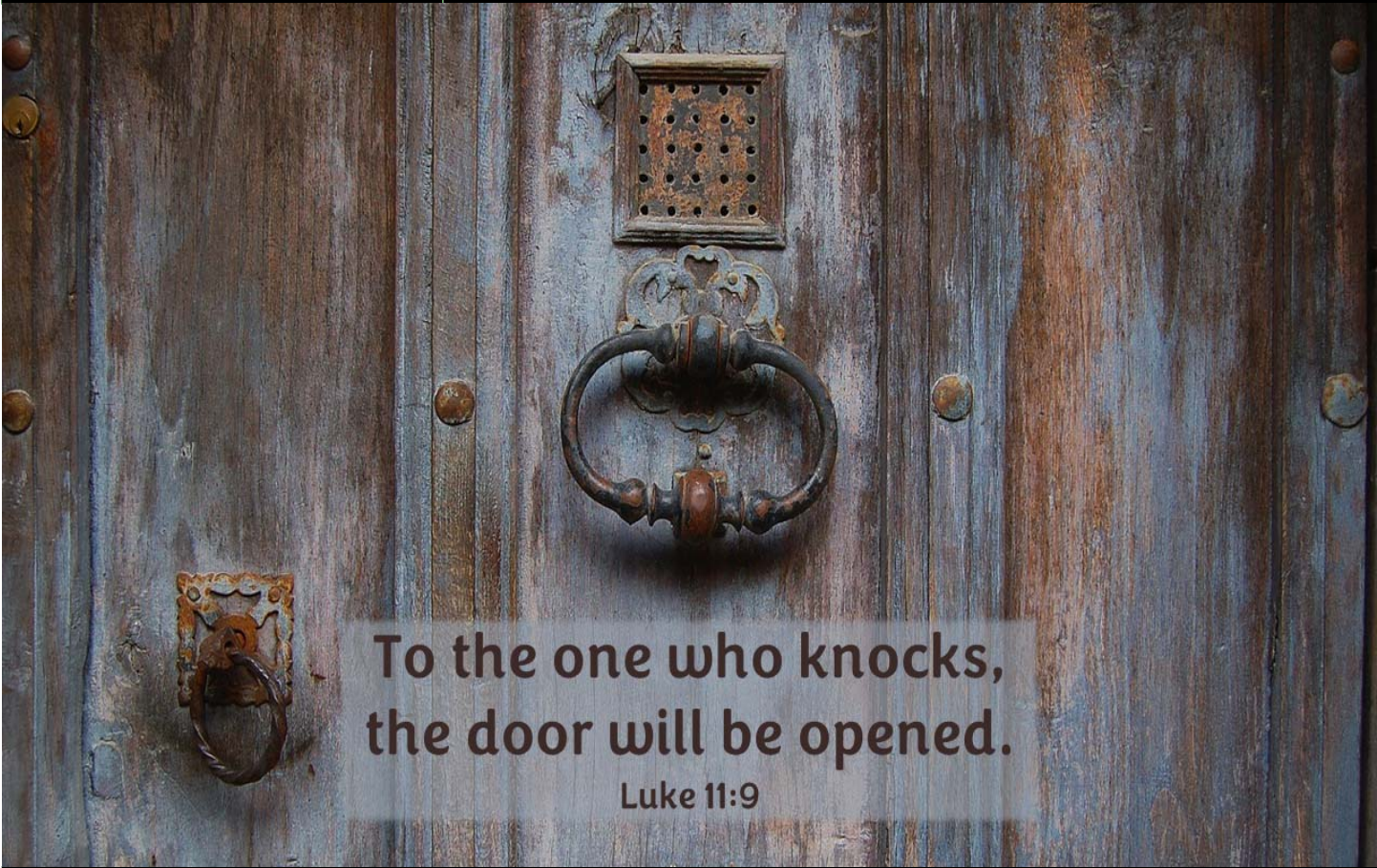


July 27, 2025
The Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

SS. Peter & Paul Church
4450 Granite Drive - Rocklin, CA 95677
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To the one who knocks,
the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9

Mission Statement

The people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish are called to create and sustain a community of faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the life of faith through the Eucharist. As we break bread together, we are inspired to care for others and are challenged to grow in faith through prayer, study, and social interaction

Vision Statement

All parishioners recognize the challenge of the Gospel and the Eucharist as evidenced by participating in various ministries, inviting and welcoming others, caring for and serving those in need, and promoting peace and justice.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Class: Contact Darcy Wharton
for Information at ext. 211

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday
of each month except
during the season of Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30—4:15 PM
In the Church or by appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, or long-term care, please call Ext. 6 to arrange an appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We welcome inquiries
from engaged couples!
Please call Ext. 201 for information

Christian Initiation

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, please call Ext. 214.

✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

Sat, Jul 26	5:00 PM	✠	Sue Campbell	✠	Tom Reilly
Sun, Jul 27	9:00 AM	S	Delfin Alega, Jr.	✠	Tom Reilly
	11:00 AM	✠	Loris & Iride Federighi	✠	Laura Hickey
	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	S	The Gilpin Family
Mon, Jul 28	8:30 AM	✠	Souls in Purgatory	✠	Adam Plantz
Tue, Jul 29	8:30 AM	✠	Joseph Perry	S	Tom Lynch
Wed, Jul 30	8:30 AM	✠	Fr. Matteo Balzano	✠	
Fri, Aug 1	8:30 AM	✠	Ignacio Campos	S	Franco & Maria Palacios
Sat, Aug 2	5:00 PM	✠	Jovanni Salinas	✠	Robert LaChance
Sun, Aug 3	9:00 AM	✠	Cristina Dela Cruz	✠	Hazel Pople
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Proculo & Purificacion Rivera
	5:00 PM	✠	Terry Riccio	✠	Linda Raquel-Santos

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Parish Maintenance

Open position

Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM
Sunday Masses—9:00 AM (Live-Stream),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Daily Mass (M, T, W, F)—8:30 AM

Church & Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Closed 12:00—1:00 PM for lunch



Online Donations
Use the QR Code Below



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✠ Liturgy 101 ✠



Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?

Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such gestures were ritual ways to show humility before a person of great power.

The sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity, and acted as a sign of recognition between early Christians who were sometimes forced to worship in secret.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and call down his blessings on ourselves.

School Supply Drive for the Rocklin/ Loomis Kids in Need Ministry

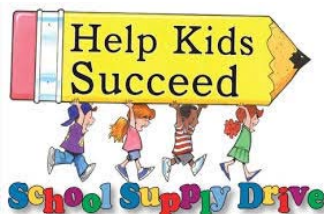
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
July 26/27 & August 2/3

Thanks in advance for supporting the kids in need in our parish community!

We collect the school supplies and gift cards and deliver them to the Rocklin and Loomis unified school district offices. They distribute the supplies to the families in need.

Please participate by dropping off **school supplies, Gift Cards or Visa cards** in the bins located in the **Social Hall** after weekend Masses.

Suggested school supplies:
Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Markers, Pens & Pencils, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Folders, Composition Books, Binders, Graph Paper, Backpacks, Water Bottles, Lunch Boxes and Gift Cards



Final drop off date is Monday, August 4th by Noon in the Parish Office.

Liturgy Coordinator Job Opening



Immediate Opening for Coordinator of Liturgy

There is an immediate opening for the Coordinator of Liturgy. The position is 20 hours per week; to include some evenings, weekends, and holidays.

The Coordinator of Liturgy is responsible for planning and overseeing all liturgies and liturgical ministries in the parish. For more information on this position, contact Melissa Terry in the Parish Office at ext. 201.

Immediate Opening for Coordinator of Music



We are looking for a part-time **Coordinator of Music**. This position is 20 hours per week; to include some evenings, weekends, and holidays.

The Coordinator of Music fosters the faith life of the parish through music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. This person of faith is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish.

For more information, contact Melissa Terry at melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org in the Parish Office for a full job description and additional information.

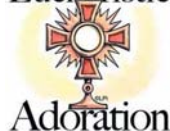
Parish Maintenance



Parish Maintenance Position

This is an occasional, part-time position, up to 19 hours per week. This position includes maintenance work in the parish buildings and grounds. Interested candidates should contact Melissa Terry at melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Benediction, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be celebrated this Friday, August 1st after 8:30 AM Mass. Then we will be blessed to continue adoration in the chapel until NOON. Please come by and spend some time with Jesus. If you have any questions, please call Grace Neel at 916-995-3778. The Church and the Chapel are open daily from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for personal prayer and adoration. Also, we are praying the Rosary every morning at 8:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. God's blessings.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—High School)

2025-2026 Youth & Family Faith Registration:

It's almost time to register for our 2025-2026 Youth & Family Faith Formation year. **Registration materials were mailed out last week.** Be on the lookout for your family's registration packet. For program and registration information, visit our website at www.rocklincatholic.org/registration.

When Is Registration?

In-person (walk-in) registration will be accepted **Sunday, August 10 and Sunday, August 17.** Registration will take place in the Social Hall from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. **Note: Mail-in registration will not be accepted. We are not able to accept registration prior to Sunday, August 10th.**

First Communion and Confirmation Preparation:

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation is a consecutive two-year process, typically beginning in 1st grade (First Communion) and 7th grade (Confirmation). Please contact Kris Dahla (kris.dahla@rocklincatholic.org) or Jen Gordon (jen.gordon@rocklincatholic.org) or for specific sacrament preparation questions.

New to the Parish?

If you are new to our parish or have children who have not been previously enrolled, and you would like to receive registration materials, please email faithformation.sspp@gmail.com with your name, mailing address, phone number, and names and ages of the children in your family and we will be sure to mail you our registration materials.

Volunteers Needed (Kindergarten – 8th Grade):

If you enjoy teaching, guiding, listening, discussing, or demonstrating your faith to others, we invite you to consider becoming a Youth & Family Faith volunteer. We have a well-established program, but it cannot be successful without the support of volunteers! Faith formation thrives when parish members of all ages actively participate!

Come Serve With Us!

Adults and teens are needed to serve in a variety of ways. Being involved in the faith formation process allows you to deepen your own faith, meet new people, and build our parish community. Training and support for any position is available, so don't worry about what you do not know! **If you would like to learn more about what volunteer opportunities are available, please visit our website, www.rocklincatholic.org/volunteers.**



- July 27-August 1: S.T.A.Y. Mission happening this week. Please pray for us! We have 11 workers and about 85 people involved in this endeavor of serving those around us!
- July 30: No game night
- August 2: Food distribution event 10:00 AM at Salt Mine. Sign-Up Genius via link on Youth Ministry webpage.
- August 3: Life Night - S.T.A.Y. Mission Reunion & Kickoff Planning Night
- August 6: TTRPG Night
- August 9: Girls Night 6:00-9:00 pm in Room 11. Come to the first monthly young ladies meeting. Bring your favorite snack to share, be ready to spill the tea and pray about it. There might also be a movie to watch.
- August 10: Life Night goes to the park!
- August 13: Game night

All meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays are from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 11 or the Multipurpose Room. Look for the LifeTeen sign!

If you have questions or would like to participate, as a teen or an adult mentor (of any age), and do not know how to get involved, please contact Nancy at (916) 624-5827 ext. 203 or by email at: nancy.vonthaden@rocklincatholic.org All volunteers 18 and older must be Safe Environment certified.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Friends are welcome to join us and you do not have to be Catholic to participate!



Our next gathering is August 17th. Contact Nancy for details. Come hang out & have some fun!

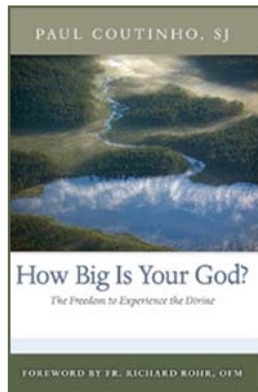
If you would like to be added to the Young Adult Ministry roster or have any questions, please contact Nancy Von Thaden at (916) 624-5827 ext. 203 or text (916) 343-1168.

Book Club Selection

Our book club has selected How Big Is Your God? by Paul Coutinho, S.J.

What limits have you placed upon God in your life? If your experience of the Divine has become predictable, or if you have a relationship with God that is small and confined, the author (a Jesuit priest from India) invites you to believe that God is bigger-much bigger!

Our discussion will be held on September 16th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Library building.



Catholics Returning Home

Catholics Returning Home Session Starts Monday, July 28th

Have you been away from the church for a

while? Would you like a refresher course on Catholicism? Maybe you'd like to learn more about the Mass and/or take a tour of the Church. All are welcomed to this informal four-session series. The series begins on July 28th and will be held July 28, Aug. 5, Aug. 11, and Aug. 25th 6:00-7:30 PM in Room #3 of the classroom buildings. Your questions are encouraged! To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/catholics-returning-home or call Darcy at (916) 624-5827 ext. 211. **Deadline to register is July 27th at 6:00 PM.**



Christian Initiation – Inquiry into Catholicism

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?

Conversion is a gradual process as well as a community and personal journey of faith that leads to a

transformation of mind and spirit.

The first step in the process of Christian Initiation is the inquiry phase: a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you. For more information about the process, please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

Who Do You Say That I Am? Exploring Our Images of God

**Day Retreat
Open to Men and Women**

Includes presentation, discussions, quiet time, music, and lunch.

Saturday, August 9th

SS. Peter & Paul Multipurpose Room

9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

(Morning hospitality begins at 8:30 AM)

\$25 per person, includes lunch & materials

Pay in the office or online at www.rocklincatholic.org/day-retreat

Darcy Wharton, Facilitator
Spiritual Director & Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation

Register Today!

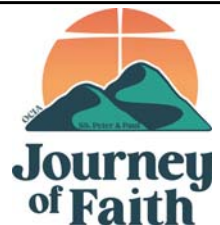
Come explore your images of God and carve out some time to learn and grow. This is perfect opportunity for those who haven't attended a retreat in decades (or ever) and/or for those who prefer a one-day option. Bring a friend!

Register at www.rocklincatholic.org/day-retreat or stop by the parish office. **Registration deadline is Aug. 3rd at 6:00 PM.**

Questions? Contact darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org

OCIA: Christian Initiation for Families

Do you have children or teens from the ages of 8 through 17 who have not yet been baptized or who were baptized in another faith and would like to become Catholic? The process for this is called the Order of Christian Initiation Adapted for Families. This process is for children, teens, and their parents, and it is designed for the family to encounter Christ and to learn and practice the Catholic Faith applying it to their daily family life. If you are interested, please contact Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext.214 or by email at katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org.



Special Collection This Weekend
July 26/27 is for the Facilities RMI fund

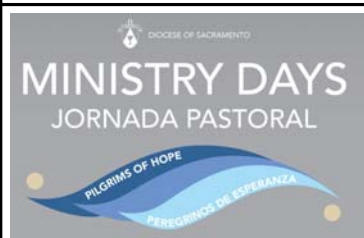
The monies collected for this fund will be specifically set aside and only used for the **Repair, Maintenance or Improvement** of the parish facilities. We sincerely hope that you will consider donating to this effort that will help keep SS Peter & Paul's facilities preserved and thriving.



Some of the projects currently in planning are:

- o Additional lighting for the Church
- o New Flooring for the Church
- o Landscaping & Irrigation improvements for the grounds

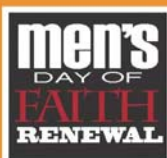
Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/rmi or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!



Ministry Days 2025—
Tickets Available Now!

Ministry Days is the largest gathering of Catholic adults in the Diocese of Sacramento

and will be held at St. Francis High School in Sacramento on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The event is an excellent opportunity to grow in community by learning and praying together and this year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Day for Ministry Leaders. Whether you are a catechist, a Catholic school teacher, a parent, a religious man or woman, or any adult, all are welcome. We are one! Early Bird tickets are available now and the discount will end on August 15. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.ministrydays.com.



SATURDAY
AUG. 23,
2025

St. Mel Parish
Fair Oaks



Cost for Sat: \$50

\$80 Discount for table
of 8 men.
Details on our website

smpcevents.org

STRONG MEN OF GOD!



Fr. Larry Richards
Author of the #1 best
selling book, *Be a Man!*
Becoming the Man
God Created You to Be.
Don't miss it!

SAT. AUG. 23 - MEN'S SCHEDULE:

- Rosary 6:40 am
- Holy Mass 7:00 am
- Continental Breakfast
- Inspirational Talks by Fr. Larry with Q&A
- Beef & Chicken Fajita Bar!
- Adoration & Benediction
- Very Special Presentation and blessing with relics of the Saints



FRIDAY, AUG. 22- 6:30pm

Fr. Larry -
Free talk for the
whole family!

No registration Friday. Just show up!



FREE
FAMILY
EVENT!



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading—Genesis 18:20-32

Today's passage from Genesis is another episode from the life of Abraham, our father in faith. He lived near Sodom, a city notorious for its wickedness. In this passage, Abraham employs the Middle-Eastern technique of bartering to negotiate with God over the future of that city.

Second Reading—Colossians 2:12-14

This week we continue our series of four readings from the letter to the Colossians. We have seen how this letter emphasizes Christ as the sole mediator between God and all creation. Today's passage speaks of how we become one with Christ.

Gospel Reading—Luke 11:1-13

Sometimes we feel like we have to bargain with God to receive his favors. In the gospel today, Jesus tells a parable, then several saying, to convey how greatly God wants to shower us with what is good.

Jesus tells a parable about a person who has a special need late at night, after a guest arrives unexpectedly. He goes to his neighbor to ask for bread to serve to the guest. The motive ascribed to the friend making the request in verse 8, *anaideia*, is often rendered "persistence." But the Greek word is more accurately translated "shamelessness." The sense is that the sleeping friend responds to the request for bread to avoid the shame of refusing the help.

The sayings that follow the parable reinforce its meaning, elaborating that God stands ready and eager to open the door to whoever knocks and to give whatever we ask, just as parents desire to give good gifts to their children.

The gospel challenges the idea that God sends suffering to test or challenge or strengthen us and insists that God desires only good for us. We do not have to badger God or bargain with God to give us good things.

Most generous God, you have gifted us with all we have, and still you tell us that all we need to do is ask and we shall receive. May we daily turn to you, asking for your forgiveness and trusting that you will answer our call. Amen.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Many of you got a tomato plant at our Care for Creation Table when we were celebrating Earth Month. We would love to hear how your plant is doing? Send a picture and a few comments, to marikea@pacbell.net



If your family has a summer garden growing, share photos of your harvest, as well. Include your kids in the photo, only if you agree to having them appear in the bulletin and in the Flocknote. We will try to include a few photos in upcoming bulletins.



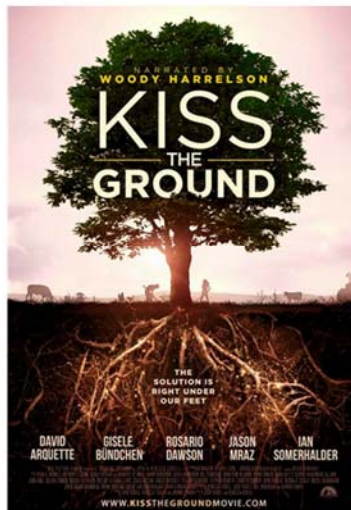
*My son Dillon has gotten a tomato plant from the Care for Creation table the last two years, and he has loved growing the little tomatoes and sharing them with our family. He didn't like tomatoes until he started growing his own! Thank you!
~Angela Loder*



*Thank you and your committee for this wonderful tomato plant. I lost the marker and would like to know the variety of this plant. The plant has produced many terrific cherry tomatoes. They are sweet tasting and are especially great when eaten right off the vine!
Thanks again.
~Richard and Bernadette DeCuir*

Join Us for Movie Night

Sponsored by: Care for Creation Ministry



**Thursday,
August 7**

6:30 PM

**SS Peter & Paul
Classroom #1**

"Kiss the Ground is a groundbreaking film that reveals a viable solution to the climate crisis. By regenerating the world's soils, we can stabilize Earth's climate, restore ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. Using compelling graphics, and NASA/NOAA footage, the film shows how soil can draw down atmospheric carbon, completing the climate puzzle."

PECA PRESENTS

(Placer Earth Care Action)

Can We Take the Heat?



Extreme Heat and Our Health

The number of extremely hot days, defined as days with temperatures above 95 degrees F, is projected to increase each year because of climate change. What does that mean for our day-to-day lives? How can we best adapt to the intensification of summer heat waves?

In this presentation, Dr. Kenneth Moore will examine the science behind extreme heat events and explore ways to be prepared to deal with the impact of rising heat upon our health.

Hosted by **Placer Earth Care Action**, an interfaith partnership (<https://www.ppoft.org/peca/>)

Sunday, Aug 3, 1:15 pm



Fireside Room, 1st Congregational Church of Auburn
710 Auburn Ravine Rd. Auburn, 95603

Go here for more information (including a zoom option):

https://www.ppoft.org/peca-events#PECA_Presents, or use the QR code —>





**Backpack
Blessing**

**BACKPACK BLESING
AUGUST 10th
AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES**

As students prepare to begin a new school year, we would like to send them back to school with a blessing for a safe, successful and faith-filled year of learning.

On Sunday, August 10th, students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack to Mass to be blessed. We also invite all teachers and anyone who works in any capacity for our schools to come and be blessed for the new school year.

Please keep our students, teachers and all school employees in your prayers as the academic year begins.

Dance and Pray

Put on your sneakers, comfortable clothes, bring a bottle of water, and join us **Monday, August 4th at 6:30 PM** in **Classroom #1** (close to the Faith Formation Office).

Feel free to bring a friend or two!

Email Lucia at luciadanceandpray@gmail.com for more information.



Special Collection NEXT Weekend
August 2/3 is for St. Vincent de Paul.

Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/st-vincent-depaul-donations
Or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, please open our minds and hearts to your light and truth as we discern and fulfill our vocations according to your will. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother guide us in our vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, and family life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Coffee and Donuts Hiatus

The Coffee and Donuts ministry is taking a break for summer! Look for their return Sunday, September 7th!

Women's Summer Spiritual Spa Retreat



Dates: Check-in on Wednesday,
August 6th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM
Dinner at 5:15 PM. Ends on
Sunday, **August 10th** after brunch

Cost: \$550 resident (\$150 non-refundable deposit)

Location: Mercy Center Auburn, 535 Sacramento Street, Auburn

These retreat days will offer a sacred time for rest, prayer, healing touch, and meaningful conversation. By pausing to draw from the deep well of God's life and love, participants will go forth with graces and renewed vitality to continue on life's sacred journey ... never to be the same again. The warm summer days will also include options for swimming and early morning walks.

Sponsored by: Sisters of Mercy
You may register by calling (530) 887-2019
or online with the QR code



**worldwide
marriage encounter**

This is an experience just for the two of you that you will never forget!

The Journey begins at one of the following venues:

- August 22-24, 2025—Sonora, CA
- September 19-21, 2025—San Juan Batista, CA
- October 17-19, 2025—Zephyr Point, NV
- November 7-9, 2025—TBD

This is a time to:

- **Restore** the communication in your relationship,
- **Rekindle** the romance, and
- **Renew** your relationship with your spouse.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a wonderful opportunity to focus on each other without distraction and learn more about your relationship.

Contact Terry and Janet Doane at 916-489-3464,
applications@sacramentowwme.org, or wwme.org