



5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2015

*"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be."
John 12:26*



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Parish Mission: We are a Roman Catholic Parish located in northeastern Redding, California, made up of multicultural, multi-generational, faith-seeking peoples. We are nourished by God's grace and Sacraments, forming the Body of Christ. To the best of our ability, we seek the will of God by worshiping Him, loving each other and serving the greater community through ministries of love, worship, prayer and service.

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Rev. Guillermo Ramirez
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Parish Office Hours - Parish Hall
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday Masses

Our Lady of Mercy—Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am &

1:00pm (Spanish)

Mary Queen of Peace—Sunday, 10:30am

Daily Masses

Our Lady of Mercy, Monday–Friday 7:30am.

Rosary and Morning Prayer

(Liturgy of the Hours)

6:55 am - Mon-Fri, prior to daily Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00pm - 4:30pm.

By appointment - our priests are honored to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at any time

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament should be celebrated when someone is acutely ill or going in for surgery or in danger of death.

Baptism

This Sacrament is celebrated after the parents and godparents have reflected on their commitment to live the faith, and have participated in a preparation process that is offered on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Marriage

At least six months advance notice is needed. Please contact the office to start the preparation process.

THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

God, Who is Love, wants to love us in a permanent, faithful relationship, which is similar to marriage, only better. As married couples make a covenant with each other by exchanging marriage vows, so the Lord made covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and all His chosen people. The problem with these covenants was that God's people broke them all. Human beings seem incapable of keeping a covenant with God, incapable of loving God faithfully. Therefore, God promised to make a new covenant. He said: "I will place My law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be My people". We will be able to keep this covenant because God will place it inside us and write it on our hearts. This means that God will give us a new nature, one capable of love and faithfulness.



Jesus gave us this new nature and new covenant by His death on the cross. We receive our new nature and covenant by being born again of water and the Spirit, by being baptized into Jesus and into His death and resurrection. By faith, we live according to our new nature and in the new covenant.

Two weeks from today, you will be asked to renew your baptismal promises. You will be asked to decide if you will live a life of covenant love. What will you decide?

Prayer: Father, may my life be like a grain of wheat which falls to the earth and dies to bear much fruit.

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp>

DAILY PRAYER FOR LENT

Loving God,
Sometimes my heart
turns in every direction
except towards you.
Please help me
to turn my heart toward you,
to gaze upon you in trust
and to seek your kingdom with all of my heart.
Soften my hardened heart
so that I might love others
as a way to glorify and worship you.
Grant me this
with the ever-present guidance of your spirit.

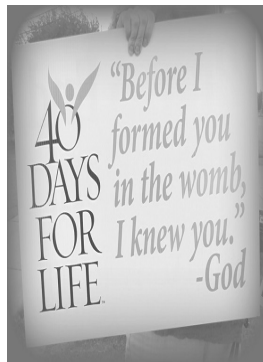
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please consider signing up for one hour this Lent.
Together we may just save a life and change the world for Jesus.

Please feel free to contact Josh Watkins with any questions at or Anna Palmer

To sign up please register online through



The Unborn

God, our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb. Grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

JESSE ACEVES
AUSTIN ARAGON
LAURA ARAGON
CHRISTA ARTHUR
KEN BERRYMAN
AGNES BIECHMAN
LESLIE BRODERICK
LYNN CARLSON
TOM COUGHLIN
LOIS FRAZIER
WARD GANDY
JOHN HAMPTON

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RACHEL MOEKLI
CHRISTINA MORINI
CLIFF & MILLIE NIELSON
CLIFFORD PAUL NIELSON
CRYSTAL NIELSON
JAMES NIELSON
JAMES RUBY

B. SAGE FAMILY
R. SPILT FAMILY
STEVE T.
CARMEN & DONALD
SUTHERLAND
TOM WARDEIN
STELLA WEBB
WILLIAM

COME AND ADORE HIM



Are you looking for a life changing experience ? Come to our Adoration Room and if you can, consider taking one of the available hours.

Mondays: 3AM
Wednesday: 11PM
Fridays: 3AM & 10AM
Saturdays: 3AM

For more info, please call Lee Covington at 244-1905

Pope Francis' March Intentions

Universal: SCIENTISTS

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Pray for RCIA Candidates

RCIA candidates are fast approaching the Easter Vigil (April 4) when five of our people will be receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation. They need the prayers of the parish as this is generally a hard time and full of second thoughts and temptations that do not come from God.

Our Military

Almighty and eternal God, protect our military men and women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. Amen.

VOCATIONS –DEACONS

Please pray for an increase in vocations!



Deacon Edward Smith



Deacon William Sousa

FROM FR. MARIO

KENOSIS...What?

IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT. Jesus gives a new direction; he presents a paradigm shift that he lives himself. It is in self-giving that we have self-fulfillment, in self-emptying that we have fullness of life, and in self-offering that we have self-worth. The focus is on giving rather than receiving, service rather than self-preservation, and dying to self rather than security of self.

The seed must fall to the ground and die. It must take in water, sun, and nutrients in the soil. And it must depend on the care of the planter. Only with this situation then can the seed live, grow and bear fruit. This is also what it means to empty self, to suffer, and to sacrifice. We must be totally dependent on the care and guidance of Jesus. Only then can we grow in faith and bear lasting fruits of good works.

Our baptism is our dying to self and sin. Our rising to a new life is in Jesus. How do we experience dying to self as to produce much fruit? We can be of real service to God if we bury our selfish ambitions and whims. We can be true workers for God if we reject the lure of pleasure, prestige, and popularity. We can devote to God and his people if we are willing to give our time, talents, and treasure for the good of others.

Kenosis makes us attentive to God's presence, allow us to be touched, and truly be transformed by God. Lenten season is the best time to learn the art of kenosis so that we have all the empty space in our lives for God and him alone.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

St. Joseph Church will offer a six week series "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in the basement meeting room. Meeting time is 7-8:00pm The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics or anyone seeking answers to questions about today's Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, invite them to attend. For detailed information, call Deacon David Gasman at 246-2819 or 243-3463.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11
Tues. Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed. Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Thurs. Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat. Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun. Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1, 15:47



WEEK AT A GLANCE

03/22 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent

9:30 - 10:45AM CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION HALL

03/23 Monday, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

03/24 Tuesday

6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH

4:30PM LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE CHURCH

03/25 Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord

1:00PM LEGION OF MARY ROOM 6

5:00 - 6:15PM CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION HALL

6:00PM LENTEN MASS CHAPEL

6:30 - 8:00PM RCIA ROOM 4

03/26 Thursday

9:00AM RCIA ROOM 4

10:30 - 12:00PM ADULT CATECHISM ROOM 6

6:30 - 8:00PM ADULT CATECHISM ROOM 6

03/27 Friday

1:00PM CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S CRAFTS MEETING ROOM 2

6:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS OUTDOORS

03/28 Saturday

03/29 Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30AM HISPANIC BREAKFAST HALL

9:30 - 10:45AM CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION HALL

RCIA Lenten Journey

RCIA Lenten Journey for the week of March 22:

As Lent's "purification and enlightenment" processes continue, our RCIA candidates and inquirers will take a close look at the way personal sin and social sin erode our relationship with Jesus Christ. This is in response to Sunday's special penitential rite.

Sunday we witnessed the candidates (who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil,) experience a special Penitential Rite that helps prepare them to celebrate the sacrament of penance prior to full communion in the Catholic Church.

This rite can be just as valuable to us in the Assembly. We are reminded in this rite of the comforting message of pardon for sin. We are reminded of our God's infinite love for us and mercy toward us.

The celebrant asks God at one point in the ceremony to give each of us a true spirit of repentance, a deepened sense of sin and the true freedom of the children of God. We will explore each facet of this request as well as each of the intercessions where we ask our God to give us a deeper appreciation of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, And to grant the grace to approach the sacrament of reconciliation with whole-hearted trust in God's Mercy. We also God to grant the spiritual stamina to continue our life-long efforts to grow, to love, and to seek virtue and holiness of life; and to give us the courage to renounce ourselves and put others first. We pray for the freedom and know-how to share the joy of our faith! As Easter approaches, we continue our attempts to reconcile our lives with God's plan for us!

HOLY SEASON

Mass: Daily at 7:30am & Wednesday at 6:00pm

Confessions: Wed. at 4:30pm, Sat. at 3:15pm & Penance Service March 24 at 4:30pm

Holy Week Schedule

Mon. Tues.—Mass at 7:30am
Wed.—Mass at 7:30am & 6pm

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper Bilingual Mass at 7:00pm at OLM and 4:00 at MQP.

Holy Friday: Stations Around Town start at City Hall at 11:00am. Bilingual Service at 3:00pm Stations and Service at MQP 4:00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Bilingual Mass at 8:00pm at OLM. No Confessions & No 5pm Mass

Easter Sunday, Resurrection of The Lord: Mass at 8:30am, 11:00am & 1pm(Spanish)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SAT	03/21	5:00PM	BARBARA FLUSS + SCHAEFER FAMILY, SI
SUN	03/22	8:30AM	CARMEN MARTINEZ + RAYMOND RUIZ +
		10:30AM	KATHY BICKEL, SI
		11:00AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
		1:00PM	EFIGUENIA CARRERA +
MON	03/23	7:30 AM	JOSE Q. ROMERO + MARGARETE DIX +
TUE	03/24	7:30AM	JANET GUZMAN + JOHN SNIDER +
WED	03/25	7:30AM	ELIZABETH ANDERSON + SILVESTRE FERNANDEZ +
		6:00PM	LUISA ABAD + GONZALES FAMILY, SI
THUR	03/26	7:30AM	CHARLES & ETTA SNIDER + ALAN CHEETHAM +
FRI	03/27	7:30AM	EILEEN BEACHKOFSKI + JOHN & TERESA BOWER +
SAT	03/28	5:00PM	LYNN HARRIS VASQUIZ, SI
SUN	03/29	8:30AM	JOSEPH KAYSER + ALBERT FRANCO, SR +
		10:30AM	ALAN CHEETHAM, + GREG BUTCHER, SI
		11:00AM	CLAIRE UPHUS, SI
		1:00PM	JO-ANN MEDINA, SI MAGAÑA FAMILY, SI FOR THE PEOPLE

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN

Today at Our Lady of Mercy

7:30am: Arrival, Procession, Rosary

9:30am: Holy Hour, Divine Mercy, Rosary

10:30am: Presentation

12:00pm: Holy Hour, Prayer, Rosary, Marian Songs, Divine Mercy

2pm: Holy Hour, Rosary (Spanish), Confession, Private Prayer

3pm: Farewell Procession singing Marian Songs



TRIVIA NIGHT

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Joseph Parish in Redding is sponsoring a Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18th, 5:30pm at the Bishop Quinn Catholic Center in Palo Cedro. You can compete as a group with a table of 10 of your friends and relatives or sign up as an individual and we'll assign you to a team. There are 10 rounds of 10 questions (multiple choice and true/false). The winning table wins the prize money at the end of the night. Cost is \$100 per table or \$10 per person. For more information please call 530-244-3028.

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Do You Wish To Improve Your Prayers For Lent?
COME TO PILLAR 4 OF THE CATECHISM CLASS
March 26th

Explanations for meditation, contemplation, etc.

Thursdays at 10:30am and repeated at 6:30pm
in Room 6 Parish Hall.

For details call Kay 209-8913.

This class is free and open to everyone.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Children's Faith Formation 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday

before or after Mass

First Friday Mass and

Adoration 4:00pm

Holy Days and Holiday 4:00pm

Stations of the Cross 3:30pm



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday Collections

Date	OLM	MQP	Total
03/15	6,909	728	7,637
03/08	8,169	235	8,404
03/01	8,868	675	9,543
02/22	8,600	485	9,085
02/15	7,300	249	7,549
Average	7,821	570	8421
Goal	8,158	568	8,727
Variance	(307)	1	(306)
YTD	290,504	21,075	311,579
Goal	301,855	21,033	322,888
Variance	(11,350)	42	(11,309)

Project Wish List

Projects	Cost	Donated
Outdoor Stations of the Cross - Planting	12,855	12,855 100%
Grounds: Irrigation, Electrical,	12,520	9,763 78%
South Block Fence Wall Extension	8,788	- 0%
Grounds: Rocks, Cobble & Stone	7,738	- 0%
Hall Front Landscape	4,000	- 0%
West Wall Landscape (Rock)	7,000	- 0%
Gas Line Break & Replacement	9,000	1,152 13%
Rectory Yard Repair & Drainage	7,000	- 0%
Totals	68,901	23,770 34%

Current Events / Status on Physical Assets

- The Rectory Yard Repair & Drainage project is complete.
- The Gas line replacement project is in engineering with an ETR of mid-April.
- One of 3 hall swamp coolers needs to be replaced. Materials have been procured – installation due by March 20th.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Parents, please help your children prepare for Mass. Speak to them about the Readings and the Gospel. Talk to them about what their offering might be:



FAITH FORMATION

prayer, canned food, or a monetary donation.

The children are the future of the Church. Help them answer the call!

Class Schedule/Important Dates

Wednesday, March 25th—Class

Reconciliation Retreat, March 28th

Sunday, March 29th—Class

No class Sunday, April 5th, Wednesday, April 8th or Sunday, April 19th.

For detailed information, please call Renae Magaña.

FOOD DRIVE

A very sincere thank you for the wonderful response to the food drive. Your continued support of our food pantry is a blessing to many!



A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Thursdays, April 9 - May 28

8 sessions meeting at Our Lady of Mercy Hall at

10:30am presented by Kay Hilario

6:30 pm presented by Brian Selving

For more information call Kay Hilario at 209-8913 or email

Save the Dates!

LENDING LIBRARY

Just a reminder that the CD lending library is open **once a month.**

Please return any borrowed CD's at that time.

Visit The Kiosk

Books, DVD's, and much more are available **each week after Mass** at the Kiosk.

Be sure to stop and check it out!

FROM THE DIOCESE

Lenten Guidelines

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (two small meals and one regular meal, no eating between) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics, 14 years old and older, must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest (pastor) should be consulted (CCL, Nos. 1251-1252).

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Diocesan Priests vs. Seminarians – Basketball Game

Please mark your calendar to join us on Monday, May 18, 2015 at Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento, CA. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please help promote this event at your parish! Community members, especially the youth of Our Lady of Mercy, are invited! Tickets will be available as of March 16 at the Office of Vocations. You can also purchase tickets online at <http://bit.ly/sacclassic> (Priests, religious orders, deacons and seminarians are cordially invited free of charge to cheer for your favorite team).

Cost of tickets: Students (K-College) \$5/Adults \$10/Group of Six (Adults) \$40. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. To purchase online tickets visit: <http://bit.ly/sacclassic> or contact the Office of Vocations at (916) 733-0258. Hope to see you there!!
Thank you!

Bulletin Deadline

MONDAYS, 4PM to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. *Holiday/shorter weeks submissions need to be submitted ONE week earlier please.*

All submissions need to first be approved by Pastor.

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