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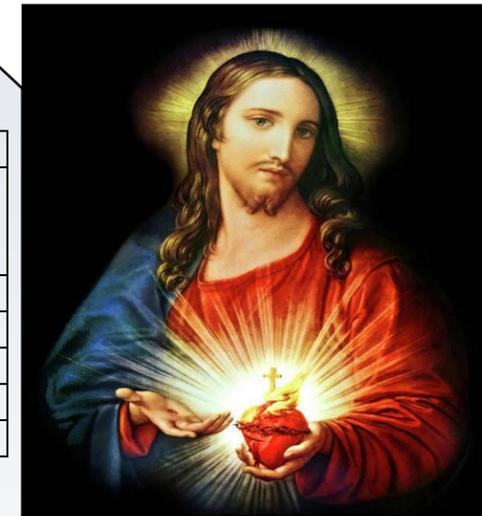
Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am (Spanish) 11:00 am
Monday	8:00 am
Tuesday	8:00 am
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am

Confessions (Church)

Saturday	8:30-9:30 am
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HERLONG (Sierra Army Depot)
 Holy Family Community

Saturday	3:00 pm
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- Rev. Fr. Arnold Parungao**
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Mass Intentions (October 30- November 5, 2021)

Saturday	10/30	3:00 pm (Herlong) 5:30 pm	Mass for the People + Frank Satica Dollie Douglass (Healing)
Sunday	10/31	8:00 am 9:30 am (Spanish) 11:00 am	S.I. Richard & Terry Hrezo + Gloria Sanchez S.I. Francisco Altamirano + Marcelina Hernandez
Monday	11/01	8:00 am	All Souls
Tuesday	11/02	8:00 am	All Souls
Wednesday	11/03	No Mass	
Thursday	11/04	8:00 am	All Souls
Friday	11/05	8:00 am	All Souls

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- Altar Society
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- Sick & Homebound
- Arise in Christ
- Emergency Preparedness

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Eucharistic Faithful of Sacred Heart Parish,
 Guided by the Holy Spirit, are called to proclaim the Good News by means of
 Sacraments, prayer, witness and service to the poor.

Thirty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the Lord, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statues and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the Lord, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm: 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R: I love you, Lord my strength.

I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R: I love you, Lord my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

The Lord lives! And blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R: I love you Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrew 7: 23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus because he remains forever, he has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Gospel: Mk 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, "He is One and there is no other than he." And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God". And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



The Story of the Solemnity of All Saints

Why does the Church include All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) in her calendar of solemn feasts? Why does the Apostles' Creed include "the communion of saints" as one of the 12 essential articles of our faith?

Because, as Charles Peguy put it, "life holds only one tragedy, ultimately: not to have been a saint."

Saints are not freaks or exceptions. They are the standard operating model for human beings. In fact, in the biblical sense of the word, all believers are saints. "Sanctity" means holiness. All men, women and children, born or unborn, beautiful or ugly, straight or gay, are holy, for they bear the image of God.

Saints are not the opposite of sinners. There are no opposites of sinners in this world. There are only saved sinners and unsaved sinners. Thus holy does not mean "sinless" but "set-apart:" called out of the world to the destiny of eternal ecstasy with God.

What is a saint? First of all, one who knows he is a sinner. A saint knows all the news, both the bad news of sin and the good news of salvation. A saint is a true scientist, a true philosopher:

A saint knows the truth. A saint is a seer, one who sees what's there. A saint is a realist.

A saint is also an idealist. A saint embraces heroic suffering out of heroic love. A saint also embraces heroic joy. (This is one of the criteria for canonization: Saints must have joy.)

A saint is a servant of Christ. A saint is also a conqueror greater than Alexander, who only conquered the world. A saint conquers himself. What does it profit a man if he conquers the whole world but does not conquer himself?

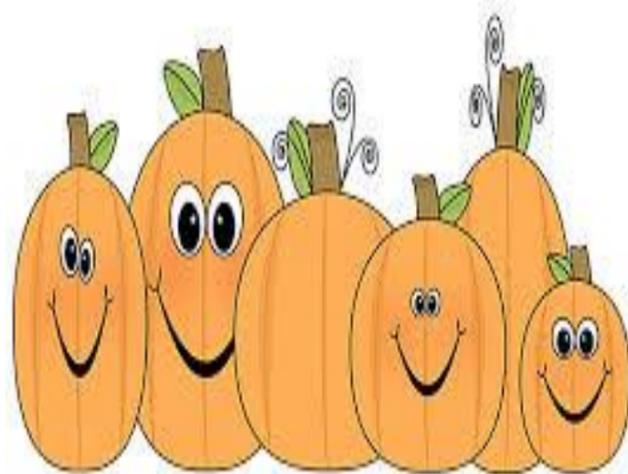
A saint is so open that he can say, with Paul, "I have learned, in whatever situation I find myself, to be self-sufficient. I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance" (Phil. 4:11-12). A saint marries God "for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death." A saint is also so determined, so stubborn, that he will die before compromising the truth, and will write credo in the sand with his own blood as he dies. (One saint actually did this.)

A saint is a sworn enemy of the world, the flesh and the devil. He is locked in mortal combat with principalities and powers. A saint is also a friend and lover of the world. He kisses this sin-cancered world with the tender lips of the God of John 3:16. A saint declares God's war on this world, sinking the cross into the enemy occupied earth like a sword, the hilt held by heaven. At the same time he stretches his arms out on that very cross as if to say, "See? This is how wide my love is for you!"

- Religious Education: CCD has begun. Normal hours are from 9:15 am – 10:30 am on Sundays. Please pick up the CCD Calendar at the Hall or in the vestibule.
- Children between the grades of kindergarten through high school and is preparing for First Holy Communion or Confirmation must attend these classes before they can receive the Sacraments. There is a two year requirement of study for each sacrament, as per Bishop Soto.
 - We strongly encourage the parents to participate in the program. We are always looking for more volunteers!

Safe Haven Training

This training is mandatory for all volunteers and staff. On November 6 is a Saturday (make- up) from 10:00 – Noon .



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Prayer for all Souls Day

*Merciful Father,
hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew
our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed brothers and
sisters will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*



Background of the Gospel



All who debated with Jesus that day knew God's law. The Pharisees certainly did. They were the teachers of Israel. The Sadducees knew it as well—at least well enough to know what they didn't like about it. And this scribe certainly did. He was a recognized expert in God's law, employed for his ability to transcribe it. So we have here a bunch of really smart people who knew their Bibles way better than probably all of us combined yet not a single one was in the kingdom of God.

That's a bit surprising, isn't it? These are the type of whom we'd say, "Man, they really know their Bible." But their

knowledge of the Bible didn't do them any good when standing before the Word made flesh. Their knowledge of the Bible didn't translate into being in God's kingdom. Why is that? The scribe is a great case study. Perhaps better even than all the others we've seen. He wasn't combative. He wasn't trying to trap Jesus. He didn't treat Jesus as a threat. He came to ask a question because he saw how well Jesus answered everyone else. So here's a guy who knows his Bible and doesn't hate Jesus. He's a good example because he represents the way so many people treat Jesus.

Look at his question. He has an important theological question to ask. "Which commandment is the most important of all?" That question was a hotly debated issue in his day. It would have been the theological trending topic on Twitter, with all the seminary professors and pastors and lay people jumping in with their opinion. The scribes identified 613 laws in the Old Testament. That's a lot of laws! And as with any complex system, some laws were considered light and some heavy. But could you summarize it? Lots of people tried. For example, a famous rabbi who taught twenty years before Jesus' ministry said, "What you would not want done to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the essence of the law. Everything else is mere commentary on it." (Rabbi Hillel) But that seems a bit lacking, doesn't it? It doesn't even mention God's name! Well, Jesus has a better answer in verses 29-31: love God and love your neighbor.

The scribe loved this answer because it was deeply rooted in the Old Testament, and it highlighted two important passages. The first is from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 about loving God. This was something every Israelite knew by heart. They recited it every day. The most important command was, first, to love God with all that you are.

The second passage Jesus combined with Deuteronomy 6 is the "love your neighbor" passage from Leviticus 19:18. This combination summarized the law in a way that actually made sense. It captured the whole thing. God wants both love for him and love for others. But one comes first. Loving others as yourself flows from loving God with all you are.

Now, this is massively important, and there are entire sermons we could preach (and will preach) on loving God and loving others. But the main focus in this passage is on the interaction between Jesus and the scribe. What Mark wants to show us is the danger mere knowledge can be. The scribe only wanted to *know* what Jesus thought rather than *live* what Jesus taught. His interest was entirely theological. It was not spiritual. Great knowledge of God's law alone only brings one near, not in, the kingdom.

XXXI Domingo ordinario

Primera Lectura: Dt. 6, 2-6

En aquellos días, hablo Moises al pueblo y le dijo: “Teme al Señor, tu Dios, guarda todos sus preceptos y mandatos que yo te transmito hoy, a ti, a tus hijos y a los hijos de tus hijos. Cumpletos y ponlos en practica, para que seas feliz y te multipliques. Asi seras feliz, como ha dicho el Señor, el Dios de tus padres, y te multiplicaras en una tierra que mana leche y miel. Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amaras al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas. Graba en tu corazón los mandamientos que hoy te he transmitido.”

Salmo Responsorial: 17, 2-3, 3-4 47 y 51

R. Yo te amo, Señor, tu eres mi fuerza.

Yo te amo, Señor, tu eres mi fuerza,
el Dios que me protege y me libre. R

R. Yo te amo, Señor, tu eres mi fuerza.

Tu eres mi refugio, mi salvación, mi escudo, mi castillo.

Cuando invoque al Señor de mi esperanza, al punto me libro de mi enemigo. R

R. Yo te amo, Señor, tu eres mi fuerza.

Bendita seas, Señor, que me proteges; que tu, mi salvador, seas bendecido.

Tu concediste al rey grandes victorias y mostraste tu amor a tu elegido. R.

R. Yo te amo Señor, tu eres mi fuerza.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 7, 23-28

Hermanos: Durante la antigua alianza hubo muchos sacerdotes, porque la muerte les impedía permanecer en su oficio. En cambio, Jesucristo tiene un sacerdocio eterno, porque el permanece para siempre. De ahí que sea capaz de salvar, para siempre, a los que por su medio se acercan a Dios, ya que vive eternamente para interceder por nosotros. Ciertamente que un sumo sacerdote como este era el que nos convenia: santo, inocente, inmaculado, separado de los pecadores y elevado por encima de los cielos; que no necesita, como los demás sacerdotes, ofrecer diariamente victimas, primero por sus pecados y después por los del pueblo, porque esto lo hizo de una vez para siempre, ofreciéndose a si mismo. Porque los sacerdotes constituidos por la ley eran hombres llenos de fragilidades; pero el sacerdote constituido por las palabras del juramento posterior a la ley, es el Hijo eternamente perfecto.

Evangelio: Mc 12, 28-34

En aquel tiempo, uno de los escribas se acerco a Jesus y le pregunto: “Cual es el primero de todos los mandamientos?” Jesus le reponio: “El primero es: Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor, amaras al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas: El segundo es este: Amaras a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. No hay ningún mandamiento mayor que estos.” El escriba replico: “Muy bien, Maestro. Tienes razón, cuando dices que el Señor es único y que no hay otro fuera de el, y amarlo con todo el corazón, con toda el alma, con todas las fuerzas, y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo, vale mas que todos los holocaustos y sacrificios.” Jesus, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: “No estas lejos del Reino de Dios.” Y ya nadie se atrevió a hacerle mas preguntas.

Crossroads Ministry

Our parish will be preparing and serving a meal at Crossroads on Saturday, Nov. 6. We always welcome volunteers to help or to donate funds to purchase food items. There will be a brief organizational meeting in the hall on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 9:15am to plan for the meal. Contact Mallorie Kelly or the church office for more details.

MealTrain

Are you looking for an area to serve? Consider becoming a coordinator for providing meals to families in our parish that are welcoming a new baby. It is really easy with MealTrain.com. We have had the opportunity to help two families as they welcomed a newborn into their home and their response was overwhelmingly positive. It takes a minimal amount of effort using the website and the meals are a blessing to receive. In addition, if you or someone you know in our church is expecting contact Julieta at the parish office for more information on how to participate.



Daily Reflection



I am a Shield for all who take refuge in Me. When your world is feeling unsafe and threaten, ponder this precious promise. I personally shield and protect all who make their refuge- their safe place in the mist of trouble.

Finding shelter in Me involves trusting in Me pouring out heart to Me. No matter what is going on in your life, it is always the right time to tell Me that you trust Me. However, sometimes it will be necessary to attend to the demands of your circumstances before you pause to pour your heart. Whisper your trust- and wait till you find the right time and place for expressing your deep emotions to Me. Then when circumstances permit, speak freely in My Presence. This rich communication will provide real relief; it will also strengthen your relationship with Me and help you find the way forward.

My shielding Presence is continually available to you. Whenever your're feeling fearful, turn to Me, and say: "Jesus, I take refuge in You."

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. 2 Samuel 22:31

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God our refuge. Psalm 62:8

-Jesus Always by Sarah Young



October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord be with you!

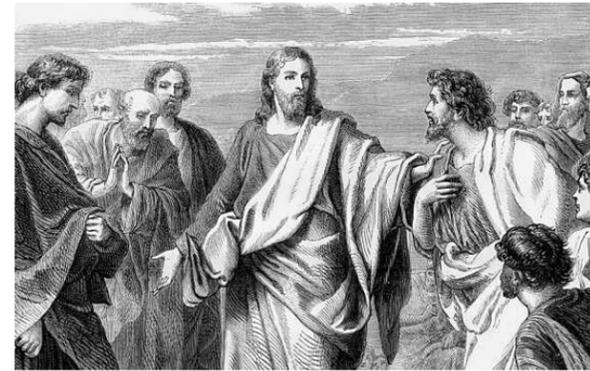
November is a beautiful month ahead of us. It is a month for us to remember our loved ones who have died. As a community, we remember to pray for our deceased members. Our Church tradition invites us to offer Holy Masses during the month of November for all the deceased.

In the mail, you will be receiving "All Souls Envelope" where you can list all the names of your deceased loved ones. Donations are encouraged but not a must. Please write legibly. These envelopes will rest on the altar of the Church throughout the month of November during each and every Mass. It will be in the side altars at other times.

Also, we encourage you to bring a picture of your deceased loved one to the Church. We will be setting up the side altars to put the pictures of our beloved dead. It will stay for the whole month of November (at least before Advent). This is a reminder for us that our life here on earth is a journey to our final destination in heaven.

Again, thank you in advance in participating in offering prayers and Masses to our deceased loved ones. We do this because we believe that the Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer we can offer for our beloved dead. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen."

-Fr. Arnold
Pastor



Reflexión al Evangelio según S. Marcos

Una de las características principales del fenómeno religioso es su dimensión ética. Se refiere a la que un grupo religioso opina en cuanto a que es bueno y que es malo y cual debe ser el comportamiento moral de ese grupo o de sus miembros. En muchas iglesias cristianas pareciera que promueve una visión ética de la vida un tanto desbalanceada al darse énfasis o prioridad a normas y reglas que no se fundamentan en aquellos mandamientos de los que dependen toda la ley los Profetas.

Como profesor de religión por los pasados casi 17 años he escuchado de mis estudiantes toda clase de experiencias en relación con la religión. Entre estas, recuerdo la historia de una joven que residió una vez en los Estados Unidos y fue puesta en disciplina por el liderazgo de su iglesia. La disciplina obedeció al hecho de que en pleno invierno, a joven Jesús "sabía algo" de lo que le que la comunidad, después, adaptara las cosas no debería resultar extraño. Este segundo anuncio de la pasión lo presenta el evangelista como una enseñanza (edidasken= les enseñaba). Pero los discípulos ni lo entendían ni querían preguntarle, ya que les daba pánico. Este no querer preguntarle es muy intencionado en el texto, porque no se atrevían a entrar en el mundo interior y profético del Maestro. Jesús tuvo paciencia y pedagogía con ellos y por eso Marcos nos ha presentado "tres" anuncios en un corto espacio del tiempo. Tampoco Pedro, en el primer anuncio (8,27-33), lo había entendido cuando quiere impedir que Jesús pueda ir a Jerusalén para ser condenado. No encajaba ese anuncio con su confesión mesiánica, que tenía más valor nacionalista que otra cosa. Marcos ha emprendido, desde ahora en su narración una dirección que no solamente es reflejo histórico del camino de Jesús a Jerusalén, sino de "enseñanza" para la comunidad cristiana de que su "Cristo" no se fue de rositas a Jerusalén. Que confesar el poder y la gloria del Mesías es o puede ser un tópico religioso poco profético. En realidad eso es así hasta el final, como lo muestra la escena de Getsemaní (14,32-42) y en la misma negación de Pedro (14,66-72). Los discípulos no entendieron de verdad a Jesús, ni siquiera por qué le siguieron, hasta después de la Pascua.

En Cafarnaúm, en la casa, que es un lugar privilegiado por Marcos para las grandes confidencias de Jesús, porque es el símbolo de donde se reúne la comunidad, (como cuando les explica el sentido de las parábolas), les pregunta por lo que habían discutido por el camino; seguramente de grandezas, de ser los primeros cuando llegase el momento. Sus equivocaciones mesiánicas llegaban hasta ese punto. Jesús tomó a un niño (muy probablemente el que les servía) y lo puso ante ellos como símbolo de su impotencia. Es verdad que el niño, como tal, también quiere ser siempre el primero en todo, pero es impotente. Sin embargo, cuando los adultos quieren ser los primeros, entonces se pone en práctica lo que ha dicho el libro de la Sabiduría. Y es que el cristianismo no es una religión de rangos, sino de experiencias de comunión y de aceptar a los pequeños, a los que no cuentan en este mundo. Acoger en nombre de Jesús a alguien como un niño es aceptar a los que no tienen poder, ni defensa, ni derechos; es saber oír a los que no tienen voz; son los pobres y despreciados de este mundo. La tarea, como muy bien se pone de manifiesto en la praxis cristiana que Marcos quiere transmitir a su comunidad, no está en sopesar si los que se acogen son inocentes o no, sino que debemos mirar a la vulnerabilidad. Quizás los pequeños, los niños, los pobres, los enfermos contagiosos, no son inocentes. Tampoco los niños lo son. Es el misterio de la vulnerabilidad humana lo que Jesús propone a los suyos. Pero los "suyos" –en este caso los Doce-, discutían por el camino quién sería el segundo de Jesús en su "mesianidad" mal interpretada. Esta es una enseñanza para el cristianismo de hoy que se debe plasmar en la Iglesia. La opción por los "vulnerables" (¡los pobres!) es la verdadera moral evangélica.

-Fray Miguel de Burgos Nunez



National Vocation Awareness Week
encourages dioceses to foster vocations in their local communities
 October 22, 2021 from USCCB

WASHINGTON – The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 7-13, 2021. Dioceses across the U.S. will hold events to foster an appreciation for all vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

In his message for the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis offered St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as a model for vocational discernment. “Amid all these upheavals, [St. Joseph] found the courage to follow God’s will. So too in a vocation: God’s call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say “yes” to God,” he said, and exhorted the Church to look to St. Joseph as an “outstanding example of acceptance of God’s plans.”

Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations has encouraged dioceses to use National Vocation Awareness Week as a time for fostering vocations in their own local communities. “Studies of those recently ordained and religiously professed consistently show that the encouragement of the parish priest is the most influential factor in vocational discernment. But the accompaniment of the whole faith community is key for genuine vocational discernment – from one’s parents and family members, to the Catholic educators, as well as the vital role that youth ministers and fellow parishioners play as the early encounters for young people to the faith.”

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year to call attention to the importance of upholding vocations and praying for those discerning a religious vocation and celebrating those who were in ordained ministry and consecrated life. In 1997, the celebration was moved to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and in 2014, the USCCB’s Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to influence youth and young adults by engaging Catholic schools and colleges.

Resources for dioceses to utilize during National Vocation Awareness Week, including homily aids, recommended reading and discernment tips, prayers of the faithful, and bulletin-ready quotes are available online.

In the Diocese of Sacramento, Parish Vocation Committees are encouraged to organize a holy hour for vocations for youth of the parish, as well as a rosary for vocations. For more information about vocations in the Diocese of Sacramento, visit /vocations.

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 For updates and events of our parish community.

BAPTISM

Infant baptism is for children 7 years old and under. Classes for parents and godparents are available. Please provide Birth Certificate. 8 years old and older needs to take RCIA.

QUINCEANERA

Please notify us at least 6 months before the event.

WEDDING

Please notify us at least 6 months before the event. The initial interview by the priest starts the marriage preparation. Requirements will be given during the initial interview.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office
 It is also available every after Mass.
 Please let the priest know.

FUNERAL

Please notify us
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
 We work with the Funeral Home