

## STEWARDSHIP

Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$ 4,717

*For These Gifts We Are Grateful!*

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)*

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for Stewardship with humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR BUILDING FUND/DEBT REDUCTION

FAITH DIRECT<sup>®</sup>  
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### MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE

My Dear Parishioners,



During this time of uncertainty, St. Maria Goretti Parish needs your support now more than ever! I want to introduce a new and secure way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: Faith Direct. Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions even when you can't make it to church. Now, through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. You can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket for when we are finally able to come together again for Mass. For this way of giving will continue to be a stable and effective way for the parish to receive your gifts.

Please join me in enrolling by responding to the email you will receive or visit [faith.direct/CA1117](https://faith.direct/CA1117) to enroll securely online.

God Bless You!  
~ Fr. Sylvester

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) CERTIFICATION TRAINING

In 2022, the Diocese of Sacramento will promote and host opportunities to become certified in the following methods: Billings Ovulation Method, Sympto-Thermal Method or Creighton Model Method. NFP supports God's gifts of love and life in marriage.

Learn more: [www.scd.org/nfp-certified](https://www.scd.org/nfp-certified)

Questions? Andrey Arevalo • 916-733-0156 • [aarevalo@scd.org](mailto:aarevalo@scd.org)



### Synod on Synodality Communion, Participation, and Mission

The Synod on

Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue, which began with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021. The synodal process will conclude in 2023. We have listening sessions ongoing at St. Maria Goretti. Please pray for the success of the Synod which will provide valuable information for the Papacy and our church in general in planning and implementing programs to better our church.



Catholic Schools  
Week 2022  
January 30-February 5  
[www.NCEA.org/csw](https://www.NCEA.org/csw) #CSW22

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

2022 Retreats: Feb. 4-6 & Aug. 12-14

Where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful abortion emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For information, call 916.733.0161 or email [projecta-chel@scd.org](mailto:projecta-chel@scd.org). All messages are confidential



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Officer Meeting : Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

General Meeting : Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Grand Knight : Damon Thayer  
[damonthayer@frontier.com](mailto:damonthayer@frontier.com)



## SMG KofC Drive-Through Crab Feed Fundraiser

Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Pickup 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Crab, Shrimp, Clam Chowder, Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread

Tickets: \$60 per meal

Tickets by pre-sale only. Sales after each Mass or call Bob Cook (916) 882-2622  
Sales end February 13

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If anyone needs assistance or want resources in these difficult times please call St. Vincent De Paul Society at 916-667-2779.

## GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS

St. Joseph's Elk Grove, Renwald Room

Ongoing until Feb. 23, 2022 from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM. Contact Marilyn Petruska at (916) 769-5835 or Mary Ellen Trapp at (916) 893-8863 for questions or more information.

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – RENEWAL OF VOWS

Saturday, February 12, 2022, 9:30 AM

Mass at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish, North Highlands

Register at: [www.scd.org/wmd](https://www.scd.org/wmd)

If you have questions, call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0133.



## Mass Times

Weekdays: Mon, Wed - Fri 9 am

Saturday Vigil 5 pm

Sunday 8 am

10 am

12 pm

6:30 pm

Holy Days

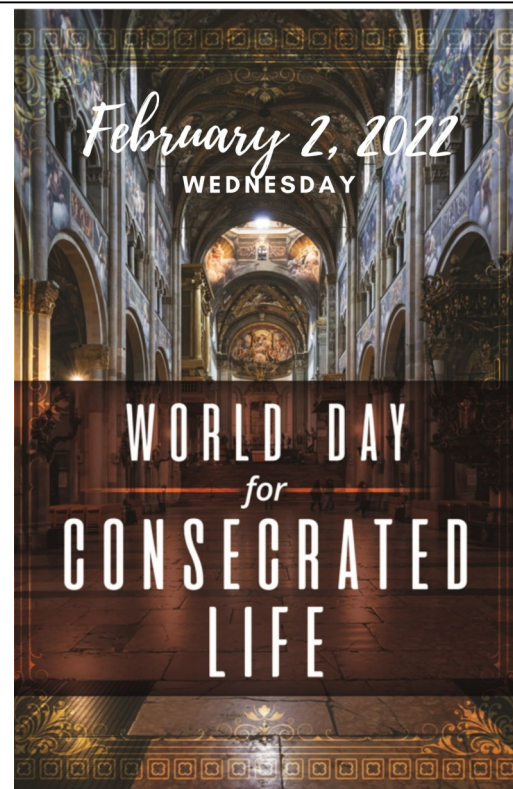
## Confessions

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm & by Appt.



The Presentation at the Temple  
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.—USCCB



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# St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed - Fri  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CLOSED  
Tues, Sat & Sun



ADORATION  
CHAPEL

Open Mondays

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Main Church Open for Adoration,  
Prayer, And Reflection

Mon, Wed to Fri

8 AM—12 PM

**Week @ A Glance  
This Week**

Sun 01/30

• CFF Class - 8:45 AM, 1:15 PM

Tuesday 02/01

• KofC Officer Meeting - 6:30 PM

Wednesday 02/02

• Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM (Livestream)

• CFF Class - 5:30 PM

Thursday 02/03

• Pre-Baptism Class - 7:00 PM

• Choir Practice - 6:30 PM

• RCIA Class - 7:00 PM

Friday 02/04

• Exposition, Benediction and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - begins at 3 PM

• First Friday Devotional Mass - 6:30 PM

Sat 02/05

• CFF Class— 10:30 AM

## Next Week

Sun 02/06

• CFF Class - 8:45 AM, 1:15 PM

• Youth Group (HS) at Good Shepherd - 6:15 PM

Mon 02/07

• Women's ACTS Prayer Group - 6:30 PM

Tuesday 02/08

• Synod Listening Session - 6:00 PM

Wednesday 02/09

• CFF Class - 5:30 PM

Thursday 02/10

• Mass and Blessing of Throats - 9:00 AM

• Choir Practice - 6:30 PM

• RCIA Class - 7:00 PM

Friday 02/11 - Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick

• Healing Mass with Anointing - 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM (Livestream)

• Red Cross Blood Drive - 10:00 AM

Sat 02/12

Thank you for your support!



Support Parish Building Fund  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Each Month  
Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza  
8364 Elk Grove-Florin Road,  
Sacramento, CA 95829  
(Behind The Dollar Tree)  
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[office@smgcc.net](mailto:office@smgcc.net)

## BULLETIN & WEBSITE

### POSTS/ADS

Submission deadline:

Mondays 12:00 pm

Contact the Parish Office

(916) 647-4538 (x206) OR

email: [office@smgcc.net](mailto:office@smgcc.net)

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## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

We are now on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear in the Second Reading this Sunday about St. Paul mentioning the importance of spiritual gifts but more so in striving for the “more excellent way,” which is to love. How have you shown acts of love this week and in wrapping up this first month? Are the good works we do merely mechanical or do we pause and examine our hearts and ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration to really touch those around us the way Jesus would touch them?

This week sees us celebrating important feast days. On **Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, we celebrate **St. John Bosco**, patron saint of (troubled) youth and young apprentices, editors, publishers, and magicians. He founded the Salesians of Don Bosco and Mary Help of Christians – two societies who have preserved his legacy in caring for abandoned and delinquent youth. He was greatly influenced by St. Francis de Sales and was in turn instrumental in the canonization of one of the youth under his care, St. Dominic Savio. He believed that in disciplining the youth, one must employ loving kindness and preventive remedies.

**The Presentation of Our Lord** on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday**, also known as Candlemas is a special feast day as we remember how Jesus, again, chose to be like us. Forty days ago, we celebrated His birth. On this Feast Day, we recall how Jesus and Mary offered Jesus in accordance with Jewish Law. Him who is the light of all nations. We will have a Mass at 9 AM and another at 6:30 PM. You may bring your candles to be blessed.

Incidentally, we also celebrate the **World Day for Consecrated Life** on this day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let us be thankful for our very own Sr. Rosabel who consecrated her life to Jesus through the Religious of the Virgin Mary (RVM), her congregation. Let us pray for all men and women who have dedicated their lives to Christ and His church. This is no easy task, as is everything that is worth doing in one's life.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Thursday is the **Feast of St. Blasé**, patron saint of and normally associated with the healing of throats. We will have the blessing of throats at the 9 AM Mass.

Lastly, thank you to those who joined me at Mass last Wednesday even at a moment's notice. Let us all continue to pray for a peaceful resolution of the political and military conflict happening in Ukraine.

~ Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. JOSEPH ARTWORK PICK UP

Deadline: Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

We enjoyed the portraits and admired the creativity. If you are one of our esteemed artists, it is time to take your paintings home. Please drop by the Office during business hours to claim them.



**MIRA LOMA RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
LOCATION: St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church  
Fri, Feb. 11, 2022, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM,  
St. Gabriel Room

There is currently a national blood crisis. Please consider scheduling your appointment to give blood. All donors will receive a free T-shirt.

To schedule an appointment or for more information visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter our Zip Code: 95624 or enter sponsor code: Mira Loma

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

For other information, you may download the Red Cross App or call 1-800 – RED CROSS.

### FEAST DAY OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
9 AM and 6:30 PM (also on Livestream)

### FEAST DAY OF ST. BLASÉ

(With Blessing of Throats)  
Thursday, February 3, 2022,  
During the 9 AM Mass

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>

Adoration starts at 3 PM  
Mass at 6:30 PM

### PARISH TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE

To be appointed as a Parish Advocate, individuals must attend both Introductory and Advanced training. These programs are held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. All participants from the Diocese of Sacramento must be approved by their pastor or parochial administrator.

Introductory Parish Advocate Training  
**March 15-17, 2022**

Registration deadline: **January 31, 2022**

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Tholcke, Moderator of the Tribunal Chancery, 916-733-0231 or [ctholtcke@scd.org](mailto:ctholtcke@scd.org).

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES/ WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Friday, February 11, 2022  
Healing Mass with Anointing  
9 AM and 6:30 PM (also on Livestream)

### EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS

Do not open, do not reply, and do not forward. Please notify the office if you receive SCAM TEXTS OR E-MAILS.

### FACE MASK



### REQUIRED

FACE MASKS REQUIRED regardless of vaccination status. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

## Faith Formation

### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)

For questions, the CFF office will be open  
Mon., Wed., Fri.  
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM &  
Sundays: 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM  
Contact: Sr. Ma. Rosabel Sare, RVM  
Religious Education Coordinator  
Email: [cff@smgcc.net](mailto:cff@smgcc.net)

### Wednesday

Confirmation: Yr 1 & Yr 2  
5:30 PM — 6:30 PM

### Saturday

Classes for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Grade  
10:30 AM — 11:30 AM

### Sunday

First Communion: Yr 1 & Yr 2  
8:45 AM — 9:45 AM  
Confirmation: Yr 1 & Yr 2  
1:15 PM — 2:15 PM



### GROUP MEETING

February 7, 2022,  
Monday, 6:30 PM  
St. Michael's Room

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP TO MEET AFTER VALENTINE'S DAY

Monday meeting for the month of February will be postponed a week later—February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8 PM.  
More info: Contact Ed Reyes  
[edwardreyes1@comcast.net](mailto:edwardreyes1@comcast.net)



### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Feb. 3 Session- Sacraments:

Penance & Anointing of the Sick

Thursday Nights: 7 PM – 8 PM

For more information email: [rcia@smgcc.net](mailto:rcia@smgcc.net)

### Religious Education Congress Save the Date! March 18-20, 2022

Virtual or in Person  
Online Registration coming soon  
Youth: \$40 Adult: \$85  
Virtual: \$ 35 (content available until May 17, 2022)  
Early Bird Discount if you register by February 4<sup>th</sup>  
<https://recongress.org/>



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[www.smgcc.net](http://www.smgcc.net)  
OR visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)

FORMED Now! January 25 — Conversion of St. Paul "Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul. Also explore newly released Short Course on his letters.



## MASS READINGS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30 – February 5, 2022

*Jerrold Troxell, People of the Parish, Michael Mejia, Victor & Eleonor Salvatin, Teresito M. Ligo, Ron & Margaret Rucker, Elvert Raymond Dela Rosa*

**Sun, Jan 30** *Jer 1:4-19; Ps 71:1-17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:18; Luke 4:21-30*

**Mon, Jan 31** *2 Sam 15:13-30, 16:5-13; Ps 3:1-7; Luke 7:16; Mark 5:1-20*

**Tues, Feb 1** *2 Sam 18:9-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Matt 8:17; Mark 5:21-43*

**Wed, Feb 2** *Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40;*

*2 Sam 24:1-17; Ps 32:1-7; John 10:27; Mark 6:1-6*

**Thurs, Feb 3** *1 Kgs 2:1-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mark 1:15; Mark 6:7-13*

**Fri, Feb 4** *Sir 47:1-11; Ps 18:31-51; Luke 8:15; Mark 6:14-29*

**Sat, Feb 5** *1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; John 10:27; Mark 6:30-34*



### RESOURCE & ASSISTANCE (FOOD, CLOTHING, UTILITY)

For more information, contact Elk Grove Food Bank Services directly or online:

Address: 9820 Dino Drive, Ste. 140,  
Elk Grove, CA 95624 (916) 685-8453  
OR <http://www.elkgrovefoodbank.org/>

Hours: Mon – Fri: 10 AM – 3 PM;  
Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

**Wellness Bag Program:** Supplemental food program for the homebound with a medical condition.

**Pet Pantry:** Dog and Cat food.

**Utility Bill Assistance:** 95624: PG&E & SMUD customers needing assistance.

### MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUPS

Natural Family Planning, Marriage Preparation Coordinators, Gabriel Project, and Respect Life/Pro-Vida

Visit: <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/respect-life>. To register or more info contact: Moises De Leon, [mdeleon@scd.org](mailto:mdeleon@scd.org) at (916) 733-0133 or Andrey Arevalo at [aarevalo@scd.org](mailto:aarevalo@scd.org) or call (916) 733-0156.

### World Day of Consecrated Life – February 2, 2022 (Celebrated in parishes on February 5-6, 2022)

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### LOST AND FOUND - CLAIM UNTIL JAN. 31<sup>st</sup>!

We have a basket that is full to the brim of lost glasses, hats, scarves, gloves, books, etc. Please pass by the Narthex or the Office and see if you have missed an item and retrieve them by end of the month. Thank you for your kind attention.

## PRAYER CORNER

### Pray for those in

### Our Prayer Book of Intentions

Raquel Alvarez; Aiko and Kimi Bate; Dori Lee; Dr. Irma Lee; Byron Clark; Angelina Maria Macias; Rosales family; Antonio and Maria Aleala; Alcala families; Cortes family; Benner Guerra Reyes; Lukas Arriaga; Seth Dakis; Nikita Enriquez; Suzeth Magtoto; Marc Massery; Don Thissler; Cesar Young Jr; Zackary Nickel; Vonnie Donner; Finley Mansfield; Alfonso, Thomas, Diem, Denny, Hoaphm, and Sonia Nguyen; Giovanni, Suzy, and Yvonne Uribe; Salvador and Laura Cortes; Fabian, Victor, Gaby, and Driscena Cortes; Jeanne Wong; Paul Rubstello; Roxane, Paul, Nancy, and Frank Otto; Terri Rubstello; Mike Robinson; Alison Pam; Jennifer, Amanda, Oam, Steven, Kelsey, Ryan, Tigan, and Mike Howard; Cecil Quizon; Joyce, Marina, and Emmanuel Ballesteros; Celestina Vega; Jude Chikezie; Obiora Onuchukaue; Espen Skjerreu Holeu; Chris De Mello; Robin Root; Eleanor and Victorio Solvatin; Oscar, Edna, Vince, and Kimmie Bulonace; McKenna Egan; Caitlin Faythe Arceo; Lukas Arriaga; Adyn Ormsby; Seth Dakis; Monica Santos; George Deese; Sue Prukhomme; Angela Robertson; Joshua Catris; Basilia Santos; Byron Clark

### Pray for the souls of Our Dearly Departed

Beverly Slater & Emilia Munoz Ching, Amor Aban, Joseph Balatbat, Dr. Irineo P. Cases, Emma Fedeli, Robert M. Henderson, Trung Tran, Helen Katheder Sambuca, Fermin San Nicolas, Domenic Pupa, Grace Jota, Alvin Scott, Norman Wong, Roberto Inocencio, Pieded Guico, Franco C. Oco, Christopher Rodden, Danilo Gancayco, Napoleon "Nap" Bravo, Mary Murawski, Patricia (Patti) Henderson, Marjorie Robertson, Eliseo de Jesus, Cesar Magat, Jr., Daphne Simpkin, Fr. Terry Fulton, Simon Thanh Hoang, Aidaliz Lorenzo, Russell Terry, German Felix, Pacita Tolosa, Dcn. Luigi Del Gaudio, Don Briggs, Nelly Araza, Rey De Jesus, Eduardo Hernandez, Willie Cheng