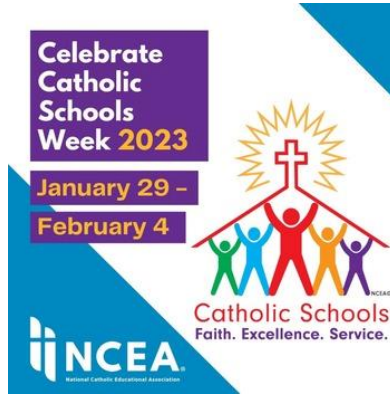


# Catholic Schools Week



*Congratulations to our Principal, Staff, and Students of our school. We will have an open house after the 10:30 a.m. mass.*

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## REFLECTION

## The People of God's Kingdom

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.



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## NEWS UPDATE

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, A friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament, we can talk to him straight from the heart. - *St. Alphonsus de Liguori* – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. Confession available from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**SCHOOL NEWS** – OPEN HOUSE, Sunday, January 29 at 11:45 am – 1:00 pm. Come join us for a special open house at St. Bede Catholic School. Meet the teachers, visit the classroom, and celebrate in fellowship with our school families! We look forward to seeing you. St. Bede Catholic School is currently accepting applications for next school year 2023-2024. Please contact the school office (510) 782-3444 or visit our website [stbedecatholicschool.org](http://stbedecatholicschool.org) for more information.

**HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY & FUNERAL HOME** – is having a Blood Drive on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Streamline your experience by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) also, please join us on the First Saturday of every month to pray for and celebrate the loved ones we have lost. All are welcome for this celebration and if you would like to add a love one to our prayer intentions, please call the office. Mass time is at 11:00 am.

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**God Be in My Head**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.



—Attributed to *Old Sarum Primer*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK (Read prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit)**

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20; **Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43;  
**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6; **Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]; **Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29; **Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34; **Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Amelia Medina, Jacqueline Gomez, Teresa Gomez, Jace Alan, Jose Francisco Hernandez, Francisco Sanchez, Martina Cruz, and those commended to our prayers.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY**, Fr. Stan Zak, Josefina Inigues, Maxine Robley, and those commended to our prayers.

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**PLATE** – January 21/22 Sunday Collection - \$17,845.27 - Thank you and God Bless

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**MORE NEWS UPDATE**

**BLESSING OF THROATS** – Our annual blessing of throats will take place after all masses next weekend.

**RETIREMENT & PURPOSEFUL AGING – WHAT’S NEXT IN MY LIFE?** – Friday, February 3, 2023, 3:00 PM – Location San Damiano Retreat Center – As you think about your retirement years and move into this next chapter of your life, this retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns ahead. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? The combination of retirement and growing older provides an opportunity to live life differently and more contemplatively, moving from “doing” to “be-ing.” Discover how we can share our Spirit given gifts, talents, and experience in new ways and give continued meaning and purpose to our lives. Based on feedback from prior attendees, we have expanded this retreat to an entire weekend. Presented by Jim Briggs. To register:

[https://sandamiano.org/events/retirement2\\_2023/Ctr;+Click](https://sandamiano.org/events/retirement2_2023/Ctr;+Click) to follow link.

**PAULINE BOOK FAIR** – The Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our Parish after all the Masses the weekend of February 18-19, 2023. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries and other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family! Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good media. Credit Cards accepted.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 3-5 or July 7-9 in Danville or go to <https://wwme.org/apply/> to find the date that works for you!

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