

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015

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Mass Schedules and other Services

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. en español <i>Children's and Youth Choirs</i> <i>sing first Sunday of the month.</i>
Saturday	4 p.m. [vigil] & 8 a.m. First Saturday
Weekdays	[Mon—Fri]— 8 a.m. in the Chapel
Holy Hour	First Friday 7—8 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Perpetual Help Novena	Wednesdays following 8 a.m. Mass
Morning Prayer	Mon. -Fri. 7:40a.m.
Confessions [bilingual]	Saturdays 2:45—3:45 pm

Faith Formation Ministries and Groups

Catholic Faith Formation D.R.E.	Sr. Katrina Quidlat	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Phil De Leon	916.607.1645
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.412-1904
Catholics Returning Home	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Baptism Preparation	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Couples for Christ	Billy/Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397
Young Adults Ministry	Kay NaRanong	916.425.4661
Legion of Mary	Paz Cajucom	916.682.8437
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Imelda Nanca	916.714.0547

Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Heimericks/Cervantes	926.689.3932
Cultural Dinner	Guily & Naty Fontillas	916.362.7541
Parish Breakfasts	Knights of Columbus	916.381.5200
Religious Goods Store	Irene Ingham	916.689.2865
Yard Sale	Call the office	916.381.5200
Wedding Coordinator	Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397

WELCOME!

You are encouraged to participate in our many functions, events, and activities. We offer opportunities for parishioners to use the time, talent, and treasure that God has given them in praise and glory of His name through our liturgical, care-giving, philanthropic, faith-formation and social ministries.

Councils

Pastoral Council	Paul Pham	916.381.5200
Finance Council	Lennie Heimericks	916.689.3932

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan	Bob Benton	916.425.7037
Youth Altar Servers Ministry		
Adult Altar Servers Ministry		
Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry	Becky Sliwa	916.381.5200
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Karen Hurskainen	916.688.0332
Music Ministry	Erica NaRanong	916.667.8088

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Lorraine Latreille	916.363.0365
Pro Life 4 Life	Charlene Valine	916.682-0557

Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Nellie Basquez	916.381.1365
Knights of Columbus	Dylan Pletcher	916.683.8276

MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people of St. Paul Catholic Parish In Sacramento, California, a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming community, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ are called: to bring all people of God together in worship, to declare our belief in God's love, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate and grow in our relationship with God.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- MON: 3/16 DAN & JULIA OSUNA †**
Requested by Wayne family
- TUES: 3/17 GAY O'BANION †**
Requested by Loida Pangilinan
- THURS: 3/19 MICHAEL LORISTO †**
Requested by Amy Jarin & family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
- Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
- Tuesday: St. Patrick
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Thursday: St. Joseph
- Friday: Abstinence; Spring begins

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

-John 3:17

RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen

LENT

Abstinence: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Fast: Everyone over 18 and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and continuing the fast on Holy Saturday is encouraged.

Stations of the Cross:

Beginning February 20th and every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross.

English: 6:00pm

Spanish: 7:00pm

English Stations will be followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in the parish hall.

PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday March 17 7:00pm

Join with your family and fellow parishioners at our Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00pm. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the joy of Easter.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mother Daughter Program

The Mother-Daughter Program, sponsored by the Sacramento Diocese, explores girls growing up and becoming women. For information about this program, or to register, contact Steve Patton at the Pastoral Center (916) 733-0133. E-mail spatton@scd.org.

Dates for Tweens (ages 10-12) and Locations

Saturday, March 21, Presentation School, Sacramento
(English) 9:00am-12:30pm

Sunday, March 22, St. Clare, Roseville
(English) 1:00-4:00pm

Sunday, March 22, St. Clare, Roseville
(Spanish) 1:00-4:00pm

Dates for Teens (ages 13-16) Locations

Saturday, March 21, Presentation School
(English) 2:00-6:00pm

Saturday, April 18, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
(Spanish) 2:00-6:30pm

Letter to President Obama from Catholic Bishops

A letter, dated February 23, 2015, was sent by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to President Obama, regarding the situation with the Islamic State of Libya (SIS or ISIL). As mentioned in the letter, Pope Francis said that the twenty-one Coptic Christians were beheaded "for the mere fact of being Christians." There is more information in the letter regarding our right to use force to stop ISIL, but always in the context of "international and humanitarian law."

Copies of this letter are in the entryways of our church, or contact Lorraine, chairperson of our parish's Social Justice Ministry (916) 363-0365 lelatray@att.net and she will send you a copy of the U.S. Bishop's letter to President Obama.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget the Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt, on Easter Sunday morning, April 5th. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Free Throw Championship Results

The Knights are proud to announce that we had two entries from St. Paul Parish win their division at the District level. Jazlyn Basquez won 2nd place in the 9 year old girls competition, and Thomas Tabbah won 3rd place in the 11 year old boys competition.

Adopt a Street Program

Every three months the Knights of Columbus spend a couple of hours on a Saturday morning helping to keep Florin Rd. clean, by picking up trash between Elk Grove-Florin Rd and French Rd. The next scheduled time is Sat. March 14th, beginning at 8:00am. from the parish hall. Anyone who would like to join us would be welcome.

Come by the parish hall and share in fellowship over coffee and donuts on Sunday March 8, 15, 22 & 29th from 8:30am to 11:00am.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

Priscilla Wong	Dorothy Butler	Rodrigo Reyes
Helen Gallagher	Bernadette Carrasca	Virginia Collier
Victoria Vasilescu	Iris Sims	Tommy Zawalick
Frances Hurskainen	Gertie Davis	Jean Hesse
Daryl Stallworth	Teresa Ziegler	Daniel Labrado
Laura Guilford	Michael Judd	Ellen Yee
Nora Ignacio	Terry Sanchez	Kay Green-Sutton
Doreatha Viltz	Luc Kimia	Elio Chicca
John Jastraub	Mauricio Vargas	Gregory Judd
Shirley Robinson	Maria Elizabeth Soriano	Dorene Schlim...
Aurora Nicandro	Jack Steele	Sam Butler
Lorraine Schaefer	Frank Farrell	Michael White
Jessica Lintag	Rodulfo Reyes	James Pettigrew
Sonio Reyes	Rita Chicca	Albert Rembulat
John Rideaux	Merle Eugene Kirk	6Rose Malone Grey
Sandy Burgoon	Wendy Patnode	Zulema McCulloch
Audrey Falls	Benjamin Ferrer	Brian Steele
	Monica Cordero	

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

With the dissipation of the catechumenate's energy since almost everyone was born into the Church, Lent began to be seen more as a preparation to follow the Passion of Christ with devotion. In the city of Rome, creative spirits settled on "stational churches" as a way of keeping the energy flowing. Everyone would be directed to a certain "station" each day, and the name of that church provided a theme for the liturgy. So, for example, on certain Saturdays in Lent, everything centered on the church of St. Vitale. Now, this poor fellow had been thrown into a hole and covered in stones at his martyrdom, so the readings recalled Joseph thrown down the well by his brothers, and the wicked servants killing the son of the owner of the vineyard. Gradually, travelers to Rome noted the celebration and worked it into liturgical schedules back home. Eventually, calendars everywhere bore the curious footnote on a Lenten Saturday: "Station S. Vitale." This served the priority of getting ready to hear the Passion fairly well, but was hardly satisfactory for Lent's baptismal character. Now, at last, our liturgy is reorganized to serve the deepest level of our tradition exceedingly well. Lent, once again, is all about baptism.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Attention St. Paul Ministers

There will be a Day of Reflection for St. Paul Ministers on Saturday, March 21st, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. All who serve and minister at St. Paul's parish are encouraged to attend this special day set aside for them. There is no cost to you for this day, which includes morning hospitality and lunch.

Thank you so much for sharing your time, service and ministry with us!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council met with Fr. Joyle on Jan. 19th. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Ja'net Blea.

The Advent Penance And Simbang Gabi events were well attended.

The Youth Ministry is preparing for the visit to the Los Angeles Congress in March. They will be holding fundraising events.

The Children's Choir will sing on the first and third Sundays of the month at the 9:00am Mass.

The subject of people seeking help from parishioners after Mass on Sundays was addressed. Fr. Suggested they be told to come to the office during office hours for possible assistance.

There was an accident in the choir area over the holidays and additional railings will be installed to prevent further mishap.

Lorraine Latreille will coordinate the Day of Recollection for Ministers on March 21st. The P.C. will co-sponsor this event with the Liturgy Ministry.

The next meeting will be March 16th.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr. Joyle.

HEALTH MINISTRY

It's not too late to get your flu shot. Its not too late to vaccinate—as long as flu viruses are spreading its not to late to protect yourself and your loved ones. The flu brings a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, fatigue and days in bed. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized each year with complications from the flu. Estimated 3,000 to 49,000 people die from the flu annually. The vaccine is recommended for everyone over 6 months old. The high risk group for serious complications from the flu, like pneumonia, include young children, pregnant women and people over 65 years of age, and those with a medical condition. Check with your doctor for the dosage needed for young children.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 14/15

This collection makes possible the Catholic Church's global mission to fight poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of human rights. A portion of this collection is allocated the the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe,

April 4/5

St. Paul Building Fund & Capital Campaign

This collection will help provide funds to repay the funds borrowed from the Diocese to build the Religious Education Center. Parishioners who have pledged to the Capital Campaign may use the pink envelopes to make their pledge payments.

JANUARY 2015 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

INCOME

Offertory	\$ 26,621.97
Other Income	11,568.59
Religious Articles & Books	746.54
Religious Education	620.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 39,557.10

EXPENSES

Salaries & benefits	\$ 19,119.89
Buildings & Grounds	13,631.61
Religious Articles & Books	443.27
Property Tax & Insurance	2,400.00
Parish Programs	5,947.27
Religious Education	622.13
Diocesan Assessment	4,229.00

TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES

\$ 46,393.17

Net Operating income

\$ (6,836.07)

Offertory donations were 4% below budget

- ◆ Expenses were reduced about the same amount
- ◆ Operating income was budgeted to be a loss of
- ◆ \$6,968.83

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Healing Mass Friday, April 10th at 7:30pm

You are invited to attend a Healing Mass at Good Shepherd Parish. It will be presided by Fr. Arnold Parungao from St. Teresa of Avila Parish, and sponsored by the Divine Mercy Charismatic Group. For more details contact Rolly & Susan Gonzales at (916) 203-8765.

DIOCESAN HELP

Looking for a way to apply your office skills?

The Diocese is looking for ideal individuals with strong organizational, interpersonal and verbal communication skills to volunteer as the Receptionist at the Pastoral Center. To apply please send your resume and cover letter to iramirez@scd.org and become a diocesan volunteer and discover how you can help.

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
Feb						
15	\$ 1210.00	\$737.00	\$1360.00	\$1166.00	\$655.03	5128.00
16	18 Ash Wednesday					\$3402.00
22	\$1358.64	\$623.00	\$1345.00	\$1316.00	\$820.00	\$5462.64
March						
1	\$2061.00	\$1165.00	\$1938.00	\$2076.00	\$964.00	\$8204.00
8	\$1359.00	\$677.00	\$1232.00	\$909.00	\$871.24	\$5048.24

HEALTH MINISTRY

Got a Cold?

More than 100 viruses can cause colds, the world's most common illness, and most people average about three colds every year. Once it enters the body the cold virus begins to multiply, causing sore throat, sneezing, runny nose, watery eyes, aches and pains, mild fever, nasal congestion and coughing.

Over-the-counter cough and cold remedies may relieve some of the symptoms, but they will not prevent, cure or even shorten the course of the illness.

To lessen your chances of coming down with a cold keep up your natural resistance through good nutrition, and getting enough sleep and exercise. Avoid direct contact with those who have colds, and wash your hands frequently.

If you get a cold be respectful of others, cover your coughs and sneezes, and, if possible, limit your contact with others.

YOUTH MISSIONARY NEWS

Qualifications for Admission to SPYM:

12-18 years old, registered parishioner of St. Paul Church. Have a personal relationship with God, motivated to serve others, especially the poor, and be willing to share his/her gifts, talents and time for the ministry.

For more information contact:

Cyrille Kaiklian 916.753.2302 email Cyrille89@gmail.com
 Angie Lovett 916.803.6463 email angielovett@gmail.com
 Sr. Ma. Katrina Quidlat, RVM
 916.381.5200 email saintpauldre@comcast.net

Or visit: <http://st.paul-florin.org/youth-ministry>
<https://www.facebook.com/events1543001669170057/>

Participants from SPYM—Youth Day L.A. Congress 2015

Hilary Tran	Stephanie McClean	Patricia Brewer
Jacinth Tran	Alycia Yadao	Cyrille Kaiklian
Jesstine Lintag	Nathan Yamamoto	Angel Benson
Carlos Arcega	Daisy Bacatan	

Chaperones:

Angie Lovett, Steve McClean, Edna Clegg,
 Sr. Ma, Katrina Quidat, RVM

Participants from Catechists L A Congress 2015

Carmel Hernandez	Arlyne Desiderio	Gloria McClean
Lilibeth Brewer	Marivic Sinlao	Marissa Nakajima
Rose Ferrer	Nancy Tran	Elena Dy
Toni Bamford	Angie Lovett	Lina Marco
Marisol Juarez	Sr. Ma. Katrina Quidlat, RVM	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER

Parents desiring to have their children baptized are required to register with the Parish Office. They are also required, with the godparents of the child, to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. The first requirement of a godparent is that they be fully initiated in the Catholic Faith, (baptized, confirmed and received the Eucharist), and be practicing Catholics.

The Baptism class for our parish is usually held on the third Tuesday of the month in rooms 7 and 8 of the Religious Education Center. The team of Catechists presenting the class are Dale and Kit Yamamoto, Iza Clavecilla and Ja'net Blea. Registration for the April class is currently being taken. There are no baptisms in March, as we are in the Lenten season. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in having a child baptized, (916) 381-5200.

BISHOP COTTA'S REFLECTION

As we continue our Lenten journey, it is good to spend some quiet time, silence, with the Lord. Even though it is difficult, we owe it to ourselves to find a "deserted space" to be one with Jesus. Getting away from the noise of the world in order to encounter that "interior silence" is important if we are to grow in our relationship with Christ. It is in the silence that we are able to face the obstacles that hinder our spiritual growth and pursuit of holiness. To have an opportunity to experience the gift of "sacred silence" is truly a blessing.

Brothers and sisters, as we journey toward the celebration of the Easter mysteries, let us discover anew this "Lord of Creation" in the silence of our minds, and more importantly in the silence of our hearts. Wishing all a blessed and joyful Easter.....*Bishop Cotta.*

SHARE YOUR EVENT

During Lent there are many Catholic events happening at parishes across Sacramento. What better way to share these events than to post it on SacCatholic.com. This is dedicated in connecting you to all Catholic Events happening in the Diocese. Moderated by the Dept. of Evangelization and Catechesis, SacCatholic is a one-stop destination to post, find and share Catholic events of your parish, group or organization. Visit Sac.Catholic.com today!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for the following members of our families serving in the Armed Forces

Gary B. Foster II	Ricardo G. Cervantes	John Marc James
Jay Candaso	Stephen Rich	Ruben N. Libed
Norbert Mendiola Jr.	Janae Santos	Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr.
Jeffrey Yazel	Brian Vergith	Don Jamoses
Daniel Roy Ryan	Martin Sinlao	Ryan Gandy
Robert Brich II	Sergio Pineda	Cody Machado
Isaiah Mohr	Ariel Rollins	Mark A. Ramos Jr.
Gregorio Rodriguez	Don Carlo Geroche	Cameron Lindsay
Roel C.. Dones		Armando Asahan

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma 15 de marzo de 2015

LEVANTADOS POR EL MESIAS

La semana pasada, cuando Jesús se refería a la destrucción del Templo, el relato de la primera lectura de hoy es lo que les hubiera venido a la mente a sus oyentes. Pero, dado que Jesús estaba hablando en un sentido más profundo, así también debemos entender la primera lectura de hoy. Escuchamos en el primer párrafo que Israel en efecto ya había “caído” a causa de sus infidelidades contra la alianza. Para no ponernos demasiado cómodos, este relato nos recuerda que Dios, aunque justo, amoroso y misericordioso, es capaz de castigar el pecado cuando es un pecado no arrepentido. Pero también nos recuerda que Dios, rico en misericordia, unge a individuos para que sean a su vez instrumentos de salvación (en hebreo al Rey Ciro de Persia se le denomina “mesías”). En la lectura del Evangelio, escuchamos de otro Mesías que debe ser “levantado” por nuestra salvación, en uno de los pasajes más conocidos del Nuevo Testamento. Al terminar la Cuaresma y entrar en la Semana Santa, debemos mantener nuestra mirada fija en la cruz de Cristo, el Hijo de Dios que vino al mundo para levantarnos a todos los que habíamos caído.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Salmo — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o Salmo 23(22).

Segunda lectura — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o Efesios 5:8-14.

Evangelio — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Jueves: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
 Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Misa de Sanación: El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) Friday, April 10th at 7:30pm. Esta dirigida por Padre Arnoldo Parungao de Santa Teresa de Ávila Paris, patrocinadores grupo carismático de la Divina Mercy. Todos están invitados
 Tel: 916-203-8765

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los católicos en general y los latinoamericanos en particular, somos muy dados al uso de imágenes y símbolos religiosos para acercarnos a Dios o para sentirnos más cerca de él. En realidad el cristianismo entero es así, gracias a la encarnación del Hijo de Dios. Hay quienes critican el uso de imágenes, pero recordemos que Jesús usó imágenes para explicar cómo es Dios. En el Evangelio de Juan (3:14) Jesús recuerda que Moisés había hecho uso de imágenes para sanar a los hebreos.

En Números 21:4-9 Dios le pide a Moisés que haga una serpiente de bronce y la levante en alto de tal forma que los hebreos puedan verla. Muchos de ellos habían sido mordidos por serpientes en el desierto y al ver la imagen de bronce sanaban, gracias a Dios. El pueblo de Israel se quedó con la imagen. No obstante, con el paso del tiempo olvidaron que era sólo una imagen y comenzaron a adorarla hasta que el rey Ezequías se vio en la necesidad de destruirla (2 Reyes 18:4). Las imágenes pueden ser útiles para recordarnos la presencia y misericordia de Dios, pero no permitamos que se conviertan en ídolos.

EL AMOR DE DIOS

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a reconocer el amor de Dios y a darnos cuenta de que en la historia se entrecruzan dos caminos. Por una parte, está el que podemos elegir separarnos de Dios. Así lo expresa la primera lectura en la que se habla de que como los jefes religiosos de Israel despreciaron las enseñanzas de los Profetas. Aquello tuvo como consecuencia la destrucción de Jerusalén de su templo y la cautividad en Babilonia. Pero Dios no abandonó a su pueblo y recondujo la historia en época de Ciro permitiendo el retorno de la Ciudad Santa y la restauración del culto.

Ese es el otro camino que se entrecruza, el del amor de Dios que no abandona a los hombres ni de ofrecerles la salvación. El Salmo de hoy expresa la nostalgia de los que, en el destierro, añoran cuando alababan a Dios en el Templo y no quieren olvidarlo a la espera de ser salvados. Dicha Oración puede expresar también anhelo estar más unidos a Dios de servirle con mayor generosidad y alegría. La misericordia de Dios no imposibilita la libertad humana, por el contrario, sale a su encuentro para sanarla y moverla al bien. San Pablo nos llama a fijarnos más profundamente en cosas que ya sabemos. Así por ejemplo, nos dice que estamos **salvados por su gracia y mediante la fe**. Pensar que podemos vivir libres de pecado por Dios nos salva nos libera de la presunción y de la autosuficiencia. Para permanecer en la gracia de Dios necesito continuamente en la mirada bondadosa de El. Dios no nos niega, pero, como nos recuerda el Evangelio, podemos irnos apartando de la luz porque nuestras obras no corresponden a lo que Cristo quiere. Dice Casiano: “El principio de nuestra conversión y de nuestra fe, son dones de Dios.... Pero hace falta que su misericordia vaya obrando cada día su plena abertura mediante esa misma Gracia”. En este tiempo de cuaresma se nos llama a detenernos en la contemplación de la vida, su amor y sacrificio de Cristo



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"Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo".
Interesados en ayudar en cualquier ministerio, favor de llamar
a cualquier persona de los teléfonos de arriba de esta pagina

MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor
comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramirez al 381-
5200.

EVENTOS DE CUARESMA

Vía Crucis todos los Viernes de Cuaresma. En Ingles a
las 6:00 p.m., y Español a las 7:00 p.m., participación de
todos los diferentes ministerios y padres de familia del Ca-
tecismo.

Marzo 17, Martes Sacramento de Reconciliación o Con-
fesión a las 7:00 p.m. y como de costumbre vendrán Sacer-
dotes de habla Hispana, y otros idiomas para servirle a
nuestra Comunidad. Tambien hay servicio de Confesiones
y penitencia en las Iglesias cerna a nosotros como son:

María Goretti Lunes 9 de Marzo a las 7:00 p.m. (Ingles)

San Carlos Borromeo, Lunes 16 a las 6:30 p.m.

Todos los Santos, Miércoles 18 a las 7:00 p.m.

San José, Elk Grove, Jueves 19 a las 7:00 p.m.

El Buen Pastor, Miércoles 25, a las 7:00 p.m.

La Inmaculada Concepción, Viernes 27, 7:00 p.m.

Marzo 20,21 y 22, Retiro para los de los jóvenes de Confir-
mación y Rica (segundo año).

Marzo 21, Retiro para todos los Ministros de la Parroquia
de San Pablo. Ingles y Español en diferentes salones.

Abril 4, Sábado de Vigilia, reciben los Sacramento nues-
tros Catecúmenos y Candidatos de RCIA. Esta ceremonia
es muy especial porque Jóvenes y Adultos empiezan una
vida dedicada al servicio del Evangelio, son los nuevos
Bautizados y empiezan su misión de seguir los pasos de
Jesucristo.

Abril 11, 2015 Retiro de Primera Comunión, niños, Padres y
Padrinos en Español

Abril 25, 2015 Retiro de Padres de Familia y Padrinos de
Confirmación, en Español.

Mayo 16. Primera Comuniones Español

Mayo 23 Primera Comuniones Ingles

MINISTERIO DE SALUD

Programa de Madre e Hija

El Programa Madre-Hija, patrocinado por la Diócesis de
Sacramento, explorando el crecimiento de niñas y convertir-
se en mujeres. Para obtener información sobre este progra-
ma, o para registrarse, póngase en contacto con Steve Pat-
ton en el Centro Pastoral (916) 733-0133. E-mail spat-
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Fechas para pre-adolescentes de (edades 10-12) y ubicacio-
nes Sábado, 21 de marzo, Presentación Escuela, en Sa-
cramento (Inglés) 09 a.m.-12:30p.m.

Domingo, 22 de marzo, Santa Clara, Roseville
(Inglés) 1: 00-4: 00 pm

Domingo, 22 de marzo, Santa Clara, Roseville
(Español) 1: 00-4: 00 pm

Fechas para los adolescentes de (edades 13-16)

Sábado, 21 de marzo, Presentación Escuela, Sacramento
(Inglés) 2: 00-6: 00 pm

Sábado, 18 de abril, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Parro-
quia (Español) 2: 00-6: 30pm)

Carta al Presidente Obama de los Obispos Católicos

Una carta, de 23 de febrero de 2015, fue enviado por la
Conferencia de Obispos Católicos al presidente Obama,
con respecto a la situación con el Estado Islámico de Libia
(SIS o ISIL). Como se menciona en la carta, Francisco dijo
que los veintiún cristianos capturados fueron decapitados
"por el mero hecho de ser cristianos," no hay más informa-
ción en la carta sobre nuestro derecho a usar la fuerza para
detener ISIL, pero siempre en el contexto del "derecho in-
ternacional y humanitario."

Las copias de esta carta se encuentran en las vías de en-
trada de nuestra iglesia, o póngase en contacto con Lorena,
presidente de Justicia Social Ministerio de nuestra parro-
quia (916) 363-0365 lelatray@att.net y ella le enviará una
copia de la carta de los EE.UU. Obispo al presidente Oba-
ma.

DIOCESIS DE SACRAMENTO

COMPARTIR EVENTOS DE SUS PARROQUIAS.

Durante la Cuaresma hay muchos eventos católicos que
suceden en parroquias de Sacramento. ¿Qué mejor ma-
nera de compartir estos eventos que a publicarlo en
SacCatholic.com. Este se dedica en conectar con todos
los eventos católicos que suceden en la diócesis. Mode-
rado por el Departamento de Evangelización y Cateque-
sis, busca que todos estén conectados en un solo lugar
de mayor publicidad, buscar y compartir eventos católi-
cos de su parroquia, grupo u organización. Visita
Sac.Catholic.com hoy y participa más.

VIVIENDO EL CONGRESO DE LOS ANGELES

Oremos por los jóvenes y Catequistas que se fueron para
el Congreso de los Ángeles, esperamos que tengan una
buena experiencia Espiritual y puedan volver el próximo
año no sólo ellos sino muchos más especialmente los de
Español.