

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS SCHEDULE

Mon: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Tues: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Wed: 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Thurs: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 12:00

Latin Mass: 2:00 p.m. (Tridentine)

Misa en español: 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Or by appointment)

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Fridays: 5:40 p.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tues. Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed. Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thur. Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri. Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat. Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun. Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 2/15 — 7:00 AM ----- Eladio Nuigrin †
Mon. 2/15 — 12:15 PM ----- Int. of Nick & Rose Rampoldi
Tues. 2/16 — 7:00 AM ----- Adelaida Delos Reyes †
Tues. 2/16 — 12:15 PM ----- Amalia Mores †
Wed. 2/17 — 8:15 AM ----- Int. of Natividad Lapurga
Wed. 2/17 — 12:15 PM ----- Int. of Dennis & Deann Harp
Thur. 2/18 — 7:00 AM ----- Rudy Barragan †
Thur. 2/18 — 12:15 PM ----- Robin Sorensen †
Fri. 2/19 — 7:00 AM ----- Johnny Delos Reyes †
Fri. 2/19 — 12:15 PM ----- Int. of Kay Sorensen
Sat. 2/20 — 8:15 AM ----- Amalia Mores †
Sat. 2/20 — 5:00 PM ----- Josie Gomez †
Sun. 2/21 — 7:00 AM ----- Minarck & Bonzagi Families †
Sun. 2/21 — 8:30 AM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners
Sun. 2/21 — 10:00 AM ----- Warren K. Banzet, III †
Sun. 2/21 — 12:00 PM ----- Wilfredo Orenca †
Sun. 2/21 — 2:00 PM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners
Sun. 2/21 — 5:00 PM ----- Por vocaciones

ST. JOSEPH PARISH VISION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Joseph Parish, are called by the Holy Spirit to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We invite all of God's children to join us in our journey to become what we have been called to be: The Body of Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of St. Joseph Parish, in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, are called to be witnesses to the gospel and servants within the Catholic tradition. We are called to work toward:

- creating an open, hospitable and welcoming community;
- embracing diversity, celebrating the giftedness of each person
- committing to the spiritual growth and education of all members; and
- serving one another and our community.

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. RESTI

I received the following text message from a friend last Ash Wednesday: ***Father, as we start lent 2day, I would like 2 inform u that I fast on social media. That means I will deactivate my Facebook 4 the entire Len10 season. U can still follow me though in my Twitter account.***

I smiled. I thought it was a creative way of fasting by denying oneself of internet surfing during Lent. As it appears to be, it is nothing else but like a fasting from looking at something that delights the eye with only one eye covered.

I suppose this kind of fasting is very much an answer to a question which we usually associate with the Lenten season- what DO I give up and need to PERFORM this Lent? We ask this question because we see Lent as a liturgical season.

As a liturgical season, we know that it is a 40 day preparation period for the celebration of the central mystery of our Christian faith which is Easter. It is a favored time in the church calendar that asks us to be mindful of the 3 significant penitential acts that should help us prepare for a meaningful celebration of Easter. These 3 penitential acts are mortification (that includes fasting/ abstinence), prayer and almsgiving. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is required for those who have reached 18 years old up until 59 years of age (voluntary fasting is highly recommended on other days). On the other hand, abstinence on Wednesdays and all Fridays of Lent is required for 14 years of age and above. Of course, work and health situation though are an important consideration for exemptions. The church recommends it as a way for us to have mastery over our otherwise passionate instincts and acquire greater freedom of the heart. Prayer makes us close to the Lord and sensitive to the promptings of His Spirit. Almsgiving is the gift we give to God by giving to the needy in thanksgiving for God's generosity to us. Are we ready for these 3 things during this liturgical season of Lent?

We are always to remember Lent is not about just asking what we can give up but also who we can become this season. In other words, we are to be concerned not only about 'doing' but also about our 'being'. This calls us to see Lent not only as a liturgical season but more importantly as a spiritual journey of the self.

As a spiritual journey, Lent gives us an opportunity as a person to journey to 3 different directions, namely, inward, outward and upward. It is a journey inward, that is, to the self, as we look and examine our selfishness and stubbornness of hearts that bar us to live like true children of God. Outwards because it should be a journey of our selves towards others as well. The efforts that we exert should not only be towards personal gains but also should have a fruit in help-

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ing others. Finally, it is an upward journey- a journey of the self towards God. In journeying towards God, Lent must be an opportunity to be reconciled with Him. Many spiritual writers will say that we don't do the Lenten sacrifices so that we will be better come Easter time. Lent itself should be the very opportunity to repent and undergo conversion and thus a time for us to be reconciled with the Lord here and now.

Our lining up in receiving ashes on our foreheads should be an external sign for us to manifest an internal reality of what we truly want as we observe Lent: a desire for a serious spiritual journey towards our conversion of the self, charity to others and reconciliation with God. Another text message I received: ***Let us make dis len10 season truly a time not only n focusing on what we do but also on hu we r and hu we can bcome.*** Amen!

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Our Sunday offering for the weekend of February 7, 2016 was \$13,615. Thank you for your generous offering. May your love and sacrifices be greatly rewarded.

ADDITIONAL MASS

There will be an additional daily Mass at 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday for the duration of Lent (with the exception of the Triduum). It will be celebrated in the chapel.

FAITH FORMATION

There will be no Faith Formation classes on February 17 due to President's week. Enjoy the break! All classes resume on February 24.

ST. JOSEPH VOTIVE CANDLES

With the addition of the new votive candles in front of St. Joseph, all now have the opportunity to light a candle for their prayer intentions. Feel free to write down these intentions, as they will be included in the intercessory prayers of our Sunday Masses. If able, kindly consider making an offering before lighting a candle. In addition, if you would like to reserve a memorial candle for an entire year, you may do so. The name of your loved one will be displayed before the candle, which will remain constantly lit for 365 days. For more information, pick up a brochure in the Narthex or call the parish office.

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS

In Mexico I will look into the eyes of the Virgin Mary and implore her to look upon us always with mercy. I entrust my journey to her.



NOTRE DAME SCHOOL NEWS

We are now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year for grades TK-5. **We are offering a full or half day Transitional Kindergarten (TK) starting in the fall of 2016.** Applications are available online or in the office and should be turned in by Feb. 17 to hold a place for the 2016-2017 school year. Testing for incoming kindergarten students will be held on Saturday February 27. We offer an extended day program, full-day kindergarten, Chromebooks in classrooms, extra-curricular sports, robotics, drama, music, and faith and service activities. Contact the office at 447-1460 to set up an appointment for a tour or contact Principal, Susan Walls at swalls@notredamevacaville.org for more information. Join us today!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend. The Annual Catholic Appeal is our annual tradition that connects us to thousands of people who need our help every day. Last year, through your generosity, our parish contributed \$32,390 to the Appeal. Our 25% parish share was used to fund our parish programs to feed the hungry and homeless. This year funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal will allow us to continue to help needy members of our community. Please prayerfully consider your gift to assist so many in need.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next set of baptism preparation classes will be held on **February 23 and March 8, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room.** These classes are a requirement for both parents and godparents prior to baptizing a child. For more info or to register, call the parish office.

ULTREYA

Please join us for our next monthly Ultreya here at St. Joseph. Ultreyas are gatherings of Cursillistas and interested parishioners who would like to encourage one another on their faith journeys. **We will meet on Saturday, February 27 from 9:30-10:30am in the Bride's Room.** This month's meeting will include a speaker from the Kairos prison ministry.

DISCIPLES OF JESUS

The Disciples of Jesus (DOJ) prayer group invites you to their biweekly prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center Meeting Room #1. **During the Lenten season, the group meets weekly on six consecutive Tuesday nights beginning on February 9 to study "Living the Eucharist".** For more info, call (707) 344-3869.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Hungering for Opportunity: Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



HEALING TOWARD FORGIVENESS

The Healing Toward Forgiveness support group will meet on **Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room.** The purpose of the group is to help heal from abuse, grief, and other painful life challenges. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex. If you would like to speak with someone one-on-one, please call the Support Line ministry at 447-2354.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Question of the Week

Salvation through Faith

Key Passage: For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Adult: What are some of the ways in which you can show the mercy of Christ to your friends

and family this Lent?

Youth: When have you shown mercy to a friend or classmate who is hurting?

St. Joseph will be making a pilgrimage to St. Dominic's Church in Benicia, one of the designated pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Sacramento, on Saturday, March 5. The trip will include Mass (concelebrated by Fr. Resti) and a talk by Fr. Jerome Cudden, OP on the topic of mercy. Those who visit this or another pilgrimage site may receive a plenary indulgence; see your Year of Mercy guide for more information. Pilgrims are asked to meet at St. Joseph at 6:45 a.m. to carpool.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our own Bishop Jaime Soto invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento to celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord! **For 24 hours straight from Friday, March 4 at Noon until Saturday, March 5 at Noon, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered continuously at several parishes throughout the Diocese and at our three Newman Catholic Centers.** Please celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord by receiving the sacrament at a parish near you. Visit www.bit.ly/24Lord for details. This is the perfect opportunity for all Catholics to come together to experience the Lord's loving mercy.

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