

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday...8:00am & 10:00am (English) 12:00pm & 7:00pm
(Spanish) 3:00pm Dobbins (English)

Holy Day Masses

Please check the bulletin for detail

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism

2nd Saturday each month at 9:30am (**in Spanish**) Class in Spanish on 1st & 3rd Friday at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

4th Saturday each month at 9:30am (**in English**) Class in English on Third Tuesday of each month at 6:45pm in the Parish Hall.

Marriage: If you are a member of our parish, please contact parish priest at least 6 months before a proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Please contact our coordinator of religious education. For adults not yet confirmed, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: Please call parish office
(530) 742-6461

Parish Office: 223 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA

From 9:00am to 5:00pm

Robert Haldeman, Bi-Lingual Clerk-Typist

Anita O'Kelleyburchett, Mass Coordinator – 742-6461

Daphne Bilicich, Accountant

Religious Education Program

Dale Walker, *English Coordinator*—(530) 742-6461
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Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Sara Sullivan (530) 743-6226

Music Ministry:

Pam Souza – (530) 741-2041
Diana Brookman - (530) 674-0361
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Verna Hughes – (530) 656-1312
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Youth Group:

Dale Walker, *Youth Coordinator*, (530) 742-6461
Jose Negrete, *Hispanic Coordinator*

Knights of Columbus

Art Flores, *Grand Knight* –(530) 742-4616

Catholic Daughters of America

Luciea Fisher, *President* – (530) 673- 3984

Catholic Ladies Relief Society

Charlene Adams, *President* – (530) 743-6062

Building Maintenance

David Emmons – (530) 300-5602
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Usher Ministry

Danny Thompson
Andy Gunderman
Bill Dodson
Jaime Arostegui
Angelo Escovedo
David Shawles
Frank Zak

Background on the Gospel

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

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We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

Pray for Our Diocese Priest



Please pray for all priests that they might be faithful to their sacred calling.

"In gratitude for the many priests who have served the diocese and those who continue in the ministry, especially Father Vicente Teneza, Father Joseph Temullo, Father Russell Terra, Father Dominic Tran, Father

Anthony Traynor, and Father Cecilio Tupasi, may God continue to grant them the grace to be instruments and experience of God's love and presence."

Our Parish needs you!

Please remember our parish in your will. If you would like more information, please call parish office 530-742-6461.

Readings for the Week

Mon Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tue Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wed Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thu Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Fri 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
Sat Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sun Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Thank You to our parishioners who contributed to the offering of the Lord for: March 7, 2010

Regular Collection: \$13,337.73

Dobbins Collection: \$115.00

Grateful thanks for your generosity!

Mission Statement

The Mission of Saint Joseph Parish is Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and Growing in the Divine Life. This mission is accomplished through Seven areas of Parish life: Spiritual, Liturgical, Family, Education, Social Service, Ecumenical/Interfaith and Administration.

Masses for the Week of March 15, 2010

Mon	Mar 15	8:00 AM	Absolution of the Dying—Klug Family
Tue	16	8:00 AM †	Fr. Vincent Meskenas—KofC
Wed	17	8:00 AM	
Thur	18	8:00 AM	Gratitude for all Priests—Klug Family
Fri	19	8:00 AM	
Sat	20	5:30 PM †	Lina Stinga—Carmela Joseph
Sun	21	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
		10:00 †	Mary Rachel Klein—Kevin Klein
		AM	
		12 Noon	
		3:00 PM	
		7:00 PM	



Local Events

For the Sick

Please pray for Lydia Veale, JoAnn Lantsberger, Eloise Martin, Marge Simeroth, Louis Simeroth, Pamela Simeroth, Martin Savedra, Rome Carreon, Cynthia Bingham, Otilia Avila, Odessa Fasano, Carissa Beecham, Gene Harless, Barbara Gunderman, Tom Barlage, Tom Beasley, Marge Glaze, Doris Newbold, Farrel Newbold, Amparo Valez, Georgia Kaiser, Estela Corona, Mary Hall, Penny Wright, Iesha Andijar, Tamara McAuliff, Kathy Alexander, Merl Smith, Dolores Prater, Maximilliano Charles Luna, Lisa Hodges, Lorena Fox, Rev. Vincent Meskenas, John Wylie, Betty Lopez, Matthew Iden, Diane Goff and all the sick of our parish. *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* (Matthew 11:28)

If you have or know of a parishioner, family member or loved one who is ill or in a Nursing Home or hospital and in need of a Priest for anointing, confession or counseling and Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathy and condolences for those who died this week.

For Charles Douth, Antonio Collazo and all those who died this week may their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

To All Parish Groups

As of March 1, 2010 we have started our new system for checking out keys to those groups and organizations who want to use the halls. If you still have not filled out a form for your group or organization please do so at the parish office. Even if the facility is to be used for 1 day, we must have a form filled out for event.

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Benefit

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that OSU baseball Coach Pat Casey will be the featured speaker at its 4th Annual Benefit for the Poor. Back to back College World Series titles and National Coach of the year honors are a few of his many accomplishments on the baseball diamond. However, his greatest achievements are manifest in his devotion to his faith and family and imparting life coaching skills to his players. Coach Casey and his wife, Susan, were the 2009 recipients of the highly prestigious Nell and John Wooden Achievement Award from the World Sport Humanitarian Hall of Fame. This national award honors a coach and spouse who have made exceptional contributions to their players' lives and their community.

The 4th Annual Benefit for the Poor will be held on April 29, 2010 at the Sacramento Hilton. For more information on sponsorships, advertising, table or single ticket purchases, please call Frank

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

It's time again for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner which will be held on March 17th, 2010 starting at 5:30 PM with happy hour, dinner will start at 6 PM. Tickets are \$9 per adult and \$7 per child. Tickets are available at the door. Everyone is invited to participate in this dinner. Proceeds from this dinner go to support and maintain the Historic St. Joseph Cemetery located just outside of Marysville on Hwy 70 North.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be held on March 19th, 2010 starting at 7 PM. Don't miss your opportunity to go to confession before Easter.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross starting at 6 PM. All are invited and welcome to participate as we follow along in Christ's journey to the hill where he died for our sins.

Religious Education Update

Save the following dates:

- May 8th, 2010 10:00 AM First Communion Mass in English.
- May 9th, 2010 3:00 PM Confirmation Mass Bilingual
- May 15th, 2010 10:00 AM & 2 PM First Communion Mass in Spanish.

The Gospel of Luke

You are invited to a spectacular and dramatic presentation of Scripture, light, and movement when Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane bring The Gospel of Luke to our community. This is a profoundly moving and totally captivating work of faith, making the Scripture come alive in a fresh way, with music, lighting, and costuming, proclaimed in the oral tradition of the early church. Friday, March 19th, 2010 at 7 PM at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln, CA. For more information call 916-645-2102. The tickets are \$10 per person and children 14 and under are free.

The Shrines of Italy

Ever wanted to visit some of the many shrines located in Italy? Well here's your chance! Fr. Soane Kaniseli is currently seeking people who would like to go to Italy to see the shrines in Rome, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Sienna, Assisi and Florence as well as the Vatican with a chance at a Papal Audience and visitation of the grave of Pope John Paul II (Time permitting). The Trip is planned for April 12-23, 2010 with a cost of 3,899 per person and would leave from the Sacramento Airport. For more information or to obtain a registration and brochure please call Robert in the parish office.

University of Sacramento

New 2010 Spring online course offered: "Faith, Physics, and Philosophy: An Introductory Study of the Relationship between Faith and Science" To register or for more information, contact DeAnna at 916-443-4760 ext. 16 or dmartinez@universityofsacramento.org.

Whist Card Party

The Colusa council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Whist Card Party on Sunday, March 21, 2010 starting at 1 PM. The card party will be held in St. Bernadette's Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Colusa (745 Ware Ave.). Price is \$12 per person which includes a corned beef lunch, door prizes and other prizes. For more information please call Marge Wallace at 476-2051.

Whist Card Party

On March 20-21, parishioners in the Diocese of Sacramento will be asked to donate to the annual nationwide special collection for Catholic Relief Services during weekend liturgies.

The work to aid victims of the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile and other disasters around the world is only a part of how the Catholic Relief Services' collection's funds are used. The collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations which make differences in real lives, improving the quality of life and celebrating human dignity.

Please be charitable in the Catholic Relief Services collection at your parish.

Beginning Experience Weekend

Beginning Experience of Sacramento is a faith based peer group helping people deal with the stress of loss through widowhood, divorce or separation. We are having our Weekend Retreat on March 19-21, 2010, held in Applegate at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. The focus of the B.E. Weekend is to offer you the support and encouragement you need to make a new beginning of your life, putting the painful past behind you and looking with renewed hope toward a fulfilling future. For more information or to obtain an application please call (916) 835-2282.

Diocese Events

Camp Pendola Summer 2010

Camp Pendola is the Diocese of Sacramento's youth ministry summer camp and has served children ages 6 to 17 for many years. The camp is located in the Tahoe National Forest, 91 miles north-east of Sacramento near Camptonville, CA. If you want a great experience in the out-of-doors, playing with children, spending nights out under the stars, and growing in your skills we would love to hear from you.

Camp Pendola summer of 2010 will offer a limited number of positions to meet the needs of the campers and the program. Positions available:

Counselors, CIT Coordinator, Support Counselor, Health Services Manager, Kitchen Supervisor.

Starting Salary \$272 per week plus room, board and orientation. For those who have previous Pendola Staff experience it's an additional \$15 per week. See www.pendola.org for detailed job descriptions. For more information or an application, contact Lori Rosene: Camp Pendola, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818 by phone at 916-736-3652 or also by e-mail LRosene@diocese-sacramento.org.

Executive Administrative Assistant Job Opening

The Office of the Bishop at the Diocesan Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hour per week) Administrative Assistant. This position serves as a member of the Bishop's secretarial pool. The successful candidate will provide primary support to the Bishop and secondary support to the Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, and Chancellor. Proficiency in Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Access) with excellent phone and organizational skills are required. Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Of particular importance will be excellent translation skills. To apply, please email resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org. The position will