



# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 6, 2005

*Light shines through the darkness for the upright... ..Psalm 112:4*

TLTC Breakfast after morning Masses

### Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Religious Education classes, 9:15 - 10:15, school  
Children's Liturgy, 10:30 Mass  
RCIA Dismissal, 10:30 Mass  
No Coffee and donuts today  
TLTC Souper Bowl after 5pm Mass

#### Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

RCIA Inquiry, 7pm, Rel. Ed. room  
Inviting Catholics Home, 7pm, Rel. Ed. room

#### Tuesday: February 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Jerome Emiliani, patron of orphans and abandoned children,  
St. Josephine Bakhita, memorial Sudanese slave.  
Ladies Guild meeting, 1pm, large hall

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence  
Morning Prayer starts today at 7:30am and each day before 8:30am Mass  
Masses today at 8:30am, 12noon and 6:30pm  
St. Vincent de Paul, 1pm  
Evening Prayer starts today at 6pm  
Charismatic Prayer group, 7:30pm, small hall

#### Thursday: February 10<sup>th</sup>

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, patron saint of Benedictine nunneries.  
Morning prayer, 7:30am  
K of C meeting, 6 pm, large hall  
Evening prayer, 6 pm

#### Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Our Lady of Lourdes, Abstinence  
World Day of the Sick  
Morning Prayer, 7:30am  
Stations of the Cross, 2pm  
Evening Prayer, 6pm  
Lenten Soup, 6:30pm  
Stations of the Cross, 7pm

#### Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Lincoln's Birthday

#### Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Purpose Driven Life adult study, 9 - 10:30am, small hall  
Religious Education classes, 9:15 - 10:15, school  
Children's Liturgy, 10:30 Mass  
Rite of Sending, 10:30 Mass



### 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

It is hard to say the right thing at the right time. Some people seem to have a gift for words. They know what to say to comfort, challenge, or inspire others. Others say things without thinking, words they later regret. Often we just can't think of the argument we'd like to make when someone else is speaking. We think it up later. When we have the opportunity to speak, we might feel frustrated or inadequate. We think it up later. When we have the opportunity to speak, we might feel frustrated or inadequate. We might wish someone else would speak instead.

Words, though, are not everything. People also learn from us by our actions. Sometimes our care and concern is evident in our faces or communicated through gestures of kindness. God can use us, even when we cannot find words. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "My message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power." Paul did not rely on public speaking technique. He spoke about his experience of God, and the power of the Spirit came through his words with a conviction that impressed his hearers. If we get into situations where we do not know what to say, we may want to ask God for help before we speak. When we open our mouths, the Spirit of God can work, using our own experience and conviction in ways that words alone could not do.

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### "Table of Plenty" Food Ministry

Thank you, parishioners, for your continued support of this ministry. Your donations are making it possible for Table of Plenty to provide food to 15 families who are having difficulties meeting their grocery needs.



Table of Plenty is especially in need of **dish soap, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce**. Any non-perishable items that you would like to leave in the basket in the vestibule would be greatly appreciated.

For information regarding the Table of Plenty ministry, call **Stephanie Gregorio at 876-0968.**

### From the Parish Health Ministry:

California has a program called "Every Woman Counts" for the early detection of cancer for the uninsured and underinsured women. This program is to reduce breast and cervical cancer mortality rates in this population of California women and is free if you are income eligible. 12,200 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year in the US and is estimated that 4,100 women die from cervical cancer. The routine Pap test helps to lower cervical cancer deaths by 70%. Early detection is your protection. If diagnosis is made, individuals may also be eligible for the treatment program. Please join us at the blood pressure screening after the morning masses on Feb 13th to pick up a pamphlet or you can also call 1-800-511-2300.

We also ask you to please continue to keep the attendants in the smoking cessation class in your prayers. Their quit date is Feb. 8th.

### Three year old needs prayer

Ethan Bindenagel, grandson of Dale and Martha Kirstine, has a rare disease that is affecting his bones and possible internal organs and needs our prayers. Please include him in your personal prayer that there might be a remission or complete recovery.



### Try Marriage Encounter For a Change!

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life ... share a Marriage Encounter weekend with each other. The next weekend is April 8-10 in Reno, June 24-26 in Sacramento, August 26-28 Sacramento or maybe Nov. 4-6 in Redding. If you need more information and detail about Marriage Encounter contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 we will be glad to talk to you or send you a brochure.

**Stewardship  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Like St. Paul on the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."  
See 1 Corinthians 9:23

### News from Religious Education

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Thomas More allows youngsters in grades K-6, to hear the Word of God, in a way that is understandable to them. Children's Liturgy includes the children in the celebration of the Mass, in a way that is not always possible when listening to a Homily that is geared toward adults. We need dedicated leaders who are willing to spread the Word of God to the children of our parish community. If you feel you have a calling to this ministry and would like to learn more about it, please contact Paula at 877-6023 or 892-1102. Thank you!



Children in the Sacramental Program will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, on Thurs., February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5p.m. Please pick up a prayer slip from the basket in the vestibule of the church, and pray for the child whose name is on the prayer slip. Soon, I will have their pictures up on the glass bulletin board so that you can connect a face with a name. Please share this excitement with them, and pray for our Sacramental Candidates. Thank you!

*Paula Priest: Religious Education Coordinator*

### St. Thomas More Catholic School: Faith in Every Student!

This past Friday, with a salute to our volunteers and teachers we concluded our celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2005, capping six days of spiritual growth, academic adventures, warm fellowship - and lots of just plain fun! The pastor, principal, staff, and students thank all the parents, grandparents, guests, parishioners, friends from the town of Paradise, and volunteers who helped make our week special.

*Yours in Christ Jesus, Richard Priest, Principal*



### Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 - 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19  
 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

### Attention kids and parents:

You are invited to come and make Valentine's for our friends at Paradise Healthcare on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall from 10:00am-11:00am. Supplies, cookies, and punch will be provided by Mothers and Others. Those who wish to come with us to deliver the Valentines are also welcome. Children bring great joy to those in convalescent care. We will be leaving the church at 11:30 and will be done shortly after 12:00. Please join us for fun, and fellowship as we celebrate the gift of love this Valentine's Day!

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

Saturday, February 12, 9am - 5pm, Sacred Heart Church, 1560 Hazel St., Gridley, Ca., in the parish hall. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Are you seeking spiritual growth? Come to this Lenten retreat day and learn more about the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, prayer and your life with God. This seminar is bilingual, English and Spanish. Lunch is included, free of charge, and a love offering will be collected. For more information, call Grace at 846-0335

### Lent - Purpose Driven Life

Here is the schedule for the groups which are planned for Wednesday nights from 6:30 -8pm in the Religious Ed. Room and on Sundays between the masses from 9:05 - 10:30 am in the Small Hall:

- Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 1 -7
- Sunday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 8-14
- Sunday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 15-21
- Sunday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 22-28
- Sunday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 29-35
- Sunday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 36-40

**Bishop William K. Weigand and the Office of Social Service Ministry for the Diocese of Sacramento extend their heartfelt gratitude and thanks to you for your tremendous generosity and financial aid during the tsunami tragedy in Southeast Asia. To date, more than \$650,000 has been given and forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. There donations came from 78 parishes, school and individuals, and many more continue to come in weekly. Others have sent donations to CRS directly. Your assistance to those in need is a genuine reflection of your commitment to live the Gospel message.**

### Choir Rehearsal for Easter

Choir rehearsal for Easter begins on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm fir Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Masses. Rehearsals will continue Monday nights at 7pm throughout Lent. For more information call Alynn at 591-2896.

### Daily Mass Intentions

February 5 - February 13, 2005

**SAT 5:00pm** Margaret Regoli † and Amanda Soriano †  
**SUN 8:00am** People of St. Thomas More  
**10:30am** Intentions Maycee, Marie and Nathan and Carmen Talavers †  
**5:00pm** **Open**  
**MON 8:30am** Lyle Stephens † Bill Charpentier †  
**TUE 8:30am** Steven Brown † and Tim Peta †  
**WED 8:30am** John Nash † and Sam Gilardi †  
**THU 8:30am** Janet Sharpnack †  
**FRI 8:30am** Carmen Talavera †  
**SAT 8:30am** **Open**  
**5:00pm** Deceased members Peekskill High School 1939 and Guy Saiani †  
**SUN 8:00am** Ruth Wilds †  
**10:30am** Intentions for Maycee, Marie and Nathan  
**5:00pm** People of St. Thomas More

### Collections for January 22 & 23, 2005

Sunday collection	\$4,476.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,622.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 113.00
Catholic Schools Week	\$1,333.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$7,563.00</b>

### Cursillo in English

Sacramento Cursillo in English will have a men's 3-day weekend March 10-13, 2005, and women's weekend March 31- April 3, 2005. For more information & applications, call Jennifer Cunha at (916) 984-0625.

**Please pray for:** Tabitha Forcier, Jane Hazard, Helen Haug, Karen Mittag Cook, Anna Nicole Baker, Karen Squibb, Ethel Pettis, Mary Ellen Quinn, Frank Liska, Jr., Barbara Bohrer, Gail Norell, Cecilia Juhos, Theresa Browne, Raymond Arnold, William Posey, Derek O'Dell, Phil Stepp, Roy & Mary Hendricks, Ted Wilson, Mary Butler, John Hallett, Dottie Miley, Ernest Dejak, Nick Wilds, Ed & Bev Lammerding, Lloyd & Jean Snyder, Mary Cole, Patsy King, Lance Utterback, Debra Graham, Billie Ward, Travis Campos, Joseph Kavanaugh, Brian Rainey, Rochelle Coccellato, Lisa Williams, Ken McKinnon, Louise Wilcox, Jim Phillips, Jennifer Wood, Joe Lilliard, C.J. McGehee, Clara Tovani, Maria Thompson, Leonard Warych, Maria Massey, Colby Waters, Tom Durant, Mike Gonzales, Angel Sanchez, Fr. Steven Foppiano, Nancy Bird, Monica Semon, Bill Hayes, Kay March, Yolanda Hansen, Eleanor Uhlarik, Bill Smith, Rose Vera, Linda Boisse, Abbie Moriarty, Shirley Gasman, Emily McGlocklin, Michael Gilpatrick, Jim Partain, Sue Gallo, Doug Campos, Bill D'Orazi,

Amelia Clow-LaMar, Lotte Blum, Jake Morfin, Ray Martinez, Darcy Lawson, Jeremy Knox, Fred Stankoven, Bishop William K. Weigand, Barbara Brown, Dale Merrett, Jerry Perkinson, Lucy Sandoval, Richard Spiegel, Molly Sacksteder, Tillie Baca, Elva Bockman, Marie Lovell, Mary Noska, Donald Snyder, Ethan Bindneagul, Stephen Way.

## Teens Living Through Christ Rah - Rah - Rah

It's Super Bowl Sunday The Eagles and Patriots will be doing their thing this Sunday. How about you during your thing, too? Help the teens turn Super Bowl Sunday into "Souper Bowl Sunday" After all the Masses, the teens will have collection pots in the vestibule for a dollar donation from each of our parishioners. The money raised will go towards a charity of their choice. Last year the teens donated all of the proceeds to the Care-Net Pregnancy Center. Our teens are making a difference with your help. On Sunday after 5 pm Mass, the teens will serve soup and bread in the parish hall. Join us - let the Eagles and Patriots do their thing...and you come and do yours on Sunday. See you there...

*Peace and Joy, Dirk*

## YUM - YUM - YUM BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

On February 13, after 8:00 am and 10:30 am Mass, the teens will be serving a scrumptious and delicious breakfast for under \$5.00. The fixings will include various quiches, fresh fruit, muffins hot cocoa and fair traded coffee. This event will help sponsor the youth to go to Europe...come join us for a good time and a really healthy breakfast. See you there...Peace and Joy...

*Dirk Wohlauf, TLTC Coordinator*

## Changes in Bulletin

We will likely be making changes in the bulletin. The current thinking is to simplify the bulletin and shorten it on a week to week basis. We would concentrate of announcements and schedules. Monthly we would have a single longer bulletin with more general information, information on finances, spiritual writings and announcements regarding parishioners.

If you agree or disagree with this plan, we welcome your comments. There are comment cards in the vestibule. Your appreciation or

problems with the bulletin and your ideas are appreciated. It is, after all, for your benefit. Drop the card in the box in the vestibule or mail it to the office. Thank you.

## Publishing Volunteer(s) Needed

Do you have computer skills working with Word for Windows and graphics? We need an editor of the parish bulletin to help us put it together on a weekly basis. Although much can be done at home, it would also entail a half day in the office, at least one day a week, to ensure communication. Other computer literate volunteers to report to the editor are also required. Please consider and pray about this. If this is a ministry for you, contact the parish office. Thank you. - *Staff*



You  
are the  
light  
of the  
world

## God's Summons

If we are not able to witness concretely to the love of Christ in our lives, then we are truly salt that has gone tasteless. Our flavor and impact are lost. How difficult it is to get them back again.

In the late 1940s the Christophers movement began in the United States. The Christophers' motto, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," attracted many through the Christophers' effective use of the media, advertising, and the encouragement of its members to proclaim Christ in the workplace.

Jesus calls us to be that candle and to set ourselves in the most visible place. Jesus, who brought eternal light to the world, tells us that we, too, are the light of the world. Through our words and actions we must let our light shine in the sight of all so that in seeing our good works, everyone may give praise to God.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** – If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** – The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** – My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** – You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

<http://www.stmparadise.com>

This is your parish internet connection.  
Try it today.

### Computer Classes Begin

The beginning computer class has been scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Participants have been contacted based on information obtained from the questionnaires. If you have already filled out the questionnaire, then we will call you when an appropriate class is offered.

If you have not submitted a questionnaire to the office, then please do so to get on our waiting list. Thank You.

### Catholic Singles Meet

The Catholic Singles of Butte, Glenn, Shasta and Tehama Counties will have their monthly meeting on Friday evening, February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with the Celebration of Mass at 6:30pm. Father Michael O'Reilly will be the presider and homilist. A social and dinner will follow. All those who are divorced, separated, widowed or never married from age 30 on up are invited to attend. Donation is \$10 for dinner. For more information please call 232-5180.

### Costs of Running the Parish

To help parishioners understand where the money we collection for the parish goes and the need for greater participation by parishioners, we are printing some typical costs here on a weekly basis. This Week's Highlight - Cathedral Corporation Bi-monthly Contribution Envelopes = \$573.12



### Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Parent's Night Out

Miss Rose and Miss Staci of the St. Thomas More Child Development Center will open the center for any

families who would like to spend an evening out without the kids.

We will have fun activities and a yummy snack will be provided.

We will be opened from 6:30 - 9:30pm. There is a \$15.00 fee per child due that night. Please sign up or call 877-1485 ASAP, as spots are limited.

### Wives and Husbands to Renew Vows with Bishop for World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Bishop Richard J. Garcia will reside at a bilingual Mass at 11am on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 2600 Shasta View Drive, Redding, in which couples married in the Catholic Church will renew their vows. An informal, reception will follow for couples and their families sponsored by Marriage Encounter. Any couple interested in attending this special occasion is asked to register (names and anniversary year) with the Department of Catholic Faith Formation. Call 916-733-0123 for more information.

### GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving. — Raymond Lull

### Need Marriage Help?

For preparation and getting off to the right start -  
**Engaged Encounter:** March 18-20, April 22-24, May 27-29  
For improvement and enhancement - **Marriage Encounter:** March 11-13, June 24-26  
For troubled marriages and renewal - **Retrouvaille:** February 11-13  
For further information on any of these programs held in Sacramento, CA please contact:  
**Engaged Encounter** at [www.sacee.org](http://www.sacee.org) or call Ron & Kathy Bauer at 916-987-0747;  
**Marriage Encounter** at [srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net) or call Raul & Gayla Ponce at 866-825-2046;  
**Retrouvaille** at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or [Sacramento@Retro.CA.com](mailto:Sacramento@Retro.CA.com), or call Fred & Barbara at 800-283-5952 or Fran at 916-362-2525.

### Valentine's Day Celebration

Chico State's Choral Department, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell and St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Catholic Center will jointly sponsor a Valentine's Day Musical Extravaganza and Served dinner at the Center, 346 Cherry Street, on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> beginning with seating at 6:30pm. Donation is \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. Tickets may be procured at the Chico



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State Choral Department or the Newman Center during regular business hours, 8:30am - 5pm. Benefits with Choral Department's Planned Spring Tour and the Newman Center. For more information call 342-5180.

**Lent: A Time to Prepare**

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, a very important time for all Christians, especially Catholics. In this bulletin you will find both the parish schedule for Lenten events and the diocesan Lenten regulations. Please note that those who are ill or elderly are exempt from the stricter dietary rules of Lent.

Lent lasts for 40 days, not counting Sundays. Sundays are exempt from Lenten food regulations unless you consider it a personal sacrifice, but do remember that Sunday is always a feast day and should be celebrated. Our Sunday masses and other liturgies will be somewhat stark but we still celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

when possible and as a family. With prayer, reflection and repentance comes change. Let us make this a time of change in our lives. Let us unite with the Lord. Check the schedule and join us often.

**There are no alleluias sung or spoken during Lent.**



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Lent is a time for reflection. We are called to be aware of our sinfulness and our need to

be saved by Jesus Christ. It is a time to meditate and pray about the Passion of the Lord, suffered on our account, and to be repentant for the sinfulness of human kind that created the need for the sacrifice of Jesus.

Lent prepares us for the greatest celebration of the Church, Easter when God responds in love and grants victory over sin and death through the Resurrection of His Son. There is no salvation without first the crucifixion. Lents puts in unity with the Lord's crucifixion so that we are prepared to join him in the Resurrection.

**Many Opportunities for Change**

The staff and volunteers of the parish have put together many opportunities for prayer, reflection and liturgy during Lent. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities,

Ash Wednesday can mark the beginning of a serious Lenten season of positive change. The receiving of ashes on the forehead marks us as believers to the world and represents our need for repentance. Sack cloth and ashes are the symbols of repentance.

In repentance we acknowledge our sins and invite God into our hearts and minds to form us more into the image of Christ. We have provided ample opportunities to receive ashes. Please make an attempt to receive them and begin Lent right. Ashes are received on the forehead and should not be washed off that day.

### **Confession**

We ask that all parishioners attempt to attend confession during Lent. Confession is held at 3:30 every Saturday or by appointment. There will also be a Community Penance Service which will provide numerous priests to hear individual confessions. Confession is the way to change, to peace and to holiness. It is confidential, is never revealed, even to the person who confessed and stays in the Confessional.

There are pamphlets in the vestibule on how to attend the confessional but have no fear. I am more than happy to walk you through it, either behind the screen or face to face as is your choice. If you have not been to confession for a long time, now is the season to start. You will not be sorry.

*May God bless you this Lenten season,  
Father Steven Foppiano*

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**Later . . .**

**He who waits to do a great deal of good at once,  
will never do anything.** —Samuel Johnson