

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2010

Faith, hope and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

~1 Corinthians 13:13

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. "Filled with fury," they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. "If I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

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Be my rock
of
refuge

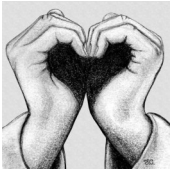


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We are His Hands

Submitted by Greg De Cristofaro

We are called as Jesus commanded, "go forth and serve one another as I have served you" with our God given gifts of time, talents and treasures. Each week one or more parish ministries will host the coffee and donuts after the 8 am and 10:30 am masses. This would be an opportunity for you to investigate if that particular ministry is a way for you to serve our parish community with your God given gifts.



Next week, February 7th the **Altar Servers and Acolytes Ministries** will be hosting the coffee and donuts.

The **Altar Servers and Acolytes Ministries** serve Mass on Sunday, weekdays and special liturgies throughout the year. Anyone at the fourth grade level or above may be given the opportunity to become an altar server or acolyte. Special training is given prior to service. Assignments are on a rotational basis.

If you are interested in learning more about the **Altar Servers and Acolytes Ministries** and feel called to serve in these ministries, please contact Barbara Brown at 877-3278.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Table Reserved

New and returning Catholics have a table reserved in the Main Hall for coffee and donuts after the 8am and 10:30am Masses each Sunday. There will be information provided for the upcoming series of Catholics Come Home and answers for any questions you might have.



Missal reading for January 31st is located on page 69.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week
Coffee & Donuts: 50+ Singles and Wednesday Lunch Bunch



Monday, February 1

Noon Hot Lunch Provided by Methodist Church, main hall
1:00pm Office Ministry Meeting, small hall
7:00pm RCIA Inquiry, church conf. room

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
9:15am Legion of Mary, church conf. Room
11:00am Rosary Makers, main hall
6:30pm Prayer Service for Presentation of the Lord and Blessing of Throats
6:30pm Centering Prayer, church conf. room



Wednesday, February 3

Saint Blaise, St. Ansgar
Blessing of Throats
9:30am Mothers and Others, small hall
11:00am Catholics Come Home, church conf. room
Noon Wednesday Hot Lunch, main hall
1:00pm 50+ Singles, main hall
4:30pm Blessing of Throats with Faith Formation Families, church
7:00pm Breath of the Spirit Prayer Group, church conf. Room



Thursday, February 4

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation, small hall

Friday, February 5

Saint Agatha
First Friday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction
9:00am Building/Finance Committee, church conf. room
10:30am Table of Plenty Food Distribution, garage

Saturday, February 6

Second Collection: Building Repair/Maint. & Youth
9:00am Secular Franciscans, church conf. room
3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, church
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, First Saturday
Second Collection: Building Repair/Maint. & Youth
Coffee & Donuts: Acolytes and Altar Servers, main hall

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13: 13
Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

Theme: Jesus' words and love are for everyone!



Question for Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Question for Young People: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

Question for Adults: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

Adult Faith Formation takes place each Thursday at 7pm in the small hall.

Please offer your prayers for our brothers & sisters in Christ

Ruth Collins	Fran Nunes
Joell Curcuru	Guillermo Rueda
Pietra Duffy	Charles Schuster
Darren Elliott	Janet Smith
Mark Ferguson	Allen Snyder
Ann Fry	Margarite Speegle
Rex Funk	Sally Stansfield
Lou Gervis	Jeff Sullivan
Ernie & Elaine Guerrero	Bonnie Thibault
Priscilla Hein	Gertrude Valentine
Judith Hicks	Marilyn Van Neil
Isabella Huckins	Margaret Vandergrift
Helen Huddleston	Sarah Watson
Dan and Mimi Johnson	Taylor Watson
Phil Kelly	Debbie Wilson
Debbie Miley	Satrina Wohlau
Tillie Baca	

Pilgrim of Our Lady of Fatima

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is circulating in the parish, staying two weeks in each home. Free rosaries, brown scapulars and Miraculous Medals are available. Please contact Peter or Carmelisa at 876.1048



TO HAITI WITH LOVE

FUNDRAISER FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Noon to 3 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church parking lot
767 Elliott Road

Bring your own pot and take home some delicious, homemade soup to share with family and friends. Drive in/take out service only. Drive into the parking lot where someone will take your order for the number of servings you'd like. They will take your container to the kitchen to fill it up and will bring it back to you. You drive away. It's that simple. We will have extra containers in case you forget to bring one.

Young people will be in the parking lot with cans to collect donations for the Haitian relief effort. Any amount is accepted and appreciated. Please give generously to help our brothers and sisters in need in Haiti.

All proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services who already had a presence in Haiti prior to the earthquake and continue to work with those in need in Haiti. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More with a note in the memo line that the donation is for Haiti.

We CAN make a difference



Notre Dame School

Open House

Sunday, January 31, 2010
10 a.m. to Noon
Notre Dame School Gymnasium
435 Hazel Street, Chico



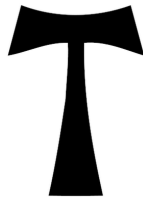
- Enrollment open for T-K through 8th grade.
- Tour the school and meet our teachers, staff and parents.
- Learn about our technology, art, music and sports programs.
- Transitional kindergarten and extended-day programs available.
- School tours every Monday in February (except Feb. 15) and March from 9 to 11 a.m.

Prior to the open house, we invite you to join us for mass at 9 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 435 Chestnut Street to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week.

More information: 342-2502 www.ndschico.org

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Living the gospel life a goal Secular Franciscans strive to follow. It encompasses being Christ-like, doing the work of Christ and being a servant for the Lord. Secular Franciscans are called upon to aid one another in their needs and if possible cooperate in works of charity. "Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others." (SFO rule 19)



If you would like to learn more about the Secular Franciscans please join us on the first Saturday of the month. We meet in the small conference room of the church after the 8:30am mass.

Our next meeting is February 6, 2010.

Weekly Sacrificial Donations

For the week of January 23-24, 2009

Our Regular Collection Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Regular Collection	\$ 3,711.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 180.00
Table of Plenty	\$ 210.00

Total Collections \$ 4,101.50

Thank You for your generosity!

January Donations via ParishPay

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,575.00
Youth Collection	\$ 257.00
Table of Plenty	\$ 213.00
Catholic Schools Wk	\$ 15.00
Hot Lunch	\$ 38.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 815.00
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The total collection for Catholic Relief Services for Haiti is currently \$4,051.

God Bless You All!

You have another chance to contribute next week with the Soup Express for Haiti.

40 Days for Life, Lent 2010.

Prayer Vigils will be held from February 17th – March 28th in both Placer and Sacramento counties.

Please join in this peaceful prayer and public witness, endorsed by Bishop Jaime Soto, asking God for the conversion of people contemplating abortion.

Call Julian Woodruff at (916) 451-2402,

or visit www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento.



“Table of Plenty” Food Ministry

As this ministry expands and serves more of our brothers and sisters in need of food, we continue to rely on suggestions, prayers, and donations from so many generous parishioners. Table of Plenty is currently serving over 180 families. This week we ask that you pray for all the families we are serving, that they may feel God’s love and compassion through the help our parish provides.



Since the cold winter weather is settling in, Table of Plenty is in need of **soup, stew, chili, hot cereal, pasta and sauce**. We can use anything and everything that you’d like to leave in the baskets in the vestibule. Please consider bringing a donation with you to Mass next week.

Thank you, parishioners, for your generous support! You are doing much more than providing food for those in need. You are sharing the love of Christ in a very practical way.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink...I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my brothers, you did it for me.”

Matthew 25:35, 40

MEET AND GREET

Come and meet other Catholic singles at our Circle of Friends “Meet and Greet.”

The Circle of Friends is a multi-parish ministry for the never married, widowed, divorced and separated under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento.

Potluck - Bring a friend – Potluck and Bunco Date and Time: Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

Location: St. Clare Church at 1950 Junction, Roseville 95747

RSVP: Please call Joan Bertolani if you are able to attend at (916) 335-0860 after 7:00pm.

**Happy Birthday
&
Happy Anniversary
to all parishioners celebrating in the
month of January.**

Mass Intentions

~January 30 - February, 2010~

Sat.	8:30am	Marie Mansing †
	5:00pm	Evelyn Sailors †
Sun.	8:00am	Intentions of Mark Finn
	10:30am	Gail Lawley †
	5:00pm	Sam Gilardi †
Mon.	8:30am	Eleanor Mijia †
Tue.	8:30am	Cecelia Flannigan Morris †
Wed	8:30am	Magdalena Mojica †
Thur.	8:30am	Intentions of Herlinda Barajas
Fri.	8:30am	Charles Allen †
Sat.	8:30am	Open
	5:00pm	Joseph Mc Carthy †
Sun.	8:00am	Mary Lightner †
	10:30am	Bob Wagner †
	5:00pm	Steven Brown†

† Denotes deceased

CATHOLICS COME HOME

~An invitation to ALL Catholics~
Practicing and Non-Practicing

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church ?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic church as it is today ?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic church again ?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic church.

Please join us for informational listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith.

These sessions are held at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, starting Wednesday evening February 3rd, 2010 at 7pm and continues for 6 weeks.

For more information please call 530-877-4501, leave your name and phone number and a parish coordinator will return your call.



