

# THE WORD

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon:** Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tues:** Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed:** Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thur:** Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri:** Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
**Sat:** Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
**Sun:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;  
 Lk 4:1-13

## PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

In the past few weeks we have been hearing about the beginning of Jesus' ministry as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth by reading, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). With those words Jesus announced the whole purpose of his ministry. He himself was to bring the kingdom of God to the poor. This is the good news of salvation that he preached and brought about during his ministry.

Today we hear the Beatitudes, in which Jesus explains more fully what those "glad tidings" really mean. The good news is about salvation from suffering on earth and in the life to come. It is about divine favor resting on those who trust in God's love and mercy, rather than on those who trust in human plans, possessions, and power. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

## FIFTY + BUNCH FIELD TRIP

There will be carpooling to Red Hawk Casino on **Feb. 26**. For information and reservations, please contact Pat Kunz at 689-8117. Thanks, see ya'all there.

# CHURCH FAMILY

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 02/13** Aaron Wayne (SI).....4:30pm  
 People of SVDP Church (SI)..RM 5:00pm  
**Sun 02/14** Alice Lojko †.....7:30am  
 Mrs. Luprecio (SI).....9:00am  
 Dorothy Banta †.....RM 9:00pm  
 James Smallfield †.....10:45am  
 Brianna Valencia (SI).....1:00pm  
**Mon 02/15** Nellie Bauman †.....8:00am  
**Tues 02/16** Armando J. Andaya †.....8:00am  
**Wed 02/17** Petronilo Agcaoili †.....8:00am  
 People of SVDP Church (SI)..RM 8:30am  
**Thur 02/18** Annie O. Cabrera †.....8:00am  
**Fri 02/19** Aldo Baldini †.....8:00am  
**Sat 02/20** Bona Segura & Son (SI).....4:30pm  
 People of GOD (SI).....RM 5:00pm  
**Sun 02/21** Eileen Marie Mello †.....7:30am  
 Aaron Wayne (SI).....9:00am  
 Robert C. Schindler †.....RM 9:00pm  
 Jose F. Santos †.....10:45am  
 Maria de la Luz Aguirre †.....1:00pm

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY

To add names please call: Pat Kunz - **689-8117** or Fran Motz at **686-1326** or Joyce Hesterworth at **686-4887**.

Steven Alsop	Meghan Erwin	Lenin Lopez
Ronald America	Luis Freyre III	Russell Miller
Jon Armstrong	Tomas Gonzalez	Dominic Peterson
Joseph Benedetti	Serena Grandov	Emmanuel Ramirez
Michael Benedetti	T. J. Hart	Jonathan Ramirez
Matthew Blair	Graham Hebert	Jacob A. Starnes
Carl Ian Bravo	Jeremiah Jones	Shawn Tostado
Mark Dollar	Val Keaveny Jr.	Martha Trujillo
Benjamin Erwin	Chris Lindsley	Jason Woodford

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Parishioners are invited to the Opening Bilingual Mass for both the Sacramento and Roseville **40 Days Lenten 2010** campaigns on **Tuesday, February 16 at 7pm** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street in Sacramento. Confession will be available beginning at **6:15pm**.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.**

## From the Pastor's desk

### WHERE IS YOUR LIFE RESTING?

The First Reading curses the man who places his confidence in human beings. The prophet is not asking us to lack confidence in people. Nothing is as sad as a suspicious person, looking around at constant threats. Especially sad is the lack of trust in married life. That is a real hell because the lack of confidence in people we love is absolutely destructive to a human heart. What the prophet means is something deeper, something that goes to the root of the human being. We should accept that a human being is not independent; he needs support, he is not self-sufficient, he needs something or someone to give him strength, joy, peace, and confidence. A human being is happy only when he feels that he is REALLY LOVED. However, a human being is not able to give such Love. That is why there is so much frustration and insecurity in married life. The contradiction in matrimony is to expect a permanent and faithful love, which humans are not able to give. The worst disgrace in marriage is trying to find, in the other person, what he or she can never give.

Here is the meaning of what the prophet says. Don't look to a human being for something that you will never find. Denying God is foolish and condemns you to a sterile life, "a barren bush in the desert." A lack of faith will make you unable to see Him close to you and enjoy His Love. But he who knows Him and remains in Him will have a permanent joyful heart, strengthened by His Love, satisfied, and a source of happiness, peace and love for all at home and around. That is the power of the resurrection St. Paul speaks about and the deeper meaning of the Blessings in the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Your faith allows you to contact God and your bonding with God allows you to live a totally different level of life. Don't forget that here in this world there are no rewards or punishments, but rather consequences of good or evil acts, and many times unjust consequences of deep sinful actions. But as the Blessings proclaim; nothing is lost from the Hand of God. He is patient and waits for the DAY when we will come out of this world and see clearly what we did or didn't do with our FAITH. Where do we place our confidence?

... Fr. Rodolfo Llamas

See this bulletin and a some past weeks' bulletins on-line at our website: [stjoseph-elkgrove.net](http://stjoseph-elkgrove.net)  
You can also check out the many resources of the **Catholic Resources & Links** page.

## Del escritorio del Pastor

### ¿DÓNDE DESCANSAS TU VIDA?

La Primera Lectura maldice a aquel que pone su confianza en el hombre. No está pidiéndonos que seamos desconfiados. Nada hay tan triste como una persona desconfiada, que se cuida de todos y siempre cree que todos tratan de hacerle daño. Algo tan triste como la falta de confianza en el matrimonio. Eso si que es un verdadero infierno. La falta de confianza en los seres queridos es totalmente destructivo para el corazón humano. Lo que nos quiere decir la lectura es algo más profundo. Algo que va a la raíz del ser humano. El ser humano no es independiente, necesita mantenerse; no es autosuficiente. Necesita quien le de seguridad, confianza, gozo, paz. El ser humano solo es feliz cuando se siente PLENAMENTE AMADO. Sin embargo el ser humano es incapaz de amar de esa manera. La prueba es tanta frustración e inseguridad en la vida matrimonial. La contradicción en el matrimonio es desear un Amor fiel y permanente que no soy capaz de dar y la peor desgracia es querer buscar en el otro lo que nunca me dará.

Esto es precisamente a lo que se refiere el profeta. No busquemos en el ser humano lo que nunca nos puede dar. Negar a Dios es quedarme totalmente desértico, árido, la falta de fe me hará incapaz de verle cerca, de disfrutar su Amor, "no disfruta del agua cuando llueve". Pero el que le conoce permanece con ÉL y constantemente experimentará su corazón fortalecido por el Amor de Dios, lleno, satisfecho y será fuente de alegría, paz y auténtico Amor en su propia casa y para todos los que le rodean. La fuerza de la resurrección de la que habla san Pablo y el profundo sentido de las Bienaventuranzas que Cristo proclama. La fe me permite conectarme con Dios y mi conexión con Dios me permite vivir a un nivel totalmente distinto. No olvidemos que aquí en este mundo no hay premios ni castigos sino consecuencias de acciones buenas o malas, y muchas veces consecuencias injustas de acciones pecaminosas. Pero como las Bienaventuranzas dicen; nada se escapa de la mano de Dios, el es paciente y espera el DIA en que salgamos del mundo y veamos claramente lo que hicimos o no hicimos con nuestra FE, en dónde pusimos nuestra confianza.

... Padre Rodolfo Llamas

**Para los Servidores de la Liturgia en Español, ya está el Calendario en el website: [stjoseph-elkgrove.net](http://stjoseph-elkgrove.net)  
Por favor búscalo en la pagina "Schedules."**

# SERVING THE CHURCH

## CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Thank you families in Faith Formation for your generosity!** We have received enough water bottles for our Lenten project. The children and catechists have been busy preparing and decorating these bottles. In fact, we may have enough bottles for all households who attend **Ash Wednesday Mass** or **Prayer Services**. As you know, Lent is the Liturgical Season that gives us the opportunity to simplify our lives. As a Catholic people we are asked to give alms, fast, and pray. The 40 plus day journey, is to help us get closer to God's love and what He has in mind for our lives. All Families are encouraged to participate in the **3:30** and **5:30pm Prayer Services** on **Ash Wednesday**.



**Regular Faith Formation sessions for February 16 & 17 are not scheduled;** however, some of the catechists who teach on Wednesday have suggested to the children in their session, that they meet in the classroom with their parents before the prayer service starts. Parents, please check with your catechist or child for details.

**This Sunday**, married couples have the opportunity to be blessed at Mass. Parents, take a few moments and share with your children what your experience was like when you received the sacrament of marriage. Looking through your wedding album could be helpful too.

**The evening of Ash Wednesday and your Lenten journey:** we have asked the children to have a simple meal with their family on **Ash Wednesday**. The water bottle given to them at the Prayer Service should be opened and shared with all at the table. No other beverages should be consumed at the meal.

As a family, please discuss elements of our Lent season. To help aid in your discussion, consider the Gospel of **John 15 : 4-5**

***“Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.”***

Consider also, talking about the importance of recognizing those in need on this planet. Over 1.1 billion people do not have clean water. After dinner, save your empty bottle and keep it in a busy area in the house for all in the family to see each day. Through your three acts of religion: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, you can begin to fill the bottle with coins over the Lenten period.

Many thanks to the catechists and parents who have agreed to help with the distribution of Ashes on **Ash Wednesday**. We will meet in the vestibule **15 minutes** before each Prayer Service begins.

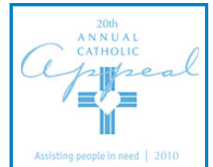
## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



We would like to again thank all the parishioners who helped fulfill wishes for gifts from our Giving Tree. Through your generosity, we gave **641** gifts to underprivileged people in and around the Elk Grove area. The estimated value of the gifts is around **\$18,000**. This shows how working together can help so many. One of our clients is in need of a working electric stove with range. If you have one, which you would like to donate, please call Nina at 217-1789. Thank you and God Bless.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Commitment Weekend for the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks (**February 27 / 28**). Through your support, we can assure the continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, and provide need-based tuition assistance to families desiring a Catholic school education for their children. Please respond generously when you are asked to make a gift. God's return to you will be even more generous. Remember that 25% of your gift comes back to St. Joseph Church, to help fund the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Elk Grove. Thank you and God Bless You.



## SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE

Please help support a Jesuit High School Christian Service project this **Sunday, Feb. 14**. A group of Jesuit High School juniors will be selling **See's candy bars** for **\$2** after each Mass. The funds collected will help cover the cost of their trip to Nazareth Farms in the Appalachian region of West Virginia. The eight boys and two chaperones will join other teens from across the country to learn how to serve and work among the rural poor. Thank you for your consideration and your help.

### CFF Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 14** - Feast Day of St. Valentine, World Marriage Day  
All married couples may be blessed at Mass.
- Feb. 17** - Ash Wed - **8am, 12noon, 3:30, 5:30, & 7:30pm**
- Feb. 19** - Spiritual talk - Fr. Llamas, St. Catherine room.
- Feb. 20** - Blessing of the Sick, **12noon** with Bishop Soto at the Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament
- Mar. 5** - Spiritual talk - Fr. Llamas, St. Catherine room.
- Mar. 19** - Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Mass **6:30pm**

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL ~ FOOD FOR THE BODY

Fridays of Lent: **Feb. 19 & 26, March 5 & 12.** Souper Supper at **5:30pm**; Stations of the Cross **6:30pm**; and Spiritual Formation at **7pm** with Fr. Llamas. All are invited to join in a simple Lenten supper of soup, bread, and salad in the St. Mary's room in the Social Hall before Stations of the Cross and Spiritual Formation sessions. A donation will be requested to cover the cost of the meal. Any profit will go to the Elk Grove Food Bank Services to assist our less fortunate neighbors.



## ALIMENTO PARA EL ALMA ~ ALIMENTO PARA EL CUERPO

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma: **19 y 16 de Febrero, 5 y 12 de Marzo**, tendremos Cena de Sopa a las **5:30pm**, Vía Crucis a las **6:30pm** y Formación Espiritual a las **7pm** con el Padre Rodolfo Llamas. Están todos invitados a participar a la Cena Cuaresmal con sopa, pan y ensalada, en el salón St. Mary (Salón Social) antes del Vía Crucis y las sesiones de Formación Espiritual. Se pide una donación para cubrir el costo de la comida. Cualquier ganancia irá a los Servicios del Banco de Alimentos de Elk Grove, para ayudar a nuestros vecinos menos afortunados.

## START OF LENTEN SCHEDULE ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

- 8:00 am** - Mass with blessing/distribution of ashes with Fr. Llamas
- 12 noon** - Scripture service with ashes
- 3:30 pm** - Scripture service with ashes and (water bottles to children)
- 5:30 pm** - Scripture service with ashes and (water bottles to children)
- 7:30 pm** - Scripture service with ashes - Spanish

## ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH

After hundreds of hours of planning and numerous public meetings, the City of Elk Grove formally approved the application for St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church on January 27, 2010. On a 4-1 vote, the Council approved a 600-seat temporary church (future gym/social hall), a 306-student K-8 Catholic school, a permanent 600-seat church, and a parish rectory.

The Catholic community is deeply grateful for the support provided to St. Maria Goretti by Mayor Sophia Scherman, and Council members Jim Cooper, Gary Davis and Pat Hume in approving our new church. We are also grateful for the many parishioners who spoke in support at public meetings, wrote emails of support, and prayed for the success of the application. St. Maria Goretti is also indebted to other members of the Elk Grove Faith Community -- Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Mormon, Sikh and others -- who gave public support for the application.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on adult Catholics on **Saturday, May 22 at 5pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**. A course of Faith Formation will be offered at St. Joseph Church. This course is intended for adult practicing Catholics who have not celebrated their Confirmation. It is intended to assist those candidates to accept and understand their baptismal call to holiness and continuing conversion and to become fully initiated into the liturgical life of the Church. This course will begin with an orientation session on **Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30pm in St. Peter Room in Msgr. O'Connor Social Hall**. To register or for more information, please call the parish office at **(916) 685-3681**.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Joseph Parish Consolation Ministry's **Grief Support Group**, sixth session will be **Tuesday, February 16, at 9:30 to 11:30am**, in the St. Mary's room in the Msgr. O'Connor Social Hall. These sessions are for those who have experienced the death of one's partner, child, sibling, or another relative as well as the loss of a pet, a divorce, loss of a job, or death of a long time friend, these all produce grief. The greatest of these are the loss of a loved one. Grieving is one of the ways which help us accept our loss. If you have any questions, please contact--Marlene Fadness, 684-2206 or Sister Nancy McInerney, 685-3681-- ext. 24.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

**Save The Date...**this summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be **July 12 - 16** from **5:45 - 8:30pm**. Keep checking the bulletin for more info and registration dates.

♥ Happy Valentine's Day! ♥

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

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**LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER:** The Mass schedule for **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17**, is **8:30am** Mass with Father Haran and **7pm** Scripture Service with distribution of ashes with Deacon Merino.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING**...will be held on **Saturday Feb. 20 at 3:30pm** before the **5pm Mass** and **Sunday, Feb. 28** immediately following the **9am Mass**. All who are interested, please call the church office at 345-2403 on **Tuesdays** between **3-5pm**. Involving your child in a Ministry of the church is one of the many ways to help them grow in their Faith. Be sure to sign your child up, so we will know how many to plan for.

**TEEN DANCE COMING**...so, reserve this date on your calendar, **Saturday, Feb. 27**. More information to follow.

**ATTENTION ALL EUCHARIST MINISTERS AND LECTORS:** Deacon Dennis and Ed Denison will be conducting a training for new and experienced ministers. The training will take place **March 9 & 10 at 7pm in the church**. Deacon Dennis is requesting all Ministers to **PLEASE** attend either one of the sessions. Thank you.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR?** You are invited to join the training on **March 9 or 10**.

**CONNECTING WITH THE POOR THIS LENTEN SEASON:** We at SVDP will be observing Lent with the Stations of the Cross starting on **Friday, Feb. 19**. To begin our night of prayer, we will be serving a Light Meal (soup and salad) from **5:30 - 6:30pm** with the Stations of the Cross and Benediction to follow. Can you help us by preparing soup for one of the Friday evenings? Please sign up one week in advance (there will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule of the church.) For more information, please call Kathleen Black at the church office (916) 354-2403 or Lynn King at (916) 779-9122.

**UPCOMING RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:** Can we depend on your being with us? Jesus is inviting you to enter into His joy by sharing in His Word and blessings. Join us at: **Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center**, check out the web site: [www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking](http://www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking). For weekend retreats: start with Friday dinner and end with Sunday lunch. For mid-week retreats: Start with Tuesday dinner and end with Thursday lunch. A Women's Weekend Retreat is planned for **March 12 - 14**. For Men and Women, a mid-week retreat is planned for **March 23 - 25**. A Men's Weekend Retreat is planned for **March 26-28**. Please register by calling Ginger Peacock at 354-2412. The cost of each retreat is **\$175**, however, no one will be refused because of inability to pay.

## FULL-TIME TEACHER NEEDED

Our wonderful Parish School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (K-8) presently has an opening for a **full-time Primary Grade teacher**. The candidate will have a strong commitment to our faith and Christian values, which will be a foundation in his or her service to our Catholic school. Our school has 319 students who are educated by a dedicated staff of teachers, support staff and a very involved parent community. Please reach out to those whom you know who may be excellent candidates for this position. The salary range is **\$30,704 - \$57,571** with stipends for a Master's or Doctorate Degree, plus benefits. Please contact Kelli Baker at (916) 684-7903x16 or [Seas.Kelli.Baker@gmail.com](mailto:Seas.Kelli.Baker@gmail.com)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Next Sunday, the **First Sunday of Lent**, the catechumens (un-baptized) and candidates (our baptized) will be presented to our Bishop in a ceremony called *Rite of Election*. This is a formal celebration in which the names of the adults are proclaimed in the assembly of the Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese, before the Bishop, who represents the universal Church! In our parish community, some 25 adults are seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church. They will be presented to their sisters and brothers during the **9am Mass**, and "sent forth" from us, to the Cathedral. In the rite of **Election**, these adults are CHOOSING to enter into a spiritual and personal period of enlightenment, leading to our shared celebration of the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday evening), our **holiest and most important feast**.

