

# THE WORD

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
**Tues:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
**Thur:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
**Fri:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sun:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103;  
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## ALL ABOUT CHANGE

On this Second Sunday of Lent the scriptures remind us that when we have an encounter with our God, things are bound to change. In the first reading God tells Abram to raise his eyes to the sky, promising descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram's act of faith in the Lord is sealed in covenant, forever changing the course of salvation history. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, always proclaimed on this Lenten Sunday, the Lord Jesus changes in appearance before the eyes of the apostles who, like Abram, raise their eyes to the spectacle in the sky. It is Saint Paul who brings it all together for us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). Lent is all about change, all about conversion. Let us cast our own eyes to heaven, awaiting that day when we will be changed--when we will share in Christ's glory.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land." (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]).

**Gospel** — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

# CHURCH FAMILY

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

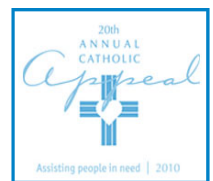
**Sat 02/27** Nellie Baumann † .....4:30 pm  
 Cornelia Baumgart † .....RM 5:00 pm  
**Sun 02/28** Rosita Estela † .....7:30 am  
 Uwazie Family (SI).....9:00 am  
 People of SVDP Church (SI)RM 9:00 pm  
 Leila De Leon † .....10:45am  
 Roberto B. Ares (SI).....1:00pm  
**Mon 03/01** Angie C. Moore † .....8:00 am  
**Tues 03/02** Michael David Aivagedis † .....8:00 am  
**Wed 03/03** Mary Arjil † .....8:00 am  
 People of SVDP Church (SI)RM 8:30 am  
**Thur 03/04** Marcia Jane Hobkirk † .....8:00 am  
**Fri 03/05** Annie O. Cabrera † .....8:00 am  
**Sat 03/06** Armando Gonzalez † .....4:30 pm  
 Robert C. Schindler † .....RM 5:00 pm  
**Sun 03/07** Jose DeLuna † .....7:30 am  
 Frank Ryan † .....9:00 am  
 People of SVDP Church (SI)RM 9:00 pm  
 St. Maria Goretti Supporters (SI)10:45am  
 Térésa Perez † .....1:00pm

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY

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

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. Seminarians currently in formation, Catholic school students, the sick, the aged, and people in need - they all depend on our generosity.



Thank you for pledging **today** to help meet our parish goal. Greatly increasing participation here in our parish assures the continuation of these efforts. Please give generously. 25% comes back to our parish to help fund the St Vincent de Paul Society and their works with the needy and underprivileged in Elk Grove.

Lenten Prayers and Regulations by the Diocese can be found on their web site at :  
[http://diocese-sacramento.org/PDFs/2010LentenRegulations\\_EnglishandSpanish.pdf](http://diocese-sacramento.org/PDFs/2010LentenRegulations_EnglishandSpanish.pdf).

## From the Pastor's desk

### BE TRANSFIGURED

**D**uring the Season of Lent, we focus on the course of our Christian life. We need to learn how to get rid of the useless burdens, to walk with a lighter load, to see clearly, and to make good decisions according to the values Christ reveals in His Gospel. This Sunday, the readings open an astonishing perspective. It is like looking through the keyhole of heaven's door, a quick view of what is waiting for us in the New Life. Abram believed in the Word of God. For that reason God declared him as a righteous man, made His covenant with him, and he became Abraham - his new identity. This happened so we can know and understand what we will receive and what we will be. When we believe in the Word of God made flesh, Jesus Christ, we begin to participate in His own Life. Saint Paul says that we begin to be citizens of heaven and we begin to experience here our Transfiguration.

**P**rayer is to keep an active connection to the Mind and Heart of God in Christ. In order to pray we need to go "up the mountain"; it means detachment from the world. Using things, but detached from them; helping and loving people without possessing them. It means that neither objects nor people take the place of God in our heart or in our life. Without this detachment, relationships, families, and even the whole creation are destroyed. We see Jesus, in the Gospel, going up the mountain to pray. Every good prayer has one goal: to accomplish the mission that God has for us in this world. For this purpose, we can count on the help of Saints, who are the Body of Christ. Being in communion with Christ is being in communion with all the Saints. In the prayer of Jesus we see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus about his mission. This is the powerful and true intercession of the Saints that we should look for.

**L**ong friendships make friends resemble each other. Sometimes a good relationship, between husband and wife of many years, makes them look alike, as brother and sister. Our constant loving relationship with Jesus makes us resemble Him. Living well our time of Lent renews and strengthens our relationship with God in Christ. Such a relationship transfigures us to the point that people around us, like Peter, will exclaim: "It is so good that we are here..." because we carry the presence of God. I hope this is your experience after Lent.

... Fr. Rodolfo Llamas

## Del escritorio del Pastor

### TRANSFIGÚRATE

**E**l tiempo de Cuaresma es para enfocar bien el rumbo de toda nuestra vida Cristiana. Es saber desechar los estorbos para poder caminar ligero y ver claro para hacer las decisiones correctas de acuerdo a los valores que Cristo nos reveló. Este Domingo se nos abre una perspectiva impresionante. Es como mirar por el ojo de la cerradura de la puerta del Reino de los Cielos. Una mirada a lo que nos espera en la Nueva Vida. Abram creyó en la palabra de Dios y por esa fe Dios lo consideró justo, hizo una alianza con él y se convirtió en Abraham. Un anuncio de lo que nosotros íbamos a recibir. Al creer en la Palabra de Dios hecha carne, Jesucristo, comenzamos a participar de su misma vida. Nos dice San Pablo que comenzamos a ser Ciudadanos del Cielo y en este mundo empezamos a ser Transfigurados.

**O**ración es mantenernos conectados activamente con la mente y el corazón de Dios en Cristo. Para orar necesitamos siempre "subir a la montaña", es decir, mantenerme desapegado del mundo, usar las cosas pero no apegarme a ellas, ayudar y amar a las personas pero no poseerlas ni dejar que me posean, es decir, que ni cosas ni personas ocupen el lugar que a Dios le corresponde en mi corazón y mi vida. Así es como se destruyen las relaciones, las familias y la creación entera. Vemos que Jesús sube a la montaña y entra en oración. Toda oración bien hecha tiene un objetivo: Realizar la misión que Dios me encomienda en este mundo, y para eso contamos con la ayuda de todos los santos que son el Cuerpo de Cristo. Estar en comunión con Cristo es estar en comunión con todos los Santos. Vemos como Moisés y Elías conversan con Jesús para llevar a cabo su misión. Esa es la verdadera intercesión que debemos buscar de los Santos.

**L**as amistades largas hacen que los amigos lleguen a parecerse. Hay veces que los esposos de muchos años de buenas relaciones llegan a parecerse tanto que parecen hermanos. Nuestra constante relación amorosa con Jesús hace que nos parezcamos a Él. Una Cuaresma bien vivida renueva y fortalece nuestra relación con Dios en Cristo. Y esa relación nos va Transfigurando de manera que las personas que nos rodean se sienten bien con nosotros porque portamos la presencia de Dios. Como decía Pedro: "Que bien estamos aquí". Que este sea el objetivo de tu Cuaresma.

... Padre Rodolfo Llamas

# SERVING THE CHURCH

## CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION NEWS

As we enter the second week of Lent, children and catechists are exploring the Stations of the Cross. We are learning what each station means. Why and how Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross during their Lenten Journey is also being discussed. Parents, we encourage you to experience the Stations of the Cross as a family. You have several options. Prayer Services are held on most Fridays during Lent in our church at **6:30pm**(see bulletin for details). We also have resources in the office for you to check out. Thank you to the parents who joined us in our discussion and prayer on the first four Stations of the Cross last week in church.



This week, the children will learn about the Annual Catholic Appeal and who it helps; Loaves and Fishes, Society of St. Vincent De Paul and St. Patrick's Home for Children are all mentioned in the DVD program. Families, keep up the good work on your Lenten service project. Know that your prayers, fasting and almsgiving are serving those in need and showing you how to encounter the Living Christ. Lenten prayers and guidelines can be found at the Diocesan website.

Parents and Catechists on March 19 we will be having a Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Check Bulletin for details in the weeks ahead.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

A course of Faith Formation is being offered at St. Joseph Church on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30** in the **St. Peter room** of the **Social Hall**. 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. To register or for more information, please call the parish office at **685-3681**.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The High School Youth Group is participating in Operation Rice Bowl through Catholic Relief Services. Please pray for these teens as they reflect on the strength of teens around the world.

The next High School Youth Group will be on **Sunday, February 28** from **6:30pm - 8:30pm** in the St. Catherine/St. Juan Diego rooms we will be discussing *Lent: 40 Days to Remember*.

The next AYN (All Youth Night for Jr. High) is on **March 17** from **6:45 - 8:30pm** in the Gym. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend.

If you have any questions about Youth Ministry please contact Jen at [jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com](mailto:jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com).

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Prayer Service:** All parents, sponsors, friends and fellow parishioners are invited to join us on **Wednesday, March 3** at **7:30pm** in the church for our Prayer Service. Our Prayer Services focus on the symbols and rituals of the Confirmation liturgy. This week's theme is "Exchanging the Gift of Peace" led by the teen students here in our weekly sessions. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, associated his gift of peace with both forgiveness of sins and healing. We are called as Disciples of Christ to proclaim that reality in all we do and say. Please join us in prayer, supporting those teens in our parish who are on a special sacramental journey this year.

**Bread Sunday Retreat:** Families who are preparing their children for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to our Bread Sunday Retreat on **March 14** at **4pm** in the Msgr. O'Connor Social Hall. Please join us for a wonderful experience of story telling, bread making, prayer and fellowship as we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist in our lives!

**Service Projects:** The teens in our sacramental preparation sessions for Confirmation have been hard at work on their service projects to their families and to the parish and community! Their projects will be submitted by **March 12**, summarizing their hours in service and how it relates to the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46.

## BRING IT! HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CONVENTION

St. Joseph Youth Ministry will be taking a group to the **57th Annual Youth Convention 2010** which will take place on **Saturday, April 17** from **9am - 7:30pm** at Divine Savior Catholic Church. The day will be a celebration of youth ministry in the Diocese of Sacramento and will feature Mike Patin ([www.mikepatin.com](http://www.mikepatin.com)), music by the Jacob & Matthew Band ([www.jacobandmatt.com](http://www.jacobandmatt.com)); Mass with our Bishop, Jaime Soto, workshops with Armando Cervantes and Ann Marie Avansino, food and fun. Registration for the event is only **\$25** and includes two meals and a t-shirt. The convention is for high school students (**9-12th Grade**).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jennifer at [jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com](mailto:jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com). All registration fees are due to Jennifer by **Mar. 15**, at **5pm**.

## EXPERIENCE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The High School Youth Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross on **March 26** at **6:30pm** in the Church. All are welcome to come and share this journey with the teens of our parish through art, reflection, and music. If you have any questions please contact Jen at [jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com](mailto:jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com)

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL - FOOD FOR THE BODY

For the First Friday of Lent **March 5**, we will have a Souper Supper at **5:30pm**, Stations of the Cross at **6:30pm**, and **Mass** at **7pm** with Fr. Llamas sharing his Spiritual Formation as part of the evening Mass. 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 the Mass. A donation is 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

El viernes de la Cuaresma, **5 de Marzo**, tendremos Cena de Sopa a las **5:30pm**, Vía Crucis a las **6:30pm** y Misa en Ingles 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 Misa en Ingles. 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.

## ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

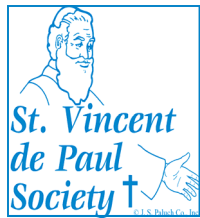
In **1918**, a new Mission Church in Elk Grove was completed and dedicated to St. Joseph. This mission church became a parish in **1962**, and moved to its current location in **1972**.

Our patron, St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin is honored throughout the world on his feast day. He is the Patron Saint of: Fathers, Carpenters, Workers, and Social Justice. Our Parish will also honor St. Joseph on his Feast Day, **March 19**, with a special evening Liturgy followed by a reception for parishioners. There will be no Stations of the Cross that evening. Please plan on celebrating with us.

## CELEBRACION DE LA FIESTA DE SAN JOSE

En **1918**, una nueva Iglesia de Misión en Elk Grove fue construida y dedicada a San José. Esta iglesia de misión se convirtió en una parroquia en **1962**, y se movió a su localidad actual en **1972**. Nuestro patrón San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen se venera en todo el mundo durante su día de fiesta. El es el Santo Patrón de: Padres, Carpinteros, Trabajadores y de Justicia Social. Nuestra parroquia también honrará a San José en su día de Fiesta, **Marzo 19**, con una liturgia especial en la tarde seguida por una recepción para los feligreses. Ese día no habrá Vía Crucis. Por favor planea para celebrarlo con nosotros.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Please join us at our monthly meeting this **Tuesday, March 2**, at **7pm**, in the Renwald Room. This is Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal. I ask that you be as generous as you possible. We use the funds to help the needy here in Elk Grove, provide a monthly meal at Loaves and Fishes, provide a monthly food distribution to terminally ill individuals, help poorer SVDP conferences in the Sacramento area, and in countless other ways that help those less fortunate than us. We will be serving coffee next **Sunday, March 7**, after the **9am** and **10:45am** Masses, in the Renwald Room. Please stop in, have a cup of coffee, and say "Hello." Thank you and God Bless You.

*Jose Carlos Arciniega*  
child of Celia and Carlos Arciniega  
*Sophia Elizabeth Barbato*  
child of Bryan and Melissa Barbato  
*Amairany Margarita Bermudez Maldonado*  
child of Diana and Rogelio Bermudez  
*Meagan Grace Chandler*  
child of Todd and Natalie Chandler  
*Aliyah Crystal Ewing*  
child of Tyrone and Blanca Ewing  
*Charlotte Grace Henderson*  
child of John and Kristin Henderson  
*Brianna Renee Innocenti*  
*Lauren Elizabeth Innocenti*  
children of Aldo and Jennifer Innocenti  
*Kenneth Lacerna Laxa*  
child of Fedelino and Lovella Laxa

Welcome our  
new children  
in the family  
of God !



*Alaura Li McCarty*  
*Royann Francis McCarty*  
children of Robert and Melanie McCarty  
*Arturo Emiliano Mendez-Ibarra*  
child of Elizabeth and Arturo Ibarra III  
*Nicholas Martin Ortega*  
child of Robert and Danielle Ortega  
*Nathan Robert Riedel*  
child of Marc and Anjuli Riedel  
*Jacob James Sanga*  
child of James and Jennifer Sanga  
*Liam Noel Santa Cruz*  
child of Jerold and Lanie Santa Cruz  
*Nicholas Patrick White*  
child of Robert and Rebecca White

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Mass will be held every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at **8:30am** here at SVDP, during the Lenten Season. We are blessed to have Father Kinane with us on Fridays.

**FATHER ROLHEISER RETURNS FOR LENTEN PROGRAM:** The highly positive response to our recent DVD series featuring the renowned Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, encourages a Lenten series of his new "retreat" video "Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives." Each session allows for suitable discussion. The five-week series is a perfect vehicle to explore your relationship with God. The programs **will be held after all Masses through Mar. 28: Wednesday mornings after 8:30am, Saturday evenings after 5pm, and Sunday mornings after 9am.** Sessions will be held in the Annex classroom. All are welcome. Please bring a friend to expand the opportunity for an enriched Lenten experience.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ADORATION:** We are observing Lent with the Stations of the Cross **EVERY FRIDAY** during Lent. To begin our night of prayer, we will serve a Light Meal (soup and salad) from **5:30-6:30pm**. We will then have observance of the Stations of the Cross from **6:30-7:30pm** with **ADORATION** following. We are looking for volunteers to prepare and bring soup, salad, or bread for one of the Friday evenings. Please sign up one week in advance (there are 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.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 28** immediately following **9am Mass**. All who are interested please call the church office 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 up your child, so we know how many to plan for.

**ATTENTION ALL EUCHARIST MINISTERS AND LECTORS:** Deacon Dennis and Ed Denison will be conducting a training session on the **NEW MASS PROCEDURES** that are coming up for both Lectors and EM's. The training will take place **March 9 & 10** at **7pm** in the church. **PLEASE** attend one of the sessions as there are new procedures you need to be familiar with. **FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LECTOR OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER...** you are also invited to join the training on **March 9 & 10**.

**UPCOMING RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:** You are invited to the annual retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center. Don't miss out on this great experience of rest and spiritual renewal. Relatives and friends are welcome to attend the retreat together. The cost is **\$175**, however no one is refused because of inability to pay. There is a place for you on these dates: **WOMEN-March 12-14, MEN & WOMEN-March 23-25, MEN-March 26-28**. For more information and reservations, please call Ginger Peacock at 591-1015 or the church office 354-2403.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VOCATION CROSS:** There is a great need for **FAMILIES** to accept the invitation to take the Vocation Cross into your home for a month and pray with your family; we don't have anyone for March and the months following. If you would like to receive the Vocation Cross into your home for prayer through the upcoming months, please notify Bob or Margie Coffman at 354-1744 or call the church office at 354-2403.

**WILL YOU ADD THE MORAL VALUES PROGRAM (MVP) TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST?** MVP is in need of your assistance, monthly, weekly, occasionally. Their needs are great!.. Just to list a few: juice (cartons or powdered), milk, freezer bags (gallon size), meat any kind. cleaning supplies: laundry detergent, stain remover, comet, dish soap, kitchen cleaner, etc., school supplies: 3 ring binders (1-1/2"), copy paper, printer ink: Lexark #s 14 & 15, HP DeskJet F2430 # 60 (black & color), HP OfficeJet All in one #'s 96 & 97. Look for the MVP needs list in the bulletin once a month. **Please keep this list.** If you can donate any of the above items, we would appreciate it. For more information please call Carolyn Samson at 354-3324. God Bless You.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AGAIN!** Community Church Vacation Bible School is again gearing up for an exciting program this summer. The dates are **July 26-30**. We are in the planning and design stages now. If you have interest/talent in sewing costumes and/or designing sets, please contact Terri Gibbons from the Community Church at terrigibbons@sbcglobal.net or 354-2105 as soon as possible. Further information please contact Janet Cann 354-1267.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY:** for the month of **January, 2010: \$18,155** was offered, for the month of **January, 2009: \$18,804** was offered. **This is down 3.01% for the same time last year.** If you have any questions please contact the Finance Advisory Committee of SVDP Church at 354-2043.

**Please read the announcement, found in the St. Joseph section, regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal.**