

## THE WORD

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thur: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23  
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sun: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### THE MYSTERIOUS ONE

Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lenten journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**PSALM** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalm 95*.

**SECOND READING** — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**GOSPEL** — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

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 (SI) ..... RM 9:00 pm  
 St. Maria Goretti Supporters (SI) 10:45am  
 T eresa Perez (SI) ..... 1:00 pm  
 Mon: 03/08 Fernando B. Silva † ..... 8:00 am  
 Tues: 03/09 Leandro Flora † ..... 8:00 am  
 Wed: 03/10 Nellie Baumann † ..... 8:00 am  
 People of SVDP (SI) ..... RM 8:30 am  
 Thur: 03/11 Robert James Hobkirk † ..... 8:00 am  
 Fri: 03/12 Helen Hobkirk † ..... 8:00 am  
 Sat: 03/13 Estrella Mati Salazar † ..... 4:30 pm  
 People of SVDP (SI) ..... RM 9:00 pm  
 Sun: 03/14 Ophelia Caire Herreras † ..... 7:30 am  
 Eric Orrantia (SI) ..... 9:00 am  
 People of God (SI) ..... RM 9:00 pm  
 Donald Koontz † ..... 10:45am  
 Erika De Santiago † ..... 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

### FIFTY+ BUNCH FOR ST. PATRICK

A St. Patrick's brunch will be held **Friday, Mar. 19**, eating around **10:30am**. The usual fee of \$4 is requested. For reservations, please call Mary Pieratt at 714-8468. Let's celebrate St. Pat's Day together (even though a bit late). SEE YA THERE!!!

**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).

### On Our Lenten Journey

My soul is thirsting for the living God - *Psalm 42:2*  
 When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink - *Matthew 25:35*

### En Nuestro Vaje Cuaresmal

Quando tuve sed, me diste de beber - *Mateo 25:35*  
 Mi alma esta sedienta del Dios vivo - *Salmos 42:2*

## From the Pastor's desk

### THE FRUITS OF LENT

**T**he time of Lent is a gift from God. It is a time to focus on our existence and become aware of the level of spirituality in our life. It is a time for us to see how our spiritual life is going, and to see if it is healthy. We remember that this world is just a bridge, a passage, and our body is just an instrument to help us grow in our identity and dignity as God's children. But we must also remember that our body belongs to the "animal kingdom" and has instincts and needs as any animal. I am not a body that has a soul, but rather a soul that has a body. My identity and my dignity, my personality and my being, do not belong to the body. I AM a soul created in the image of the "I AM". In my soul rests all my being. And my soul has an instrument in this world, my body, which belongs to the animal kingdom, a precious instrument, valuable and unique, that gives me the one-and-only opportunity to become a child of God, to grow my identity, my dignity, my personality and my being as a Child of God; imitating and following the way that the SON came to show and reveal to us in a body like ours. It is a terrible mistake to use all my abilities; strength and capacities focused on satisfying the needs and instincts of my body.

**W**e walk the journey of Lent remembering the Exodus, what the people of Israel endured before they arrived in the Promised Land. It was a pilgrimage full of temptations, slips, fallings and sacrifices. A big temptation was to stop along the way to look for a permanent home, forgetting the main goal. Many of the people began to complain about Moses and the plan of God because of the sacrifices and the hardship of life. The story repeats itself constantly. The journey is full of complaints, critics and murmurs against God and his shepherds, and the mailbox of the Bishop is a witness of that reality of the way of Lent. Pastors will never make everybody happy. Moses couldn't do it. Jesus couldn't do it. Who am I to believe I can? But that happens because we lose the purpose of our existence in this world. The mission of a pastor is not to make people happy; it is to share the Word of God, the Word, many times unpleasant and tough to listen to. We can see this many times through the Holy Scriptures. God gave us the land and the tools to build a house and we misuse the land and the tools doing many things except building the house. When Jesus approaches the "fig tree" of our life, will He notice that we are occupying the Earth uselessly or will He find us with plenty of the fruits of Eternal Life?

... Fr. Rodolfo Llamas

## Del escritorio del Pastor

### LOS FRUTOS DE LA CUARESMA

**E**l tiempo de Cuaresma es un tiempo que Dios nos da para enfocar nuestra existencia y ser conscientes del grado de espiritualidad que tiene nuestra vida. Para ver como llevamos nuestra vida espiritual y si esta saludable. Recordar que este mundo es sólo un puente que nuestro cuerpo es sólo un instrumento que nos ha de servir para desarrollar nuestra identidad superior como Hijos de Dios. Que esa es nuestra mas grande dignidad e identidad. Pero recordamos que nuestro cuerpo pertenece al "Reino Animal", que tiene instintos y necesidades como cualquier animal. Yo no soy un cuerpo que tiene alma, sino un alma que tiene cuerpo; mi identidad y mi dignidad, mi personalidad y mi ser no pertenecen al cuerpo, el cuerpo muere y mi identidad, mi dignidad, mi personalidad y mi ser no mueren con el cuerpo. YO SOY un alma a imagen del YO SOY, y en mi alma está todo mi ser; y mi alma tiene un instrumento en este mundo que pertenece al Reino Animal, un instrumento precioso, valioso y único que me da la IRREPETIBLE oportunidad de llegar a ser hijo de Dios, de desarrollar mi identidad, mi dignidad, mi personalidad y mi ser como hijo de Dios, imitando las decisiones y siguiendo el camino que el HIJO vino a enseñarnos en un cuerpo como el nuestro. Es un error muy grande utilizar mis capacidades y enfocar el sentido de mi vida en satisfacer las necesidades del cuerpo.

**E**ste camino lo recordamos en Cuaresma con el Éxodo que el pueblo de Israel vivió antes de llegar a la tierra prometida. Camino lleno de tentaciones, tropiezos, sacrificios. Es grande la tentación de quedarse en el camino y buscar instalarme olvidando el objetivo principal. Vemos como muchos del pueblo comenzaron a quejarse de Moisés y de los planes de Dios porque no los entendían. La historia se repite constantemente. El camino esta lleno de quejas, críticas y murmuraciones, contra Dios y contra sus pastores. Y el buzón del Obispo es testigo de este aspecto cuaresmal. Los pastores nunca van a poder contentar a todos. Moisés no pudo, Jesús no pudo y yo no soy mejor que ellos. Y eso pasa porque se pierde el objetivo de nuestro trayecto en este mundo. La misión de un pastor no es contentar a la gente, es darles la Palabra de Dios, Palabra muchas veces difícil de escuchar. Eso lo vemos a lo largo de toda la Sagrada Escritura. Dios nos dio el terreno y la herramienta para construir una casa y nos pasamos la vida maltratando el terreno y cuidando la herramienta pero nunca construimos. Cuando Cristo se acerque a la higuera de nuestra vida, ¿ocupamos inútilmente terreno en el mundo o nos encontrará llenos de frutos de Vida Eterna?

... Padre Rodolfo Llamas

# SERVING THE CHURCH

## CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Learning and praying the Stations of the Cross is an excellent way to learn of Christ's love for humanity and God the Father. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are doing a beautiful job exploring each of the "Stations" of the Cross. Looking at the first four stations, we asked the children to see the relationship that Christ had with each person at that station. The children had some interesting observations about Pontius Pilate, the soldiers, the crowd and Mother Mary. Parents thank you for joining us too. Stations 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be explored and prayed during the **March 9 & 10** sessions. Catechists you may bring your class into the church at **4pm** or **5:15pm**. Learning the importance of why we pray the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* after each Station is explained too. *The Way of the Cross for Children* by Rev. John Harfmann and Miss Deborah Holly is our primary source of information. We thank 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechist, Deb Bryant and her assistant, Margaret Valencia for their help. Parents, if you would like to borrow information for home use, please stop in the office.



To keep families up to date on parish events and faith based opportunities, a **2010 calendar** from **March** thru **September** was sent home with your child. We have many opportunities in **March!**

A Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on **Thursday, March 18** at **7pm**. Teaching and sharing the concept of the *Forgiveness of Sins* is an important element of Lent. Please join us.

Learning about saints is a component of the Faith Formation program too. The fourth week of Lent has the Feast Days of St. Patrick (**Mar 17**), St. Cyril of Jerusalem, (**March 18**) and St. Joseph (**March 19**). This year we are introducing the concept of celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph. A Mass will be celebrated on **March 19** at **6:30pm**. St. Joseph is the patron saint of many groups and countries. He is probably best known as the patron saint of fathers. Therefore, we have asked the children to invite their Dad and all their other caregivers, to celebrate this Mass with them. Six priests and two deacons will be celebrating this Feast Day Mass. The statue of Saint Joseph will be placed on a three tier altar that symbolizes the Unity of Holy Trinity. After this Mass, with compliments of The Knights of Columbus, join us for a reception of desserts and ice cream in the courtyard, (weather permitting) or St. Catherine and St. Juan Diego rooms. All parishioners are welcome!!!

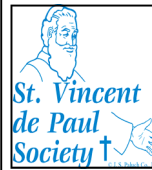
As we pray in the prayer of the *Apostles' Creed*: "We believe in the communion of saints." We learn that Saints can help us! They can *intercede* for us. St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and Mother Mary pray for us!!!

## 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. Each family is asked to contribute to our celebration by bringing an unsliced loaf of bread, one that speaks to their family's ethnic tradition or just their favorite!

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!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Please join us in the Renwald Room after the **9am Mass** or the **10:45am Mass**. We will be serving coffee, and there might even be treats. No cost, no obligation, just visit! God Bless.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those of you, who have already pledged to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation, Appeal envelopes are available in the vestibule. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of others. Thank you and God Bless You.



## "SCRUTINIES..."

In the *Rite of Christian Initiation*, the entire parish joins with those who seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic Christian faith. We enter into an experience of "purification and enlightenment" (conversion) by celebrating "scrutinies" on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. On these Sundays, we use special texts from the Gospel of John: of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The prayer of the scrutinies follows this pattern: invoking all to pray; offering prayers for all the faithful; exorcisms (casting out darkness so as to live as "children of the light"); laying on of hands; and a dismissal blessing. Our scrutinies are prayed at the **9am Mass** this weekend.



## Important Dates to for CFF Families:

**Sunday, March 7** Girl Scout Sunday.  
**Sunday, March 14** Bread Sunday **4pm** Social Hall  
**Thursday, March 18** Parish Penance Service **7pm**  
**Friday, March 19** Feast of St. Joseph Mass at **6:30pm**,  
dessert reception to follow.  
**Sunday, March 21**, Anointing Sick/Blessing Care Givers

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL - FOOD FOR THE BODY

Next Friday of Lent: **March 12**-Souper Supper at **5:30pm**, Stations of the Cross at **6:30pm**, and Spanish Spiritual Formation with Fr. Llamas at **7pm**. 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 for the Spanish speaking. 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.

## ACCOMPANIST AND SINGERS

Are you a singer or an instrumentalist that would like to participate in our music ministry at St. Joseph? The **9am Mass Choir** is currently looking for dedicated singers and a pianist or organist who would like to participate in weekly rehearsals as well as Masses, twice to three times monthly. The choir repertoire covers a variety of styles, from chant to traditional to contemporary. Tenors and Basses are particularly urged to apply!

To inquire about singing in the choir, or to audition as an accompanist, please contact Amy Roberts at (916) 719-5273, or by email at [missrobertsteacher@yahoo.com](mailto:missrobertsteacher@yahoo.com)

## SACRAMENTO CURSILLO FOR MEN

Is it time to enrich your faith? If so, consider attending the Sacramento Cursillo Men's Weekend, taking place **April 15-18**. The Cursillo Movement began in 1947 and over 5 million have attended worldwide. The word Cursillo means a short course in Christianity. There are talks, discussions, fellowship, sharing, singing, laughter, and prayer. For those with children in area Catholic High Schools, Cursillo is the "adult version" of Kairos. The weekend will take place at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center in Applegate, CA. For more information, please visit their web site: [www.sacramentocursillo.org](http://www.sacramentocursillo.org) or contact Corinne Pekari at (916) 712-9309 or St. Joseph parishioner, Jim Sanders at (916) 685-1028.

## ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE MEN!

The Marist Fathers and Brothers, in Berkeley CA, are hosting several days of vocational discernment on: **March 13, April 24, and May 15**. Also, the Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery in Huntsville, Utah will be hosting a "Live-in Experience" vocational retreat. The monks are on a scenic 2000 acre farm. Work and pray with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. The group Live-In is: **April 7 - 11**. (Individual dates at your convenience.) Please call toll free 1-800-221-1807. If you take a bus or plane to Salt Lake City, they will pick you up at no cost.

## ALIMENTO PARA EL ALMA - ALIMENTO PARA EL CUERPO

El viernes durante la Cuaresma: **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.

## RETIRÓ ESPIRITUAL DE CUARESMA

Se extiende una invitación a los feligreses a participar en el Retiro Espiritual de Cuaresma aquí en esta parroquia **Sábado, 27 de Marzo, de 9am a 2pm**. Este retiro es para toda la familia y se ofrece cuidado de niños. El enfoque de este Retiro es acerca de la Semana Santa. El Padre Llamas y la Hermana Virginia Alcalá estarán dirigiendo la reflexión de este retiro. Se pide una contribución de **\$10 dólares** por persona mayores de 18 años, **\$6 dólares** por menores de 18 años, o **\$30 dólares** por toda la familia para cubrir los gastos de la comida.

Esther Cuellar-Valadez estará aceptando registraciones o contestando sus preguntas después de misa en español. De antemano muchas gracias por su participación en este retiro.

## FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Are you a Catholic Christian Woman longing for a little more in your spiritual life? Are you searching for a way to expand your faith during this Lenten season? You are not alone. The **Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women** is our opportunity to search together as women, and develop our common faith in Our Lord. Our mission is to foster a fellowship among Catholic Christian Women for the purpose of evangelizing women, building a faith community, and promoting the development of every woman's spiritual life. Join us **Thursday, March 11** as we study "The Gospel of John," Chapters 15: Jesus the True Vine, and Chapter 16: The Promise of the Holy Spirit. Come and see what we are about. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 11**, from **7-9pm** in the Renwald Room. For more information, please contact GERALYN at 685-7284 or Jeanne at 682-6432.

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. JONATHAN MOLINA

Come take a trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Jonathan Molina on **November 5-14**. For more information, please call (530) 222 3424 or email [fr.jonathan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fr.jonathan@sbcglobal.net)

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

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

**CONGRATULATIONS LITURGY COMMITTEE:** [The church is a vision](#) of loveliness, depicting the Lenten season, with the decorations and banners that are displayed on the walls and the Altar. Kudos to our music groups for their excellent selections which are being sung during this season.

**FATHER ROLHEISER SERIES:** [The attendance at our Lenten series](#) "Creating Sabbath Space in our Lives," featuring Father Ronald Rolheiser, revealed a decided preference for viewing on **Wednesday**, after the **8:30 Mass**. The series, therefore continues at that time only **Wednesdays** through **March 24**. All who have attended have had a very positive 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 prayers, 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.

**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 Eucharistic 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 as there are new procedures you need to be familiar with. Thank you.

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

**THE CFF CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM...** [is a mandated policy](#) from the Dioceses of Sacramento. It will be conducted here at SVDP on **Tuesday, March 9**. There are two focuses of these presentations. Children will be learning how to protect themselves from **TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET** and learning about **FAMILY SAFETY** rules. Parishioner Cheri Chord, a professional in Child Advocacy Issues will be our presenter. Children enrolled in primary grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> are scheduled to attend the **4-4:50pm** session. All other students are scheduled to attend the **5-6pm** session. We are looking forward to seeing our parents in attendance, if possible. **THERE WILL BE NO CFF SESSIONS - Mar. 29-Apr. 5, HOLY WEEK.**

**UPCOMING RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:** [It's not too late](#) to sign up for the retreat. Give yourself this wonderful opportunity to enrich your spiritual life. You'll enjoy a good rest, tasty meals and insightful conferences to help you draw closer to God, your family, and yourself! The cost is **\$175**, however no one is refused because of inability to pay. Our church has reserved these dates: for **WOMEN-March 12-14**, for **MEN & WOMEN-March 23-25**, and for **MEN-March 26-28**. For information and/or reservations, please call Ginger Peacock at 591-1015 or the SVDP church office at 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. The cross only involves five different prayers, so once a week, plus one extra time, is all that people need to put in. Not a very big commitment, so hopefully more people will do it. God does indeed hear our "cry" for new vocations, and he answers. **A special thank you, to Hank and Velma Johnson for their prayers with the Vocation Cross during the month of February. Welcome, and please pray for Laurie and Jim Beck who will be praying with the Vocation Cross during March.** If you would like to receive the Vocation Cross into your home for prayer during any of the upcoming months, please notify Bob or Margie Coffman at 354-1744 or call the church office at 354-2403.

**THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH...** [is March 19](#), and **OUR PARISH** will honor him on this special day. We as members of this great Parish would like to show our support and help to honor and celebrate this event. There will be a special evening Liturgy followed by a reception for parishioners. There will be no Stations of the Cross nor Soup offered that evening. Please plan to join this celebration for our entire St. Joseph Family.

**PLEASE READ [SERVING THE CHURCH](#) AND [AROUND THE CHURCH](#) IN THE BULLETIN WEEKLY FOR UPDATES ON CFF AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION THAT YOU SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH.**