

THE WORD

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thur: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sun: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
 Lk 6:17, 20-26

GOD'S CALL

In today's scriptures we hear three instances of people receiving and responding to a call from God. These accounts follow the pattern of most scriptural call narratives: a divine presence appears and speaks; the person expresses fear or unworthiness, receives encouragement, and finally responds to God's call. Today's First Reading shows an unworthy Isaiah responding to the Lord's call, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). In the Second Reading Paul tells us that, even though he had persecuted the church, he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel, despite Simon Peter's protest that he is a sinner, Jesus calls James, John, and Simon to follow him. They leave everything they have and follow Jesus--that is, they become Jesus' disciples. These scriptures can challenge us to take stock of our lives. How do we experience Jesus' call to discipleship in our lives? How well and faithfully are we responding?
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalms -- In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel -- Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

SCHOOL HOSPITALITY THANK YOU

Thank you Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 5th graders for your service at last Sunday's Catholic Schools Mass. You are truly living the Gospel values. We appreciate your gifts of food and hospitality. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

CHURCH FAMILY

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 02/06 E. Salas & Son (SI).....4:30 pm
 People of SVDP Church (SI)..RM5:00 pm
Sun 02/07 May Bollong †.....7:30 am
 Nellie Baumann †.....9:00 am
 Harold Langford †.....RM 9:00 pm
 Paul Benedetto †.....10:45am
 Jose Jimenez Hernandez †.....1:00pm
Mon 02/08 Tammy Browning †.....8:00 am
Tues 02/09 Mrs. Luprecio (SI).....8:00 am
Wed 02/10 Bollong Family (SI).....8:00 am
 Robert C. Schindler †.....RM 8:30 am
Thur 02/11 Michael McInerney †.....8:00 am
Fri 02/12 Cerepa Family (SI).....8:00 am
Sat 02/13 Aaron Wayne (SI).....4:30 pm
 People of SVDP Church (SI)..RM 5:00 pm
Sun 02/14 Alice Lojko †.....7:30 am
 Mrs. Luprecio (SI).....9:00 am
 Dorothy Banta †.....RM 9:00 pm
 James Smallfield †.....10:45am
 Brianna Valencia (SI).....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.

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| 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 |

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is located at 2275 Watt Avenue, Sacramento 95825 (at Butano, across from Country Club Center.) It is a great place to shop for gently used items. It is also a great place to donate your unused, sellable items. They accept clothing, furniture, toys, books and household items. They will also pick up donations. Their number is (916) 972-1212. Remember that funds raised by the store go toward helping those in need. Thank you and God Bless You.

From the Pastor's desk

WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER?

In contemplating these days of Ordinary Time, what a beautiful view we had, looking at our own mission in Christ, at one of the most beautiful perspectives of our identity as God's children: Prophets!! ...prophets of powerful words because we speak God's words. We see in the First Reading how the Word of God comes from purified lips. Our whole being, mind and heart, should be purified to be in communion with God. This task of purifying ourselves, in order to be in communion with God, is the whole purpose of our religiosity. We prepare ourselves to be ready to do and to speak whenever and wherever He needs us. We yearn to be His prophet, whom He anointed with His Love before we were formed in our mother's womb; to be His eyes and His ears, His mouth and His mind, His Presence wherever we are.

Therefore, the question is this: Do you love Him? Are you willing to serve Him as a prophet like a real Christian? This is the Christian vocation. And, of course this is also the special vocation of all those dedicated to Him without divided heart. How many people blame God for the deplorable situation of this world? But, what else can Jesus do? Didn't He do more than enough? What else do we want? He is the ember from the altar which touches us and purifies all our being. There is a sentence said by the Baptist and repeated just before communion by the priest: "This is the Lamb of God who TAKES AWAY the sin of the world." Why else do we take COMMUNION if it's not to be in His Presence in every moment, place and circumstance?

Would you be able to see the actual situation of this world with and from the very eyes of Christ, which are the eyes of the Most Holy Trinity? If you can it is because, in some way, you are already clean; purified by the blood of Christ, which is the highest proof of his Love for you. Then He asks his question that Isaiah expresses very well from the very heart of God: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?" Isaiah answered like a good prophet after his purification, to that God that he didn't even know well; without knowing that that "Us" was coming from a Trinitarian God... But you, Christian, you know God much better than Isaiah and you have been purified in a way infinitely more lovely... Right now, what do you tell Him? What is your answer?

... Fr. Rodolfo Llamas

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 and see ya'all there.

Del escritorio del Pastor

¿CUÁL ES TU RESPUESTA?

¡Qué hermoso panorama hemos estado contemplando estos días del tiempo ordinario, viendo nuestra misión en Cristo! Una de las perspectivas mas hermosas de nuestra identidad como hijos de Dios: ser profetas. Profetas de palabras poderosas porque hablamos la Palabra de Dios. Vemos en la primera lectura como la Palabra de Dios sale de unos labios purificados. Es decir que todo el ser, mente y corazón están purificados para estar en comunión con Dios. Ese acto de purificar nuestra mente y nuestro corazón es la razón de nuestra religiosidad para estar en comunión con Dios y estar dispuestos a que Dios cuente conmigo donde quiera que me necesite. Ser su profeta a quien el ungió y amó desde antes de formarme en el seno de mi madre. Ser sus ojos y sus oídos, su boca y su mente, su presencia en donde quiera que me encuentre.

Por lo tanto la pregunta es esta: ¿Lo amas? ¿Estás dispuesto a servirle de esta manera? Esta es la vocación del Cristiano. Y por supuesto de todos los que de una manera mas especial se quieren dedicar a Dios sin tener el corazón dividido. Tantas personas le echan la culpa a Dios por estar el mundo en la situación tan deplorable en que se encuentra pero... ¿Qué mas puede hacer Cristo? ¿Acaso no hizo suficiente? ÉL es esa brasa del altar que purifica nuestro ser. La frase que dijo el Bautista y que repite el sacerdote cada Eucaristía: "Este es el Cordero de Dios que QUITA el pecado del mundo". ¿Para qué COMULGAMOS si no es para ser su Presencia en todo momento, lugar y circunstancia?

¿Serías capaz de ver la situación en que se encuentra el mundo desde los mismísimos ojos de Cristo, que son los de la Santísima Trinidad? Entonces es porque ya en cierta forma estás limpio por la sangre de Cristo, que es la prueba más grande de su Amor por ti. Entonces viene la pregunta que Isaías transcribe perfectamente desde el Corazón de Dios que nos dice: "¿A quién enviaré? ¿Quién irá de nuestra parte?" Isaías respondió como buen profeta y lógica respuesta después de la purificación, a ese Dios que el no conocía bien y que ese "nuestra" provenía de un Dios que es Trino. Tú, Cristiano, lo conoces mucho mejor que Isaías y te ha purificado de una manera infinitamente más amorosa... ¿Cómo le vas a responder? ¿Qué le dices?

... Padre Rodolfo Llamas

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

SERVING THE CHURCH

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION NEWS

As we continue the first weeks of Ordinary Times (green color) in our Liturgical calendar, your children will continue to explore the Gospel which focuses on Jesus' public ministry and works.



Exploring "The Word" will provide the children with an excellent foundation for their Lenten Journey. We also invite parents to explore "The Word" by attending any of the Spiritual Formation talks given by Father Llamas at **7pm** on the **first** and **third Fridays** of the month in the St. Catherine and St. Juan Diego rooms. The next session in English will be **February 5**.

3rd thru 6th grade parents, we are asking you to donate one case of bottled water per family. These water bottles will be used for our Lenten project. Please bring a case of water to your child's Faith Formation session on **Feb. 2** or **3** or the following week on **Feb. 9** or **10**. Children and parents will then decorate these bottles the following two weeks. The gift of water will, again, be our Lenten theme. **Lent** is a short time away and the first day of Lent, **Ash Wednesday**, is **February 17**.

Our willingness to recognize that there are over 1.2 billion people on this planet who do not have adequate drinking water, is an important component to becoming ambassadors of Christ. By participating in our Lenten project, children will learn how their baptismal promise will be serving those in need. Half of the funds collected will be given to our parish **St. Vincent De Paul Society** chapter and the other half of the funds will be given to one of most effective agencies helping the children in catastrophe-ridden Haiti; **Catholic Relief Services**.

6th graders and parents who are planning on touring the **B'nai Israel Synagogue** on **Feb. 10**, please bring your paperwork to your Faith Formation session by **February 3**. If you have questions, or need a ride please contact Cathy Geppert.

Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 10** - 6th grade tour of B'nai Israel Synagogue.
- Feb. 14** - Feast Day of St. Valentine, World Marriage Day
All married couples may be blessed at Mass.
- Feb. 17** - Ash Wednesday - **8am, 12noon, 3:30, 5:30, and 7:30pm**
- Feb. 19** - Spiritual talk - Fr. Llamas, St. Catherine room.
- Feb. 20** - Blessing of the Sick, Cathedral of Blessed in Sacramento **2pm** with Bishop Soto.
- Mar. 5** - Spiritual talk - Fr. Llamas, St. Catherine room.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation Prayer Service: All parents, sponsors, friends and fellow parishioners are invited to join us on **Wednesday, February 10 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 "**Anointing with Chrism**" led by the teen students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. When we were baptized, we were anointed with Chrism, signifying the Holy Spirit and anointing us as priest, prophet and king. The "link" between Baptism and Confirmation is this sacred oil, where we are again strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Please join us in prayer, supporting those teens in our parish who are on a special sacramental journey this year.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Joseph Parish Consolation Ministry's **Grief Support Group**, fifth session will be **Tuesday, February 9, 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Coming **Saturday, Feb. 13, 8am to 1pm** at St. Mary Parish, 1333 58th Street, Sacramento, a workshop for all who serve in any capacity of church ministry. This Liturgical Ministry Workshop will focus on our preparing our minds and hearts to help us with the new translation of the **Roman Missal** which we will be receiving soon. For more information, please call **Office of Worship** at (916) 733-0220. Pamphlets available in the vestibule.

SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE

Please help support a Jesuit High School Christian Service project next **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 be joining other teens from across the country to learn how to serve and work among the rural poor. In advance, thank you for your consideration and help.

AROUND THE CHURCH

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Meetings for Spiritual Formation with Fr. Llamas in English are in the St. Catherine & St. Juan Diego rooms 2 & 3. Classes will continue in English every **1st Friday at 7:30pm** after evening Mass and **3rd Friday of the month at 7pm**. Open to everyone with the ability to hear and decide. Bring your Bible, something for taking notes, all your questions about your faith and your good will to learn and to help. Looking forward to seeing you there.

LA FORMACIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Las reuniones para la Formación Espiritual con el Padre Llamas continuarán en Español **en Febrero** en los salones St. Catherine y St. Juan Diego a las **7pm**, y continuarán en Español **cada 2o y 4o Viernes del mes**. Abierto a todos los que tengan la capacidad de escuchar y decidir. Traigan su Biblia, algo con que escribir, todas las preguntas que tengan sobre su fe y su buena voluntad de aprender y ayudar. Te esperamos.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL - FOOD FOR THE BODY

Fridays of Lent: **Feb. 19 & 26, March 5 & 12.** **5:30pm** - Souper Supper, **6:30pm** - Stations of the Cross, and **7pm** - Spiritual Formation with Fr. Llamas. All are invited to join in a simple Lenten supper of soup, bread, and salad in the St. Mary 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

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**.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Sacramento #172 invites all Catholic women to attend their next meeting at St. Paul Catholic Church at 8720 Florin Rd., on **Monday, February 8**. Dinner will be served at **6pm**. Please join them for dinner and get to know them! RSVP to: Regent, Fran Gomes 421-0300.



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.

Parishioners are invited to the Opening Bi-Lingual 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. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Deacon Dennis Merino, *Pastoral Minister* -- e-mail: deacon.merino@parishmail.com -- Cell (916) 467-6632

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Office ph (916) 354-2403 - Office Open: M W F 9am-1pm at 14673 Cantova Way, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and as we prepare we need your help. We are inviting everyone to bring their palms that you received last year on Palm Sunday to SVDP so they may be burned for Ash Wednesday. The Mass schedule for **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17: 8:30am** Mass - Father R. Llamas - **7pm** distribution of Ashes - D. Merino.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING...will be held on Sundays, **Feb. 7**, and **Feb. 28** immediately following the **9am** Mass and **Saturday, Feb. 20 at 3:30pm** before the **5pm** 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.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR VOCATION CROSS: Thank you to Fran Mendenhall for taking the Cross for **December** and Jay and Maryanne Corsauts for taking it in **January**. Hank and Velma Johnson has offered to take the Cross in **February**. There is still a great need for others to accept the invitation to sign up - we don't have anyone for the months following February. 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**.

40 DAYS OF LIFE: The Sacramento Spring 2010 40 Days for Life vigil hours are: **7am to 7pm, Mondays** through **Fridays**, starting **Feb. 17**, at **Pregnancy Consultation Center** abortion business, located at **53rd and F Street**. Will you come to 53rd and F Street, downtown Sacramento, to pray and offer loving assistance to women, so that they are then better able to choose LIFE for their unborn child? There is no greater joy than saving a life. We can't do it without you. We need your prayers and fasting! To participate in the Spring 2010, please call Wynette at (916) 955-1577 for more information or check out the web site: www.40daysforlife.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD...weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any one who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to help an individual experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. There are many exercises to help someone grieve the loss of his or her unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness. The retreat concludes a Memorial Resurrection Service. The weekend will help individuals (men and women) find their soul and transform the pain of the past into love and hope. The next retreat is **February 19 & 20**. Contact Debbie Anderson at : projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org or 916-733-0161 or toll free at 1-888-HOPE790.

SHOWERS ON WHEELS...is an organization providing support for woman in need from Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. They are honoring the mothers of three sets of twins and two single babies, all are boys. The shower will be held next **Saturday, February 12, at 3:30 pm**. Location is St. Stephen the First Martyr, Extraordinary Form Parish 5461 44th Street, Sacramento(½ Mile East of Highway 99, Fruitridge Off ramp). Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, and a baby gift or donation. For further information, please contact: Devonne at (916) 990-5713.

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. For weekend retreats: Starts Friday Dinner and ends with Sunday Lunch. For mid-week retreats: Starts Tuesday Dinner and ends 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 retreats 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