



OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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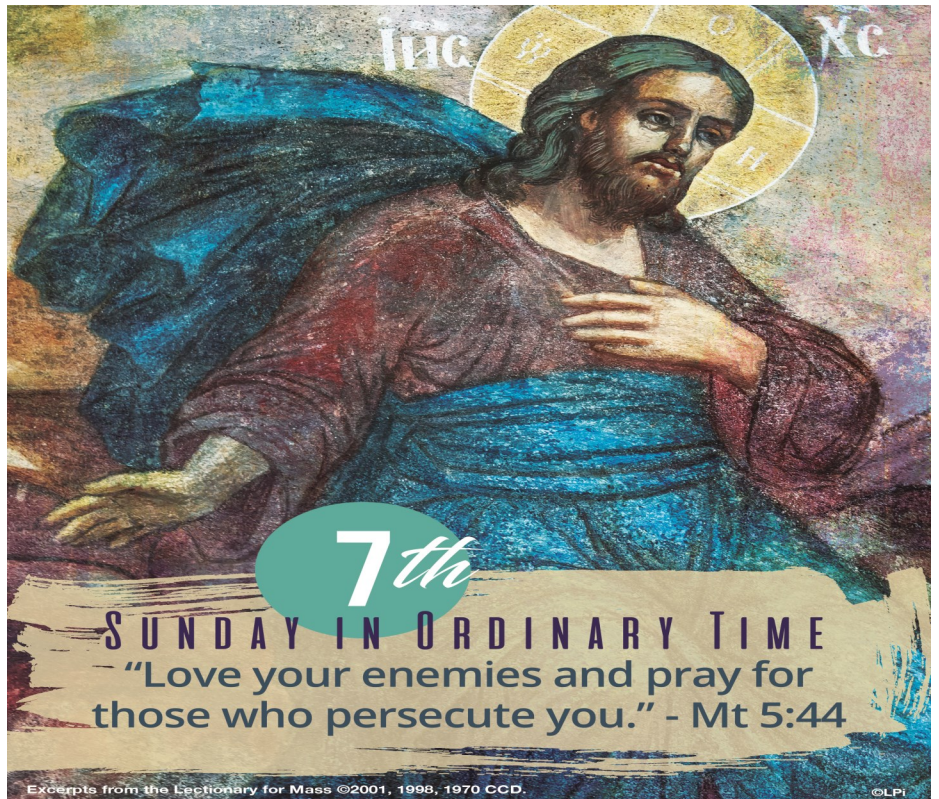
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: 916-481-6352

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!



SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Required classes & scheduling, Deacon Michael

First Eucharist (child), Reconciliation (child), & Confirmation (teen): Faith Formation

Marriage: Contact office six months in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Pastor to request.

Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Unbaptized or uncatechized. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join this year-round process at any time by contacting Deacon Michael. Teteishi.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

First Saturdays: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 & 7:30pm

Weekday: Mon - Fri | 8:00am

Holy Days: 8:00am & 5:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tues/Thurs after 8am Mass until 7pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment

WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eduino, Pastor.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

5:00 PM † Jean Metz
by Carol Metz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00AM † Nellie & John Findlay
by Cynthia Findlay
9:30AM † Vince Labote by KOFC 4970
11:00AM † Mary Zboralske
by Zboralske Family
7:30PM OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00AM † Patrick Walsh by Kate Walsh

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM † Deceased members of
PERT Club by Gloria Plog

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

8:00AM † James Parsley
by Barbara Agnell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM † Jerry Silveira
by Alice Silveira

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM Ciszek & DeGraaf Families
by Mary DeGraaf

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:00PM † Edwin Silva
by Fred & Susan Oliver



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEB 24

Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
[9a]/Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY, FEB 25

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a,
10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-
13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor
5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, FEB 27

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
[Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY, FEB 27

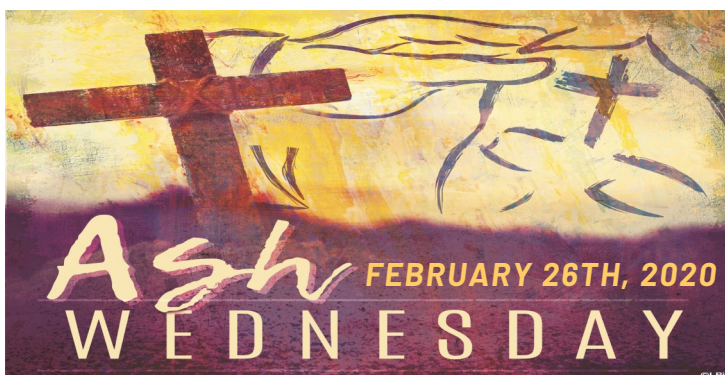
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-
19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY, FEB 28

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY, FEB 29

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19
or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



MASS SCHEDULE

Our Masses will be at 8 am and 5:30 pm.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

God offers love to us all

A rather homely image for God's generous love: the sun shine and the rain pours on everyone. God offers love to us all. Maybe we can notice this week how open we are to this love?

God's love can be found in the cry of your grandchild, the smile of your child, the care of a friend. It is like the ordinary sunshine. Other times it's like a heatwave and you really believe you are loved. Somewhere deep within is the conviction that I am loved. A poet Raymond Carver writes: "And what did you want? To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on the earth."

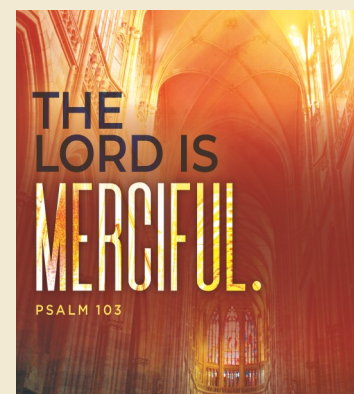
This love is as close to us as the sun on the skin and the rain.

We may find it in other ways – the times I really reach out to someone who is suffering; or I notice the tremendous efforts for peace, justice and reconciliation being made by known or unknown people often at great risks to themselves.

The second word is that our love is to be something similar – offered not only when it may be returned. Often it is hard to offer love again. We don't want to risk being hurt again. This is only human. When we feel like this, we can always pray for a person. The prayer will go with a blessing to another, and also with a blessing to ourselves.

This is the gospel of the open heart of God to all; shared in the open heart and open hands of God's people to share his kingdom on earth.

Lord, may your kingdom come in our small corners of the world.



OUR PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30AM Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
St. John's Hall
5:00PM Sale of Girl Scout Cookies after Mass
5:00PM 8th Grade Crab Feed - Parish Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 Sale of Girl Scout Cookies after Mass
7:30AM OLA Men's Basketball - Parish Hall
10:30AM Flame Group Meeting
St. Paul's Room
10:45AM Faith Formation Classes
OLA School
12:10PM Stations of the Cross Practice
Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

3:00PM Missoula Children's Theater
Parish Hall
3:00PM OLA Basketball Practices
Parish Hall
4:00PM Christian Meditation
Church Chapel
6:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 328 Meeting
Seton Hall
6:30PM OLA Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John's Hall
7:00PM Sacramento Choral Practice
Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:45AM Burning of the Palms - OLA
1:30PM OLA - Weekly OAC Meeting
St. Paul's Room
2:50PM Young Rembrandts
St. Paul's Room
3:00PM Missoula Children's Theater
Parish Hall
7:00PM RCIA Adapted for Teens
St. John Paul II Room
7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
St. John's Hall
7:00PM Baptism Preparation
St Paul Room & St Anne Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00AM Ash Wednesday
3:00PM Missoula Children's Theater
Parish Hall

3:00PM OLA Basketball Practices
Parish Hall
3:00PM Country Fair Chairs Meeting
St. Paul's Room

5:30PM Ash Wednesday

6:00PM Youth Music Ministry Rehearsal
Church
7:00PM Adult Music Ministry Rehearsal
Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

3:00PM Missoula Children's Theater
Parish Hall
3:00PM OLA Basketball Practices
Parish Hall
6:15PM Girl Scout Troop 103 Meeting
St. John's Hall
7:00PM Lectio Divina/Taize Prayer - Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:00PM Missoula Children's Theater
OLA Parish Hall
3:00PM OLA Basketball Practices Parish Hall
5:45PM Lenten Soup Meal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00PM Missoula Children's Theater
Parish Hall
8:00PM OLA Basketball Practices
Parish Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 01

7:30AM OLA Men's Basketball - Parish Hall
10:30AM Flame Group Meeting
St. Paul's Room
10:45AM Faith Formation Classes
OLA School
12:00PM Group Baptism - Church
12:10PM Stations of the Cross Practice
Church

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Fr. Eduino encourages us to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church together starting Ash Wednesday, February 26th

- The Vatican-approved Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church will be used.
- Look for emails each weekday for a year through the Flocknote email system.
- Parishioners who are signed up on Flocknote will **automatically** receive these emails.
- To sign up for Flocknote, please go to our parish website, <https://olaparish.net/>, click on the Flocknote icon (image of a sheep) next to the Facebook icon at the top left-hand corner on the website homepage and select the group "Catechism in a Year."

Join the largest group in human history (120k+) to study the catechism together!



"LED BY THE SPIRIT"

Three Days of Lenten Prayer and Fellowship at OLA

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 27: Lectio Divina and Taize Prayer at 7:00 pm in the church followed by discussion and fellowship with the Living the Word group in St. John's Hall

Friday, February 28: Soup at 5:45 pm in St. John's Hall followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the church.

What is God calling you to do this Lent? How is God inviting you into a closer relationship with Him? Prepare for Lent by inviting the Holy Spirit to speak to you during these three days of prayer and fellowship. All are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of the Assumption's Annual Parish Lenten Fish Fry

Parish Hall: 5:30PM Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

(No Cost—Donations accepted)

Reservations Required - Watch for Flyer in Bulletin

Deadline for RSVP will be March 16th



WEDNESDAY
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MINISTRY NEWS

MARTHA & MARY MEETING

March 5th at 11:00 am, St. John's Hall

The ladies of Martha and Mary are pleased to announce their selection of Rose Ross as our Woman of the Year. Rose will be recognized at the Annual Convention of the Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) on March 21, at St. Clare Catholic Church in Roseville. There will also be an afternoon Retreat in conjunction with the Convention; the theme is "Be Still." Please let us know if you are interested in attending either (or both) of these events. We are starting a new series with Bishop Barron, focusing on the Seven Deadly Sins (and the Seven Lively Virtues), which we will review and discuss at our next several meetings. Our next meeting will be on March 5th, at 11:00 in St. John's Hall. We hope to see you there!



SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but to all who crave His appearing." ~ St. Paul (2 Timothy 6-8)

Virtues of the Month: For the month of February we focus on the virtues of Perseverance and Temperance. In this bulletin perseverance is the focus.

For every child growing up, there should be a rite of passage that will endow him or her with autonomy over time. What challenges did you face, surmount, and overcome when you were a young one that made you grow? We all had our Huck Finn moment where we were figuratively on the raft in the river, and the journey taught us about life and ourselves. As parents we have an urge to pave the way for our children, minimize the pain, and make the experience safe. That's because we are protectors and nurturers. But we also desire for our children to be strong, fully integrated persons. Our schoolwide learning expectations (OLAS) call for our students to be problem solvers who show initiative. And so we expect our children to climb mountains and battle adversity by mustering grit and determination that will empower them to succeed academically, socially, and morally. They may not be there yet in their journey, but they will get there if they are taught to persevere. Angela Lee Duckworth speaks of the value of grit and how perseverance is a variable that ensures success more than anything else. I recommend this short Ted Talk if you haven't seen it: <http://bit.ly/perseverancegrit>.

My daughter's old basketball coach was a taskmaster, but he was beloved by his players, because they knew that he was asking them to become a better player than they may have thought they could be. He did not put undue pressure on the girls, but he held lofty expectations and artfully guided them towards personal success and development. And he put the onus on the players, not their parents or his coaching staff. He understood that their hard work, dedication, and perseverance would empower them to become stronger.

St. Paul personified the virtue of perseverance, putting himself through many trials and tribulations to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. He changed the world! And in the end, he acknowledged the grit and determination it took to fight the fight and complete the race. What a call to action!

God bless,
Robert Love



Friday, May 1st, 2020

Cougar Classic Annual Golf Tournament

Our annual OLA Golf Cougar Classic will be at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club on Friday, May 1st, 2020.

More details to follow.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP

Meetings

Meetings are held in the Youth Rom

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm

LIFE TEEN GROUP



Meetings

Grades 9 - 12: OLA's Life Teen Mass every Sunday at 11am followed by group meeting from 12-1:30pm

UPCOMING Events

OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Begins Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7PM
Ends Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 8AM

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
5057 Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608

Inspiring speaker • Games • Adoration • Music • Snacks throughout the night



DID YOU KNOW?

SOAP FOR SOULS

OLA youth group sponsor a toiletry drive year round for St. Vincent de Paul.

You ever wonder what to do with all your hotel shampoos and soaps? Donate to us! We are in need of any and all travel soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc.

Baskets will be in the back of the church labeled Soap for Souls. We appreciate your generosity.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY



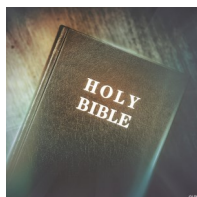
PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The Legion of Mary has a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners to host her at their homes, and commit to pray for peace in her presence.

For information, please call Maggie Mongeau at 483-5807 or the Parish Office 481-5115. We will deliver it so you can offer your prayers in this time of great need.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays, following



the 8 a.m. mass, & continuing until 7 p.m. First Saturday of the month following the 8 a.m. mass until 1 p.m.

For additional information please call Joan at 335-3532.

LIVING THE WORD

Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Room

LECTIO DIVINA & TAIZÉ PRAYER

Typically the 4th Thursday of every month, during our regular "Living the Word" meeting time. Please check parish calendar.



Please hold in your prayers our sick brothers and sisters:

Joan Cotton
Larry Nelson
George Peres
Jennifer Burk
Julie Nelson,
Nancy Carlson
Jonathan
Rasmussen
Stacie Higginbotham
Sandi Lanz
Tom Bogetich
Joe and Sue Simon
Shirley Ward

Mary Silva
Cathy Quesinberry
Gloria Plog
J. Richard Heintz
Molly Garcia
Craig & Jane
Holmquist
Daniel McNerney

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name or to remove them from this list. Thank you.

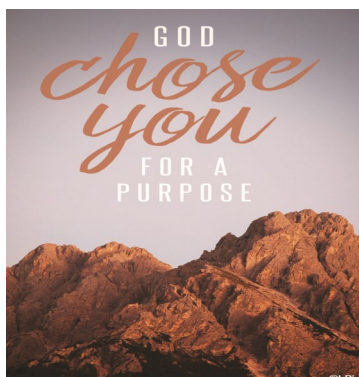
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for

Children: What can you do at home or at school to show that you follow Jesus' Commandments?

Question for Youth: Do you think Jesus was serious when he said to love your enemies? Why or why not?

Question for Adults: Have you ever told someone to do something for his/her own well being? Do you accept God's laws in the same spirit of love and concern?



POPE SPEAKS

ASH WEDNESDAY

"Blow the trumpet [...] sanctify a fast" (Joel 2:15), says the prophet in the first reading. Lent opens with a piercing sound, that of a trumpet that does not please the ears, but instead proclaims a fast. It is a loud sound that seeks to slow down our life, which is so fast-paced, yet often directionless. It is a summons to stop – a "halt!" –, to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul.

This wake-up call is accompanied by the message that the Lord proclaims through the lips of the prophet, a short and heartfelt message: "Return to me" (v 12). To return. If we have to return, it means that we have wandered off. Lent is the time to rediscover the direction of life. Because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. If what interests us as we travel, however, is looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we will not get far. We should ask ourselves: On the journey of life, do I seek the way forward? Or am I satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun? What is the path? Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing? But we are not in the world for this. Return to me, says the Lord. To me. The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to him.

Today we have been offered a sign that will help us find our direction: the head marked by ash. It is a sign that causes us to consider what occupies our mind. Our thoughts often focus on transient things, which come and go. The small mark of ash, which we will receive, is a subtle yet real reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, that we chase after and worry about every day, nothing will remain. No matter how hard we work, we will take no wealth with us from this life. Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes. The culture of appearance prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception. It is like a blaze: once ended, only ash remains. Lent is the time to free ourselves from the illusion of chasing after dust. Lent is for rediscovering that we are created for the inextinguishable flame, not for ashes that immediately disappear; for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?

- Basilica of Santa Sabina, Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019



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NOURISH

A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO HEAVEN A LENTEN REFLECTION MARCH 10, 7:00 – 8:30 PM OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

Lent is God's annual reminder that this life is a short voyage intended to end with him forever in heaven. Steve Patton M.A., J.D., will offer these and other "travel guides":

- ◊ What the Church really teaches about death, judgement, heaven and hell.
- ◊ Science-based evidence for the existence of the soul and an afterlife.
- ◊ Why fear of dying is healthy, but fear of death is not.
- ◊ How best to prepare for death: the most amazing voyage ever.

Steve serves as a Community Liaison for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento.



INVITE

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION 2020 WEST COAST RETREAT/SEMINAR MARCH 27 - 29



For Catholic doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants considering short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. 11 CME available. This weekend is offered free of charge to those considering serving at a Mission Hospital or Clinic in Africa or Latin America.

Visit the website: www.MissionDoctors.org or call the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

PLEASE NOTE! NEW BULLETIN DEADLINES

Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to :parishbulletin@olaparish.net with copy to officemgr@olaparish.net, no later than 8am on the day indicated below. Mass intentions are not subject to these deadlines.

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
March 7 - March 8	February 28
March 14 - March 15	March 6
March 21 - March 22	March 13
March 28 - March 29	March 20

WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2018-19 Respect Life Reflection



**Pregnant?
Worried?
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.
We can help.*

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

DIOCESAN NEWS

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM FOR TEENS (AGES 13-16) SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

The Mother-Daughter Programs explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming a woman.

Learn more and register: www.scd.org/motherdaughter
Cost: \$20

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER, SACRAMENTO TO HOST ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON CAMPUS

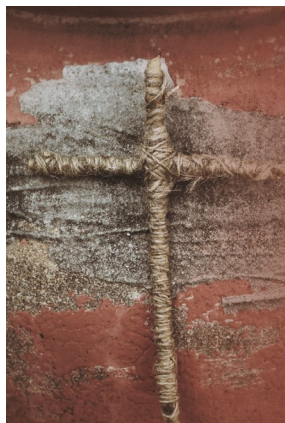
The Newman Catholic Center at Sacramento State is hosting Ash Wednesday services at Ballroom I in the Student Union at Sacramento State University. Masses will be celebrated at 10am, 12pm, 4pm, and 6pm. Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes will be held at 8am and 2pm. This is most highly attended event hosted on campus by the Newman Center, and all are welcome to celebrate the beginning Lent with the Sacramento State community. For inquiries or more information email programs@sacramentonewman.org or visit www.sacramentonewman.org.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of February 16

Weekend Offertory \$8,458.99

Electronic Giving \$1,205.58

Total \$9,664.57

Average Weekly Budget Amount \$12,000.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Please gently take note of the upcoming second collections:

⇒ March 21-22: Catholic Relief Services



TODAY WE JOIN TOGETHER THROUGH THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities...and our own parish...providing support to programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of poverty.



The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 261,000 people were helped through Appeal-funded charitable works. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.

WAYS TO HELP OUR PARISH

AMAZONSMILE

When shopping at Amazon, enter through AmazonSmile. They donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our Parish. Please bookmark our link, located at smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3954215, and support us every time you shop at no additional cost to you. Thank you

ESTATE PLANNING

A legacy gift to Our Lady of the Assumption is one of the most rewarding and far-reaching investments you can make. Our Lady of the Assumption takes the trust you place in us seriously. We are grateful to those who have included us in their plan for the distribution of their assets after death. We pray that you will keep Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and/or School in mind. We invite you to contact the Parish Office if you wish to learn more about how you can include us in your estate planning.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

STEWARDS PRAY

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of Stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul Home Visitation Team

Saint Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to staff its home visitation teams. We serve once every five weeks for two and one half hours per day to help people in need pay their rent or utility bills. With enough people on team, serving every day is not always necessary. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and be part of our Parish ministries. Please contact Fran Rider at (916) 488-4229, for more information.



SIGN UP!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Homebound Ministry

The Homebound Ministry serves the needs of homebound persons unable to attend Mass. It is a beneficial opportunity for the sick not only to receive communion but to have a nice visit from an OLA parishioner who cares. Please call Peggy at (916) 488-1982 if you are able to assist.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender.

Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes.

We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

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