

**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010**

*“The word is near you,
In your mouth and in your heart.”*

-Romans 10:8

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sacramento, California

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OFFICE HOURS

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Deacon Luigi Del Gaudio, MSW
Deacon George W. Kriske

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Laura L. Allen, MA

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Or by appointment

INFANT MARY CHAPEL

Open Daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm
Solemn Adoration: First Fridays 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am,
and 6:00 pm
Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

MORE PARISH INFORMATION

MARRIAGE: Contact a Parish Deacon 9 months prior to the wedding date. Marriage preparation classes are available.

INFANT BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Office. All baptisms must be scheduled 3 months in advance. Parents and godparents must attend class.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office regarding sick, elderly who are at home, hospitals or special care facilities.

MUSIC: For Music Ministry call Ben (916) 383-6155 or bkbilleci@dslextrime.com

RCIA: Process for adults and children of catechetical age who are interested in joining the Catholic Church and baptized Catholics wanting to complete their initiation sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call Joan Hanrahan (916) 452-0296 X20.

CCD: Catholic youth are formed through the Parish Faith Formation Program (CCD). John Gisla (916) 452-0296 X25.

PARISH HALL RENTAL: Please call 6 months prior to make reservations, contact Sandra Sanders (916) 452-0296 X24 or email sjsanders_stmarys@comcast.net.

BULLETIN: Our church bulletin is prepared one week in advance. All submissions are reviewed by the pastor. Email request to smoffice1@comcast.net. no later than Monday.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary's Parish is to proclaim and celebrate our salvation through Jesus Christ, our pilgrimage to the Father's Kingdom enlivened by the Holy Spirit. Our Catholic faith community is nourished by our sacramental life, especially the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. With Mother Mary as our model, we demonstrate our faith through worship, education, vocations and service.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20

8:00am Rick Edelen
5:00pm Jacinta de Aguirre+

Sunday, February 21

8:00am Iacopo Costa+
9:30am Lil O'Brien+
11:00am Cecil Bennett
6:00pm For the People

Monday, February 22

8:00am Jack & Mary Smith+
Ann Smith+

Tuesday, February 23

8:00am Lino Berton+
Ann Smith+

Wednesday, February 24

8:00am James Smith+
Krissy Alvarez

Thursday, February 25

8:00am Sister Mary Agnes Mullen+

Friday, February 26

8:00am James Smith+

Saturday, February 27

8:00am
5:00pm Maria Bogar+

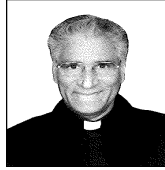
Sunday, February 28

8:00am
9:30am Lil O'Brien+
11:00am Visitacion+, Victoria+ & Manual+
6:00pm For the People

Requested By

Emma & Carmine Ranieri
Alarcon Family

Enzo & Family
Gloria Gabrielli
Mary & Don Kassis



From the Pastor

SMILE

- A **merry heart** makes a cheerful countenance (Proverbs 15:13).
- The world is like a mirror; frown at it, and it frowns at you (Herbert Samuels).
- A **smile** is a **light** in the window of the **soul** indicating the **heart is at home**.
- A smile is the **lighting** system of the **face** and the **heat-ing** system of the **heart**.
- If you are not using your smile, you're like a man with a million dollars in the bank and no checkbook (Les Giblin).
- When you smile at someone, nine times out of ten the other person will smile back and you've made two people's days brighter and better.
- There are hundreds of languages in the world but a smile speaks them all.
- Smiles are the language of love (David Hare).
- **A smile is worth a thousand words.**
- Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other – it doesn't matter who is it – and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other (Mother Teresa).
- **Nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none to give.**
- Wear a happy face; it's your display counter – your show window, your best advertisement! (David Brandt Berg).
- **Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been** (Mark Twain).
- The thing that goes the farthest towards making life worthwhile, that costs the least, and does the most, is just a **pleasant smile**. It's full of worth and goodness too, with manly kindness blent, **it's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent!** (Wilbur D. Nesbit).
- What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity (Joseph Addison).
- Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles. What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other? (George Eliot).
- **SMILE IT'S FREE THERAPY** (Doug Horton).

Fr. James Narithookil CMI

Pastor.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1 [3:20-4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Weekly Collection :\$5,930.50

EOP for the Month of Dec: \$ 10,594.00

Pray For... Patricia Scanlan, Darlene Claflin, Josephine V, Mabel Viglione, Don Kassis, Mary Katherine Long, Donna Fisher, Tracy Fisher, George & Anna Krizl, Nikki LeDoux, Dylan Schulman, Dora Watkins, Elvira Falzon, Carmen Quintana, Michael Noto, Michael Bersola, Teresa Reali, Esther Latino, Nora Gortze, Ed & Stella Puccinelli, Barbara Luna, Mary Arlene Martinez, Nina Huitt, Elizabeth Henry, Richard Salazar, Steve & Kristin Webber, Jeanie Smith, Barbara Alfidi, Rebecca Kasten, Jovanna Boyd, Delainey Zuniga, Louis Arnaudo, Casimir Globis, Dora Wagner, Debra Schwartz, Rina Rossi, Cecil Bennett, Gene Harding, Elias Perez, Rachelle Parrow, Louie Viani.

Friday Lenten Soup Meals

This Friday the "Social Club" will provide our annual "Lenten Soup Meal" for the Parish. The meal will be served at 6pm. Join us in fellowship and then worship at the 7pm Stations of the Cross. Bring a "To Go" container and take extra soup home. Anyone interested in helping serve for any of the weekly meals should contact Ben at 383-6155.

Please give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal

25% comes back to our Parish

Commitment Weekend for the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous in your gift to help assist so many in need. Each and every gift will make a difference in someone's life. Last year, our Parish 25% share of the Appeal was \$7,826.00, which was used for tuition assistance for our Parish School. This year we plan to allocate our 25% parish share for the same wonderful cause. And remember, God's return to you will be even more generous.

Altar Server Training

There will be a New Altar Server Training (for Sunday Masses) on Sunday, March 7th, 2010, at 12:30 pm (after the 11:00am Mass) in the church. Children fourth grade and up may attend.

Retreat...Reflect...Renew...

"Retreat...Reflect...Renew..." Open to all women...all ages...the Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) presents Sr. Katherine Doyle, R.S.M. Director of Adult Religious Education and Author. She will facilitate a day of sharing, praying, and reflection on how it feels to be "Wrapped in the Mercy of God," Saturday, March 13th, 2010-8:30-3:30pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Pre-registration required by March 8th. Early bird registration before March 1st is \$25 after this day the cost is \$35. For more information visit www.sacmoms.org or call Theresa Mapagay at 916-933-4696.

Catholic Legislative Network: Did You Get Your Welcome Email?

We are pleased to report that more than 18,000 people from the Diocese of Sacramento registered to be a voice for life and dignity in California by joining the Catholic Legislative Network this past December. All those who signed up should have received a welcome email by now from Bishop Soto. If you did not receive the welcome message, you either did not provide an email address, it was recorded incorrectly, or the welcome email was accidentally caught in your spam filter. We encourage you to correct any errors or re-enter your information by visiting www.catholic.org. Please remember: you must have an email address to participate at this time. If you do not have one, you could ask a friend or relative who does to team up with you to participate in the Network. Thanks to all of you have registered your desire to join the network!!!

Thank you

A special **Thank You** to John Ormsby Jr. and Ken Maguire for replacing all of the worn rubber feet on the church pews. **Thank you for your hard work!!!**

Formation of Neighborhood Prayer Group

As we begin the Season of Lent we are planning to start **prayer groups** in and around our parish to help the people of God to have a more profound God experience. The members of the Pastoral Council have offered their support to begin the prayer groups. Those who are interested to support this spiritual movement for the spiritual renewal of our parish please contact Leslie Thielen, the new President of the Pastoral Council, at 916-456-5908.

The Interior Castle or The Seven Mansions

Written by St. Teresa of Avila is a journey of faith through seven stages, ending with union with God. A five week session begins February 24th and will continue thru March 24, 2010. Classes will be given by Fr. James CMI, every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm in St. Mary's Church.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sacramento Life Center Baby Bottle Project

St. Mary's students are all participating in the Baby Bottle Project for our Lenten Service. Students are each given a baby bottle to fill with coins and bills for the Sacramento Life Center. Last year we raised over \$4,000 for the Sacramento Life Center, and this year we hope to raise even more. A collection bottle is also located in the school office if anyone wishes to contribute.

Box Tops for Education

St. Mary's collects General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's brand labels. These programs have provided our school with science equipment, musical instruments, sports equipment and cash donations. Your support is appreciated! Clip Box Tops and Labels and drop them off in the school office or church vestibule, and know that you are providing important tools for kids' education. Thank you!

St. Mary Summer School 2010!

Registration will begin on April 1, 2010. The catalog and registration forms will be available online at www.saintmaryschool.com. Check out the fun this summer!! There is also a Kindercamp for students entering Kindergarten in the fall. Children do not need to be currently enrolled in St. Mary School to participate in Summer School.

We're Looking for Intel Employees

Do you work for Intel, or know friends or family who do? We are helping to recruit Intel employees to be "PC Pals" or mentors for St. Mary students. The program matches Intel employees with students as online mentors. Students who participate in the program have been shown to have higher achievement and school success. As an added bonus, St. Mary School will qualify for the Intel Volunteer Matching Grant Program. The grant program has the potential to bring up to \$25,000 to our school each year. **So please spread the word.** And if you know an Intel employee who might be interested, please contact Kevin Brewer at kevin.m.brewer@intel.com.