



**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 28, 2010**

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?"*

*-Psalm 27:1*

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Sacramento, California

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Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Fr. Francis Chirackal, CMI, MSW

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**DEACONS**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 27

8:00am Julio Carrasco Sr.  
5:00pm Maria Bogar+

### Sunday, February 28

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

### Monday, March 1

8:00am Joe Persinger

### Tuesday, March 2

8:00am Julio Carrasco Sr.

### Wednesday, March 3

8:00am

### Thursday, March 4

8:00am Sister Mary Agnes Mullen+

### Friday, March 5

8:00am Taylor McRho

### Saturday, March 6

8:00am  
5:00pm Luigi Antonio Lucchesini+  
Rosauro Eva

### Sunday, March 7

8:00am Dr. John Kassis+  
9:30am Ed McCarthy+  
11:00am Judy Martinelli+  
6:00pm For the People

## Requested By

Family  
George & Ana Krizl

Mary & Don Kassis  
Paul & Trudy Bersola

Family

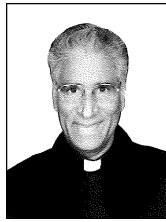
Family

Jane Zuccaro

Jane Anderson

The Lucchesini Family  
Maria Omura

Don & Mary Kassis  
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## From the Pastor

### NOTHING HAPPENS BY ACCIDENT

If one day when you wake up, you would find on your bed a beautifully wrapped present with delicate bows, you would open it before even washing your face, curious about what is inside...

Maybe what you find is something you do not like very much... then you would put away the box wondering what to do with the present...

But, the next day you find another present, you would open it also and, if this time you find something inside that you like very much...

A memory from someone that is far away... a beautiful clothing that you saw on a window shop... the keys to a new car... a beautiful winter coat... or just a beautiful flower from somebody that remembered you...

This happens every day, but we do not realize it... Every day when we wake up, it is there, before us, a present sent to us by God... a whole day to use in the best possible way...

Sometimes it comes with problems, issues that we do not seem to be able to solve. Sometimes it comes with sadness, deception, even tears...

But other times it comes full of surprises, happiness, success and achievements...

What is important is that everyday we receive a present, wrapped especially for us while we sleep: **THE NEXT DAY. We are presented this box with colored bows**, no matter what the day brings...

That day when we wake up **every morning is a PRESENT...** The present that life gives us. It is not always what we wish or what we hope for... But it is the best for us, what we need most, what we have to learn... what we need to grow...

**Open your PRESENT every day, giving thanks first to the Creator that gave it to you**, without thinking what is inside the box. **If today you do not receive the present you wanted, wait for the next one... and appreciate what you received today...**

**Tomorrow... Open your present with love and enthusiasm, because one day your dreams and the life plan for you will come inside the box**, beautifully wrapped for you...

**Life does not care about what we want... just about what we need...**

**And that is good.**

May you have a day full of blessings, in which you can **feel the loving presence of your Creator**, and may the present of every day bring you peace, spiritual growth, and enlightenment on all we still have to learn about every day, and the plan life has for us everyday...

Fr. James Narithookil CMI  
Pastor.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43  
45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6  
10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**Weekly Collection :\$4,240.00**

**EOP for the Month of Jan: \$ 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, Rebecca Kasten, Jovanna Boyd, Delainey Zuniga, Louis Arnaudo, Casimir Globis, Dora Wagner, Debra Schwartz, Rina Rossi, Cecil Bennett, Gene Harding, Elias Perez, Rachele Parrow, Louie Viani.

**Please give generously to the Annual  
Catholic Appeal**

**25% comes back to our Parish**

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2010 Catholic Annual 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.

**Life Teen**

All teens are invited to join us this semester! You will find a full calendar posted in the Church Vestibule and on the website, but here are some highlights: Bowling on Sunday 2/28, Mary, Our Mother on Sunday 3/7, Leatherby's on Sunday 3/14. We meet at 7pm in the Garden and carpool wherever we are going or meeting. Please come join us! For more information, call Shannon at 828-0318.

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

"Retreat...Reflect...Renew..." with the **Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) regional retreat. Mercy Sister Katherine Doyle** will present, "**WRAPPED IN THE MERCY OF GOD**" at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Folsom on Saturday, March 13th from 8:30am-3:30pm. **All women are welcome.** Registration required by March 8th/ Early bird registration by March 1st. Visit [www.sacmoms.org](http://www.sacmoms.org) or call Theresa Mapagay 916-933-4696. Flyers are available in the back of the church. Interested in carpooling, call Kathy Laharty at 916-383-4415.

**"Healing the Hurts of Life"**

Please join us Saturday March 13th at 6:00pm in St. Mary's Church for a wonderful talk on "Healing the Hurts of Life" given by Rev. Dr. Thomas, C.M.I. Registration is free, so please come join us!

**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.

**Friday Lenten Soup Meals**

This Friday the "Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)" 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.

**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.

**Crab Feed**

A great big Thank You to Joe Rovito, Hugh & Tina McGee, the rectory staff and the many wonderful volunteers who helped make out second Crab Feed of the season a great success.

**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**

**Congratulations to Kathryn Benson and Joe Delgadillo**, our student representatives in the Diocesan Speech Contest. Kathryn was awarded third place, and Joe placed in the top ten. The students gave an original speech on the theme, Catholic Schools Dividends for Life.

**The Annual Auction to benefit St. Mary School is coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup>**

This fun evening features Silent and Live Auctions, dinner, and wonderful items to bid on and buy. All are welcome! Invitations can be found in the church vestibule. Students are currently participating in the Lenten Baby Bottle project to benefit the Sacramento Life Center, saving coins in a baby bottle to be given to the Life Center during Holy Week. Last year, students raised almost \$4,000! If you would like to contribute, a large collection bottle can be found in the school office.

**Summer School at St. Mary's**

Registration information and course catalog for St. Mary Summer School will be available on line on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Children do not need to be enrolled in St. Mary School during the school year to attend. Find the registration info at [www.saintmaryschool.com](http://www.saintmaryschool.com).

**Raley's/Bel Aire Quality of Life Cards**

More Raley's- Bel Aire Quality of Life Cards have been delivered. If you would like a Raley's Quality of Life Card you can pick one up in the office. Every time you swipe your card at checkout, St. Mary School gets a donation! Thank you!

