

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2010**

*"Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness."*

-Psalm 103:8

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Sacramento, California

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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.

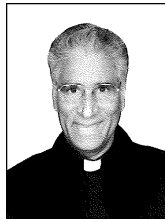
Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6

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

Requested By

*The Lucchesini Family
Maria Omura*



From the Pastor

FIVE FINGER PRAYER

Sunday, March 7

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

*Don & Mary Kassis
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Monday, March 8

8:00am Barbara Cramer

The Wissmath Family

Tuesday, March 9

8:00am Barbara Cramer

The Wissmath Family

Wednesday, March 10

8:00am Barbara Cramer

The Wissmath Family

Thursday, March 11

8:00am Sister Mary Agnes Mullen+
Barbara Cramer

*Jane Zuccaro
The Wissmath Family*

Friday, March 12

8:00am Barbara Cramer

The Wissmath Family

Saturday, March 13

8:00am
5:00pm Iacopo Costa+

Enzo & Family

Sunday, March 14

8:00am Benefactors & Contributors to the
KFC 953 Memorial Fund
9:30am David Kassis
11:00am Mike Palermo+
6:00pm For the People

*Knight of Columbus
Council 953
Mom & Dad
Kathy Griffin*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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, Rachelle Parrow, Louie Viani, Barbara Cramer, Frank Moore, Cathy York.

This is beautiful - and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives...

1. * Your thumb* is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'
 2. The *next finger* is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
 3. The *next finger* is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
 4. The *fourth finger* is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify... It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
 5. And lastly comes our *little finger* - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.
- Don't tell God how big your storm is, Tell the storm how big your God is!!!!

Fr. James Narithookil CMI
Pastor.

Friday Lenten Soup Meals

This Friday the "Music Ministry" 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. We will be holding a "Potluck Night" on 3/26. On that night, you can bring your favorite soup to share.

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 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.

Second Sunday Social

Join us on Sunday, March 14, after all morning masses in Giovanni Hall for our next Second Sunday Social hosted by ICF #45. Please come and enjoy some tasty treats while visiting with fellow members of St. Mary's Parish. If you are part of a ministry or club at St. Mary's that would like to host a Second Sunday Social, please contact Stephanie Epolite at 565-7433.

Congratulations...

St. Mary’s Parish would like to congratulate Mr. Larry White on being appointed St. Mary’s School new principal. Mr. White will be officially “on duty” in June with the close of the school year.

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.

Thank You

St. Mary’s would like to thank Nick & Lillian Clifford, Paul Chetcuti, Bruce O’Day and John Gisla for their efforts in organizing and caring out this years Annual Catholic Appeal.

2nd Annual Lenten Fish Fry

St. Ignatius Parish and School invite you to attend their 2nd Annual Lenten Fish Fry. Friday, March 19th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in the St. Ignatius Parish Center located at 3235 Arden Way, Sacramento. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for Children. For more information please call 916-488-3907.

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 has begun 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.

Parish Crab Feed

Our next Crab Feed will be March 20th. We are looking for more volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer please contact Joe Rovito 452-9153 (Kitchen) or Sarah Costa at 606-2833 (Serving & Set-up). Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from Denise Franzoia by calling her at 457-5084 or the Parish Rectory at 452-0296.

Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

It’s not too late to participate! 25% come back to our Parish. Thank you to those who have already pledged to the 2010 annual Catholic Appeal! If you have not yet made a donation, Appeal envelopes are available in the pews, or contact the parish office. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of others.

SCHOOL NEWS

Accreditation Wrap-Up

Well, we did it! Our WCEA/WASC Accreditation is completed! The Visiting Team was incredibly impressed with our school and all we do here. We were so honored when we heard that they were particularly impressed with our Catholic identity – saying it “beams” from every aspect of school life. We are blessed to have a supportive and encouraging pastor in Fr. James. Thank you to each and every person who had a role in this process.

Seeking Members of the Class of 2000

Ten years ago, our millennial graduates buried a time capsule in the garden outside the church. (You may have noticed the small sign at the wall...) It contains items important to those 8th graders, and messages to the future. A decade later it is time to open that capsule! We are seeking members of the St. Mary School Class of 2000 to organize a reunion and a ceremonial opening. If you are a member of that class, or know someone who is, please call Nancy Smith-Fagan at 916-452-1100 X35.

Summer School at St. Mary’s

Registration information and course catalog for St. Mary Summer School will be available on line on April 1st. 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.

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!