

REFLECTION



It can happen anywhere, at any time, to anyone. For Isaiah it was during a religious service in the temple, wrapped in incense and awe-inspiring ritual. For certain Galilean fishermen, it was when they were going about their normal, everyday lives, casting and catching, cleaning and communing. With Paul, it was when he was in an angry turmoil,

dead set against the new movement of Jesus-followers, determined to keep them from ruining the tradition. The call to mission, accompanied by God's transforming grace, can strike at any moment.

What always happens when one experiences a call from God is that the immensity of the divine holiness is overpowering. In the face of God's unparalleled goodness, graciousness and mercy, our own inadequacies and sinfulness loom all the larger. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips," exclaims Isaiah. "Depart from me, for I am a sinner," implores Peter. "I am not fit to be called an apostle," insists Paul. God, however, is never deterred by such protestations. The mission is never dependent upon the worthiness of the minister but upon God's grace.

If people kept their focus on their own inabilities and shortcomings, the work of God would never be accomplished. It is when Isaiah lets the seraphim direct his attention away from his unworthiness and toward God's holiness that he then experiences the purging of his sin and the interior freedom to say, "Here I am, send me!" When Peter lets go of his certainty that nothing can be caught and relinquishes his fear at what Jesus is asking of him, then he can let himself be seized by grace to bring all his skills to be employed in Jesus' mission.

When Paul accepts that it is by the grace of God that he is what he is, and when he surrenders all that he is to God's power, then he can say that God's "grace to me has not been ineffective." The effectiveness of this amazing grace is evident not only in the personal transformation each one experiences, but in the sharing of that transformative power with all who are open to hear.

When one is seized by grace, the gifts and skills one already has are often put to a different use under Christ's direction. One can imagine Peter's reluctance to follow Jesus' suggestion to put out into the deep water, when he and his companions had been hard at it all night without any reward. Why should pros like them listen to Jesus? It is when they can take the sage advice of trying things a different way under Jesus' direction that the grace comes.

While the story of the call of the women disciples Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and their companions (Lk 8:1-3) is not preserved in the New Testament, one can speculate about the ways in which they had to reorient their lives, as they channeled their money and other resources to the Jesus movement. What obstacles would they have had to overcome, such as disapproval by spouses, family, and friends, to dedicate their resources to the Christian mission? These obstacles were no match for the power of grace within them.

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CATHOLICS COME HOME



Are you Returning to Your Catholic Roots! Welcome Home!

Whether you've been away from the Church for 1, 5, 10, 15, or even 30 years or more, our parish family is delighted to welcome you home to the Catholic Church. If you have not already done so, we invite you to visit the *Catholics Come Home* website in English at CatholicsComeHome.org or in Spanish: CatolicosRegresen.org. Don't remember how to go to confession? That's alright . . . when you enter the confessional, simply tell the priest you've forgotten how and he will guide you through the process, step by step. [Confessions at St. Joseph Church are held every Saturday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM or by appointment.] Catholics Come Home meetings have begun! Our first meeting was wonderful, and we will continue getting to know each other this coming week. All are welcome! **Meetings take place on Mondays at 7:00 in the Church Meeting Room.** For more information about Catholics Come Home call the Parish Office at 447-2354.

PARKING AT ST. JOSEPH



We again ask that you obey all parking signs and curb markings and not park in "no parking" areas or "fire lane" zones **and especially in front of the rectory garages.** Some weeks ago the rectory garages were blocked preventing Fr. Jacobo from leaving for an emergency call.

Those cars we find parked improperly in our parking lot will receive a parking warning "ticket" or your car could be towed if you are parked blocking the garages at the Rectory or parked in a fire lane or red zone in our parking lot. There are plenty of spaces at the Parish Center side of the parking lot. Please use the marked spaces. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our parking lot safe.

LENTEN SCHEDULE



ASH
WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2010
Mass Schedule
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
12:15 PM
7:00 PM

Ashes distributed after each Mass.

Daily Mass - Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 PM in the Chapel throughout the Lenten season in addition to our regular morning schedule.

Friday Night Soup - Each Friday night during Lent at 5:30 PM you are invited to enjoy soup and bread in the Notre Dame Gym before praying the Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross - You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 7:00 PM The service will conclude each week with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday Night Lenten Soup Suppers - Join your fellow parishioners on Friday evenings between 5-6:30 PM during the Lenten Season, for fellowship and an opportunity to enhance your Lenten experience. Each Friday evening, three soups made by our parishioners will be offered along with salad and bread, in the Notre Dame gym. Plan to stay for Stations of the Cross which begins at 7:00 PM. Information and sign-ups will be available in the Narthex following each Mass this weekend (January 30-31) and next weekend (February 6-7), or call the Parish Office at 447-2354 for details. Children are welcome.

FOOD COLLECTION - Monthly canned food collections for the poor and hungry of our community are held on the 2nd weekend of the month at all Masses. The collected food is transported to St. Mary's Food Locker for distribution to those in need. Food items especially needed included: boxed cereals, individual packaged oatmeal, peanut butter, canned chili, ravioli, or soups. No glass containers please. Dates for upcoming food drives are: **February 13-14**, March 13-14, April 10-11, May 8-9, June 12-13. May we be ever mindful and prayerful concerning the needs of the hungry and the less fortunate in our community.

St. Joseph Relay for Life Team - This year's Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at Vacaville High School. Team St. Joseph is already registered to participate and our online link is up. It's not too early to join our team and start fundraising to find a cure. Go to: www.RelayForLife.org/VacavilleCA team name: St. Joseph. Sign ups will also be done after Masses in May. Please pray for all those affected by this disease.

Women's Weekend Retreat - It's almost time for our annual women's retreat weekend. Sign up now for the weekend of February 19-21, 2010 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. For reservations call Marilyn Sponzo at 449-4805 or Miriam Roberts at 447-5310.

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the February 2010 program beginning with a weekend on February 12-14, call (800) 283-5952 or e-mail: sacramento@retroca.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Ps 132:6-7,8-10; Mk 6:53-56
 Tues. 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Ps 84:3-5,10-11; Mk 7:1-13
 Wed. 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40; Mk 7:14-23
 Thurs. 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40; Mk 7:24-30
 Fri. 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19; Ps 81:10-11,12-15; Mk 7:31-37
 Sat. 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7,19-22; Mk 8:1-10
 Sun. Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

FAITH FORMATION

Thanks to all parents who attended the parent information meetings this past week. If you missed the meeting, please contact Josephine at (707) 447-2354, ext. 833 to receive the information.

Liturgy of the Word and Youth Group will not have classes next Sunday, February 14, due to the President's Day holiday.

The SJC Youth Group is working with "Blue Star Moms" on our next community service project sending care packages to support our troops. On the weekends of 2/20-2/21 and 2/27-2/28 we will be collecting snack sized, individually packaged items such as mints, candies, cookies, granola bars, energy bars, cereal, fruit snacks, powder drinks, beef jerky sticks, canned foods and meats (with pop tops). We can also use gallon size plastic zip top bags to collect all the donated goods, packing tape and monetary donations made payable to "Blue Star Moms." Blue fliers are located in the Narthex for additional information or log on to www.solanobluestarmoms.org. Thank you for your generous donations!

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL



Notre Dame School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year. These forms are available in the school office. You need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records, and a letter from your parish. Notre Dame School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national/ethnic origin in admission policy or employment practices. For information, call the school office at 447-1460, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday-Friday.

"That's Amore" Casino Night in the St. Joseph Parish Center on Saturday, February 13th at 7:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and prizes. Tickets are available in the School Office - 447-1460. Cost: \$20.00 Casino Tickets and \$50 Texas Hold'em Tickets. Call Diana Ponce at (707) 469-0119 or Aurora Ramirez at (707) 446-4968 if you have any questions.

Please bring your "Old Palms" to be burned and prepared for Ash Wednesday. You may drop them in the basket in the Narthex or bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 7:00 AM-----Josefa Aniano & Basilio Adalla, R.I.P.
 Tues. 7:00 AM ----- Josee Martin, R.I.P.
 Wed. 8:15 AM -----Peter Gravin, R.I.P.
 Thurs. 7:00 AM -----Jack Lacenski, R.I.P.
 Fri. 7:00 AM -----Geoffrey Grimes, R.I.P.
 Sat. 8:15 AM -----Int. of Phuong Larson
 Sat. 5:00 PM -----Maxcie Negley, R.I.P.
 Sun. 7:00 AM -----Members of the Parish
 Sun. 8:30 AM -----Sick Members of the Parish
 Sun. 10:00 AM -----The Holy Souls
 Sun. 12:00 PM -----Vocations to the Priesthood