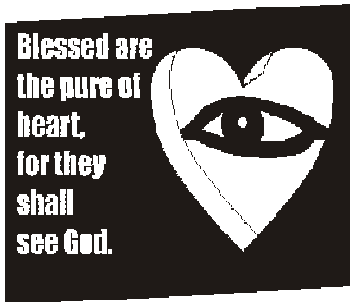


JANUARY 29, 2012 – 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



WHOEVER BOASTS

People who brag about themselves often do so because of low self-esteem. Others are really so self-centered that they brag to advertise. Either case is an example of a sin against humility. No one is truly self-made. We are the result of the contributions of dozens, probably hundreds of other people. Our greatest talents come from God. Paul is writing about a group of self-important missionaries in Corinth. They have been bragging that they have "secret knowledge" from Jesus that no one else possesses. Paul rightfully acknowledges God's dominant role in everything that he has accomplished.

PASTOR'S CORNER

As many of you know, the rectory is like the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose with all its corridors and some that lead nowhere. If anybody would like to help me tear out a wall of cupboards so that people can go through the whole house using one corridor, we will have a demolition party and you can have the cupboards if they can be saved. Let me know as soon as possible. Fr. TOM

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 28 Sat.	5:30 PM		Jan. 31 Tues.	9:00 AM	
Jan. 29 Sun.	7:30 AM	People of the Parish	Feb. 1 Wed.	9:00 AM	
	10:30 AM	+Patty Cusack	Feb. 2 Thurs.	9:00 AM	
Jan. 30 Mon.	9:00 AM		Feb. 3 Fri.	9:00 AM	Int. of the Celebrant
			Feb. 4 Sat.	9:00 AM	First Saturday

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers this week the following intentions: For Kathy and Phil Carlsen following the loss of their home to fire. For Healing: Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Mike Miller, Vi Kahl and Elizabeth Larkin. For the Soul of: Patty Cusack, Josephine Sanchez and Rose Marie Machado.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY this week of \$3,441.00. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 5TH SUNDAY 2nd COLLECTION invites our parish community to make a special offering to the needy of our area through our St. Vincent De Paul Society. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

CONFIRMATION MEETING AND DINNER: 6:30—8:30 PM Common Room at rectory. No youth ministry.

FAITH FORMATION TO LEARN AND SEE THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF LIVING OUR FAITH

Engaging adults in their many and varied life situations is no small task. The faith of adults, therefore, must be continually enlightened, developed and protected, so that it may acquire that Christian wisdom which gives sense, unity, and hope to the many experiences of personal, social, and spiritual life.

On Wednesdays beginning at 7pm in the Day Chapel, we will have time to continue in our faith formation to learn and see the practical implications of living out our faith. **All are welcome!** For those who do not like to go out at night, we will have the same class at Star of the Valley on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm at their Parish Center, 539-6262.

Here is a list of the presentations for the month of February. **Wednesday, Feb 1st The Trinity**

Wednesday, Feb 8th Jesus & The Gospels

Wednesday, Feb 22nd Grace and Sin

Wednesday, Feb 15th The Holy Spirit

Wednesday, Feb 29th Church History

Contact Marti Hoeft at 539-0188 if you are interested in providing refreshments for the gatherings held on Wednesday evenings in the rectory to welcome new members to the faith and old members for updating.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

Two families have come forth to volunteer as sacristans at the 10:30 Sunday mass. We need a few more volunteers so everyone has one weekend a month. The role of the sacristan is to set-up for mass and to take-down afterwards. I will personally instruct these volunteers. We already have sacristans for the other Sunday masses. Can you volunteer and make this responsibility part of your prayer life? Let Fr. Tom know.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- 1) **"Coffee Hour"**, TODAY following 7:30 and 10:30 AM Masses
- 2) **Religious Education Grades 1-6**, Today, Session 15
- 3) **Confirmation Meeting & Dinner**, Today, 6:30—8:30 PM in the Rectory no Youth Group this weekend
- 4) **Faith Formation Presentation**, Wed., Feb. 1, 7 PM, in the Day Chapel, Topic is "The Trinity."
- 5) **Bible Study**, Thurs., Feb. 2, 7—8:30 PM, Rainbow Room of the Rectory
- 6) **Liturgy Meeting**, Mon., Feb 6, 3:30 PM, in the Rectory
- 7) **Women's Club "Lots of Love and Lots of Soup"**, Wed., Feb. 8, 6:30—8:30 PM, in the Hall

	TIME	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, Feb. 4	5:30 PM	P. & S. Granucci	M. Breauer, K. Dobbert, E. Manfredi
Sunday, Feb. 5	7:30 AM	P. VonGottfried, P. Edson	B. O'Shell, A. & J. Storm
5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 AM	M. Cusack, L. Orr	R. Cooney, G. & G. McKay, E. Roque C. Smith, R. & B. Vidalin

	TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Feb. 4	5:30 PM	M. Bertuccio	M. Howard, S. Ciernick
Sunday, Feb. 5	7:30 AM	K. Castro, C. Albertson	C. & D. Purugganan
	10:30 AM	C. DePond/S. Gordon	S. Hurst, Z. Davis
HOMEBOUND MINISTRES: Week of Feb. 1: C. Posehn, B. May, S. Pola Friends House: Jeanne Huffman			
Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Marinace and Lydia Kajeckas			
Reading I: Job 7:1—4, 6—7 (74B) Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16—19, 22—23 Gospel: Mark 1:29—39			

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Our diocese will take up the National Collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This Collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions. In addition to pastoral projects, scholarships, and other initiatives, the Collection supports Catholic organizations that work to ease the burdens facing those who live in the region. Many elderly residents of the former Soviet region of Georgia have lost their pensions and life savings due to the change of governance. Those who were trained as doctors, lawyers, and musicians now find themselves with the equivalent of \$50 a month to live on.

In the Republic of Azerbaijan, funds from this Collection help the Sisters of Charity, Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Community, run a homeless shelter. In addition to providing bread, medical care, and transitional housing at the shelter, the Sisters visit the poor and elderly who are bedridden or too sick to travel to the city, helping to bring the light of Christ to those living in darkness or poverty, illness, and loneliness.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where ***Christ, the Light, continues to illuminate the way.*** If you would like more information on the collection please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

THE SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CENTER is beginning a new 12 week group centered retreat based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This retreat will consist of 12 weekly 1hr group meetings followed by a schedule of individual daily prayer at home. The retreat will begin the week of Jan 30th and continue through April 27th.

EXPERIENCE THE HEALING – RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you or someone you love is hurting after abortion, hope and healing are available through our Retreat January 27 - 29, 2012. (707) 967-1101 rachelsvineyard@gmail.com (877) HOPE 4ME

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR to begin Friday, February 3, 7:30 – 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, presented by Christ the King, People of Praise Prayer Group at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. A Life-in-the-Spirit Seminar consists of a series of talks designed as an evangelistic tool, a formation experience, and as an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

DAY OF LIGHT – FORMING ADULTS IN FAITH - On Saturday, February 4th, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. The focus for the workshops is inspired by the Gospel command: “*Go, be my Disciples*” John 15:8 & Matthew 28:19. The day will begin at 10:00am with Holy Mass – Bishop Robert F. Vasa. Different workshops and speakers will be presented at Centers, throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese. Registration is \$35, after 2/1/12 it’s \$40. Registration Brochures are available in the vestibule, the parish office, or call the Dept. of Religious Education at 707-566-3366 or dre@srdiocese.org. Email your information including your choice of workshops and pay at the door or fax your Registration Form and pay at the door. Your ticket will be held at the Registration Desk/Will Call.

My Dear People of God:

“Seeds” are commonly referred to in the scriptures especially in the parables. Parables are stories that use typical, everyday situations in order to teach important truths. For example, The Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13 begins, “A farmer went out to sow his seed...” That seed is a ‘word’, in this case a request. Will you help the Diocese? In the Parable some seed fell on the road and was taken away; some fell among rocks and began to sprout but then withered; some fell among weeds where it sprouted and then was strangled; and then some fell in generous soil and yielded a harvest. I pray the seed of my request finds in you a generous and responsive heart.

I rely, in great measure, upon your generous offering, made directly to the Diocese, for the funding of some of the very important needs of our Diocese. So I plant a seed with hope, a ‘Seed of Hope’, for the many who will ultimately benefit from your gift.

A successful Annual Ministry Appeal will insure that the mission of the Church here in our Diocese will be pursued. No individual parish can perform all the services required of a Diocesan Church. However, when parishioners from many parishes share their gifts of treasure, those gifts become “Seeds of Hope” in a variety of different ways.

The funds you donate are designated for specific programs and will be used only for those programs as outlined in this brochure. I ask that you prayerfully consider a generous gift to this year’s Annual Ministry Appeal.

May God bless you,

Bishop Robert F. Vasa

Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

We are 172,000 Catholics...We are 45,000 Families...We are 42 Parishes...We are one Diocese ...One Church

OUR TARGET LAST YEAR WAS **\$24,000** AND WE GAVE **\$23,656**
OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$25,800

ST. EUGENE’S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL has started its registration process for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications are being accepted for all grades. Please call 707-545-7252 and view their website at www.steugenesch.org. Preschool applications for three, four and five year olds are also being taken for fall of 2012. Please see Sharry Caesare, the new preschool director, or call the preschool office at 707-528-9133.

JESUIT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS-COMING RETREATS 2012 - Feb. 4 – *Saturday Day of Recollection*, Feb. 10-12-*Echoes of Vatican II*, Feb. 21 – *Tuesday pre-Lent Healing Service*, Feb. 22 - *Repent and Believe the Good News*, Ash Wednesday silent day of prayer for men and women, Feb. 24-26 – *The Shape of God’s Heart*. Call 650-917-4000 or www.jrclosaltos.org.