

### This Week of April 26, 2015

Sun 9:30am Religious Education Classes (4/26)  
Sun 6:30pm Post Confirmation Group (4/26)  
Sat 10:00am First Communion Rehearsal (5/02)

### Next Week of May 3, 2015

Sat/Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Home Missions (5/02-03)  
Sun 11:00am First Holy Communion & May Crowning (5/03)  
Sun 6:30pm Post Confirmation Group (5/03)  
Mon 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (5/04)  
Tue 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (5/05)  
Wed 5:30pm ICF Meeting (5/06)  
Wed 5:30pm Finance Meeting (5/06)

### Mass Intentions

**Please contact the office, 822-7696, if you would like to schedule a mass intention.**

Sat 4:00pm Lucy Valadao + (4/25)  
Sat 5:30pm For Our Parishioners (4/25)  
Sun 8:30am Maria Rita Rafael + (4/26)  
Sun 11:00am Luis Furtado + (4/26)  
Mon 8:30am Communion Service (4/27)  
Tue 8:30am Communion Service (4/28)  
Wed 8:30am Communion Service (4/29)  
Thur 8:30am Communion Service (4/30)  
Fri 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (5/01)  
Sat 4:00pm John F. Mateus + (5/02)  
Sat 5:30pm Joe & Isabelle Fraga + (5/02)  
Sun 8:30am Leonildo Sousa + (5/03)  
Sun 11:00am For the First Communicants (5/03)

**The Rosary is prayed daily (Monday through Friday) before the 8:30am Mass.**

**Please let the parish office know of your loved one's illness or recovery so we are able to keep our prayer list current.**

### Pray for the Sick, those listed here and others known

**to us:** Larry DePeel, Grayson Pitlock, Edward & Angelina Felix, Elsie Naye, Steven Rogers, Nancy Jackson, Rosa Maria, Peggy Dimmick, Arnold Souza, Nina DeVilbiss, and Charles (Chuck) Jennings

**Thank You** to our parishioners who contributed to the Sunday offering.

St. Mary's Regular Collection:	\$ 2,460.67
St. Joseph's Regular Collection:	\$ 256.10
Total	\$ 2,711.77



Coffee Hour will be hosted by Religious Education in April. The ICF will host in May.



Please check the schedule for your assigned dates. If you are unable to come, please arrange a replacement. Thank you.



### **Religious Education**

This Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day for Religious Education Classes for the year, excepting Confirmation. Thank you to the children, parents and teachers for your commitment to our Catholic faith.

## **Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 49<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day**

### **Communicating the Family: A Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love**

The family is a subject of profound reflection by the Church and of a process involving two Synods: the recent extraordinary assembly and the ordinary assembly scheduled for next October. So I thought it appropriate that the theme for the next World Communications Day should have the family as its point of reference. After all, it is in the context of the family that we first learn how to communicate. Focusing on this context can help to make our communication more authentic and humane, while helping us to view the family in a new perspective....

The family...is not a subject of debate or a terrain for ideological skirmishes. Rather, it is an environment in which we learn to communicate in an experience of closeness, a setting where communication takes place, a "communicating community". The family is a community which provides help, which celebrates life and is fruitful. Once we realize this, we will once more be able to see how the family continues to be a rich human resource, as opposed to a problem or an institution in crisis. At times the media can tend to present the family as a kind of abstract model which has to be accepted or rejected, defended or attacked, rather than as a living reality. Or else a grounds for ideological clashes rather than as a setting where we can all learn what it means to communicate in a love received and returned. Relating our experiences means realizing that our lives are bound together as a single reality, that our voices are many, and that each is unique.

Families should be seen as a resource rather than as a problem for society. Families at their best actively communicate by their witness the beauty and the richness of the relationship between man and woman, and between parents and children. We are not fighting to defend the past. Rather, with patience and trust, we are working to build a better future for the world in which we live.

(From the Vatican, 23 January 2015)

Vigil of the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales)



This year, the **World Meeting of Families** will take place in Philadelphia on September 22-25, 2015. Pope Francis will be visiting the United States and will be in Philadelphia September 26-27, 2015.



### ALTAR SOCIETY

If you are interested in serving your parish please consider joining the Altar Society. We are a group open to all parishioners who want to help in some way to serve.

A few of our responsibilities are keeping altar supplies clean, setting up the Altar for Masses, and planning and hosting receptions for special liturgies. We also offer our help to those parishioners who have experienced a death in the family and need help with a reception.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00am (except July and August). If you would like more information please contact Marge at 822-0539 or e-mail her at [marged@suddenlink.net](mailto:marged@suddenlink.net).



### Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Home Missions

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next weekend in the second collection, and supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home**.



### New Office Hours

The St. Mary's Church Office will now be open **Tuesday through Friday mornings, 9:00am-Noon**. We would like to thank Mary Anne Rand for volunteering her help covering the new Friday hours.



### Parish Outreach Ministry 707-499-3331

The Outreach Ministry Team has now been to visit the homebound and the residents at Timber Ridge in McKinleyville. On Ash Wednesday, the team brought them ashes and Communion, and during Holy Week, they again visited them with Holy Communion. The goal of the Outreach Ministry is to visit those interested at least once a month.

Please call us. Our team is willing and our schedule is flexible to accommodate those who would like a phone call, a visit, and/or to receive Holy Communion. Leave us a message at **707-499-3331** or at the rectory office; Marie will call you back.



### Scrip

Please tell your friends and neighbors how easy it is to use scrip. Every penny counts to help our parish with necessary maintenance. Spring and Summer are times for graduations, weddings, and vacations. Please shop with scrip for your gift giving and purchasing needs. Take a merchants' sheet home and look it over. More than 300 stores are available to you. We look forward to helping you.

### Adult Learning Workshop at St. Bernard School

The next workshop available in the Adult Learning Series offered through the Diocesan Office is this week. Please refer to the schedule below. All adults are welcome. Time: Friday 6:30pm – 8:30pm and continues on Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm. It will be held at St. Bernard Catholic School, 222 Dollison St., School Library, Eureka. Admission is \$20.00. Dates & topics are:

- May 1 & 2 Creed I - IV
- July 24 & 25 Liturgy & Sacraments I - IV
- Sept 18 & 19 Life in Christ, Conscience Formation & Catholic Social Teaching

Oct 23 & 24 Christian Prayer, Observation & make up  
For additional information please contact Carmen at [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org).

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration Christ the King Church in McKinleyville

Please join us Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00pm at Christ the King. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We will be serving Chicken and Vegetarian Tamales, Rice and Beans, Chips, Freshly made Salsa, and Dessert which are all included in the ticket price. Beer, wine, sodas and margarita's are available for a donation. Please call 839-2911 to reserve your tickets.



**Baptism class** is held monthly for parents and Godparents on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the Church Meeting Room. Appointments are required. Please call the office, 822-7696, if you wish to attend. The next class will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### The basic requirements for Baptism:

- Family must be registered in a parish & be regular Mass attendees.
- One or both parents need to be a practicing Catholic.
- Child must have a reasonable chance to be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
- Parents & Godparents must attend a 'Baptism Preparation' class.
- At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic.
- A three month waiting period (after initial request) is required.



### Cathedral of St. Eugene

St. Eugene's Respect Life Committee and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are inviting men and women of the Diocese to a Spring gathering on Saturday morning, May 2, 2015. Everyone is welcome. The program includes Mass from 8:00-to 9:00am in the Cathedral of St. Eugene, (2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa) followed by Brunch in the Parish Life Center. The featured speaker is Brian O'Neel, Communications Director for the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Editor of the North Coast Catholic, and published author whose topic will be: **The Saints, The Culture of Life, and the New Evangelization**. A free-will offering will be taken and there will be drawings for a variety of filled baskets. For information, call (707) 542-5060.

**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!** Whether you are a long time parishioner, a returning Catholic, or a new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience. If you haven't registered, please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place it in the offertory basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner yes/no  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ New Address yes/no