

This Week of April 19, 2015–The Third Sunday of Easter

Sun 9:30am Religious Education Classes (4/19)

Sun 6:30pm Post Confirmation Group (4/19)



Next Week of April 26, 2015

Sun 9:30am Religious Education Classes (4/26)

Sun 6:30pm Post Confirmation Group (4/26)

Mass Intentions

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

Sat 4:00pm Alfredo Valadao + (4/18)

Sat 5:30pm Gary McConnell + (4/18)

Sun 8:30am Manuel Matos + & Deolinda Freitas + (4/19)

Sun 11:00am For Our Parishioners (4/19)

Mon 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (4/20)

Tues 8:30am Desiree Parks + (4/21)

Wed 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (4/22)

Thur 8:30am Dally Lindgren Fredrickson + (4/23)

Fri 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (4/24)

Sat 4:00pm For Our Parishioners (4/25)

Sat 5:30pm Lucy Valadao + (4/25)

Sun 8:30am Maria Rita Rafael + (4/26)

Sun 11:00am Luis Furtado + (4/26)

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

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Teresa Silveira, Teresa Madison, Gary McConnell, and Elsie Pialorsi

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

St. Mary's Regular Collection: \$ 2,760.12

St. Joseph's Regular Collection: \$ 244.00

Total \$ 3,004.12



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



Easter Season

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'....The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord....The paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. (Ordo 2015)

Witness to the Resurrection

Bishop Duval of France shares a beautiful thought in a pastoral letter saying: "No matter how beautifully expressed, abstract ideas rarely move people. But let a person come forward, a living person, capable of speaking to the heart; let truth flow from that person's life, and let the person's power be matched by an equal gift of love: then people will listen and the dawn of better days will brighten our skies."

We, who believe in the Risen Christ and share in the power of the Resurrection, will agree that the most powerful force in the world is someone touched and transformed by the power of the Risen Christ. To illustrate an example of this, let us read and reflect upon the following dialogue.

It is a dialogue between a recent convert and an unbelieving friend:

Friend: "So you have been converted to Christ?"

Convert: "Yes."

Friend: "Then you must know a great deal about him.

Tell me, what country was he born in?"

Convert: "I don't know."

Friend: "What was his age when he died?"

Convert: "I don't know."

Friend: "How many sermons did he preach?"

Convert: "I don't know."

Friend: "You certainly know very little for a man who claims to be converted to Christ!"

Convert: "You are right. But this much I know. Three years ago, I was a drunkard. I was in debt. My family was falling apart. My wife and children would dread my coming home each day. Now I have given up drink; we are out of debt; ours is a happy home. All this, Christ has done. This much I know of him!"

Isn't this a powerful witness to the Risen Christ? We are called to give witness to Him in this manner.

~Father Bala.

Pope Francis Proclaims Jubilee Year

During the communal penance service in St. Peter's Basilica, March 13, 2015, Pope Francis announced the celebration of an "extraordinary Holy Year". It will commence on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2015), and will conclude with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 20, 2016). The theme for this year has been taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, "God rich in mercy" (Eph. 2:4). More details about this Jubilee and its organization will follow.



New Office Hours

The St. Mary's Church Office will now be open **Monday 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

Please let us know of any homebound parishioner who would appreciate being brought Communion or would like contact via telephone calls or home visits.



Operation Rice Bowl

This is the last week we will be collecting your Rice Bowl donations. Please bring them to the office. Thank you!



Scrip

Sales were good this past weekend and we thank all our dedicated supporters for their help. 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. Please take a merchants' sheet home and look it over. More than 300 stores are available to you. We look forward to helping you.

Scrip Sellers: Marge will be scheduling sellers soon for the months of May, June, July & August. Please let her know if you will not be available during these months. There is a need for more sellers. Please consider helping. As a rule, sellers only have to work one weekend a month and training is available. Thank you to all of our faithful sellers. God bless you all. Please contact Marge at 707-822-0539 or marged@suddenlink.net.

Santa Rosa Diocese 2015 Annual Mission Appeal (AMA)

2015 Target: \$20,300. Pledges to date: \$11,512.

Capital Campaign – The Capital Campaign is a 5 year program.

5-year Target: \$295,000. Pledges to date: \$146,609.



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 April 25th.

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.



Day of Recollection

The Secular Discalced Carmelites invite you to join us for a Day of Recollection on Saturday, April 25 at Assumption Parish in Ferndale. Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, will be the retreat master. The topic for the day will be "Fire of Love: Being Set Free by God's Mercy". Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. In the Carmelite tradition, we will spend the day in silence beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer. The retreat will end at 4:30 p.m. with Evening Prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and Mass will be at Assumption at 5:00 p.m. Come spend some quiet time with God. Questions? Call Alan or Ginny Fox – 725-6930.

Adult Learning Workshop at St. Bernard School

The next workshop available in the Adult Learning Series offered through the Diocesan Office is fast approaching. 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.



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'Neil, 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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one". How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. For more information, go to www.sanfranciscowme.org or call **650-366-7093**.

2015 San Francisco/Santa Rosa Weekend Retreat: Vallombrosa Retreat Center, MP: Nov 20-22, 2015.

Saturday Retreats: Menlo Park, Sat, April 25-June 6, 7-9:30pm. Space is limited so apply early.

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