

### FIRST READING

He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream.  
Jeremiah 17: 5-8

### PSALM

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked.  
Psalms 1

### SECOND READING

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.  
1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

### GOSPEL

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.  
Luke 6: 17, 20-26



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 FEBRUARY 2010

“Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!  
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

Luke 6: 23

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07 - 13 FEB

<b>SAT 05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON 09:00 AM</b>	† Marie Harpster
<b>TUE 07:30 AM</b>	† Olga Silvestri
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Geoffrey Schwartz
<b>WED 07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
<b>09:00 AM</b>	† Diana Bunger
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Anthony Zele
<b>07:30 PM</b>	† Donald Brain
<b>THU 07:30 AM</b>	† David Prudell
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Wade Perritt
<b>FRI 07:30 AM</b>	Benefactors of the parish
<b>05:30 PM</b>	Molly and Billy Widmer
<b>SAT 08:00 AM</b>	† Gladys and Roy Hubbard



### THE ANGELUS FOR LENT

As the Nativity bells ring at noon, the Angelus is prayed. Come join fellow parishioners on **Tuesdays** at **12:00 PM**. Sanctify your day as you recall how the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Let us prepare to embrace His Passion and Cross, for without the Passion there would never have been a Resurrection.



The Angelus, Jean-François Millet

### MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>14 FEB</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	<i>Blood Drive</i>
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>15 FEB</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	<i>Presidents' Day</i>
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
<b>16 FEB</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Catechism
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Catechism
<b>17 FEB</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
	01:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
	07:00 PM	CCD Confirmation Class
<b>18 FEB</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>19 FEB</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
	10:30 AM	Moms' Group
<b>20 FEB</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	
	10:00 AM -	Confessions
	12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM -	Confessions
	04:30 PM	(parish priest)



### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF
	<b>30-31 JAN</b>
TOTAL: \$	<b>10,410</b>
Annual Appeal Progress: \$	<b>123,300</b>
2009 Annual Appeal Goal: \$	<b>123,300</b>



The parish office will be closed  
on Monday,  
15 February 2010 for  
Presidents' Day.

There will be one Mass,  
at 09:00 AM, on Presidents' Day.

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

## 15 FEB (Monday): PRESIDENTS DAY

“Presidents” Day? Not really...

In 1796, the country first celebrated the birthday of **George Washington**. In 1866, Congress gathered to remember **Abraham Lincoln** on 12 FEB, but although many states began to celebrate his birthday as a holiday, it was never made into a national holiday. In 1885, **Chester A. Arthur** made Washington’s birthday (22 FEB) an official national holiday. In 1968, Congress passed legislation to move the observance of Washington’s birthday from 22 FEB to “the third Monday in February” -- this went into effect in 1971. While many people think Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthday observances were combined at that time, the Congressional decree still officially refers to this as **Washington’s birthday**.

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The observance of a **fast** is to take only a single full meal during the course of the day, typically after 03:00 PM. To maintain strength, one or two smaller meals may also be taken, if together they do not equal another full meal. The fast binds on all those ages 18-60.

The observance of **abstinence** is to refrain from eating any meat. Abstinence binds on all those ages 14 and older.

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of both **fast and abstinence**. It is recommended that **all Fridays in Lent** be observed as days of **abstinence**.

## 17 FEB (Wednesday): THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES (1233)

On the **Feast of the Assumption** in 1240, the Founders received a vision of Our Lady. She held in her hand a black habit, and a nearby angel bore a scroll reading *Servants of Mary*. Mary told them, “You will found a new order, and you will be my witnesses throughout the world. This is your name: Servants of Mary. This is your rule: that of **Saint Augustine**. And here is your distinctive sign: the black scapular, in memory of my sufferings.” By 1285 there were 10,000 members with houses in Germany, France, Italy, and Spain. The Seven Founders are **Saint Alexis Falconieri**, **Saint Bartholomew degli Amidei**, **Saint Benedict dell’Antella**, **Saint Buonfiglio Monaldi**, **Saint Gherardino Sostegni**, **Saint Hugh dei Lippi-Uguccioni**, and **Saint John Buonajunta Monetti**.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Lent** begins this week, on **Wednesday, 17 February 2010**, with **Ash Wednesday**. It is a day of fast (ages 18 to 60) and abstinence from meat (ages 14 up). Masses that day will be at **07:30 AM**, **05:30 PM** and **07:30 PM**. Ashes will be distributed after Mass.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

Please mark your calendars: On **Saturday, 20 February 2010**, Nativity Parish will have a one-half day Lenten retreat. As this is the first Saturday of Lent, it will be a great way to begin that season in prayer and reflection. It will begin with Holy Mass at **08:00AM** and end with Benediction at **12:00 PM**. The retreat leader will be **Monsignor Otellini**, who will present three conferences on the “*Our Father*.”



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come to visit our Lord during the week, as the church is open 24x7 and He awaits you. Also, everyone is encouraged to sign up for one hour. This will ensure your weekly meeting with Jesus. You may sign up for any hour. Please consider the following hours which currently have no one assigned:

**FRI: 02:00 PM**

Please call **650/269-7794** for more information or to sign up.



### NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

Attention all Nativity Moms! The Moms’ group will meet on **Friday, 19 February 2010** from **10:30 AM** to **12:00 PM** in the **O’Hare Center**. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your little ones with you. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.

### HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Starting **Tuesday, 09 February 2010** at **07:00 PM**, **Our Lady of Angels**, 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, and **First Resort** are sponsoring a post abortion support group and 9-week Scripture study. The group will be led by a grief counselor from First Resort and two women who have gone through the Catholic Church’s Project Rachel program. At the end of the scripture study, Fr. Michael will lead a candlelight service. Anyone who has been touched by an abortion is encouraged to attend for this extraordinary healing experience. Contact **Sandy Dillon** at **650/678-8423**.

*Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact First Resort (888/252-1822), the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Monica Vazquez**
- **Kelly and Alfred Griggs** (*Sean, Catherine*)



## LENTEN TALKS AT NATIVITY

*"Reflections on the Mysteries of Faith"*: **Fr. Gladstone Stevens** will be giving a series of five Lenten talks on Tuesday evenings, beginning **23 February 2010**, at **07:30 PM** in the Church. The topic will be: *Creation; Sin; Incarnation; Resurrection; and Kingdom of God*. Fr. Stevens received his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Marquette University. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Louisville and has been with the Society of St. Sulpice since 2002. For six years he taught Systematic Theology and Philosophy at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. He now serves as Vice-Rector and Academic Dean at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

During Lent, if you would like to pray with fellow Nativity parishioners as part of the nationwide **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil praying for an end to abortion, the **Respect Life Group** is scheduling people for **Saturday, 13 March** and **Thursday, 25 March 2010**, the **Feast of the Annunciation**. See [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for more information. The prayer vigil will occur on public property near an abortion clinic in San Mateo between **07:00 AM** and **07:00 PM**. There will be a minimum of 2 people per hour. Please call **Eileen** at **650/799-4722** to sign up for hourly time slots and more information.

## IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

**Chris Lyford** from **Immaculate Heart Radio** will be at Nativity this weekend at all the Masses and will be making a brief announcement about the Catholic radio station AM 1260 and how to support it.



## A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

Nativity School's annual dinner, dance and auctions will be held on **20 February 2010** beginning at **05:30 PM**. Invitations have been mailed. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, you may pick one up in the vestibule of the Church or in the parish office. Reservations are due by **01 February 2010**.

## INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SOCIETY

On Ash Wednesday, **17 February 2010** at **01:00 PM** our **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** will meet for prayer before the Infant Jesus Shrine. As we begin the discipline of Lent, Lord, make this day holy by our self-denial and prayer.

We extend an invitation to all as *"God, our Father, brings us to the beginning of Lent. We pray that in this time of salvation He will fill us with the Holy Spirit, purify our hearts, and strengthen us in love... May we bear the wounds of you Son in our bodies, for through his body he gave us life."* (*Liturgy of the Hours*)

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is open to receive all prayer requests and thanksgivings. **650/323-9333** or write to: [pray2infantjesus@aol.com](mailto:pray2infantjesus@aol.com). Call upon the Lord and He will hear you, cry out and He will answer: **Here I am.** *"Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions, for we have sinned against You."*

## LOST AND FOUND

**Found:** small piece of gold jewelry with leaf design.  
**650/323-7914.**

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## ROSARY-MAKING

If you would like to learn how to make rosaries, there is a Rosary Makers class being held in **Foster City** on **Saturday, 27 February 2010** from **02:00 - 04:00 PM**. It is free and all the components of the rosaries will be provided. The rosaries made will be sent to the missions to spread the Gospel of Jesus. For more information, contact **Beth Noronha** at **650/576-2667**.

## EWTN PROGRAMMING

EWTN, the 24/7 Catholic television network available on cable TV will have special Lenten programs. On **17 February 2010** they will televise **Pope Benedict's** Ash Wednesday service at **07:30 AM** and again at **03:00 PM**. EWTN can be found on Comcast Channel 74, DISH Network Ch. 261, AT&T Ch. 562, and Direct TV Ch. 370.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Spiritual Care Service** at **Stanford Hospital** is seeking Catholic volunteers to visit, pray and offer the Eucharist to patients and families. Volunteers must be willing to commit to two hours a week for a year and attend 5 evenings of training. The training program will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto on five Monday evenings: **22 February, 01, 08, 15, 22 March 2010, 07:00-09:00 PM**. If you are interested in volunteering, please request an application by calling the Spiritual Care Service office at **650/723-5101** or email [gollingsworth@stanfordmed.org](mailto:gollingsworth@stanfordmed.org). Remember to leave your name, phone number, church affiliation and email address.

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*You are never too far gone for the Father's forgiveness and grace.*



## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions.

For **February 2010**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**General:** For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.



**Missionary:** That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

## ENCYCLICAL LETTER *CARITAS IN VERITATE* OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI (cont'd.)

48. (cont'd.) *Nature expresses a design of love and truth.* It is prior to us, and it has been given to us by God as the setting for our life. Nature speaks to us of the Creator (cf. Rom 1:20) and his love for humanity. It is destined to be “recapitulated” in Christ at the end of time (cf. Eph 1:9-10; Col 1:19-20). Thus it too is a “vocation”. Nature is at our disposal not as “a heap of scattered refuse”, but as a gift of the Creator who has given it an inbuilt order, enabling man to draw from it the principles needed in order “to till it and keep it” (Gen 2:15). But it should also be stressed that it is contrary to authentic development to view nature as something more important than the human person. This position leads to attitudes of neo-paganism or a new pantheism — human salvation cannot come from nature alone, understood in a purely naturalistic sense. This having been said, it is also necessary to reject the opposite position, which aims at total technical dominion over nature, because the natural environment is more than raw material to be manipulated at our pleasure; it is a wondrous work of the Creator containing a “grammar” which sets forth ends and criteria for its wise use, not its reckless exploitation. Today much harm is done to development precisely as a result of these distorted notions. Reducing nature merely to a collection of contingent data ends up doing violence to the environment and even encouraging activity that fails to respect human nature itself. Our nature, constituted not only by matter but also by spirit, and as such, endowed with transcendent meaning and aspirations, is also normative for culture. Human beings interpret and shape the natural environment through culture, which in turn is given direction by the responsible use of freedom, in accordance with the dictates of the moral law. Consequently, projects for integral human development cannot ignore coming generations, but need to be marked by solidarity and inter-generational justice, while taking into account a variety of contexts: ecological, juridical, economic, political and cultural.

49. Questions linked to the care and preservation of the environment today need to give due consideration to the energy problem. The fact that some States, power groups and companies hoard non-renewable energy resources represents a grave obstacle to development in poor countries. Those countries lack the economic means either to gain access to existing sources of non-renewable energy or to finance research into new alternatives. The stockpiling of natural resources, which in many cases are found in the poor countries themselves, gives rise to exploitation and frequent conflicts between and within nations. These conflicts are often fought on the soil of those same countries, with a heavy toll of death, destruction and further decay. The international community has an urgent duty to find institutional means of regulating the exploitation of non-renewable resources, involving poor countries in the process, in order to plan together for the future.

On this front too, there is a pressing moral need for renewed solidarity, especially in relationships between developing countries and those that are highly industrialized. The technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption, either through an evolution in manufacturing methods or through greater ecological sensitivity among their citizens. It should be added that at present it is possible to achieve improved energy efficiency while at the same time encouraging research into alternative forms of energy. What is also needed, though, is a worldwide redistribution of energy resources, so that countries lacking those resources can have access to them. The fate of those countries cannot be left in the hands of whoever is first to claim the spoils, or whoever is able to prevail over the rest. Here we are dealing with major issues; if they are to be faced adequately, then everyone must responsibly recognize the impact they will have on future generations, particularly on the many young people in the poorer nations, who “ask to assume their active part in the construction of a better world”

(continued next week)



# DIVINE MERCY – Our Spark of Hope

## Regional American Congress on Mercy (RACOM)

March 5 – 7, 2010

Marriot San Ramon, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Auxiliary Bishop Ignatius Wang, Fr. Christopher Crotty C.P.M., Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer, Fr. Stan Fortuna. Msgr. James Lisante, Salvatore Caruso

**Special Guest from the Vatican:** Fr. Patrice Chocholski, General Coordinator and Secretary of the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy under the Exec Team/Committee of Patronage presided by His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Schonborn, Director of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### Adult Conference Schedule

Friday, March 5, 2010 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, 2010 7:45 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**8:00-10:00 p.m. - Healing Service with Fr. Christopher Crotty and Rev Tom Euteneuer – 1 of 15 exorcist priests in the US approved by the Catholic Church.**

Sunday, March 7, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 1:30p.m.

**At 3:00 p.m., join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Divine Mercy Hills, Sunol CA**

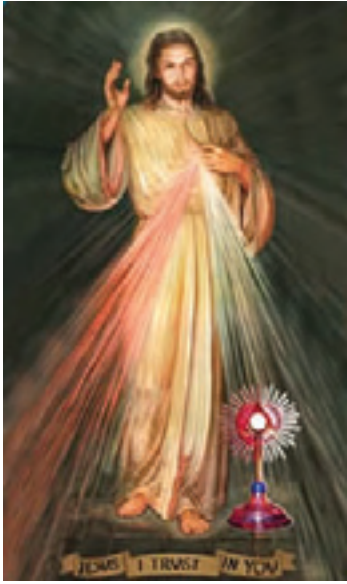
### Youth Conference Schedule

Saturday, March 6, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 7, 2010 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy Seminar

Friday, March 5, 2010 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



**FREE ADMISSION** for all priests, nuns, brothers, deacons and seminarians. Pre-registration is required.

### **LODGING INFORMATION**

For reservations call: (800) 228-9290. Single/Double Room Rate: \$95 per night. Must request Divine Mercy rate. **Reservation Deadline: February 19, 2010**

**REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)**  
Annual Divine Mercy Family Congress 2010  
Pre-registration on or before February 5, 2010,  
for early registration discount.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (AM): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (PM): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address (required for online confirmation):  
\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

Please list names of all registrants, including teens and children. Use a separate sheet for additional names:

#### **Adult Attendees**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Youth Attendees**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EARLY REGISTRATION FEES**

#### **A. 3-Day Conference Pass**

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (6 to 18 yrs of age) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children ages five and under – no charge

#### **B. Healthcare Professional Seminar**

\_\_\_ \$40 for seminar only \_\_\_ \$50 seminar + 3-day pass

Check  Credit Card **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Yes, I would like to contribute to the ongoing scholarship fund for attendees of the annual Divine Mercy Family Congress who are financially challenged:** ( ) \$100 ( ) \$250 ( ) \$500 ( ) \$1,000 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you!

#### **3-Day Conference Pass - ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES**

\$45.00 per adult; \$15.00 per youth 6 -18 years of age.

Healthcare Seminar - \$50 seminar; \$60 seminar + 3-day pass

#### **Mail check and registration to:**

Divine Mercy Eucharistic Society (DMES)  
Divine Mercy Center & Perpetual Adoration Chapel  
11152 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530

Tel: 510.412.4715; Fax: 510-412-3537

email: [DivineMercyJesus@comcast.net](mailto:DivineMercyJesus@comcast.net)

www: [DivineMercyWestCoast.org](http://DivineMercyWestCoast.org)