

WEEK AT A GLANCE
April 16th - 24th

Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Catherine Morris†)
	6:00 p.m.	Tri Tip and Carnitas Dinner
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Cecelia Briggs†)
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	11:30 a.m.	First Communion Preparation Class
	12:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7 th – 12 th)
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Bob and Louise Olson)
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Tue.	11:00 a.m.	Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre’s home
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Mr. & Mrs. Edeglio Tosolini & Family†)
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes for grades K – 8 th
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Cursillo Meeting
Thu.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Fr. Paul Werner†)
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Rosary at Oak River Rehab
	6:00 p.m.	Grupo de Juevenes
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Confessions
	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Rosario Ramirez)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	11:30 a.m.	First Communion Preparation Class
	12:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7 th – 12 th)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tue.	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wed.	Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thu.	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Fri.	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Sat.	Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sun.	Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-35

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please offer your prayers for:

Jorge Ortiz, Delaney Valles, Charlie Crawl, Jim McAuliffe, Bernice Whitney, Bella Davis, Jack Wall, Ed Carpenter, Will Neves, Jay Burns, Mary West, John Morris, Bill Thurman, Ilene Duval, Ben Bowers, Pete Boets, Regina Barker, Thelma Waddle, Beth Waddle, Clementine Mills, Tom and Lorraine Cummings, Stan MacIsaac, Kealy Rhett.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible for understanding. See how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video is followed by group discussion.

The bible study is offered twice weekly: on **Mondays at 9am and repeated on Wednesdays at 6pm.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

March 19/20:	\$ 5,898
Easter Sunday:	\$ 7,115
April 2/3:	\$10,546
April 9/10:	\$ 4,497

For fiscal year 2015 – 2016:

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**
Total for 41 weeks: **\$223,418** weekly Goal: **\$5,385**
Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,449**

Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is for our **Parish Faith Formation Programs**. Your generosity helps support our Faith Formation program for children, Youth Ministry, Adult Education and Catholic School Tuition Aid.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Franciscans – Secular – Third – Order – Professed

If any of these words resonate with you or you are a professed Secular Franciscan, we, your fellow brothers and sisters of Sts. Francis and Clare Fraternity, would like to get to know you. Did you know that an established Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (previously known as Third Order) is active in the northern part of the Sacramento Diocese? We are seeking our professed brothers and sisters in fraternal community. Also, we welcome anyone interested in the Secular Franciscan Order to contact us. We meet on the first Saturday of each month. Please contact Dirk Wohlauf, OFS, Regional Counselor (St. Junipero Serra Region) 530-876-1613.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Question of the Week

For Children: Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

For Youth: Jesus said “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

For Adults: What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

Liturgy of the Word

Our Gospel reading today is brief and to the point. Jesus’ sheep hear his voice and he knows them. Our challenge today is to listen for his voice in the cries of victims of war and violence, in the joy of new parents, in the pain of hunger and poverty, in the songs we raise together in church. Let us open our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd.



YOUTH MINISTRY

All Catholic youth ages 12 – 18 (Jr. High through High School), are invited to join us every Sunday evening in the parish hall at 6:00-8:00pm for bible study, faith formation, social activities, community service, fun and fellowship.

FOOD DRIVE FOR ANDERSON COTTONWOOD CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE

The monthly food drive for Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance will feature a specific food item(s) each month for donations. All items can be brought to the church and placed in the wood box in the foyer. **April: Canned Vegetables**

CATHOLIC FORMATION SERIES

The following classes will be offered at Our Lady of Mercy Parish by the Sacramento Diocese Department of Evangelization and Catechesis. These classes are for all parishioners who want to update and develop their understanding of our Catholic Faith. Pre-registration required, as the classes will be cancelled if too few sign up. These classes are also the beginning of the process for those seeking a Catechist Certificate. All classes are from 8am-4pm. Each will be presented in separate English and Spanish sessions. For more information or to register, please contact Charlene Koenig at cymru@att.net or 222-3424.

April 16 - Profession of Faith: Revelation in Scripture and Tradition/Faith Response, Trinity and the Image of God, Christology and Redemption, Church/Mary and the Saints
May 14 - Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Paschal Mystery/Liturgy, Sacramental Theology, Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing/Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

June 25 - Life In Christ: Dignity of the Human Person-Virtues, Sin, Grace, Redemption, Ten Commandments and The Beatitudes. Catholic Social Teaching. Conscience Formation/Decision Making.

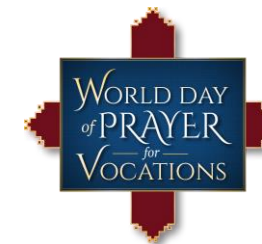
July 23 - Christian Prayer: Call to Prayer/Worship, The Lord’s Prayer, Forms of Prayer, Prayer Styles, Leading Prayer, Introduction to Scripture.

September 17 - The Nature of Catechesis/Catechetical Development: Faith and Human Development, Evangelization and the Nature of Catechesis, Catechetical Process/Family and Culture as Context for Catechesis, Learning and Teaching Styles/Use of Media/Resources.

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, which will take place **next weekend** in the second collection, 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. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the church for Black and Native American Indians ministries.

A BILLION CATHOLICS PRAYING IN UNISON



Today, April 17th, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 1.3 billion Catholics in 196 countries, speaking thousands of different languages, are all asked to pray for the same thing: “Lord, send us more priests, sisters, and brothers!”

Every year since 1963, the Holy Father has set aside the Fourth Sunday of Easter – chosen because the scripture readings are about the Good Shepherd – as a special day of intercession for vocations.

What’s your role today? To pray – *really* pray! Mindful of the millions of Catholics praying with you, will you take a moment now to ask God, from the heart, to call young people from your parish? From your family? Perhaps even to call *you*?

There are many powerful ways to pray for vocations. Here are a few:

1. Offer Mass intentions for a specific young man or woman.
2. Pray a rosary for your children and grandchildren to hear God’s call.
3. Pledge to pray daily for vocations at www.invisiblemonastery.com.

Jesus promised, “If you ask anything of Me in my name, I will do it” (Jn. 14:13). If the Father will grant the prayers of a single person, what if we *all* ask for the same thing?

In his papal message, Pope Francis uses the term “*convocation*” to explain that a vocation is not an isolated “me-and-God” experience. Instead, young people hear God’s call within a *real Church Community*. He offers four concrete ways to help young people discover their vocations, emphasizing these things should be done together:

1. Co-teach with a Catechist.
2. Visit a convent or monastery
3. Help Missionaries
4. Spend time with your parish priest

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God. Amen.