

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults undergo educational and spiritual preparation to help them determine whether they are being called to join the Roman Catholic Church. This program includes the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

The RCIA program is led by a team who will help guide participants through the faith journey. Participants will have individual sponsors to pray with, and to discuss topics throughout their learning & discovering process.

For those considering becoming Catholic, please call the parish office at 365-8573. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning August 29th. All participants must meet with Fr. Wells before attending class.

DO WE THINK WE CHANGE GOD'S MIND?

What do we think we're doing when we kneel down at the child's bedside and say together, "God bless grandma and grandpa", etc.? Or what is the point of a reader coming forward each Sunday and asking the assembly to pray for this, that and the other thing?

There are a lot of ways to think about praying. One beginning point is the psalms. The person who wrote these prayers was never hesitant to point out to God the urgent concerns of the day. Never. The psalms are full of: Please do this. Do that! Do it now!

And for centuries the churches hardly ever gathered without a time for naming the needs of that day. Mornings, evenings, Sundays. Always the Christians rolled out their list of urgent concerns: peace, health, good weather, strength in the face of hardship, the poor.

This kind of praying was thought of as something a baptized person had to do. It was, in fact, something the unbaptized catechumens were not allowed to do. They couldn't do eucharist, they couldn't give the peace greeting, and they had to be sent out before the baptized people did those intercession prayers. It was that important.

But what did they think they were doing? Probably one thing was this: They thought that the church, the body of Christ, was here to shout in God's ear on behalf of all the helpless people, on behalf of the earth itself, on behalf of the living and the dead. Jesus had prayed and now the body of Christ would pray. I don't think ordinary Christians got too wrapped up in questions of what it meant. They just did it. Somebody had to keep reminding God (that's not such a strange way to think: just check out the psalms) that all was not well. Remember us, remember the poor, remember the prisoners.

No one ever said: It isn't working, folks, let's quit. We pray and pray and there are still poor people, still sick people, still all kinds of evil. But interceding was what Christians did – like living thankfully, like sharing with those in need. The baptized were trained in this kind of praying.

So are we. In our parish book of prayer, in our book of the names of the dead, with our children at bedside each night, with the sick when we visit them, by ourselves – and here in our liturgy every Sunday week after week. Year after year, can we get louder? Put more of our heart and soul in these prayers?

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.

AUGUST: Canned Beans and Chili

ARE YOU BEING CALLED

In a "low whisper" God called Elijah. Your call may come as a question or maybe it will come as a stirring when you read this announcement: ***"Teachers needed for Children's Faith Formation classes for Fall 2016!"***

Just a few reasons to answer the call: 1) The best way to learn is to teach; 2) Your own faith will come alive; 3) You assist in bringing Christ to others; 4) You practice stewardship; 5) You show your family the value of the Faith.

If you feel the Spirit is nudging you to be a Faith Formation Teacher (Catechist), please call the parish office. In responding "yes" you may find that you are doing something special for yourself as well as your faith community.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please call the parish office at 365-8573.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Mercy Center Auburn offers a variety of retreats and workshops throughout the year. Please find below a list of dates and titles. Full descriptions are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

The Beguine Movement:
August 12-14. Cost: \$195.

Spirituality, Dialogue & Terrorism:
August 14-16. Cost: \$195.

Passing Over & Coming Back...to Emmaus & Beyond:
September 16-18. Cost: \$195.

God's Everyday Invitation: What If You Begin to Say Yes!
September 24th. Cost: \$35

Women's Spiritual Spa Weekend Retreat:
October 14-16. Cost: \$225.

Learning to Live in God's Deathless Love:
November 11-13. Cost: \$220

Healing of Loss and Grief:
November 19th. Cost: \$35.

Re-Awakening to the Divine – Silent Weekend Retreat:
December 9-11; Cost \$195.

The Reign of God is Within You – 5 Day Silent Retreat:
December 28 – January 1. Cost \$275.

Centering Prayer Intensive – 7 Day Silent Retreat:
January 13-20. Cost: \$510

The Rise of Early Christian Spirituality:
October 8, November 12 & December 10.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

July 9/10:	\$5,235
July 16/17:	\$4,752
July 23/24:	\$4,342
July 30/31:	\$5,063

For fiscal year 2016– 2017

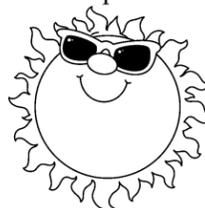
Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**
Total for 4 weeks: **\$20,944** weekly Goal: **\$5,385**
Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,236**

Second Collection

The Second Collection next weekend is for our **Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund**. This collection helps keep our parish buildings in good working order and the grounds looking so good.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The parish office has new hours through September 2nd.



Monday: 8:30am – 12:00pm
Tuesday: 8:30am – 3:00pm
Wednesday: 8:30am – 12:00pm
Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm
Friday: Closed

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Question of the Week

For Children: Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways that he speaks to us?

For Youth: If Jesus were to knock on your door today and give you a report card on your life as His disciple, what grade would you get? How can you improve?

For Adults: On a daily basis, what are some ways to keep yourself "ready for God to act?" How do you pay attention to God's often-less-than-obvious actions?

Liturgy of the Word

Jesus wants to give us every chance to be ready for the return of the Lord. In the first reading, we hear how our ancestors in faith prepared themselves for the night of the Passover. In the second reading, Saint Paul recalls how Abraham's faith made him ready to do God's will. So for us, Jesus' warning must not go unheeded. As we hear God's holy word proclaimed today, let us listen for a word that will help us to be ready for the Lord's coming.

SACRED HEART MISSION OUTREACH

The monthly meeting of the Sacred Heart Mission Outreach group will be at Humble Joe's in Anderson at 9am this coming Thursday, August 11th. The group finds and funds charitable projects throughout the world. Come enjoy a free breakfast and see what we're all about!

If attending meetings isn't possible, you can always share by placing your contribution in the Sunday collection and designating it for the Sacred Heart Mission Outreach.

WEEK AT A GLANCE
August 6th - 14th

Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Rosario Ramirez)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart
	12:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Louise and Bob Olson)
Tue.	11:00 a.m.	Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre's home
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (John Morris†)
	9:00 a.m.	Hospitality in the Parish Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Cursillo Meeting
Thu.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Grace Masellis)
	7:00 p.m.	Bautismo Clase de Preparación
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
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	12:00 p.m.	Misa en Español

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon.** Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27
- Tue.** Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wed.** 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
(St. Lawrence – Feast)
- Thu.** Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1
(St. Clare – Memorial)
- Fri.** Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60; 63; Matthew 19:3-12
- Sat.** Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15
- Sun.** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4;
Luke 12:49-53

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary West, Yvonne Mantey, Trista Welsh, Miranda Weise, Delpha Blahut, Jorge Ortiz, Delaney Valles, Bella Davis, Jack Wall, Will Neves, Bill Thurman, Ilene Duval, Ben Bowers, Thelma Waddle, Clementine Mills, Tom and Lorraine Cummings, Stan MacIsaac.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL – RED BLUFF

Mercy High School in Red Bluff is enrolling now for the 2016-2017 School Year. At Mercy High we offer:

- Low Student/Teacher Ratio (13:1)
- College Prep Coursework
- 10 Advanced Placement Courses
- 100% of Graduates go on to college
- 0% drop-out rate
- Competitive athletics & clubs
- Campus Ministry and Service Programs
- Transportation available from Redding

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