ST. BEDE CHURCH

REFLECTION
Some of Saint Paul’s best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together. Unlike some of Paul’s other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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NEWS UPDATE

ROSARY FOR PEACE – So often we feel so helpless when we look at all the violence/wars in the world today. But there is something we can do as a community that will make a difference. Join us on Monday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the church to pray for peace by reciting the Rosary, the Litany of our Blessed Mother and a prayer for peace. We will continue to meet on the 1st Monday of each month. Please come, bring family and friends and help us make a difference! Sponsored by the St. Bede Respect Life Committee

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – Your St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist a young single mother move into a room that she will be renting. She is expecting her first child in March and is now in a safe place with co-owner of the house who, with her husband, are expecting their first child in July. During the Home Visit, Vincentians join with those we serve as we clothe ourselves with heartfelt mercy serving each other in a special way. Thank you St. Bede Parishioners as you enable us to confidently serve our neighbors. Blessing, prayers, and love, SVDP

THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME – will be sponsoring a Life Choices retreat for young women the weekend of February 5, 2016. Please come and join a group of adult women studying life choices, exploring various options and learning a process for decision making in a Weekend Retreat, February 5-7, 2016. Our time together begins Friday evening at 6:00 PM and concludes Sunday early afternoon. For more information and registration call Sr. Annette at (408) 390-7184.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY – Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, March 4-6, 2016, Los Altos Hills, CA. For reservations and more information contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 650-949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email srllaguna@doc1633.org www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – Jesus came into the world to bring the good news, to proclaim liberty, give the recovery of sight, and free the oppressed. Are you letting Him proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 26-28 or August 5-7. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwme.org. Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
— Luke 4:18a