Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

John 20:19

April 3, 2016

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 4/3
- No RE Classes
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 6 pm
Monday, 4/4
- Winter Nights Shelter
- RE Older Sac, Parish Hall 4 pm
Tuesday, 4/5
- Winter Nights Shelter
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 7-8, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm

Wednesday, 4/6
- Winter Nights Shelter
- Sewing Ministry, Rms A/B 9 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grd 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Rosary Makers, Min. Ctr 7 pm
- St V DePaul, Chapel 7 pm

Thursday, 4/7
- Winter Nights Shelter
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RCIA, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Friday, 4/8
- Winter Nights Shelter
- First Friday Mass, 7 pm
Saturday, 4/9
- Winter Nights Shelter
- Men’s fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Altar Society, Rms A/B 8:30 am
Sunday, 4/10
- Winter Nights Shelter
- RE Older Sac, Parish Hall 4 pm
- ICF Mtg, Parish Hall 2 pm
- Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6 pm
Dear Friends,

This is Divine Mercy Sunday which we celebrate in a special way during this year of Mercy! While showing mercy to others can be fogless in many situations, it can be less clear quite often as we go through daily life. I am speaking of how we relate to homeless and street people when we see them at freeway exit and city sidewalks. The following is something I am across recently and I like how it sheds light on this awkward topic.

5 Things to never do when a homeless person asks you for money:

1. Ignore them.
   Ignoring panhandlers is the way most people respond. Unfortunately, it is also quite dehumanizing. The best thing you can do is respond politely. Acknowledge they are speaking to you, and reply “Sorry sir/ma’am, I can’t”.

2. Buy them food instead of giving money.
   Unless they say so, hunger is not the only problem homeless people face. Perhaps the money they are asking for is for other necessities. Ask before assuming.

3. Tell them to get a job.
   Unemployment may not be the biggest concern facing the person on the street; there are many obstacles they must overcome before then can find a job from finding a safe place for the night, to finding a place to shower or even money for a toothbrush. Not to mention, many homeless people do have jobs, but they don’t earn enough.

4. Assume they are lying.
   Assuing that economically disadvantaged people are always trying to game the system is unrealistic. Living on the street, asking unsympathetic strangers for money is not an easy way to survive. Without knowing each person’s story, it is unfair to assume they are liars as well as homeless.

5. Assume they are criminals.
   While a high percentage of homeless people have substance abuse and/or mental health issues, that doesn’t automatically mean they are also criminals. Many are ashamed of their situation and try not to draw attention to themselves.

How we show mercy to others is not often clear as to how to do it. However, having an attitude adjustment in the above-mentioned areas might be the way to go. Being kind and merciful to the homeless during this year of mercy might be a very practical way to celebrate Easter JOY!

In God’s love and mine,

Fr. Vince
Mark your calendars! Catholics@ work presents a very special, fun for the whole family, entertaining evening. A unique opportunity to be up close and personal with EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) host and NY Times bestselling author, Raymond Arroyo. Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Isidore Church in Danville. Admission free! This will be a fun, entertaining and uplifting evening event for the whole family. Reservations not required, but come early to get a good seat! For more info: www.catholicsatwork.org.


Support science education at Carondelet’s Swing for Science Golf Tournament, Monday, April 25 at Diablo Country Club. Registration includes green and cart fees, tee prize, refreshments, deli box lunch and adult beverages. Participants will also have the opportunity to win a new car and try their hand at a variety of golf challenges. The event will conclude with the 19th Hole - a two hour premium hosted bar with a silent auction, clubhouse banquet and awards. Single golfers are $350.00. Call Lynn to register at 925-686-5353, ext. 154 or online at carondelet.net/golf.

Save the Date for Sr. Joanne’s Retirement Celebration! Make plans to join us to celebrate Sr. Joanne and her many, many contributions to all of us here at CTK. We will celebrate at the 12:15 mass on Sunday, April 24, followed by an outdoor reception. More details to follow!

Youth Group Coffee House! Join us on Sunday, April 24th after the 6 pm mass (around 7:15 pm) for our annual Coffee House Talent Show. Come support young artists and musicians at a night filled with music, art and entertainment. Event will be held in the parish hall. Join us!

Earth Day Celebration and Family Dinner, Sunday, April 17, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Join San Damiano Retreat Center for a fun filled Earth Day Celebration for the whole family. Festivities begin at 3:00 pm and will include a natural history hike, stories, crafts, tree planting, music, and more. A family style, child-friendly dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Registration is $12 and $6 for children 12 and under. For more information, visit Sandamiano.org.

Christ the King has teamed up with Car Donation Services, Inc. to provide you with an easy way to donate a vehicle, whether it is running or not! Car donations Services, located in Martinez, has been helping local charities since 1990 and will take care of every aspect of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly. Proceeds from all vehicle donations will go to the CTK Capital Campaign, unless you tell us otherwise. To get started, call 888-686-4483 and identify yourself as a CTK parishioner.

Whether your child is looking for educational, enrichment or sports programs this summer, Carondelet High School has it all! This year, we are expanding our co-ed summer school offerings to include both high school advancement and middle school programs. Visit us at carondelet.net/summer for more information about these exciting classes. We can’t wait to see you!

Jubilee Year of Mercy April 3, 2016 Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. “At times how hard it seems to forgive!” he acknowledges. “And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart” (Misericordiae Vultus, 9). The necessary condition for living joyfully? “To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge.” May Divine Mercy Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:
Ann Marie Costello, Sister Eleanor Eagan, Olivia Lovett, Virginia George, Rich Ryan and Christie Cox. Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community. May they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask this through the Lord Jesus. Amen.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Bishop’s Appeal?
The Bishop’s Appeal is an organized effort to give every Catholic family in the Diocese of Oakland the opportunity to make a gift to the best of their financial ability to support the ministries and services that no one parish can provide on its own. It gives each household a chance to help further the mission of the Diocesan Church, through sharing our gifts and our faith as responsible stewards as we, together, share God’s Mercy.

What does the Bishop’s Appeal Fund?
- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Religious Education & Formation
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need
- Safe Environment Programs

Assisting Local Parishes
More information can be found in the “Sharing God’s Mercy” brochure found in church, or by going to www.oakdiocese.org/giving.

Is the Bishop’s Appeal different than the “Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together” capital campaign?
Yes. The Bishop’s Appeal funds completely different components than the capital campaign with the exception of priest’s retirement. The money received from the Appeal will be applied to the components listed above and is completely separate from the capital campaign account.

*Next weekend we will have a second collection for The Bishop’s Appeal*