



St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Parish

One parish † Six distinct communities † Sharing one common faith

Immaculate Conception Church, 115 Spanish Street, Sutter Creek, CA

Our Lady of the Pines Church, 26750 Tiger Creek Road, Pioneer, CA

Sacred Heart Church, 20 Relihan Drive, Ione, CA

St. Bernard Church, 16285 Emigrant Streets, Volcano, CA

St. Mary of the Mountains Church, 18765 Church Street, Plymouth, CA

St. Patrick Church, 115 Court Street, Jackson, CA

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Parish

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Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Ash Wednesday is February 22. The schedule and locations for Mass and/or Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes are as follows :

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center, Martell

Liturgy of the Word & Ashes: 5:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, Sutter Creek:

Mass & Ashes: 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Pioneer:

Mass & Ashes: 9:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word & Ashes: 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Ione:

Mass & Ashes: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Bernard Church, Volcano:

Liturgy of the Word & Ashes: 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Mountains Church, Plymouth:

Liturgy of the Word & Ashes: 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Church, Jackson:

Mass & Ashes: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Special Collection on Ash Wednesday

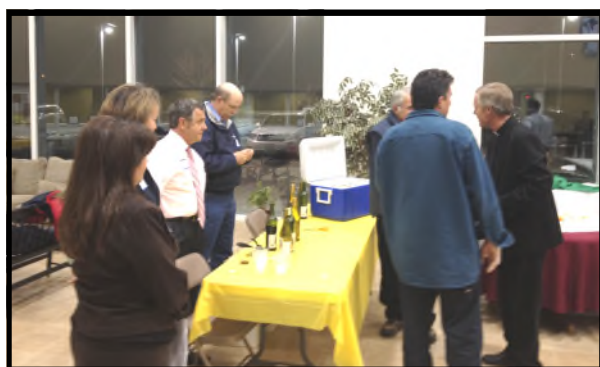
A special collection will be taken on Ash Wednesday. It will benefit the Interfaith Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity to this very important community resource.

Note for Our Lady of the Pines Parishioners

Because of Ash Wednesday Mass and/or liturgies to be held on February 22 at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., there will not be Mass on Tuesday, February 21. The regular Tuesday Mass schedule will begin again on February 28.

Capital Campaign Receptions are Off to a Great Start

The Capital Campaign receptions started February 7. Approximately 60 people attended the first night. Todd Koolkian, our representative from Guidance in Giving, and Fr. Larry spoke on the campaign and answered questions from the parishioners. There have been several receptions since and there are more to come. If you have not yet signed up to attend or are unable to attend a reception at the Parish Center, there will be receptions held at the churches soon. Call the Parish Office if you have any questions.



Father Larry greets parishioners at the first reception held on February 7.



Collections

Collection totals for the weekend of February 12 are as follows:

<i>St. Katharine Drexel</i>	\$1,217
<i>Immaculate Conception Church</i>	\$ 828
<i>Our Lady of the Pines Church</i>	\$1,314
<i>Sacred Heart Church</i>	\$ 620
<i>St. Bernard Church</i>	\$ 609
<i>St. Mary of the Mountains Church</i>	\$1,254
<i>St. Patrick Church</i>	\$2,309

Thank you for your generosity.



Attention All Teens!

Don't forget - we will gather on Ash Wednesday morning for a prayer breakfast prior to attending the Ash Wednesday vice at St. Patrick. A Lenten Study series for teens will be meeting on Monday nights beginning February 27. Please contact Marci Russell at 217-7145 if you are interested in attending and for more information.

Catholics Returning Home Program Begins Today

The Catholics Returning Home Program begins today. It will continue for six weeks, ending on March 25. Sessions will be held at the Parish Center for two hours from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information call the Center Office at 223-2970.

St. Mary of the Mountains' Potluck is Today

The annual spring potluck is today, at 5:00 p.m. at the Shenandoah Community Clubhouse on Shenandoah School Road in Plymouth. You'll need to bring your own utensils (plate, eating utensils, etc.) to eat with. If you haven't signed up yet, you can still call Jean Bowling at 245-6764 or Fran Doll at 245-3711 to let them know you're coming and what dish you will bring.

Rummage Sale Chairperson Still Needed

Our Lady of the Pines needs a chairperson(s) for our annual Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale is held the last weekend of May. If interested please contact any Our Lady of the Pines Society Board members. Phone numbers are posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for your consideration in this request. Ron Burns, President, Our Lady of the Pines Society

Office Closed on Monday, February 20

Please note that the Parish Center office will be closed next Monday, February 20, due to Presidents' Day holiday. We will be open again on Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Y.L.I.

Gemma #75 and Columbia #72

Is Sponsoring

A Visit to the California Museum for
A Special Exhibit on March 10, 2012*Women & spirit*

CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America reveals the mystery behind a small group of innovative American women who helped shape the nation's social and cultural landscape. Discover the sisters' quiet courage during many dramatic moments in US history, including the Civil War, the Gold Rush, the San Francisco Earthquake, the influenza epidemic, the Civil Rights Movement, and Hurricane Katrina.

A \$50 fee covers the following:

- Round trip bus transportation from Martell to Sacramento
- Lunch with choice of entrée* at Tower Bridge Bistro in Old Sacramento
- Admission to the exhibit for a docent-lead Tour

Departure is the Parish Center at 10:00 a.m. and returning approximately 4:30 p.m.

The deadline is February 24. Payment confirms reservation; no refunds after February 24.

Contact Barbara Marre at 267-5677 for reservations or more details.

"Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? ...No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great.... No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed."

- Pope Benedict XVI



Following the Catechumens (RCIA): The Rite of Sending (February 25) and the Rite of Election.

In the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), Pope Paul VI wrote that the period of instruction of the Catechumens "may be sanctified by sacred rites to be celebrated at successive intervals of time (P65)." On Saturday, February 25 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St Katherine Drexel Parish, the candidates (already baptized) and catechumens who are seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic faith will participate in one of these sanctified rites called the Rite of Sending. This is a most important moment for our Parish as the Rite of Sending, "offers the local community the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the celebration of the election assured of the parish's care and support (RCIA rite book P107)." It is not "the RCIA team" that is sending them; it is all of you. The following day, they will participate in the Rite of Election at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral where the Bishop will accept them into the final stage of the RCIA process. The rite is called the Election, because "the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the Election by God, in whose name the Church acts (P119)."

On Saturday, as a sign of their pledge, they will sign their names in the book of the elect, which will be brought to the Cathedral where the names will be read and they will be accepted by the Bishop into the final stages of RCIA before their initiation at the Easter Vigil. If you've been told how many Catholics are leaving the Church, you should have seen the thousands entering last year! It is expected to be just as crowded this year as the Diocese has four Masses planned to accommodate all of the elect.

Join us at St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center for the Rite of Sending to pray with and show your spiritual support for our candidates and catechumens as our most Emeritus Pastor, Reverend Relihan, sends our newest brothers and sisters in Christ to the Cathedral.

Important: Get Involved and Let Your Voice be Heard

There are several issues that are of importance to us, as Catholics. For any social justice issue, you can go to www.cacatholic.org. Following is a list of issues that you should read.

SB9

California Senate Bill 9 is a measure which would allow youth under 18 who have been sentenced to a prison term of Life Without Possibility of Parole to be reviewed after serving at least 25 years in prison. This does not release them: it only allows judge to review them for consideration of specific parole eligibility. For more information go to www.fairsentencingforyouth.org

The Parental Notification Initiative.

This initiative will respect parents' right to be informed about the welfare of their daughters. The initiative will require doctors to notify parents 48 hours prior to an abortion on their minor daughter.

The SAFE California Initiative

This initiative will replace the use of the death penalty for a capital crime with the penalty of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. “

The HHS Mandate

The recent HHS decision to mandate contraceptive coverage is an assault on conscience, and an attack on a basic human right. By forcing citizens to violate their consciences, the government has imposed itself on the most human aspect of our lives—an area only rightly governed by God, liberty, and the common good. To sign a petition to stop it you can go to: www.stophhs.com.

About the California Conference

The California Catholic Conference (CCC) is the official voice of the Catholic community in California's public policy arena. Its mission is to advocate with the legislative, administrative and judicial branches of state government for the Catholic Church's public policy agenda and to facilitate common pastoral efforts in the Catholic community. The CCC also enables ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and action.

Small Christian Community Lenten Reflection Series

The Lenten Reflection Series starts this week on February 22. We have already had registrations for the series. If you are a leader or host for a group, please let Lisa Hall know. If you have room in your group let her know how many more you can accommodate and where you meet. Materials will be available on-line or for copying from the center. You can email Lisa at scc@stkatharinedrexel.com.

Our Lady of the Pines Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten Soup Suppers at Our Lady of the Pines are scheduled as follows:

February 24—Sponsored by OLOP Society

March 2—Sponsored by YMI #137

March 9—Sponsored by OLOP Society

March 16—None scheduled due to Confirmation Retreat

March 23—YMI #137

March 30—OLOP Society

Stations of the Cross are at 5:30 p.m. The Soup Suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. in Haran Hall.

Catholicism 101 Brown-bag Lunch Information

The Catholicism 101 meetings on Thursdays are cancelled until Lent is over. **However**, it will be replaced by a Lenten Reflection Series group starting on February 23. Lisa Hall will be the host/leader for the group. They will meet from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will not be a meeting this Thursday. For more information e-mail scc@stkatharinedrexel.com or call the Parish Center at 223-2970.

Ladies Night

Come join us for an evening of faith and friendship among women! No homework! No commitment needed...just women encouraging women. It will be on the last Tuesday of the month, February 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, call Sarah at 204-2204 or Michelle at 418-5506. Hope to see you there!

Annual Corned Beef Dinner Coming to Our Lady of the Pines

Our Lady of the Pines Society invite you to join us at our annual corned beef dinner on March 10 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. It will be a complete meal with corned beef and the sides that go along with it, dessert, drinks, a raffle, music, and lots of fun. It will be held at Haran Hall. Only 125 tickets are sold. Tickets go fast. No tickets are sold at the door. Adults are \$15, Children, 5-10 years old, are \$5 and 4 and under are free.

We could use help with the dinner so if you could help, please call Thelma Asbury at 295-4442 or Judy Christopoulos at 295-1942.



Interfaith Food Bank Fundraiser Thursday, March 1

The Immaculate Conception Mens' Club is sponsoring a Bingo fundraiser for the Interfaith Food Bank. It will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. A light buffet supper will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The cost for the supper is \$5. Come join the fun and support a great cause. For more info call Suzie Reynolds at 267-5387 or the Interfaith Food Bank at 267-9006.

Fr. Slowey Hopes to Return to Parish this Summer

We are hoping Fr. Slowey can return this summer while Fr. Larry and Fr. Roland are on vacation from mid-July through early September. As St. Patrick parishioners recall, he has been coming during most of the summers for some 20 years and has become well acquainted with many parishioners. However, the cost of the airfare from Ireland is, of course, considerable. If you are in a financial position to offer an extra gift to the parish so we can pay for this ticket, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. We would welcome your response by March 15th to insure the best ticket rate.

We are also in need of locating a car for Fr. Slowey to use during his stay. If you can help him out for part or all of his visit, please contact the Parish Center or Fr. Larry.

Cemetery Advisory Board

Dedicated to preserving our past is important to most of us. Improving for the future is also part and parcel of our obligations as Catholic Christians. We are organizing a group of people interested in the heritage of those who went before us as the **Catholic Cemetery Advisory Board**. We would like wide representatives from through-out Amador County who will be active participants in caring for and Improving the eight existing Catholic Cemeteries that are now consecrated sites for those who have gone before. These sites are: St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Immaculate Conception *Historic* Catholic Cemetery, Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery, St. Steven Catholic Cemetery, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, and the unnamed Burke Ranch Catholic Cemetery.

The first meeting will be on February 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will discuss our objectives, current practices, Community communications, volunteer coordination and have some refreshments besides. If you are interested in finding out more or joining with us in this please come to the meeting or let Deacon Ed know of your interest in future meetings, which will occur about every three months. Any suggestions you might have would also be welcome. Thanks for your consideration of this project.

(A Special Note for Our Spanish-Speaking Families)

Distribución del Banco de Comida en 2012

Alimentos cada mes para familias que califican. Vamos a server familias el cuarto lunes de cada mes con excepción de mayo y diciembre. Aprovechase de esta oportunidad. Esto esta abierto a todas las familias en el Condado de Amador que califican.

FECHA
Febrero 27

TIEMPO
9:00 - 11:00 a.m



Scholarship Information



Apply Now for Our Lady of the Pines Society Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the OLOP Society Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship is intended for a graduating high school or home-schooled senior, to support his/her continuing education. Awarded on the basis of time and talent given to support the needs of the former St. Patrick Parish. Filing deadline is March 19, 2012. Check it out at stkatharinedrexel.com or you can send an email to a-wright@att.net. You can also pick up an application at the Parish Center.

Amador County Council 1849 Knights of Columbus

The Amador County Council 1849, Knights of Columbus, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Catholic senior in Amador County. The application and information can be picked up from either Amador High School, Argonaut High School, or St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center. They may also be downloaded at:

kofc-1849.org/Amador_Knights/Scholarship.html. The scholarship will be awarded at one of the high schools and at a family dinner later this spring.

It is important to make sure applicants follow all directions and complete all application information. The application and supporting documents must be received by Sunday, April 15, 2012. A postmark on the envelope will not be sufficient. The address to where it must be mailed is on the application documents.

Nicholas Ragusano
Chairman
Scholarship Committee
Amador County Council 1849
Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of the Pines-YMI #137 Fr. George Thomas Scholarship

Fr. George Thomas Scholarship sponsored by YMI Chapter 137 at Our Lady of the Pines church. Applications for this \$1,000 scholarship are due by April 30, 2012.

Apply to: YMI scholarship137@gmail.com.

YLI Gemma #75

Gemma #72, Sutter Creek, is offering a \$500 scholarship. The information is at your high school counseling office. Be sure to pick up your packet with all the information in it. Check with your school to see when the deadline date is. If you have any questions, call Laurie Campoy at 304-7082.

YLI Columbia #72

Columbia #72, St. Patrick, is offering a \$500 scholarship. The information is at your high school counseling office. Be sure to pick up your packet with all the information in it. The deadline for submitting your application is March 15. If you have any questions, call Maja Johnson at 296-5911.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is offering a \$1,000 scholarship. The information is at your high school counseling office. Be sure to pick up your packet with all the information in it. The deadline for submitting your application is March 15. If you have any questions, call Eric Johnson at 296-5911.

This Week at a Glance

February 19-February 25, 2012

Parish Center

Sun	Feb 19	2:00 p.m.	Catholics Come Home
Mon	Feb 20	OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAY	
Tues	Feb 21	6:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Reception
Wed	Feb 22	12:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Reception
		5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
		6:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Reception
		6:30 p.m.	NO Be Not Afraid Prayer Group (Will meet at the Parish Center this week only)
Thurs	Feb 23	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Reflection Series
		1:00 p.m.	Steering Committee Mtg
		6:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Reception
Fri	Feb 24	7:00 p.m.	K of C Bible Study (Call Parish Center for info)
Sat	Feb 25	5:00 p.m.	Rite of Sending at Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Reception

Immaculate Conception Church

Sun	Feb 19	12:00 p.m.	Spanish FF
		1:00 p.m.	Spanish Mas
Wed	Feb 22	8:00 a.m.	Mass & Ashes
Thurs	Feb 23	2:30 p.m.	FF (Grades 1-6)
		3:30 p.m.	FF (Grades 7-8)
Fri	Feb 24	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Pines Church

Sun	Feb 19	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
		10:30 a.m.	FF
Tues	Feb 21	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed	Feb 22	9:30 a.m.	Mass & Ashes
		5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
Fri	Feb 24	10:00 a.m.	Adoration
		5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
		6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper

Sacred Heart Church

Wed	Feb 22	7:00 a.m.	Mass & Ashes
		7:00 p.m.	Mass & Ashes
Fri	Feb 24	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

St. Bernard Church

Wed	Feb 22	4:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
Fri	Feb 24	4:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

St. Mary of the Mountains Church

Sun	Feb 19	10:30 a.m.	FF
		5:00 p.m.	Potluck.
Wed	Feb 22	9:00 a.m.	Rosary
		6:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
Fri	Feb 24	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

This Week at a Glance

February 19-February 25, 2012 (continued)

St. Patrick Church

Sun	Feb 19	5:00 p.m.	NO FF (Grades 7-8)
Mon	Feb 20	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group (call Parish Center for info)
Tues	Feb 21	5:30 p.m.	K of C Potluck
Wed	Feb 22	8:00 a.m.	Mass & Ashes
		2:30 p.m.	FF-Grades 1-3
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Mass & Ashes
Thurs	Feb 23	2:30 p.m.	FF-Grades 4-6
Fri	Feb 24	12:30 p.m.	Adoration
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Daily Mass Readings

February 19-February 26, 2012

Sun	February 19:	Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25 Psalm 41:2-5, 13-14 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12
Mon	February 20:	James 3:13-18 Psalm 19:8-10, 15- Mark 9:14-29
Tues	February 21:	James 4:1-10 Psalm 55:7-11,23 Mark 9:30-37
Wed	February 22:	Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs	February 23:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25
Fri	February 24:	Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 51:3-6:18-19 Matthew 9:14-15
Sat	February 25:	Isaiah 58:9-14 Psalm 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32
Sun	February 26:	Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 25:4-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Mass Schedules

Call the Parish Center (PC) for Holy Day Schedule

Parish Center, Martell

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.

**Immaculate Conception Church, Sutter Creek
115 Spanish Street**

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
Monday and Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

**Our Lady of the Pines Church, Pioneer
26750 Tiger Creek Road**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday and Friday: 9:30 a.m.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Ione
20 Relihan Drive**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
During Lent Only:
Monday through Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
Friday: 7:00 p.m.

**St. Bernard Church, Volcano
16285 Emigrant Streets**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

**St. Mary of the Mountains Church, Plymouth
18765 Church Street**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

**St. Patrick Church, Jackson
115 Court Street**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

La Misa en Español—1:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Mountains: 1st & 2nd Sundays
Immaculate Conception: 3rd and 4th (& 5th) Sundays

Baby News:



ShaVolla and Carlos Rodriguez welcomed Luciano Eduardo on February 8. Everyone is doing just fine. They want to thank everyone for their prayers.

Jackie and John Malhotra welcomed a boy, Adrien on February 9. Adrien weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz. Mom and Adrien are both doing fine and thank you for all your prayers.



Please Pray for:

Don Armstrong, Bob Buck, Lee Cook, Don Davis, **Paul Dowd**, Jenna Giel, Linda Erickson, Sheila FitzPatrick, Don Garibaldi, **Cannon Helzer**, Lavonne Hibner, Norm Hoffman, Jo and Norm Hoffman's granddaughter Casi, Nancy Knox, Zee Lawrence, Myrna Lee, Ken and Cyndi Martin, **Ada Mocelin, Joe Mocelin**, Jay Moisa, Louise Morgenstern, Dick and Rita Ormsby, Ada Quinnin, June Rank, John Reynolds, Emmett Rettagliata, Becky Schafer, **Larry Schembari**, Arnie Simoni, Ade-lynn Smith (4 years old, open heart surgery), Dan Sooy, Beverly Tippin, **Elaine Vela**, Brittany Vinson, Twila Warren

Repose of the Soul of Alan Scholl

The Gift of Life:

Please pray for these expectant mothers:
Elizabeth Butler, Sara Drefs, Stephanie Rebelo, Cassy Smylie, and **Jessica Campoy White**

Serving in the Middle East:

Heath Beard, Joshua Doss, Gregory Durr, Kano J. Hernandez, Daniel Moody, Matt Summers, Kendall Woodard

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat	Feb 18	4:30 p.m. (SB) 5:00 p.m. (PC)	For the People William Kupholdt†
Sun	Feb 19	8:00 a.m. (SP) 8:00 a.m. (SH) 9:30 a.m. (OLOP) 9:30 a.m. (SM) 11:00 a.m. (SP) 11:00 a.m. (IC)	William Kupholdt† Capital Campaign Carl Reynolds† Capital Campaign Bud Huberty† Lucille Stropp†
Mon	Feb 20	8:00 a.m. (IC)	Capital Campaign
Tues	Feb 21	8:00 a.m. (SP) 9:30 a.m. (OLOP)	Teresa Toldsdorf † Bob Rank†
Wed	Feb 22	8:00 a.m. (SP) 8:00 a.m. (IC)	Capital Campaign Capital Campaign
Thurs	Feb 23	8:00 a.m.	Capital Campaign
Fri	Feb 24	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Capital Campaign Marti & Julian Waugh††

Sacraments**Reconciliation***Parish Center, Martell*

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines, Pioneer

Friday after Mass or by appointment

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ione

Upon request before Mass or by appointment

St. Bernard, Volcano

Upon request before Mass or by appointment

St. Mary of the Mountains, Plymouth

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. or by appointment

Weddings

Call the Parish Center six months in advance

Baptisms

Call the Parish Center for required preparation

Faith Formation*Immaculate Conception, Sutter Creek*

Liz Powers: lizzmann44@hotmail.com

Thursday: 2:30 p.m. (Grades 1-6)

3:30 p.m. (Grades 7-8)

Our Lady of the Pines, Pioneer

Susan Kirkwood-Yates: skirkwoodyates@stkatharinedrexel.com

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. (Grades 1-6)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ione

Maureen Curran: curran1991@dishmail.net

Sunday: 8:45 a.m.

*St. Bernard, Volcano***For info contact:**

Susan Kirkwood-Yates: skirkwoodyates@stkatharinedrexel.com

St. Mary of the Mountains, Plymouth

Liz Powers: lizzmann44@hotmail.com

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick, Jackson

Susan Kirkwood-Yates: skirkwoodyates@stkatharinedrexel.com

Wednesday: 2:30 p.m. (Grades 1-3)

Thursday: 2:30 p.m. (Grades 4-6)

Sunday: 5:00-6:15 p.m. (Grades 7-8)

En Español-Tenemos información de las clases para sus niños y adolescentes en español. Favor de contactas a Lino y Rosa Solis al 209-304-3026 para cualquier información.

Scripture Study

- Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center
- Knights of Columbus Bible Study: Friday at 7:00 p.m. (Call the Parish Center for info.)

Amador Catholic Teens (A.C.T.)

(act@stkatharinedrexel.com)

Once a month on Sunday

Contact Marci Russell at 217-7145 or Liz Powers at 256-3868

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*Our Lady of the Pines, Pioneer*

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Mountains, Plymouth

Third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

St. Patrick, Jackson

Friday: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Rosary*Parish Center, Martell*

Thursday: 7:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Pines, Pioneer

Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ione

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Mountains, Plymouth

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick, Jackson

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet*Parish Center, Martell*

Friday : 7:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Sutter Creek

Monday: 7:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Pines, Pioneer

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary of the Mountains, Plymouth

First Sunday of the Month: 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick, Jackson

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.

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Monday: 10:30 a.m. (call the Parish Center for info)

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. (call the Parish Center for info)

Our Lady of the Pines: 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays

**Stations of the Cross****Start Friday February 24**

Immaculate Conception: 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines: 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus: 7:00 p.m.

St. Bernard – 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Mountains: 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick: 6:30 p.m.

2012 LENTEN REGULATIONS & ADMONITIONS

Another Lenten journey of further conversion will begin on *Ash Wednesday, February 22*. During Lent we prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. It is a time for reflection and spiritual renewal, a time to examine our relationships with God and with others. The Church also calls us to a spirit of penance, above all to practice the "Acts of Religion": fasting, prayer and almsgiving, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* para. 1969 and 1434.) In accordance with the general law of the Church (Code of Canon Law, Canons 1249-1253), I call your attention to some Lenten duties and also offer other recommendations.

FAST & ABSTINENCE (self-denial)

To foster the spirit of penance and of reparation for sin, (including the harm that has been caused to victims and to the Church at large by clergy sexual misconduct and in reparation also for the scourge of abortion and other attacks against human life), to encourage self-denial, and to guide us in the footsteps of Jesus, Church law requires the observance of fast and abstinence.

Abstinence: *All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday, are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.*

Fasting: *Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday and to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Other forms of "fasting", especially regarding alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, is of true spiritual value and to be encouraged. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fast nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor may be consulted. Airport workers, travelers, and others while on board ships or airplanes are dispensed from the laws of fast and abstinence for the duration of their journey (except on Good Friday). It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead.*

PRAYER

In order to deepen one's love for Christ, I urge Catholics to read and pray over Sacred Scripture; to study the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; and to participate in devotions offered by the parish; and to pray more fervently - individually, as families, and in common with others. I exhort the faithful to pray the Rosary and to make private visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for world peace, and for a broad implementation of the pastoral initiatives of the recent Diocesan Synod.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Lent is a privileged time for celebrating this sacrament. Parishes generally make readily available the Sacrament of Penance, including its communal celebration. In this way, the social and ecclesial aspects of sin and reconciliation, as well as one's personal reconciliation with God may be underscored. We should attend also to reconciliation in every aspect of human life – personal, familial, societal, and ecclesial.

Lenten Mass Schedule: Daily Masses during Lent are so scheduled so as to afford the faithful ample opportunities for spiritual growth. I urge you to attend weekday Mass as often as possible.

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated publicly in each parish on Fridays during the Lenten season. You are urged to participate.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is highly encouraged during Lent and each parish is also urged to schedule Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Forty Hours) in accordance with Canon 942. The faithful are encouraged to take part whenever possible.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once during the Easter Season: Easter Sunday, April 8, through Holy Trinity Sunday, June 3. You are encouraged to receive Communion as often as possible during Lent and Eastertide.

ALMSGIVING

The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a form of piety, a witness of fraternal charity and an expression of Lenten conversion. Therefore, I urge all Catholics to support generously the charitable works of the Church, including ordinary stewardship to their parish, the 22nd Annual Catholic Appeal for Catholic Charities and contribution to the Diocesan Food Bowl. People are also encouraged to assist the sick, the aged, the needy and the imprisoned, both personally and through parish and civic programs. Fasting and abstinence together with works of charity help Catholics live in solidarity with the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer.




As we pursue our Lenten pilgrimage of faith and climb the holy mountain of Easter, may God direct our steps to himself, and show us how to walk always in his way.

+ Jaime SotoBishop of Sacramento

*Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting.
Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.*

Fast from judging others
 Feast on the Christ dwelling in them
 Fast from emphasis on differences
 Feast on the unity of life
 Fast from apparent darkness
 Feast on the reality of light
 Fast from thoughts of illness
 Feast on the healing power of God
 Fast from words that pollute
 Feast on words that purify
 Fast from discontent
 Feast on gratitude
 Fast from anger
 Feast on patience
 Fast from pessimism
 Feast on optimism
 Fast from worry
 Feast on Divine Providence
 Fast from complaining
 Feast on appreciation
 Fast from negatives
 Feast on affirmatives

Fast from unrelenting pleasures
 Feast on unceasing prayer
 Fast from hostility
 Feast on peace
 Fast from bitterness
 Feast on forgiveness
 Fast from self-concern
 Feast on compassion for others
 Fast from personal anxiety
 Feast on trust
 Fast from discouragement
 Feast on hope
 Fast from acts that tear down
 Feast on acts which build up
 Fast from thoughts that weaken
 Feast on promises that inspire
 Fast from idle gossip
 Feast on purposeful silence
 Fast from problems which overwhelm
 Feast on prayer that undergirds

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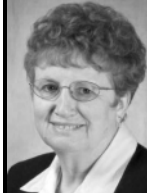
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