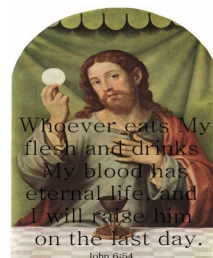


*"I have come  
to light a fire  
on the earth."*

JOHN 8:54



AUGUST 19, 2018

THE 20TH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**MASS SCHEDULE August 21st through August 26th**

**Tuesday - Thursday (Aug. 21—23) 7:00 am Daily**  
**Friday (Aug. 24) 8:30 am School (in the Chapel)**  
**Saturday (Aug. 25) 5:30 pm Vigil (Fr. Pepka)**  
**Sunday (Aug. 26) 9:00 & 11:00 am**  
**4:30 pm**

**SVdP News and Events:**

1 - BUNDLE SUNDAY on Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 8/9, starting at 8 am. You can bring your donations to the church parking lot. Receipts provided on request.  
 2 - WALK FOR THE POOR on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the School. This is a fundraiser for our ministry. Shirts available for purchase. So... put on your walking shoes, mingle with other Vincentians, make some new friends, gather up those pledges and come exercise for a good cause.  
 3 - SVdP needs beds. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements or for information. Thank you.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE WITH PATRICK MADRID.**

FOUR BACK-TO-BACK SEMINARS TO ENLIVEN YOUR SPIRITUALITY.  
 SPONSORED BY GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 29TH  
 (8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM) AT 9539 RACQUET COURT, ELK GROVE.  
 TICKETS ARE \$25 PER PERSON. TO PURCHASE AND REGISTER, VISIT  
[WWW.GSCCEG.ORG](http://WWW.GSCCEG.ORG). YOU CAN BROWN-BAG FOR LUNCH OR PURCHASE  
 FROM AVAILABLE FOOD TRUCKS. BOOKS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE. THIS  
 IS A JUBILEE EVENT DESTINED TO INSPIRE CATHOLICS ALL OVER!

**Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) is Sept. 4, 2018 thru May 21, 2019 . A second announcement will be published if the dates change. Costs are : 1 child = \$70; 2 children = \$85 and 3+ children = \$100. To register, visit: [westsacolg.com/cff-catholic-faith-formation-or](http://westsacolg.com/cff-catholic-faith-formation-or) - <https://goo.gl/forms/dWYoOxgWn41k12> . Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.**



REMINDER: Camp Pendola FAMILY CAMP - an unplugged weekend of fun & relaxation in the pines near Camptonville on Sept. 1 - 3, 2018. Families of all sizes are welcome. To register, visit [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org) or call (530) 389-2780. Info cards are in the church entrance.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY - EZ 24:15-23; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20,21; MT 5:3; MT 19:16-22  
 TUESDAY - EZ 28:1-10; DT 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CED-36AB; 2 COR 8:9; MT 19:23  
 WEDNESDAY - EZ 34:1-11; PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; HEB 4:12; MT 20:1-16  
 THURSDAY - EZ 36:23-28; PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; PS 95:8; MT 22:1-14  
 FRIDAY - RV 21:9B-14; PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; JN 1:49B; JN 1:45-51  
 SATURDAY - EZ 43:1-7AB; PS 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14; MT 23:9B, 10B; MT 23:1-12  
 SUNDAY - JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B; PS 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; JN 6:63C, 68C; JN 6:60

**WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE**

Pastor's

Corner

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading. We must become like children (see [Matthew 18:3-4](#)) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness—maybe even madness—to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat. Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my Flesh" and "my Blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals. The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Proverbs 9:10](#)). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing. Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven—in which God our Savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see [Isaiah 25:6-9](#)). Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

*Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology (Stpaulcenter.com)*



**BLESS, PROTECT and PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, O LORD**

Nash Bulaong	Thomas Burkstrand	Brian Chrisman
Shelby DeLamora	Jason Enjambre	Zachary Evans
Angelo Garcia	Mikayla George	Lawrence Hermosa
Anthony Huggins	Diana Jacinto	Austin Mora
Wesley Paige	CeCe Pitts	Renald Rivera
Andrew Sawitsky	Terrin Vilhauer	Christian Watson

And pray for their families, the Chaplains, first responders, police and firefighters who protect and serve.



**ON FIRE - NorCal Jam 2018**

On Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 (9 am to 9 pm) at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo. We hope our Parish Youth will be able to take part in the day's activities, inspirational talks and performances, to kick off another year of ministry with their peers from the seven other Northern California Dioceses. Visit [www.onfirenorcal.com](http://www.onfirenorcal.com) for tickets and information. Posters are in the church. Hope to see you there!!!



Names remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to add or remove.

PAT BELDING	SUE BELDING	DOROTHY & WARREN NICHOLS
AURORA ONG	DIANE MONTGOMERY	LORETTA SARMENTO
SONJA CRAIGHTON	TIM WILLIAMS	JIM THOMPSON
CARY COPPEL	PATTY GIANATASIO	

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY, August 18th at 5:30 p.m.	For All Victims of the Recent Wildfires (Healing)
SUNDAY, August 19th at 9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners
at 11:00 a.m.	For Sebastian Alikunnel +
at 4:30 p.m.	For all Service Workers fighting the Wildfires
TUESDAY, August 21st at 7:00 a.m.	For Lydia Ramos Machado (birthday)
WEDNESDAY, August 22nd at 7:00 a.m.	For Michael Brungardt +
THURSDAY, August 23rd at 7:00 a.m.	For Thomas McGlynn +
FRIDAY, August 24th at 8:30 a.m.	School Mass (Chapel)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 25th**  
 5:30 pm -- Millie Centers, Eileen Mosley  
**Sunday, August 26th**  
 9:00 am -- Anna Beall, Michael Beall, Laura MacDonald, Sandy Westlake  
 11:00 am -- Claire Guidry, Rodney Guidry, Mario Mejia, Michael Rivera  
 4:30 pm -- Anita Sargent, Isabella Zink

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 25th**  
 5:30 pm -- Jim Martone, Grace Mosley, Grace Mosley  
**Sunday, August 26th**  
 9:00 am -- Rose Lloyd, Byron Paige, Valerie Paige  
 11:00 am -- William Smith, Joan Smith, Cindy Fabonan  
 4:30 pm -- Sydney Galvan, Natalie Chrisman, Natalie Chrisman

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 25th**  
 5:30 pm -- Emily Sherrod, Makenzie Montemayor  
**Sunday, August 26th**  
 9:00 am -- Steven Barrows, Catherine Barrows  
 11:00 am -- Zachary Fritz, Kiara Council, Kiana Council, Kailani Griffith  
 4:30 pm -- Tristan Torio, Kate Zink

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 26th**  
 9:00 am - No Class      11:00 am - Cyndi/Theresa      4:30 pm - Angela

**Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; August 12, 2018 Collection = \$3,231.00**

**Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays; Rosary & Novena, 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).

**Bereavement Ministry:** Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 as needed.

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm (Parish Ctr), topic "Letter to the Hebrews".

**Catholic Faith Formation:** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (Sept 2018 to

May 2019, dates TBA); for K-5 & Confirmation Prep for 6th - 8th (School).

**Graced Youth Ministry** - Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).

**Moms Ministry:** 3rd Sunday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Parish Center).

**Mom's Ministry Bible Study:** Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 for session times.

**OLG Prayer Meeting:** 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (OLG School Chapel).

**RCIA:** Thursdays, 5:30 pm (Parish Center); Mondays Inquiry, 7:00 pm. (Parish Center).

**Respect Life Ministry:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

**Women's Council:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).



**REMINDER: THE CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**