

Holy Spirit Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

Strength in Weakness

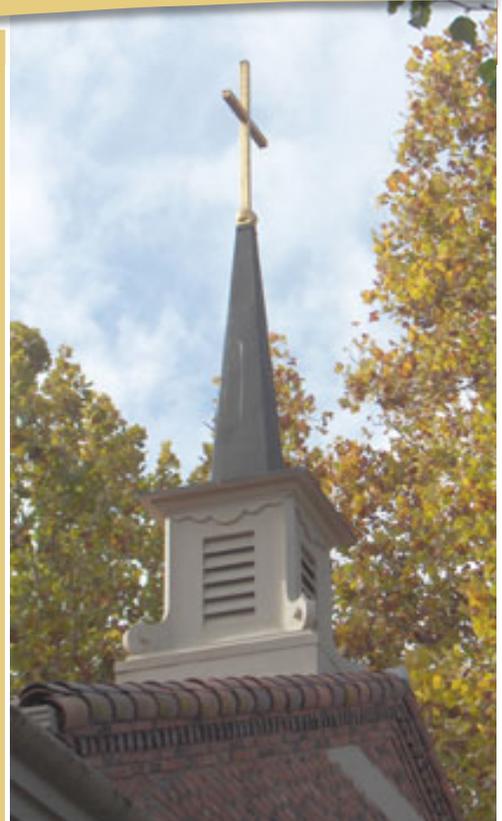
Is Paul serious? Can you imagine being content with “weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions?” (2Cor 12:10) Paul never specifies what that “thorn in the flesh” was. I used to think it referred to a physical weakness, or disability. But some of the commentaries I’ve read say that it was a person who opposed Paul (think of a “thorn in my side.”) That opponent may have been a Christian who Paul did not want to mention by name.

Paul could have been proud of all that God revealed to him, and of all that he accomplished in spreading the gospel. He sees that “thorn” as God’s way of keeping him humble. So instead he boasts about his weaknesses. He knows that all the good work he has done have been accomplished by Christ. So he accepted suffering, rejection, setbacks and persecution because they helped him see how much Christ was doing through him.

We can learn a lot from St. Paul. Remember how Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul loved himself in the good sense of accepting his faults and weaknesses. He was always aware that he once persecuted Christians. But that fault enabled him to experience God’s forgiveness. I usually try to avoid doing things that show my weaknesses. That means I might miss a chance to see how God can help. Suppose you don’t know how to swim, so you stay out of swimming pools. Of course, then you could never learn to swim. But if you get in the water and let someone teach you, you might just find yourself liking the water.

St. Paul says that when he is weak, then he is strong. He knows that God will still work through him, showing God’s power to heal the sick and draw converts to Christ, in spite of Paul’s weaknesses. Paul did what he could to encourage others to follow Jesus, but he knew the results of his preaching and healing were up to God. When you think that you would fail at spreading the faith, remember Paul and give your weaknesses to God. Then see what he can do!

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*We, the people of
Holy Spirit Parish
seek to live as disciples of Christ.
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
fed and strengthened
at the Eucharistic table,
we are called to witness the Good
News of the Gospel by our
lives of faith, service,
community, and hospitality.*

Masses:

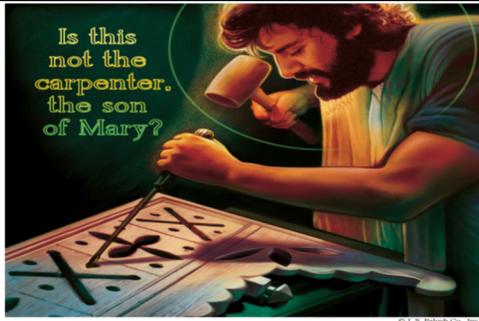
Saturday Vigil 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Weekday 8:00 a.m.

***Baptisms:** By appointment. Please call the Rectory 443-5442

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

***Marriage:** Couples planning marriage are asked to make an appointment at Rectory at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

- **Holy Spirit Parish School: (Grades TK-8) 448-5663**
Ann Marie Faires, Principal and Renee Malaki, Assistant Principal
- **Catholic Faith Formation (CFF): Patricia Scott, Director**
Grades K-8; Mondays, 5:45 to 7p.m. at Holy Spirit School.
- **Respect Life Ministry:** Mack & Lucy White 447-7327.
- **Care of Sick & Elderly:** Call the Rectory for Holy Communion home calls. 443-5442
- **St Vincent dePaul Society ~SVdP Meet 4th Tues each month 397-7264**



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I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	5:15 pm	Banicevich Family, SI
Sunday	9:00 am	Deacon Eric Hintz, SI
	11:00 am	Deacon Danny Patterson, SI
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Monday	8:00 am	Betty Downey +
Tuesday	8:00 am	For the unemployed
Wednesday	8:00 am	For Poor Souls
Thursday	8:00 am	Special Intention
Friday	8:00 am	For vocations
Saturday	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Sunday	9:00 am	Dorothy Jarzen +
	11:00 am	Veronica McNamee + (1st Anniversary)
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners

Parish Immigration Citizenship Workshops
Throughout the Summer

The Office of Catholic Charities & Social Concerns is partnering with the Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano and Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services to offer immigration naturalization workshops in parishes throughout the diocese this summer. These presentations are designed for those eligible for citizenship. One-on-one screening will be done to determine eligibility for naturalization and for a waiver of the filing fee. These workshops help reduce the common barriers to citizenship and support immigrants continuing to desire and seek U.S. citizenship. For more info visit www.scd.org/immigration or contact Carolina Estrada at 916-733-0253 or cestrada@scd.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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THE GREATEST NEED

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

—Anonymous

New Parishioner Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Ph. # _____

Email: _____

Please place form in the collection or drop off at the rectory.

Here at Home



Welcoming our Parochial Vicar

We are so happy to welcome Fr. Abraham Chacko, our new Parochial Vicar! There will be a reception in his honor after all Masses this weekend in the McHugh Hall. Come say hello and make him feel welcome here at Holy Spirit Parish.



Market Sunday is July 15th

The second Market Sunday of the summer will be **next Sunday, July 15**. This is our very own Farmers Market just for Holy Spirit Parishioners. Drop off your home grown veggies, flowers, herbs, etc. and pick up something to take home. Donations are welcome but not necessary - this is all about sharing from our abundance. Sponsored by the Helping Hearts Ministry. The next Market Sunday will be August 12.

NEW Evening Book Club!

Do you love to read and seek fellowship? If so, you will love our evening book club! Meetings will be at **7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday** in the St. Joseph room (behind the altar, enter from parking lot). For the **July 17th** meeting we are reading **Life in a California Mission: Monterrey in 1786** by Jean Francois de la Perouse. This title caught our eye as it gives us a glimpse into the missions many of us have visited along the Camino Real in California. Our August book will be **Falling Upwards** by Richard Rohr. Contact Gisela at ggsnowwhite@hotmail.com if you have questions.



ONLY HALFWAY

You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side.

—Chinese proverb

This Week At A Glance

- July 7/8 **Welcome to Fr. Chacko!**
- July 10 **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**
- July 10 **Surviving Divorce meeting**
- July 11 **Coffee & Catholicism**
- July 12 **A Biblical Walk with Blessed Mother**
- July 15 **Market Sunday**
- July 17 **Evening Book Club**

**Please call the rectory for further information on any events listed for the up-coming week.

Coffee & Catholicism

On **July 11** we shall complete our study of the Church's teaching about the Blessed Virgin Mary. The next topic will be the development of Catholic teaching on the Eucharist from New Testament times to today. These sessions take place immediately after the 8:00am Mass on Wednesday mornings in the McHugh Hall. If you haven't been able to attend yet, why not come during the summer months? What a great way to start your day!

Quo Vadis/Where are you going?

This summer retreat for young men ages 13 to 17 allows participants to listen to vocation stories, have fun, pray and learn about the different charisms and vocations (consecrated, married, religious and single life) to begin thinking of their own calling. **August 2-5** at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax. \$60 (includes room and meals) until July 16th, then \$70. Registrations will not be accepted after July 24th. Download forms and register at: www.scd.org/quovadis

Camp Pendola Family Camp

Inviting all families, to spend time together away from the demands of the daily schedule, **September 1-3**. Unplug yourselves and join us for our annual Family Camp, a weekend of fun and relaxation up in the pines at Camp Pendola near Camptonville. Families of all sizes are welcome with rates starting at \$175, max \$450. Fees cover all food and activities. For questions and to register call 530-389-2780 or visit online at www.pendola.org



ON Fire NorCal Jam 2018

Calling all high school youth and young adults in their 20s and 30s **Saturday, Sept 15 9am-9pm**. We'll set our hearts ON Fire at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo with morning Mass with the Diocesan Bishops, concerts, national speakers, evening program including Adoration, and exclusive ride time after the park closes from 7-9pm. Order tickets today: www.onfirenorcal.com

Whom do you consider a prophet today? How do you honor today's prophets?