

Church of Saint Lawrence The Martyr

4325 Don Julio Blvd.
North Highlands, CA 95660



Mission Statement

The mission of our community is rooted in Jesus the Christ. This mission is to hear, respond to and proclaim the word of God as found in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

Through the Sunday Eucharist we are called to ongoing conversion and personal spiritual formation. As a community, we are challenged to provide mutual support for a Catholic Christian lifestyle and are empowered to use our gifts to minister to the needs of others. We commit our selves to the beatitudes, to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and to minister to the larger communities in which we live and work. We respect the dignity of every person, at all ages and stages of life.

We hand on our Catholic heritage through catechesis, worship, service and witness.

In carrying out this mission we further the kingdom of God in

Parish Staff

Rev. Enrique AlvarezParochial Administrator
fatherenrique@saintlawrencechurch.org

Deacon Donald Galli Parish Deacon
deacongalli@sbcglobal.net

Mrs. Jean NelsonDirector of Religious Education
jean@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mrs. Paula Edwards Pastoral Associate
paula@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mrs. Martha Haig Coordinator of RE/Youth Minister
martha@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mr. David SwindellFacilities Manager
dave@saintlawrencechurch.org

Ms. Nancy Latham Bookkeeper
nancy@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mrs. Yolanda Fletes-Villalba Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
receptionist@saintlawrencechurch.org

Ms. Elizabeth Peterson Receptionist
. Music Minister

Mr. Tony Norio
tony@surewest.net

Schedule of Liturgies

Sunday Eucharist (Mass)

Saturday - Vigil 4:45pm
(Spanish) 7:00pm
Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 11:15am

Daily Eucharist (Mass)

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Morning Prayer

Monday -Friday 8:00am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:00 pm-6:30pm

Infant Baptisms: This includes children up to 6 years. This Sacrament is celebrated quarterly. Parents must complete a two session preparation class. Please call the Parish Office for information.

Christian Initiation: Children and adults seeking to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church may call the Parish Office for information.

Remembering Church: Catholics wishing to return to the church or to become more connected to the church may call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Couples planning marriage at St. Lawrence are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Couples are also required to complete a marriage preparation program.

Parish Office Hours

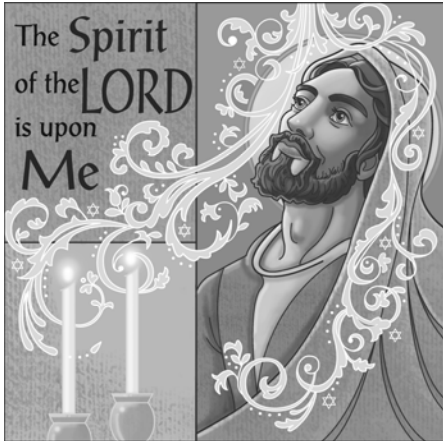
9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am to 12:30 pm each Friday

Parish Office (916) 332-4777

Fax (916) 332-8325

Parish Registration: We welcome new parishioners to the parish. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or by stopping by or calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office of moves or changes in address or telephone number.

A HOLY TIME



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

For those of us who live farther north, it is now the heart of winter. And for all of us, north and south, the holidays are over. We may sense the start of a long, hard stretch of blank time. These opening Sundays

of "Ordinary Time" reflect this feeling of beginning.

Today's reading from the book of Nehemiah tells with great drama how the people gathered to hear, as though for the first time, a solemn reading of God's word. As they listened, they fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" (Nehemiah 8:9).

Today's Gospel tells a similar dramatic tale. We are presented with the very beginning of Jesus' public life. The people gathered to listen, and Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet's words. To his listeners—and to us—he announced "a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:19).

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*A good Steward shares their
Time, Talent and Treasure.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31
 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fiscal Year Runs July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

First Collection Weekend Jan. 10	\$ 8,160.03
Total Collections YTD	\$254,705.92
Goal (Based on Budgeted Revenue)	\$258,539.36
Over (Under) Goal	(\$ 3,833.44)

2nd Collection for January Wellspring Women's Center & Loaves & Fishes (Green)	\$ 2,171.87
---	--------------------

Facility Fund for December 2nd Collection Taken 3rd Sunday (Goldenrod)	\$ 1,552.00
---	--------------------

St. Vincent de Paul Society Since our last 5th Sunday Collection	\$ 288.00
---	------------------

The February 2nd collection will benefit the Annual Catholic Appeal

THANK YOU

To the St. Lawrence Community, and other friends, the Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts of America: We wish to express our gratitude for the outpouring of support, compassion and love for our family on the death of James Pass. It has been of immeasurable comfort to us. May your kindness be richly rewarded by the Giver of all gifts.

Ruth (and James) Pass Family

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.



The next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, **January 24** in St. Lawrence Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group is open to all 7th to 12th grade students.

The next Core planning meeting, for students 10th grade and above, will be **February 8** at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

DO YOU KNOW

... why most of the Gospels read at Mass, especially during Ordinary Time, are from the Gospel of Luke this year?

The Gospel readings at Sunday Mass progress in a three-year cycle that the Church calls Cycle A, Cycle B and Cycle C.

We are currently in Cycle C and the majority of the Gospel readings are from the Gospel of Luke. Cycle A takes most of the Gospel readings from Matthew and Cycle B takes most of the Gospel readings from Mark.

The Gospel of Luke is Volume 1 of the writings of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is Volume 2. Both books are attributed to one author. By early Christian tradition, Luke was a Syrian from Antioch. He was not an apostle nor an eyewitness of the things Jesus said and did and therefore depended on the traditions he received from those who were eyewitnesses, like Peter and the other apostles. Since the author was acquainted with the destruction of the city of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, this Gospel was probably written between A.D. 80 and 90.

Luke substitutes the Greek names for the Aramaic or Hebrew names, omits specifically Jewish Christian concerns, has interest in Gentile Christians and his incomplete knowledge of Palestinian geography, customs, and practices are among the characteristics of this gospel that suggest that Luke was a non-Palestinian writing to a non-Palestinian audience that was largely made up of Gentile Christians.

Today's Gospel reading includes the prologue in which Luke reassures Theophilus and everyone else who reads this Gospel that all that is written was researched and were what eyewitnesses have said. It then picks up in Chapter 4 right after Jesus comes out of the desert, led there by the Spirit, and having fasted for 40 days was tempted by the devil.

Now Jesus returns to Nazareth, where He had grown up, and went to the synagogue. There He stood up to read the scroll handed to him from the prophet Isaiah.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 23

4:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 24

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 25

Tues., Jan. 26

Wed., Jan. 27

Thur., Jan. 28

Fri., Jan. 29

Elisa Garcia Danens †

David Wallace †

Connie Actor †

VOCATIONS

Households that participate in this ministry will take the Vocational Cross home that week and pray for Vocations. The parish will provide the prayers. The crosses will then be returned the following weekend to the same Mass to make it available for the next household to take home. In January the crosses are being rotated at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass and the 4:45 p.m. Saturday Mass. In February the crosses will be rotated at the 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Masses. Please sign up in the back of the church, if you and your family would like to participate.



Deacon Don and Susan Galli are the Coordinators for the English Community. Enrique Canto is the Coordinator for the Spanish Community.

Let Us Remember Our Dead

- Jan 25 William Lipp, Elisa Danens
- Jan 26 Mark Webb, Margorie Pendergast, Anthony Carbullido
- Jan 27 Vernon Tibbits, Charlotte Criqui, Ernestine Medinger
- Jan 28 Florencio Limones, Conrad Cruz, Irene Wheeler, Albert McCormick, Anthony Mammolite, Louis Triana, Margaret Zeumalt
- Jan 29 Larry Gardner, Sally Nero, Beryl Erickson
- Jan 30 Helen McManus, Hilary Lodemeir, Apolinario Cesa, John Meyers
- Jan 31 Elizabeth Rodenborn, Casey McCauley, David Chew, Sandra Harland

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR**

February 1 and each first Monday of the month, there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church after **8:30 Morning Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.** We invite you to **sign up to spend time keeping company with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.**

There will be a **Holy Hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. ending with Benediction** every Monday except the first Monday of the month. The next Holy Hour will be **Monday, January 25.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Office of the Bishop of the Diocesan Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours per week) Administrative Assistant. This position serves as a member of the Bishop's secretarial pool. The successful candidate will provide primary support to the Bishop and secondary support to the Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, and Chancellor. Proficiency in Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Access) with excellent phone and organizational skills are required. Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Of particular importance will be excellent translation skills. For more information and a complete job description, visit the diocesan website www.diocese-sacramento.org and look under employment. Please email resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org.

**ST. ROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
633 Vine Avenue, Roseville**

Sunday, January 31st, there will be an Open House. Tours will be given: leaving from the school office at 10:30 a.m. and again at 11:15 a.m. Classrooms and Extended Day Care will be open to visit with students, parents and teachers. There will be a Student Art Show, Scholastic Book Fair and Hospitality by St. Rose School Parent Guild in the parish hall. We also offer tours by appointment during the week. Transitional Kindergarten - 8th Grade Pre-enrollment Applications for the 2010-11 school year will be available in the school office. If interested, please contact Mrs. Brys at 916 782-1161 X101 or at lbrys@strose.org. On Tuesday, February 23 students from surrounding Catholic parishes which don't have a Catholic school are given priority for TK-8th grade applications. Call the number above for more information.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

During the month of February our 2nd collection charity will be the Annual Catholic Appeal, which provides funds for the many social service needs of the diocese. The second collection will be taken up as usual on the first Sunday of the month, **February 6 & 7** and commitments for 2010 will be taken on the **February 27 & 28th** weekend. With this appeal, **25%** of what our parish sends to the diocese comes back to our parish for our social service needs. St. Lawrence has received **\$4,277** to date for 2009. There is still another quarter to go. We will be sharing more information about the appeal as information comes available.

**COME CLOSER TO JESUS....
THROUGH HIS MOTHER, MARY**

Follow the example of eight popes and join this 22-day prayer devotion guided by St. Louis de Montfort's book, *True Devotion to Mary*. This beautiful gift begins with an introductory meeting on **Saturday, February 13, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** at St. Philomene's Church in the Marian Center. It concludes with the Mass of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on **March 25**. To register, call Robin at 916 483-45638.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Mercy San Juan Medical Center offers a free support group for adults experiencing the loss of a loved one. **Meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6-7:30 pm** at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael 95608. Meet in Conference Room 1 or 2 adjacent to the cafeteria on the lower level. For information the number for the Main Hospital is (916) 537-5000 and the Spiritual Care Services Dept. is (916) 537-5098.

MARRIED COUPLES - IT'S A NEW YEAR

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. Our upcoming WWME Weekend: **February 12-14**, Sacramento. Contact Barry & Julia Reynolds at 866-825-2046, or go to mereregistrar@aol.com for more information.

**Are You Returning to Your Catholic Roots?
Welcome Home!**

Whether you've been away from the Church for 1, 10, or even 30 or more years, our parish family is delighted to welcome you home to the Catholic Church. If you have not already done so, we invite you to visit the Catholics Come Home website/English: CatholicsComeHome.org or Spanish: CatolicosRegresen.org. Our confession schedule here at St. Lawrence is Tuesday evening from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Don't remember how to go to confession? That's not a problem...when you enter the confessional, simply tell the priest you've forgotten how and he will guide you through the process, step by step. Our parish is offering sessions for those returning to the church beginning Monday, **February 1st at 7:00 p.m.** in Gabrielli Hall. For more information please call the Parish Office at (916) 332-4777.

**Not Catholic? Have Questions?
Exploring the Catholic Church
for the First Time?**

Our parish family warmly welcomes you! We offer inquiry sessions for those who are exploring Catholicism. These sessions provide an opportunity for you to come "as you are" to a friendly, welcoming, non-pressuring atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Faith, even if you don't think you'll want to actually become Catholic. If you desire to take steps towards becoming Catholic, you will have the option to do so, on your own initiative. Please call the Parish Office at 916 332-4777.

PARISH CAMPOUT

St. Lawrence Parish Campout for the year 2010 will be at Scotts Flat Lake, Nevada City, CA, July 30 -August 1, 2010. We will be taking reservation until the Knights of Columbus breakfast, February 14th. Cost is \$65.00 for the week-end, payable at sign-up. For more information or to make your reservations during this month, call Willie or Aileen Douglas at (916) 721-0677.



**The Knights of Columbus
Annual Crab Feed
Saturday, January 30th
6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35**

Contact Vince @ 961-8912 or Steve @ 338-3816.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sunday** R.E. All areas 10-11 AM
 - Jan. 24** Knights 4th Degree STLH 3-4 PM
Youth Ministry STLH 6:30-8:30 PM
 - Monday** Holy Hour CH 6-7 PM
 - Jan. 25** Lectors PCMR 7 PM
 - Tuesday** RFE 7-8 PM Classrooms & LIB
 - Jan. 26** Confessions CH 5-6:30 PM
Yoga Ext. 6:30 - 8 PM
 - Wednesday** Harvest Us Home Mtg. PCMR 9-11AM
 - Jan. 27** Lectors in Spanish 7-8 p.m. PCK
Sp. Prayer Group CH 7-9 PM
 - Thursday** Bounty STLH 5 PM
 - Jan. 28** Choir CH 7-9 PM
Grupo Cultural Católico STLH 7-9 PM
Spanish Group PCYR 7-9 PM
Cub Scouts LIB 6:30-8:30 PM
Yoga Class Ext. 6:30-8 PM
Stewardship Mtg 7 PM PC
 - Friday** Eng. Prayer Grp 7-9 PM Rm 3
 - Jan. 29** Bible Class Sp. PCYR 9-11AM
Sp. Choir CH 6 PM
Filipino American Fellowship PCMR 7PM
 - Saturday**
 - Jan. 30** Knights' Crab Feed STLH 6 PM
- PCK Parish Center Kitchen
PCMR Parish Center Meeting Room
PCCO Parish Center Counseling Office
PCYR Parish Center Youth Room
STLH St. Lawrence Hall
CH Church
GH Gabrielli Hall
Ext. Extension (Behind Gabrielli Hall)
LIB Library
Rm. 3 Room 3 of the School

*Let us keep the earthquake victims
in Haiti in our prayers.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Retreat for 8th-12th grade is Saturday, January 30 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Christian Brothers High School, 4315 Martin Luther King, Jr., Sacramento.

Prayers to grade level must be learned by Sunday, **January 24** and Tuesday, **January 26**.

Please continue to **bring in non-perishable foods** to stock our shelves for St. Vincent de Paul. Our shelves are empty due to the needs during the holidays.