

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

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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.

PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION



Your reward will be great in heaven

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In the past few weeks we have been hearing about the beginning of Jesus' ministry as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth by reading, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me / because he

has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). With those words Jesus announced the whole purpose of his ministry. He himself was to bring the kingdom of God to the poor. This is the good news of salvation that he preached and brought about during his ministry.

Today we hear the Beatitudes, in which Jesus explains more fully what those "glad tidings" really mean. The good news is about salvation from suffering on earth and in the life to come. It is about divine favor resting on those who trust in God's love and mercy, rather than on those who trust in human plans, possessions, and power.

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*Happy
St. Valentines
Day*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;
 Lk 4:1-13

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

First Collection Weekend Jan. 24	\$ 7,682.76
Total Collections YTD	\$277,361.78
Goal (Based on Budgeted Revenue)	\$282,075.03
Over (Under) Goal	(\$ 4,713.25)

Total Second Collection for January Wellspring Women's Center &

Loaves & Fishes	\$ 2,219.17
Facility Fund	\$ 6,037.35
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 2,217.26
Total for Haiti Disaster Relief	\$ 5,229.00

The regular 2nd collection in February will benefit the Annual Catholic Appeal.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast in St. Lawrence Hall. Come enjoy a good breakfast at a great price. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and connect with long time friends. Stop by the Catholic Daughter's Bake Sale for after breakfast treats.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: In today's Gospel we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

Youth: How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

Children: How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

† Youth Ministry

The next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, **February 14** in St. Lawrence Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is a potluck, so bring a dish to share and bring a friend. 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 22** at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

DO YOU KNOW

... the meaning of almsgiving?

The Book of Tobit says, "Prayer with fasting is good. But better than both is almsgiving with justice. Giving a little to the poor with justice is better than giving a lot with injustice."

Last year at St. Lawrence we had cans in which we collected our change and we used that money for the Facility Fund. This year we are again asking you to collect your change and any money that is saved because of your fasting and giving up for Lent and place it in the container in church. In the true spirit of almsgiving, that money will be used for the poor, shared between Bounty and St. Vincent de Paul.



As children many of us were taught to give something up for Lent. But then came Easter and all was forgotten. The idea with almsgiving is, for example,

that you decide to give up candy for Lent and you are accustomed to buying a candy bar that costs \$1 every day. At the end of Lent, if you did not buy that candy bar, you should have saved \$40. That \$40 should be given as alms to the poor.

So, as we begin Lent this Wednesday, we are reminded with the ashes on our foreheads that we are in mourning. In the early Church, those who had committed serious public sin (adultery, murder, etc.) were excluded from the Eucharistic community. At the beginning of Lent, a penitential ceremony took place: the guilty were dressed in penitential garb, the Bishop would impose ashes on them (which in the Old Testament symbolized exclusion and repentance), then, with bare feet and a candle in hand, the penitents would leave the church to fast and perform penitence and works of charity. Then on Holy Thursday they would return to the church to be reconciled, reintegrated, and later readmitted to Eucharist during the great Easter Vigil. Public penance disappeared in the 10th century, but the biblical custom of imposing ashes was extended to all Christians and became a Roman liturgical rite in the 12th century.

As a reminder, we are asked to observe fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by those 18 years of age and older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals are permitted to maintain strength but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the six Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Feb. 13

4:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**Catalina Villanueva †
Aurelia Sanchez †**

Sun., Feb. 14

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

**Michael Dial & Family
Jose Carmen †
Petra Diaz †**

11:15 a.m.

**Walter Scott Gordon IV †
Gilda Calimoso †
Vincente Calimoso †**

Mon., Feb. 15

**Cezar Calimoso †
Leandra Tabuli †
Elizabeth Famini †
Rafaela Salvador †
Eugenio Ragus †**

Tue., Feb. 16

**Henry Lyler, Sr. †
Leonard Fernandes †
Fely Bondoc †
Fr. Cesar Ageas**

Wed., Feb. 17

Thur., Feb. 18

Fri., Feb. 19

Fely Bondoc †

Mary Hammack †

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is in need of **beads** (especially the larger plastic beads) for a craft project on Palm Sunday. If you have any beads that you would like to donate please bring them to the Parish office or leave them at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

Don't forget we are still collecting non-perishable food for the needy. Students are encourage to bring something to class every week.

Let Us Remember Our Dead

- Feb 15 James Victor, LaVella Clancy
- Feb 16 Mildred Best, Gideon "Jed" LaPlante, Cecelia Brannen, Dorothy Cicero
- Feb 17 Ann Sturtevant
- Feb 18 Richard "Dick" Berg, Felix Rodriguez
- Feb 19 Wilma Walker, Mary Hammack, Vivian Peña
- Feb 20 John Valdez, Louise Macinauskas, Daniel Reardon, Agnes Pilote, Don Payette
- Feb 21 Lehman Freaken, Raymond Breoult, Patrick Cairn, Thomas Sledge

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR

March 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 **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, February 15th.**

MASSES FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

There will be a **Healing Mass in English on Saturday, February 27 at 10 a.m.** There will be a **Healing Mass in Spanish on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.** If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please plan to attend.

PARISH CAMPOUT

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

**In celebration of President's Day,
Monday, February 15, 2010
the Parish Office will be closed.**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas are happy to announce that their **Catholic Daughter of 2010 is Stella Sledge. Congratulations, Stella!!!**

CDA will also hold a Bake Sale in St. Lawrence Hall this Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast.

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 February the crosses are being rotated at the 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 7:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please sign up in the back of the church, if you would like to participate. In March the crosses will be rotated at the 8:30 & the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses



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

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

During the month of February our 2nd collection (green envelopes) will benefit the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Commitment weekend for the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks, **February 27/28.** Through our support, we can assure the continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, and provide need-based tuition assistance to families desiring a Catholic school education for their children. Please respond generously when you are asked to make a gift. God's return to you will be even more generous. There are brochures in the back of the church.

Pray for our priests and our seminarian.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. CLARE CHURCH

A Parish Mission: "Power of the Cross" by Fr. Bill Adams, Redemptorist, **March 1-4** at St. Clare Church, 12950 Junction Blvd., Roseville. Each day there will be a morning session following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and an evening session at 7 p.m. Confessions will be heard after each of the sessions. for more information contact Deacon Carl Kube at 916-772-4717 or email at sdcn1@surewest.net.



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There will be Mass with distribution of ashes at the following times:

English - 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Spanish - 11:30 a.m., 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent beginning February 19. The stations will be prayed in Spanish at 7:00 p.m. and in English at 7:30 p.m.



Are You Considering 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 on Monday evenings 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.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday RCIA PCMR 9-11:30 AM
Feb. 14 Children's Catechumanate GH 9-11:30 AM
 Knight's Breakfast STLH until Noon
 R.E. All other areas 10-11 AM
 Knights 4th degree STLH 3-4 PM
 Youth Group Mtg. 6:30-8:30 PM STLH

Monday President's Day - Parish Office Closed
Feb. 15 Holy Hour 6-7 PM
 Lectors PCMR 7 PM
 Catholics Come Home GH 7 PM
 Catholics Come Home in Sp 7 PM PCYR

Tuesday Confessions CH 5-6:30 PM
Feb. 16 Yoga Ext. 6:30 - 8 PM
 RFE 7-8 PM Classrooms & LIB

Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes CH
Feb. 17 8:30 AM Eng & 11:30 AM Sp
 5:30 PM Sp, 7:00 PM Eng, & 8:30 PM Sp
 Harvest Us Home Mtg. PCMR 9-11AM
 St. Vincent de Paul 7 PM PCMR
 Knights of Columbus 7-9 PM GH
 Boys Scouts STLH 7-9 PM
 Cub Scouts LIB 6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday Bounty STLH 5 PM
Feb. 18 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
 Lectors in Spanish 7-8 p.m. PCK
 Yoga Class Ext. 6:30-8 PM
 Spanish Baptism Class 7-9 PM PCMR

Friday Sp. Choir CH 6 PM
Feb. 19 Bible Class Sp. PCYR 9-11AM
 Eng. Prayer Grp 7-9 PM Rm 3

Saturday
Feb. 20

Sunday RCIA PCMR 9-11:30 AM
Feb. 21 Children's Catechumanate GH 9-11:30 AM
 R.E. All other areas 10-11 AM
 Knights 4th degree STLH 3-4 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