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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2006

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Pastor: Fr. Brian T. Joyce

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Pastoral Associates: Fr. Aidan McAleenan , Sr. Joanne Gallagher, CSJ

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RCIA/Small Church Community/Bereavement: Al Garrotto

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Weekend Associates: Fr. Tom Burns, Fr. Michael Dibble, Fr. Brian Timoney

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Principal: Mrs. Linda Basman

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RE Director: Sr. Maureen Viani / Associate: Joan Smits

Youth Minister: Shawn Wehan / Assistant: Helen Christian

**Schedule of Masses:** MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00

SATURDAY: 8:00 am & 5:00

SUNDAY: 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 am; 12:15

**Confessions:** SATURDAY: 3:30 to 4:30

PARISH HOUSE TELEPHONE: 682-2486/WEBSITE:

PARISH SCHOOL TELEPHONE: 685-1109

RELIGIOUS ED: 686-1017/YOUTH MINISTRY: 676-0979

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Dear Parishioners,

This past Tuesday Bishop Richard Garcia of Sacramento joined us to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with 88 of our young people. Congratulations to all of them and to the team of adults and peer leaders who prepared them over the past year.

**Confirmation** is an important sacrament of the Church; but one that tends to get lost! The pastoral practice across the country and even world wide is so varied as to when Confirmation should be celebrated that any families changing location can easily miss the opportunity for Confirmation; the fact that most U.S. parishes celebrate the sacrament in the teen years means that it happens precisely when some teens are deciding to avoid Church at all costs; and finally the meaning and purpose of Confirmation gets fuzzy when the time for its reception keeps shifting around.

First of all, Confirmation is part of the process of initiation or welcome into the Christian community and in its most ancient form (and today with the RCIA for Adults at the Easter Vigil) always followed a three step entry into the Church: first Baptism, then Confirmation and finally Eucharist. You can even locate some parishes today that have returned to the old sequence and now put Confirmation before first communion – that is for infants or pre-second graders.

The practice in our Diocese and most of the U.S. is to invite teens to prepare for Confirmation when they are ready to stand on their own and make faith decisions for themselves; our own Diocesan original guidelines are “you have to be old enough to be able to have a drivers license and get yourself to Church!” Granted there are disadvantages to this time frame; it tends to coincide with exactly when young adults are questioning whether they want to continue to be active churchgoers at all. But it is also a great time for some serious experience of Church, a time to ask maturing questions, a time to meet adults modeling their Christian faith and a time to participate in challenging discussions and moving retreats.

What I hope for, for all Confirmed Catholics young and old, is that it represents a personal decision and commitment to take responsibility for following Jesus and with his values to make a difference in our world. That’s what Confirmation is about: belonging to a faith community and taking responsibly for its mission and ministry.

Today’s Ministry Fair is a great example of people making a difference and taking responsibility for mission and ministry. **I would gently ask you to please do three things today** (1) drop into the gym after mass to take a look at all the ministries going on in our parish and personally affirm the good people who represent them; (2) try to pick out just one area of ministry that meets your interests, talents and time schedule and, if the time is right (I know you have many other commitments), sign-up for just one area of ministry that seems to suit you; (3) with our Spring Festival coming up and in great need of volunteers, please also consider this “one time only” commitment to help at the Festival. Our Parish Festival is not just a major fundraiser, but also a “friendraiser”, a “fun-raiser” and a great parish community builder.

Your Pastor,

P.S. Next Friday Fr. Aidan leaves for his Europe tour until May 17<sup>th</sup>. May he and all his companions, have a great time and come back to us safely.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE****SUNDAY****-The Third Sunday of Easter / St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection****-Ministry Fair, Gym, Following all masses**

-RE Program for 3 year olds (A), Room D, During 9:15 Mass

-RE PreK/K Program: PreK, Parish Hall, A,B &amp; C; K Program, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass

-Youth Group, Topic Night, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

**TUESDAY**

-Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8:00am Mass

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 &amp; 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

First Eucharist Practice 3:30-4:30 pm, Church, RE Grades (3-5)

First Eucharist Practice 4:45-5:45 pm, Church, RE Grades (6-8)

-Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, VCMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, contact Andy @229-3038

-Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 &amp; 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE Catechist (Gr. 1-5) Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

-St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Center, Chapel, 7 pm

-Festival Committee Meeting, Room 222, 7:15 pm

-Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. call 932-0395)

-Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY**

-Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10 am

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 &amp; 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

First Eucharist Practice 3:30-4:30 pm, Church, for 9:30 am May 6<sup>th</sup> MassFirst Eucharist Practice 4:45-5:45 pm, Church, for 11 am May 6<sup>th</sup> Mass

-Social Justice Meeting, Room A/B (next to Parish Hall), 7:00 pm

-RCIA Post Season, Ministry Center (Chapel &amp; Dining Room), 7:15 pm

**FRIDAY****-First Friday, Masses at 8 am (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon) & 7:00 pm****SATURDAY****-Altar Society Meeting, Room A (next to Parish Hall), 8:30 am**

-Second Grade First Eucharist, Church, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

**SUNDAY****-Fourth Sunday of Easter / Second Collection for School, RE and Youth Ministry**

-Rosary Bead and Religious Articles Sale after the 7 am mass to end of 12:15 pm Mass

-55+ Group, Mimi's Café, Breakfast following 8 am Mass

-RE Program for 3 year olds (A/B) with parents, Gym, During 9:15 Mass

-K Program: CTK School; During 9:15 Mass

-RE First Eucharist (Gr. 3-5), Church, 10:45 am and RE First Eucharist (Gr. 6-8), Church, 12:15 pm

-Taize Prayer Around the Cross, Hillcrest Congregational Church, 404 Gregory Lane), 7 pm

-Youth Group, End of Year Mass and Party, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

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**55+ Group** – Please join us for Sunday Breakfast following the 8:00 am Mass the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of this month or May 7<sup>th</sup> at Mimi’s Café, 1631 Willow Pass Road at Park & Shop, Concord. Feel free to call Shirley if questions at 925-687-2133.

**On Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** our parish hosts the homecoming of Fr. Louie Vitale former provincial superior of the Franciscan Order and recently retired pastor of St. Boniface Parish in San Francisco. Fr. Vitale is returning from six months of federal imprisonment for protesting the School of Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. It is a homecoming co-sponsored by Pace e Bene, Christ the King Social Justice Ministry, Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center and the Social Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County.

**Special Invitation–Adults-Teens VBC** If you missed last week’s invitation to help us with vacation Bible Camp, June 19-23<sup>rd</sup>, please take home an information form today. Forms are available in the back of the Church. Questions: Call Sr. Maureen 686-1017. We look forward to your help and support.

**We ‘re planning a half morning** parish clean up day, Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:30 am. Join us if you can and if anyone can loan a power washer, please let us know (682-2486)

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**RE 3 yr old, Pre K Parents** – Remember, your calendars are marked for **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to join your child for our closing session in the gym at 9:15 am.

**Thanks For Your Generosity** – RE thanks you for your generous support of our Festival Wine booth. You have been great! We are collecting again this weekend and next weekend (May 6/7) You may also drop off your donation during the week at the RE Office (facing Gregory Lane) or the Parish House.

**“Festival-Surf’s Up”** – We are always looking for volunteers to work and help make this the best year ever! There are a variety of opportunities including: games booths, bingo, food booths, clean up and more. Visit our website at [www.ctkfestival.org](http://www.ctkfestival.org).

**Mother’s Day Collection** – On May 6/7 the Social Justice Committee will be accepting donations after masses to support the **Get on the Bus** program. This program brings children and their caregivers/guardians from throughout California to visit their mothers at the Central California Women’s Facility and the Valley State Prison in Chowchilla. Sr. Clair and Sr. Suzanne are available after mass to answer questions and share experiences.

## MINISTRY FAIR

Adult Education:	Joe Macaluso	685-9255
Altar Servers:	Mary Jo Robinson	372-0660
Altar Society:	Gloria Simonetti	676-8519
Auction:	Tom Martin	709-8563
Bereavement Ministry/Grief:	Al Garrotto	252-1008
Caring Hands:	Pat Albright	930-9817
Centering Prayer:	Jodi Henrekin	685-4591
Christ Light/Cursillo:	John & Carol Alonso	372-7873
Clown Ministry	Jean Taylor	229-0180
Coffee & Donuts:	Barbara Doan	798-0809
Communications:	Linda Suttich	937-7612
Environment/Liturgy Planning:	Phyllis Stevens	609-9366
Eucharistic Ministers:	Gayle Nault	825-6053
Faith Formation:	Sr. Maureen	686-1017
Festival:	Marianne & Chris Dundon	370-2004
Filipino Prayer Group:	Rudy Bautista	372-6227
General Maintenance:	Parish House	682-2486
Hospitality:	Pat McAleese	439-2383
Knights of Columbus:	Ron Colyar	228-1674
Lectors:	Kathy McCarthy	229-2728
Legion of Mary:	Joan Toth	798-1281
	Linda Wraa	937-9785
Lifeworks:	Wendy Warmier	229-9952
Ministry to the Sick:		
Convalescent Home:	Pat Cheng	228-5419
Home Visiting:	Jane Fuentes	825-2832
Mom's Support:	Jennifer Vanderkelen	947-1089
Music Ministry:	Terri VanHeel	229-2143
Parish School:	Linda Basman	685-1109
Just Faith:	Brian Green	899-1100
Projectionists:	Mary Ann Spicer	935-5306
R.C.I.A./Baptisms/Infants:	Al Garrotto	252-1008
Rosary Makers	Jane Fuentes	825-2832
Social Justice	Mary Silva	689-6563
Small Group Communities	Al Garrotto	252-1008
St. Vincent de Paul:	Lois Ruff	935-6640
Survivors of Murder Victims	Jean O'Hara	932-6753
Ushers:	Ray Emig	689-1172
Youth Ministry:	Shawn Wehan	676-0979