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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter! The hope of Christ risen from the dead perdures in this Easter season.

As we mourn the loss of our Holy Father Pope Francis, we also give thanks for his life and ministry. I was asked recently what I thought his legacy was and it took me a while to get there, but I think at the heart of it is mercy and healing. I do think this is something I have discovered in my own ministry as a priest over these last years.

Pope Francis, while at times in controversial ways, reminded the Church quite directly that we are not doing a very good job if the Church is not a place where people can experience Christ's mercy and healing. We can see that beautifully in our Diocese in terms of UnBound Ministry, as well as more locally in terms of healing prayer opportunities alongside the more universal Church that offers the sacraments of healing. This is also evident in the outreach to those on the edges of both the Church and society.

I am more grateful each day for the many of you who act as volunteer

"social workers" with St. Vincent de Paul and those who help feed, cloth, and home the many in our community who are in need. This is also quite evident in how we invite people into our parish, introduce them to Christ, and invite them to follow. This is our Clear Path of Discipleship that ultimately aims to create Missionary Disciples, something at the heart of Pope Francis's vision for the Church.

I am thankful for his ministry and I hope you are as well. As his Funeral Mass and burial have been celebrated, the work of the Church, specifically of the Cardinals, will be to prayerfully discern and elect a new Pontiff of the Catholic Church. This is no easy work so please pray for them as well.

I want to thank all of our many volunteers who helped make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies such a beautiful and rich blessing. Thank you to our musicians, lectors, sacristans, altar servers, ushers, safety team members, liturgical environment team, and church cleaners. Thank you as well to our amazing staff that did a lot of the behind the scenes work, including our annual Easter Egg hunt.

This weekend we have our Small Group Informational Faire. We plan to do these a few times a year to give everyone an opportunity to see ways to continue on the Clear Path of Discipleship (Connect - Encounter - Grow - Thrive). This is part of the third step on the path or what we call Grow. This is a place of growth after choosing to follow Christ. Here we are invited to take on the habits of a Christian disciple in the context of Christian community. Following & Sharing Christ, for those who have partaken in those series, are part of Grow. So are the many small groups that operate on all different days of the week in different locations and formats. If you are not yet a part of a Small Group, consider checking out the Faire this weekend.

Now I am taking the week off for a real break! I will be back Friday evening.

May the risen Christ give you new life,

HEALING PRAYER TEAMS on May 3 - 4

If you desire healing in body and spirit, Healing Prayer opportunities will be offered after the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday and 10 AM Mass on Sunday.



Sacrament of Initiation

7 individuals received all Sacraments of Initiation, 4 individuals completed their Sacraments of Initiation and 3 young children received the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

THE CLEAR PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

*The Clear Path of Discipleship lays out our parish plan for how each of us can move through the stages of spiritual development to becoming a fruitful and missionary disciple and fulfill our parish purpose - To know Christ and to make Him known. **Connect — Encounter — Grow — Thrive***

CONNECT

Chile Verde Dinner: Saturday, May 3

The annual *Chile Verde Dinner* is on Saturday, May 3, at 6 PM. You may dine at the SKD Parish Center or pick up your

meal to go. The dinner of Chile Verde, beans, rice and tortillas is \$25 for adults, \$10 for 7 to 13 year olds and under 7

years eat free. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses or by calling Beatriz Mora at 209-242-5320.

ENCOUNTER

Want To Know More About Becoming a Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic teachings and what the Catholic Church is all about? Do you

know a Catholic who has "fallen away" and is considering returning? Could that someone be you? We offer a year-round program called *Discovering Catholicism* that presents the richness



of the Catholic faith. More info? Call Ellen Waverly at 209-223-2970 or email familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

Foundations of Faith: Fall Session Begins in August



Searching for answers? Returning Catholic? Want to grow your faith?

Foundations of Faith is an eight-week experience where anyone and every-

one, the baptized and the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Each evening starts with a delicious home-cooked meal and fellowship followed by a dynamic presentation

with time for discussion. For questions email Kirsten Lawrence at discipleship@amadorcatholic.com or call her at 916-213-4666.

GROW

Following Christ & Sharing Christ: Fall Session begins in August

Have you attended Foundations of Faith and want to take the next step of growth as a Christian disciple, learning the habits of a follower of Jesus?

Following Christ and *Sharing Christ* (the second and third parts to the series) will also be available while *Foundations of Faith* is running.

For questions contact Kirsten Lawrence at 916-213-4666 or email discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

Interested in a Small Group?

A *Small Group* is a gathering of 4 to 10 people who meet at least monthly to grow as Christian disciples, live life together, and learn more about their

Catholic Christian faith. Christianity is not meant to be lived alone and small groups are excellent places to grow once we have made a decision to follow

Christ and want to make Him the center of our lives. Feel free to reach out to Stan and Linda Renzelman at 209-781-5809 to find a Small Group for you.



THRIVE

Interested in a Discipleship Quad?

A *Discipleship Quad* is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and

learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. For more information

contact Ellen at 209-223-2970 or familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

EVENTS

Knights of Columbus host Rib Dinner: Saturday, May 17

The annual *Knights of Columbus Rib Dinner* on Saturday, May 17, will include all the ribs you can eat, salad, potatoes and dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth 8 to 12 years, and 7 years



and under eat free. Doors and the Men's Service Club are open at 6 PM. Dinner is served at 6:45 PM. There will be a silent auction and

opportunity drawings with entertainment by Jack Magee. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses or by contacting a Knight.

"Healing the Whole Person" Retreat at St. Katharine's on May 29 - 31

Healing the Whole Person Retreat is an opportunity to encounter Christ's transformational love through prayer, reflection and the Sacraments. Video presentations

featuring Dr. Bob Shuchts (Be Healed) and Sr. Miriam Heidland will lead you through several liberating spiritual healing sessions. The retreat begins on Thursday, May 29, from 6 - 9 PM, continues on Friday, May 30, from

6 - 9 PM and concludes on Saturday, May 31, from 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$45 and will be sold after weekend Masses. Contact Sarah Felix at skdhministry@gmail.com with questions.

Summer Session on the Charisms: June 11, 18 & 25

You are invited to join us for a special three-part *Summer Seminar on the Charisms* at St. Katharine Drexel on June 11, 18 and 25 at 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This seminar offers a meaningful opportunity

to explore the spiritual gifts given to each of us by the Holy Spirit for the good of others. Whether you are new to the idea or seeking a deeper understanding of how God may be calling you

to serve, this seminar is for you. Each evening will include teaching, reflection, and discussion to help you recognize the unique ways God has equipped you for mission and ministry.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Cemetery Cleanup Saturdays in May

Join us during the month of May as we do general maintenance and cleanup around our beautiful Catholic cemeteries. It is

a great Corporal Work of Mercy to care for the places where our beloved dead rest in peace. Each work day is on a Saturday from 8 to 11 AM. Feel free to bring rakes, small saws, leaf blowers,

gloves and loppers. The dates are:

May 3 - Sutter Creek & Lone
May 17 - Volcano
May 24 - Jackson

Annual Pints for the Padre Blood Drive: Saturday, May 31

St. Katharine Drexel will host the annual *Pints for the Padre Blood Drive* on Saturday, May 31, from 10 AM to 2:15 PM. There are three ways to schedule

an appointment: through Vitalant's website, by phone at 877-258-4825 or by scanning this QR code. The Blood Drive code is: 10055331. For more

information, pick up a flyer in the SKD hall.

**Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful—Luke 6:36****Outreach**

The Corporal Works of Mercy give us a model for how we should treat others with their bodily needs, as if we were Christ in disguise. Our parish has several outreach ministries that demonstrate Corporal Works of Mercy. All groups welcome new volunteers. See

the list of Ministries and Groups on page 6 for more information or to help.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincentians see the face of Christ in all whom they serve, offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering. The organization invites all parishioners who may feel the call to help others.

Break Bread With Friends. BBWF is an ecumenical ministry that serves breakfast to anyone needing a morning meal. Bag lunches and fellowship are also freely given.

St. Pat's Pantry. This is another ecumenical ministry, providing dinner and fellowship every Thursday.

PRAYER

Mass Schedule and Intentions for this Week

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday	Apr 26	5:00 PM	SKD	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday	Apr 27	8:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	Carlos Castaneda (Healing)
		10:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	Martin Urjevich (Special Intention)
		12:00 PM	SKD <i>Spanish</i>	Sacramento Perez Leon †
Monday	Apr 28	7:00 AM	SKD	Fr. Vincent O'Reily †
Tuesday	Apr 29	6:00 PM	SKD	No Mass
Wednesday	Apr 30	7:00 AM	SKD	No Mass
		11:30 AM	OLOP <i>Pioneer</i>	No Mass
Thursday	May 1	12:00 PM	SKD	No Mass
Friday	May 2	8:30 AM	Sacred Heart <i>Ione</i>	No Mass
Saturday	May 3	5:00 PM	SKD	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday	May 4	8:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	Del Rae Svarc †
		10:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	Charles Prusso †
		12:00 PM	SKD <i>Spanish</i>	Samuel Zamudio † and Maria Olvera †

Sunday Scripture Readings

April 27: Acts 5:12-16 • Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 • John 20:19-31

May 4: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 • Rev 5:11-14 • John 21:1-19



Please Pray For

Names will only stay on the prayer list up to three months

Pat Crew, John Doner, Charlotte Garbarini, **Lisa Heussner**, Jack Hubbard, Kim Kozowski, Carole Mann, Joel McCarty, Joan Nikolai, Marion Peckinpugh, Linda Poremba, Jackie Stornetta, Kim Tucker, Susan Vanden-Heuvel, Richard Vinson, Steve Wright

GIFT OF LIFE

Allison Shoda, Kate Freeman

† **REPOSE OF THE SOUL** †
Lorraine Simas

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Pray for these men and women serving our country. We thank them for their service:

Brett Cleary, Thomas Condon, Samantha Corner, Zach Davenport, Glen Getz, James Kapp, Christian Mullan, William Mullan, Stephen Oneto, John Pent, Eric Perez, James William Porter, Rey Del Rosario, Sam Ruttschow, Abby Schmidt, Matt Schmidt, Miguel Serrato, CDR Samuel Trassare, Tyler Vinson, Brett Wade, Keith Young, Tyler J. Young

HEALING

CONFESSION

Tuesday **No Confession**
Thursday **No Confession**
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM

ADORATION

Monday-Saturday 5:30 - 6:30 AM
Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30 AM
Thursday 5:30 AM - 5:30 PM

UNBOUND

If you are interested in deeper healing of wounds and lies, consider learning more about Unbound Ministry by picking up the *Unbound* book in the parish gift store or speaking with Deacon Ray.

HEALING PRAYER

If you desire healing in body and spirit, the parish offers healing prayer opportunities with our prayer teams on the first weekend of the month following the 5 PM Vigil and 10 AM Sunday Masses.

PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Colin Wen, Pastor
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Natural Family Planning (NFP)
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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday 9 AM-5 PM

Bulletin - Deadline TUE 12 NOON
bulletin@amadorcatholic.com

Parish Webmaster
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Sacred Heart of Jesus
20 Relihan Drive, Lone

St. Patrick
115 Court Street, Jackson

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Eucharist for the Homebound Liz Powers
Call to volunteer or to arrange 209-256-3868

Hispanic Prayer Group Beatriz Mora
Every Friday, 7- 9 PM, SKD 209-242-5320

Respect Life Committee Deacon Ray Moreno
Call for meeting info 209-223-2970

Break Bread with Friends Terry Smithson
Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM, St. Patrick Hall 916-300-9064

St. Pat's Pantry Terry Smithson
Thursdays 4-6 PM, St. Patrick Hall 916-300-9064

St. Vincent de Paul Society Help Line
svdp@amadorcatholic.com 209-223-5865

Sacred Heart Ladies Club Maureen Curran
Call for meeting info 209-304-1922

YLG #258 Our Lady of Hope Barbara Magpusao-Outland
1st Monday, 6 PM (business mtg) 209-296-4672

Knights of Columbus #1849 Matthew Waverly
2nd Tue, 6:30 PM, SKD (business mtg) 209-223-2970

Committee of Gente Puente Soledad Pineda
3rd Sunday, 1 PM, SKD 209-781-5094

Our Lady of the Pines Society Barbara Garcia
Dates vary, 12:30 PM, OLOP 209-296-6750

St. Patrick Society Jeannine Crew
4th Tuesday, 9 AM, St. Patrick Church 209-223-3623

St. Katharine Drexel Gift Shop Carmen Moreno
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SKD Homeschool Community Sarah Felix
For more information call 209-304-2204

SKD Homeschool Co-Op Kirsten Lawrence
Ages 2-14, Thursdays 916-213-4666

Pastoral Council Chair: Chris Fenton
Members: Shirley Coombs, Mercy Figueroa,
Raquel Klaproth, Mark Koenig, Brian Lawrence,
Beatriz Mora, Shawn Simpson, Shannon Taylor

Finance Council Chair: Doug Ferreira
Members: Patrick Crew, Francine Pogue,
Linda Renzelman, Vincent Signorotti

A GLANCE AT OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

14 people received Easter sacraments on Easter Vigil

TIME

6 parishioners accompany those in the OCIA preparation process

TALENT

OFFERTORY

Budgeted Offertory for April 2025	\$47,500
Offertory Received as of April 23	\$59,864

TREASURE

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Contact *The Catholic Foundation* at 916-733-0274 or call the Parish Office at 209-223-2970.

RENOVATION PLEDGES

As previously announced, we have met our \$200,000 pledge goal of Phase I of the Campus Renovation Project. **Heartfelt thanks to all who have donated and to those who continue to fulfill their pledges! Pledged amounts received now total \$171,709.**

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