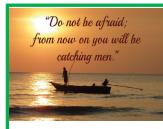


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5th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 

## MASS INTENTIONS

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel										
SUNDAY	Feb	08	5:30 PM <sub>Vigi</sub>	Father Mathew Rapp	u (Healing)					
				Julia	(Healing)					
	Feb	09	9 AM	All Parishioners						
			11 AM	Elsi Frugoli	+					
				Marianne Talani-Rob	les +					
				Linda Steward	+					
MONDAY	Feb	10	8:30 AM	Kirsten Wright	+					
TUESDAY	Feb	11	8:30 AM	Didi	(Healing)					
WEDNESDAY	′ Feb	12	8:30 AM	Shannon Gianatasio	(Healing)					
			6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual	Help Novena					
THURSDAY	Feb	13	No Mass							
FRIDAY	Feb	14	8:30 AM	OLG School Mass	(4th Grade)					



For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. It seems some of the Corinthians did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, or that resurrection was a spiritual symbol of forgiveness of sins. So Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we

are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of so many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him, so he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God's grace, not Paul's strength. The same grace that turned a former enemy into a friend also gave him the strength to spread the gospel farther than anyone else at that time.

In today's Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren't there. So when Jesus tells him to go out one more time, try one more cast of the nets, Peter probably thought he'd show Jesus that it was no use. Then when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that "you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? Surely that's all God expects of us, right? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God's call to serve? (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

## Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# WOMEN OF THE YEAR Reminder: Please vote.... Ballots and ballot box are

in the back of the Church. You are encouraged to recognize a woman of your choice. Nominations will be open until February 21.

### **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2025**

World Marriage Day is right around the corner. Come and celebrate your marriage with us. Bishop Soto will preside at the Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saturday February 15th, 2025, starting at 11:30 am. A small reception will follow the Mass. We hope to see you there! More information and to register for the event, please visit www.scd.org/wmd



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# Marriage Is a Trip and God Has the Map

Gifted pianists or brilliant pediatric surgeons will often speak of their profession as a calling, a pull in the depth of their hearts that only it can fulfill. It is wonderful to have a career or a passion that is a vocation, but in a deeper way, marriage is a Vocation, a call put on one's heart by God, and a way to love that each person fulfills in a unique way.

In the sacrament of marriage, spouses follow the "way" of Jesus (Jn 14:6), making a generous, irrevocable gift of self. The 20th century theologian Hans Urs Von Balthasar wrote, "The inner form of love is a vow." In other words, authentic love is total and forever. Through their vows, couples receive the grace to live out their high calling. Their life in Christ unfolds, and by his grace they become the best version of themselves. And it shows! In fact, married people and their children are more likely to attend church and enjoy better health, finances, life satisfaction, and happiness than their unmarried peers!

Self-gift can seem especially risky in a self-centered culture. Yet God has a plan for each person's life that includes a specific, personalized Vocation. God's plan makes the adventure and the risk worth taking. Young men and women should pray, "God, are you calling me to marriage?" The Vocation of marriage requires discernment and preparation when young, learning to give of oneself through service, self-sacrifice, works of mercy, and choosing to love especially when it's hard.

This World Marriage Day, thank God for the gift of marriage. Witness to the beauty of marriage by going on a date, talking about your marriage with your kids, and showing the world that this Vocation is truly a pilgrimage of faith and hope in love, because God has the map!

"God who created man out of love also calls him to love - the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being... Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man." Catechism of the Catholic Church #1604



## A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.

## SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Jan 5 \$4,313 Collection: Jan 12 \$ 4,618 Jan 19 \$ 2,650

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sam Alaba, Sonja Craighton, Stan Holland Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers

### FORMATION

• Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet at 5:30 PM on February 11, 18 and 25 at OLG School. • Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Joint Session meet at 5:30 PM on

March 4th at OLG School.

## HOSPITALITY

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating their wedding anniversary in February!

### **KIDS CORNER**

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