

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty.

March Intentions of our Holy Father

Prayer intention for evangelization:

Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help Save Lives in Redding

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired ,000,000 volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

* **Vigil location:** Public areas outside Women's Health Specialists, 1901 Victor Ave., Redding

* **Vigil hours:** 7am to 7pm daily Feb. 26– Apr. 5

* **Local Contact:** Paul Henke. Redding40Days@yahoo.com (530) 870-4325

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Redding



ST. MICHAEL'S CORNER

Sunday Mass 9 a.m. English/11 a.m. Spanish
Wednesday Mass As Announced In Bulletin
Holydays As Announced In Bulletin
Religious Education Spanish: Sundays After Mass
Spanish Choir Wednesday 6:00PM

St. Michael is having a Bible study every Friday
From 9:00AM to 10:00AM

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can be the best proactive "Pit Stop" you can make for your marriage. The **next Marriage Encounter Weekend** is: **Apr 24-26, 2020 in SACRAMENTO, CA.** For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: <https://www.sacramentowwme.org> or contact **Terry & Janet** at applications@sacramentowwme.org or **916-489-3464.**

RELEVANT RADIO
NOW IN REDDING!
TALK RADIO FOR
CATHOLIC LIFE!
1230 AM

While at home....check it out!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer St. Joseph School will be hosting vacation bible school called Crusader Camp! 2nd—5th grade are welcome! Sign up online at: <http://bit.ly/sjcamp>. Still able to get the early bird registration, which is cheaper. **It starts June 8th - 25th, Mon—Thur.** You may sign up for all three weeks or just one week, or any of the weeks that work best for you. If you are able to only come for a half week, you are welcome to do that as well. There will be a free BBQ each week on Thursdays along with ice cream Sundaes. We will have fun bible stories, relay races, water days with sprinklers (students may wear their bathing suits), fun safari masks to wear of their favorite animals, movie days, and much more! Spread the word, open to all children grades 2-5th. Contact Miss Shea at St. Joseph School with any questions. 530-243-2302.

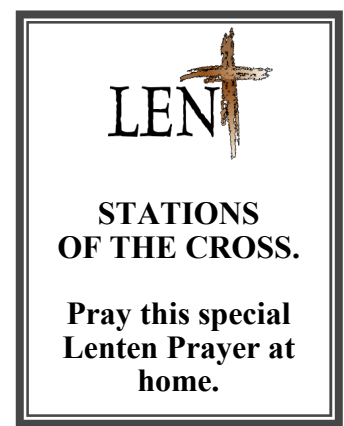
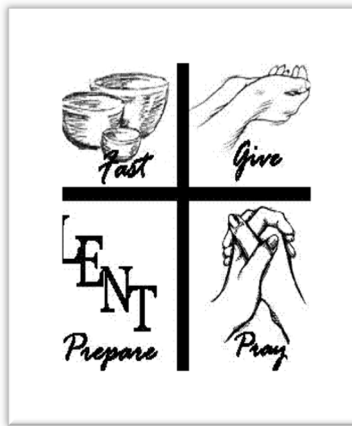
Camp Pendola is hiring! Looking for Catholic young adults to be Summer Camp Counselors who live with campers in a small group outdoor setting. Counselors mentor, provide a positive role model, assist in teaching special programs (archery, nature, arts & crafts.....Training week begins June 7, 2020. Pay rate begins \$442 per week. Apply: www.pendola.org/employment.

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



MASS SCHEDULE WITH MASS INTENTIONS
Week of MARCH 22, 2020

- Sun.....3/22.....9:00 am.....All Souls
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- Sun.....3/22.....5:30 pm.....All Souls
- Mon.....3/23.....7:00 am.....All Souls.....Mercy Hospital
- Mon.....3/23.....8:30 am.....Janet & Melvin, Sp. Int.
- Mon.....3/23.....12:15 pm.....All Souls
- Tue.....3/24.....7:00 am.....All Souls.....Mercy Hospital
- Tue.....3/24.....8:30 am.....Michelle Maxwell, Sp. Int.
- Wed.....3/25.....7:30 am.....All Souls.....St. Michaels
- Wed.....3/25.....8:30 am.....All Souls
- Thu.....3/26.....7:00 am.....All Souls.....Mercy Hospital
- Thu.....3/26.....8:30 am.....Jerome Mini, Sp. Int.
- Thu.....3/26.....12:15 pm.....Beryl Craig, Sp. Int.
- Fri.....3/27.....8:30 am.....Margaret Sommer, Sp. Int.
- Sat.....3/28.....8:30 am.....All Souls
- Sat.....3/28.....5:30 pm.....Shannon Griffey +

Due to the accelerating rates of coronavirus infection, Bishop Soto has suspended the public celebration of Sunday and weekday Masses for the Diocese of Sacramento until further notice.

The dispensation to all members of the Catholic Faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday will also continue until further notice.

Priests are to privately offer Sunday Mass *pro populo* (for the people) and encouraged to daily offer Mass imploring the Lord's mercy.

The Bishops letter and the Decree may be read in full on our parish website: www.stjosephredding.org.

Below is a link to the Knights of Columbus website that gives a list of places you may participate in Mass on line.

http://kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/watch-mass-online.html?fbclid=IwAR2rEFGjCFu-3tSNiY8jbM_wGX3eY7_eSU_w-WQOf801vh8FLsDfn0b-00



VOTIVE CANDLES LIGHT JUST ONE, ONETIME!
GREAT FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Holidays In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become symbols of the One Light of Christ. (Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society) Please contact the Parish Office to dedicate an Annual Candle: 243-3463.