

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is somewhat of a dilemma: The Prince of Peace says that he came to earth not to bring peace but division and warfare. The key is what **kind of peace.** Christ's peace is not of this world (the world gives peace through power). Christ came to make war on these enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil.

The message is that we, disciples of Christ, must be prepared to endure opposition for our beliefs—even from familiar people in our lives. Jeremiah (First Reading)

is thrown into a cistern and sinks into the mud—not because he deserved it but because he didn't. As Peter Kreeft points out, "Bad people will forgive you for being bad, but they won't forgive you for being good.

- Peter Kreeft Food For The Soul.

### **GOD LOVES US ALWAYS, EVEN WHEN WE STRAY**

How often has Jesus sought us out, in spite of our lack of generosity and correspondence! Even though we do not deserve his care and stray through our own fault, He seeks us out again and again. The care that divine mercy pours out on sinners – on us – is overwhelming.

We can always count on Christ's love. Even during the worst moments of our life He does not stop loving us. We can always count on his help to return to the right path if we have lost it, to begin and begin again.

Jesus loves each one as he is, with his defects. His love does not lead him to idealize men. He sees them with their paradoxes and weaknesses, with their great potential for good and with their misery that is so often evident.

How well Jesus understands the human heart, and what a positive conception He has of our abilities!

God loves us. This is the greatest reality of our lives, the one capable of raising our spirits always, the one that makes us happy in spite of sorrows and contradictions.

### **Parish Finance Council - New Member Needed from Holy Family**

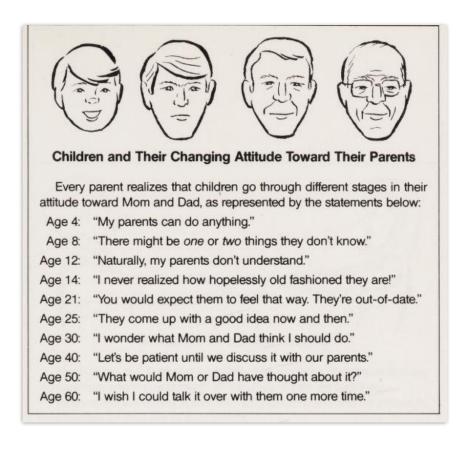
After **12 years of service, Larry Biggs** has decided to retire from our Finance Council. The Council **thanks Larry** for his service and many contributions!

We are seeking a qualified replacement for Larry from Holy Family to serve on our Council. Interested parishioners should **contact either Fr. Innocent or Jeri Nelson**.

**The Parish Finance Council** functions as a consultative body to the pastor. It consists of selected professionals to advise the pastor in these areas:

- 1. Preparation of the annual operating budget
- 2. Long-term financial planning
- 3. Annual parish financial report, which is submitted to the Diocesan Bishop
- 4. Annual and periodic financial reports to the faithful

The Council ensures that an adequate system of internal controls is in place to guide the parish in caring for and managing financial resources and temporal goods. The Parish Finance Council observes all policies and procedures outlined in the Parish Financial Management Handbook which can be found on the Diocese of Sacramento website, under the Offices tab, Finance.



#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, August 16th.:

4:30 p.m.: John Vasquez+,

Amy Grubber+

7:00 p.m.: Teresa Alcaraz Galvez+

#### Sunday, August 17th.:

8:30 a.m.: Tmy Grubber+,

Yolanda Chapman+

10:30 a.m.: John Vasquez+

#### Why get an education?

Education doesn't change life much. It just lifts trouble to a higher plane of regard. -Robert Lee Frost



Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.

-Pete Seeger



# On the Lighter Side

Food for thought on the subject of war: There will be more wars until men grow brave enough to stop them.



Tuesday, August 18th.: Rosary in Spanish, Holy Family 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 27th:** Community Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Portola

**Friday, September 5th:** PEAK "Night of Celebration" 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church Hall.



On Fire Jubilee Day for Young People at Six Flags on September 13, 2025. Tickets are \$64 in advance.

At this time there is no one to coordinate a parish youth trip. If you are interested in attending on your own, here is the website: www.onfirenorcal.com.

PUZZLE 7		
Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.		
Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.  1 bear 9 monkey A. fry I. hatchling		
2 frog 10 platypus	B. fawn	K. foal
3 owl 11 alligator	C. gosling	L. owlet
4 horse 12 giraffe	D. cub	M. puggle
5 kangaroo 13 goose	E. kid	N. joey
6 deer 14 swan	F. cygnet	O. polliwog
7 goat	G. infant	P. puppy
8 fish	H. calf	
"on't let anyneoo down o youecaus youre youn, but set an exa ple for the belevers in speec, inonduct, in love, inaith and inurity."  1 TIMOTHY 4:12,		