



## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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To: **PASTOR / PASTORAL STAFF / BULLETIN EDITOR**  
From: Deacon Kevin Staszko, Director  
Re: Please add these announcements to your website or bulletin (**English and Spanish Translation**)  
Date: **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Included are new and current announcements from the Office of Family, Faith Formation, and Young People. We would greatly appreciate if you could add these announcements to your website or online bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Do (916) 733-0151.

<b>New</b>	<b>Jubilee Year   Pilgrims of Hope – Theme 1 Reflections: To See God</b>
English	
<p>With every virtue, one can consider its opposite vice, and the opposite of hope is despair. If through hope an arduous future good seems possible to attain, through despair, that good seems impossible. Your favorite team is down by 28 at the two-minute warning, or the ascent of Half Dome is imperiled by ice and mountain lions. Or, even worse, sometimes we become so conscious of our weakness that God himself seems impossibly and infinitely distant, as if he has forgotten us. This is a lie that comes from Satan himself. If God were to forget us, we would simply cease to exist. But the Lord holds all creation in being at every moment, and our own existence, even in times of trial, remains a sign of that <i>“each of us is willed; each of us is loved; each of us is necessary”</i> (Pope Benedict XVI). The God who knew us before we were in our mother’s womb (Jeremiah 1:5) desires that we all attain salvation (1 Timothy 2:4), and confident in his will to reveal his face to us, we can affirm with Saint Paul: <i>“in hope we are saved”</i> (Romans 8:24). In moments of despair, let us follow the example of Saint Faustina by confiding in Lord, saying, <i>“Jesus, I trust in you!”</i></p> <p>Starting in April, we will start thinking about Bishop Soto’s second Jubilee theme: <i>“Together, we will become living stones in God’s temple.”</i></p>	

<b>New</b>	<b>California’s Annual March for Life</b>
English	
<p>California’s Annual March for Life will be held Monday, March 31 at the State Capitol. It is an opportunity to show our elected officials that the effort to protect innocent life continues. In solidarity, Bishop Rey will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament that morning at 10:00am. Please join us to worship God and to Advocate for Life.</p> <p>For more information contact Deacon Danny Patterson at (916) 733-0133 or visit the March for Life website at <a href="http://www.MarchforLife.org">www.MarchforLife.org</a></p>	

**New**

**Bereavement Ministry Support- Meeting**

English

The St. Joseph's Bereavement Ministry Support Panel is inviting all Sacramento Diocese Bereavement Ministers and those who would like to become a trained minister to attend our next meeting:

April 12, 2025  
Holy Spirit Parish  
3159 Land Park Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
4:00pm – Vigil Mass  
5:00pm – Meeting in the McHugh Hall

The topic of reflection will be on "Compassion & Replenishing". We will share and discuss information relating to compassion fatigue, the importance of self-care, and coping skills to replenish your cup. Starting a bereavement support group at your parish. Any questions contact: Marisela Franco @ [mfranco@scd.org](mailto:mfranco@scd.org)

**New**

**CYO Summer Camp in Occidental, CA**

English

CYO Summer Camp fosters connections with God, nature, and others through friendship, teamwork, and experiences that build grit and resilience. The gifted CYO Summer Camp Staff aim to share God's Love with kids so that they can share it with one another. Campers will develop independence, make new friends, and create memories that will last a lifetime! Use the code "inthepines" at registration to get a \$120 discount on registration for Diocese of Sacramento families.

Learn about this summer experience for campers ages 8-17 just over two hours from downtown Sacramento at <https://catholiccharitiessf.org/cyocamp/cyo-summer-camp/>

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat [Date Correction]**

English

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is designed to help an individual experience the mercy and compassion of God and be supported with spiritual and emotional care. The next retreat will be held in English, **June 6-8, 2024**, at the Mercy Center in Auburn. For more information email [projectrachel@scd.org](mailto:projectrachel@scd.org)