



## 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, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

New	To Be Living Stones in God's Temple   Weekly Reflection (Part 2)
English	<p>In Bishop Soto's reflection, another mark of a living stone is that it takes part in Christ's divine priesthood by offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God. We hear this language of "acceptable sacrifices" at every Mass, and when we unite our hearts and minds to the mind of Christ in the sacrament of his Real Presence, we renew our bodies and souls through our union with the Body of Christ in heaven. Building up the Body of Christ on earth, which involves both the reception of Holy Communion and strengthening our bond of charity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, should give us a foretaste of that true supernatural unity which we will enjoy in the Communion of Saints. By remaining connected to Christ the cornerstone—through the Blessed Sacrament and through the help of our friends—we continue to draw spiritual strength on earth to persevere through the trials of life, even unto death, confident that God will receive us as a living stone in the new and eternal Jerusalem.</p> <p>Scripture uses the motif of a stone in another important context: "Blessed are you, Simon son of John, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. So I say to you: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18-19). Saint Peter is the rock upon which the Church on earth retains her stable connection to Christ in heaven. To Peter and his successors is imposed the task of guiding securely the work of the Church on earth, and by our own deference to the successor of Peter, we participate in the concrete form of the ecclesial body of Christ willed by the Lord. Of course, this does not mean that every pope is perfect. Peter himself abandoned the Lord at the Passion; but Christ, in his divine wisdom, allowed this to happen to bring about a greater good. As he said to Peter at the Last Supper, "Simon, Simon! Satan has demanded to sift you all like wheat! But I have prayed for you, Peter, you that your faith may not fail; and once you are converted, strengthen your brethren." Christ called him first "Simon," his pre-apostolic name, knowing that he would abandon the Lord in the dark days of the Passion; but then the Lord calls him "Peter," knowing that his own prayer would fortify the apostle even to the point of martyrdom.</p> <p><i>Written by Dr. Joseph Belleza, Assistant Director of Lay Formation, Diocese of Sacramento</i></p>

<b>New</b>	<b>National Eucharistic Revival – Save the Date!</b>
English	
<p>Save the date! The culmination of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival led by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops draws to a close on June 22, 2025, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The St. Katharine Drexel Pilgrimage Route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles begins on May 18, 2025.</p> <p>Named for St. Katharine Drexel, the Philadelphia heiress who founded a religious congregation to minister to the needs of African Americans and Native Americans, the Drexel Route is planning to make many unique stops, including a visit to the Tomb of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in Peoria, Illinois, the Shrine of Blessed Stanley Rother in Oklahoma City, and missions in Southern California.</p> <p>Please join by praying with the pilgrims during this 36-day pilgrimage!</p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/">https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/</a></p>	
<b>New</b>	<b>Jubilee Celebration Series for the API Catholic Community</b>
English	
<p>In continuing our Jubilee celebrations throughout the diocese, we are excited to celebrate and honor the unique and diverse API Catholic communities through a series of Jubilee Masses celebrated by our Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal with each cultural community. The first Mass of this Jubilee series will be on Sunday, May 25 at 2:00pm at St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova with the Indonesian Catholic community. All are welcome to join!</p>	
<b>New</b>	<b>Jubilee Sacred Heart Pilgrimage   Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville</b>
English	
<p>Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville is hosting a pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year as 1 of the 12 pilgrimage sites. The walk begins on <b>Thursday, June 26 and ends on Friday, June 27</b> on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pilgrimage walk will take place on the Bizz Johnson Trail from Westwood to Susanville with an overnight camp at the midway point. The walk will conclude at Sacred Heart Parish followed by Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and registration, please visit <a href="http://sacredheartpilgrimage.net">sacredheartpilgrimage.net</a>.</p>	

<b>New</b>	<b>Radiate Love   May Theme: Honoring All Mothers</b>
English	
<p>As we learn from today's Gospel, the voice of the Shepherd is unique and unrepeatable. So too the voice of a mother to her children. Newborns already know the voice of their mothers whose bodies have housed them for nine months, and it is mothers who first present children to the world, including to the new father, and teach them about belonging, community, love, and responsibility.</p> <p>Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at: <a href="http://www.radiatelove.info">www.radiatelove.info</a></p>	

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**New**

**Que Brille El Amor | Tema de Mayo: Honoremos a Todas las Madres**

Spanish

Como nos enseña el Evangelio de hoy, la voz del Pastor es única e irrepetible. Lo mismo ocurre con la voz de una madre para sus hijos. Los recién nacidos ya conocen la voz de sus madres, cuyos cuerpos los han albergado durante nueve meses, y son las madres quienes presentan a los niños al mundo, incluso al nuevo padre, y les enseñan la pertenencia, la comunidad, el amor y la responsabilidad. Obtenga más información y comparta la Buena Nueva sobre el matrimonio y la vida familiar en: [www.radiatelove.info](http://www.radiatelove.info)

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