

# THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC



*You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.*  
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

**MONDAY 2/11**  
Genesis 1:1-19  
Mark 6:53-56

**TUESDAY 2/12**  
Genesis 1:20--2:4  
Mark 7:1-13

**WEDNESDAY 2/13**  
Joel 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY 2/14**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Luke 9:22-25

**FRIDAY 2/15**  
Isaiah 58:1-9  
Matthew 9:14-15

**SATURDAY 2/16**  
Isaiah 58:9-14  
Luke 5:27-32

### Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week

Monday, Our Lady of Lourdes; Wednesday, Ash Wednesday; Thursday, Cyril & Methodius

### 7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Church	Service	Service	Mass
Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.					

### LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This 7-week course will examine the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Incorporating these stories into the core of our faith, the study will challenge participants to see both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection in daily living. The study will take place at the Lee Vining Rectory from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Tuesdays, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, & 3/5; Thursday 3/14; and Tuesdays, 3/19, 4/2. For details call David and Linda Dore at 760-647-1055.

### THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

It's time once again to join with our sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Stockton in pledging our prayerful and financial support of the charitable ministries of the diocese. This is our opportunity to reach out and help those in need. Unemployment, poverty, and crime still remain high in the city of Stockton, Stanislaus County, and San Joaquin County. Thousands of people living in these depressed areas look to the Church--look to us for help. Our pledges to support the annual Bishop's Ministry Appeal fund programs and services vital to the development of these people.

### LENTEN FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

During the Season of Lent we will celebrate Friday Devotions consisting of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

### PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, Jill Morstad, and for the repose of the soul of Beth Strelneck.

February 10, 2013

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

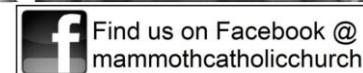
*Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it. "See," he said, "now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."*

Isaiah 6:6-7



### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Mammoth: 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM**  
**Lee Vining: 6:00 PM**  
**Bridgeport: 6:00 PM**



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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM**  
**La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM**

**Lee Vining:**

**Our Savior of the Mountains Mission –**  
**Sunday Mass 10:00 AM**  
**Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission –**  
**Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon**

### CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8**

*Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, your wickedness is removed, your sin is purged."*

**S**o vast and impossible was the gulf separating God and humanity that the ancients figure it was certain death even to get a glimpse of God. Moses was a kind of exception, although God only gave him a gander of the divine backside, just to be on the safe side, and even that was tricky. (See Exodus 33:18–23)

We hold the same understanding: meeting your Maker, seeing God face to face, and kicking the bucket are all pretty much synonymous. But like our prophet Isaiah, we don't want to arrive at the Pearly Gates with unclean lips, or any other parts of our persons that would set off the sin detectors. That would never do.

And God knows that. God has such great love for the people he calls his very own that he provides for them. He gently shielded Moses with his own hand so that the poor man wouldn't be overwhelmed by God's glory. He cleansed Isaiah's lips. (Okay, so he did it with a hot coal. Ouch!) It erased the prophet's fears and prepared him to answer God's call. And God forgives all our sins and removes our wickedness so that we, like Isaiah, may be free to respond to God invitation to serve him in this world and be happy with him forever in the world to come. Not a bad deal, if you ask me.

**SECOND READING: 1Corinthians 15:1–11**

*I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.*

**T**he Apostle Paul was noted for his tremendous courage standing before powerful people. By his own count he was flogged five times, beaten twice, and stoned once. (See 2Corinthians 11:24–25, and by "stoned" I don't mean he was getting high.) There are numerous accounts of his

incarcerations. When he saw the Apostle Peter behaving contrary to the gospel in Antioch, he confronted the pope. "I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong," Paul writes in Galatians 2:11. It's obvious that Saint Paul wasn't looking for a promotion!

And that's exactly why Paul was so courageous. Although in his former life as a devout Pharisee and deputized temple cop he was obviously rising in the structures of religious authority, he definitely took the low road in his new life as self-proclaimed (and divinely appointed) apostle to the Gentiles. He kept his day job as a tentmaker (Acts 18:2), and did not accept pay. (2Thessalonians 3:7–9) He took to heart the Lord's words, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." (Mark 10:43–44)

In other words, Paul had nothing to lose. If we, on the other hand, seek greatness in this passing world, then promotions, honored appointments, and higher pay will be our gods. Being named a vice president, or a monsignor, will tend to be more important to us than boldly witnessing to the presence of God's kingdom. Worldly honors, however, last but for a time; then they pass away.

**GOSPEL: Luke 5:1–11**

*Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."*

**E**very confessor knows how much some penitents try to minimize their sins. They will confess an infraction, and then qualify the act with mitigating

circumstances. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but why? God forgives our sins whether they are big or small. If a wrongdoing strikes your conscious as worthy of confession, why not claim grave matter, total culpability, and full guilt? It isn't like we're not sinners or something. "I didn't come to call the righteous," Jesus says in Matthew 9:13, "but sinners." It is the experience of being forgiven that can so profoundly affect a person and bring about conversion. Jesus explains in Luke 7:47 that those who are forgiven a great deal will love a great deal, but those who are forgiven only a little will love only a little.

Not only that, but the powerful, penetrating love of God shown in forgiveness will target a person's particular sinfulness for transformation and use in the kingdom so "that the cause of our downfall might become the

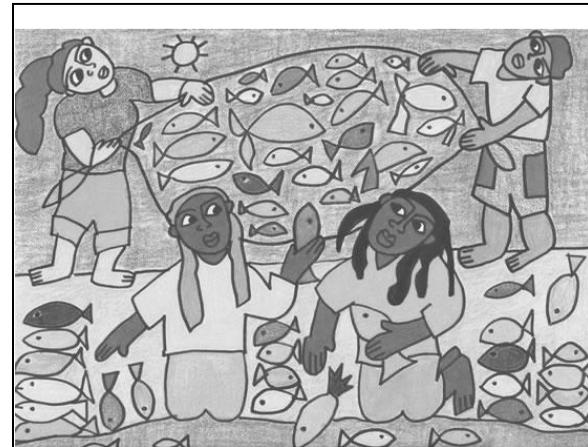
**Parish Finance Council  
MEETING**

This Tuesday evening beginning at  
6:30 PM in the Mammoth Rectory

**Items on the agenda:**

- First Half Financial Report
- Parish Center Plan
- Capital Campaign

means of our salvation" (*Preface III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time*). Take Peter, for instance, the worst fisherman who ever lived. He was astonished at the catch of fish because, well, he knew he wasn't very good at finding fish. When in the gospel stories did he ever catch anything without divine intervention? Yet his weakness would become strength in the kingdom, where he would be a fisher of men! Or like Paul who went from persecutor to apostle. "For when I am weak, then I am strong!" (2Corinthians 12:10) FP



**Confiamos en El**

El llamado del profeta Isaías nos debe recordar nuestro propio llamado al servicio, un tema que se ha venido desarrollando desde hace varias semanas. El Evangelio nos presenta hoy, sin embargo, el ingrediente principal para los discípulos que responden a dicho llamado: la confianza. En Simón Pedro nos podemos identificar todos, ministros ordenados o seglares laicos. El Señor nos llama a todos—cada cual a su vocación— y nos pide que confiemos en El.