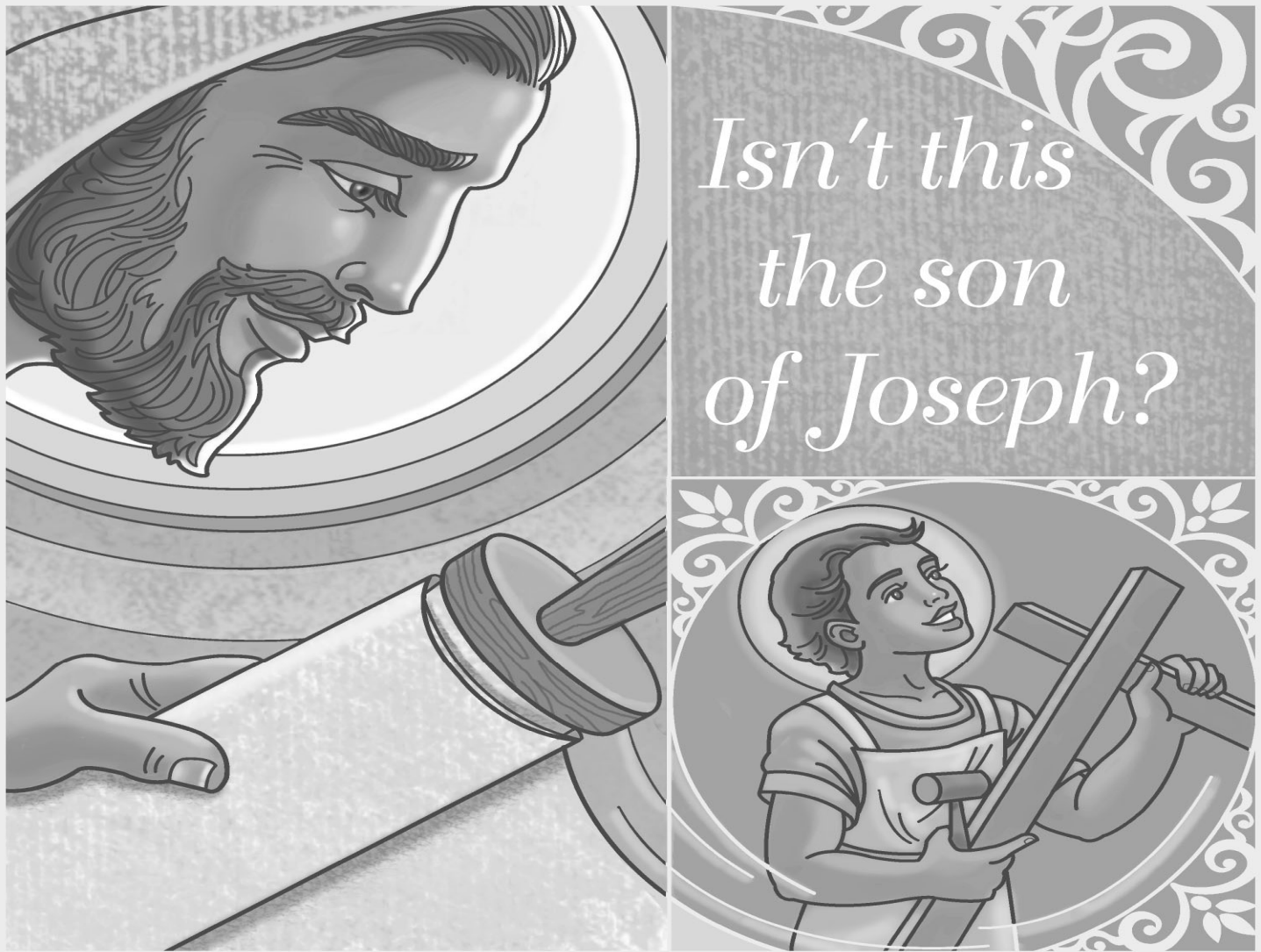


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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HOLY REDEEMER

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, after Daily Mass.—11:45 a.m.

Benediction at Noon

Holy Days: Please contact Parish Office

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Please contact the Parish Office

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office

BAPTISM CLASSES: Please contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGES: By appt., 6 months in advance. Please make arrangements directly with the Pastor.

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Parish Office (818) 248-3442 Fax (818) 248-9332

MASSES: Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

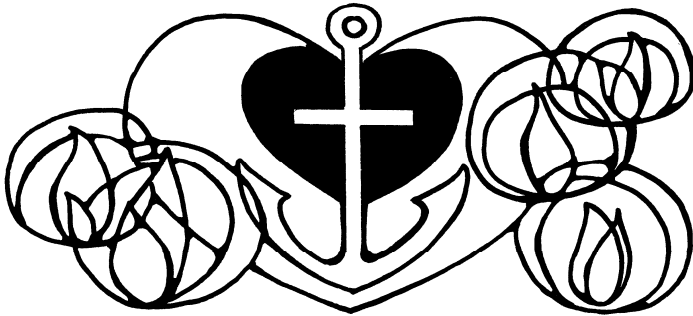
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays: T, Th, Sat. at 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays -- 5:00—7:00 p.m.

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*Faith, hope and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. "[F]illed with fury," they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:28,30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. "[I]f I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have no love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

PARISH NEWS

Life and Dignity Sunday Report

Last Sunday, approximately **629** parishioners from both Holy Redeemer (431) and St. James the Less (198) registered for the **Catholic Legislative Network**. We thank you for agreeing to participate and we will be praying that the network will be successful in creating public policy in our state that is more caring, respectful of life, and just for all. We received word last Tuesday, Jan. 26th that **12,774** people throughout the diocese signed up for the CLN last weekend. WOW!

If you missed signing up last weekend, you can still register on line at www.cacatholic.org, or use one of the Registration Cards in the pews and parish offices. **It is very important to provide your email address.** For reassuring details about registration, please see page 6 of this bulletin.

*Jim & Carol Lewis
HR/SJL CLN Coordinators*

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2010
A Time for Reflection

This week you are asked to read and reflect upon the *Together in Mission* materials that you receive today.

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of our sisters and brothers.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme of the campaign is "I GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O LORD." Psalm 138:1 *Together in Mission* provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual *Together in Mission in-pew* pledge process next weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has given you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO GIVE?

Additional Sacristans are needed for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, and the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and we thank those of you who responded to the *pulpit announcement last weekend*. Sacristans accomplish most of their tasks "behind the scenes" and this is a very rewarding and interesting ministry. If you feel called to volunteer a small amount of your time, why not call to find out more? Those who wish to volunteer will receive the training they need to feel comfortable and confident in their service. Call the parish office (818) 249-2008, ext. 221 to leave your name and contact number. A training session will be scheduled soon, and you will be invited to attend. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Friday, February 5th is First Friday. Beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Eucharist, will be exposed in Chapel and will remain exposed until Noon when it will conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

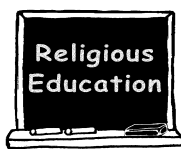
OUR PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

We believe in the Power of Prayer:

Please keep the faculty, staff and students of Holy Redeemer School in your prayers as we all undergo the restructuring process between HRS and St. James School. We thank all of our parish community for your continued support. We love our school and our prayer is for its continued success.

Prayers requested for Mrs. Ophelia Finch (Hosanna, gr. 6) who is currently undergoing cancer treatment and for Mr. Jim Rought (Mrs. Garcia's dad) who will be undergoing open heart surgery in the near future.

—Cathi Garcia



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Please join the children preparing for First Reconciliation at one of our Penance Blessing Masses: Feb. 7th, 10 a.m. at Holy Redeemer and Feb. 14th 11:30 a.m. at St. James the Less.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING THIS SUMMER TO THE HOLY REDEEMER/ST. JAMES COMMUNITY!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS please contact Trish at (818) 249-2008, ext. 443. We hope to have a diversified team so we certainly welcome adults as well as high school and college students! Training to be provided.

DID YOU KNOW?**Is Your Family Prepared for a Natural Disaster?**

News reports on the recent earthquake in Haiti have shown how easily families can become separated during the chaos of a natural disaster. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers the following recommendations to all families potentially impacted by a natural disaster:

- Know where your kids are at all times.
- Stay together.
- Take photos of your children with you when evacuated.
- Give children identification information to carry with them, including the child's name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, etc.
- E-mail digital photos of all family members to extended relatives and/or friends.
- Photocopy important documents and mail to a friend/relative in a safe location.
- Make a plan with your children, so they know what to do if your family becomes separated during an evacuation.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

SAINT AGATHA

(Died 251)

Feast Day: February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSISI PILGRIMAGE

Six young men from the Catholic communities of Holy Redeemer and St. James the Less applied and were selected to participate in the 2nd annual St. Francis High School Assisi Pilgrimage. A group of thirty students in all and five faculty members will travel to Italy on Easter Sunday morning and spend seven days walking in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Claire. In order to help pay for the trip, the six pilgrims from our twinned parishes are asking for your help. **They are collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones and recycling them.** All of the money raised will go toward the cost of the trip. Please bring your used ink cartridges and old cell phones to the church and place them in the brown and gold box located to the right of the confessional door. Thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions please contact Deirdre Cascelli in the rectory at (818)249-2008 ext. 556.

HOLY REDEEMER CHOIR

The 10:00 a.m. Choir has started to prepare the music for Lent and Easter and if you enjoy singing, this is a wonderful time to consider volunteering. If interested, please speak to Charlotte Lansberg, Director of Music Ministry after Mass.

If you play a musical instrument, any instrument, please speak to Charlotte to learn more about sharing your gifts with Music Ministry!

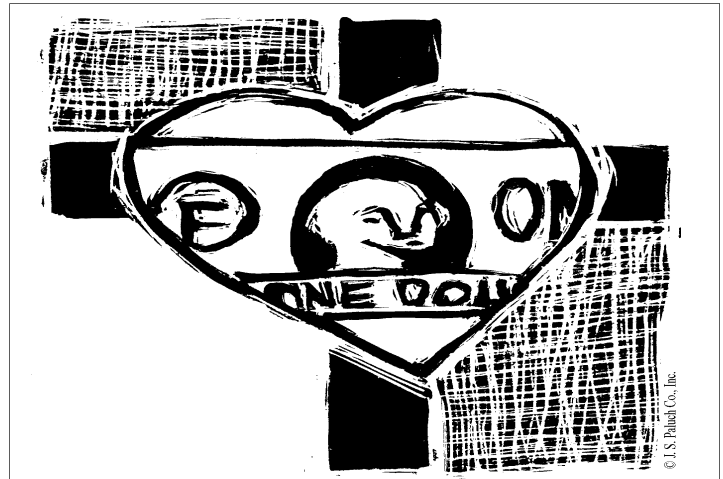
PARISH PRAYER LIST

Risa Gilbert, Gerry Mitchell, Heather Eyraud, Maria Stieritz, Henny Schreefel, Jacob (age 3), Carol Friesen, Kathryn Ausburn, Larry Lewis, Albert Guthrie, Edward Pilgrim, Rebecca Cole, Rosemary Hegenbart, Carmel Richardson, Anne McPherson, Janice Klein, Colleen MacIntosh, Maria Bonino-Britsch, Sela Patterson, Bill McNerny, Kay Kates, Michael Franco, Angie Escobal, Robert Delaney, Tom Passafiume, Margaret Sinatra, Jolene Neal, Kathleen Robertson, Virginia Brennan, Eleanor Birney, Stacy Toyon, Judy Silva, Wendy Wayne, John Paluka, Jeanie Fjelstad, Teresa Rocha, Ed Gillin, Kerrigan Madden, Betty Myers, Mamata Pramanik, Bernadeen Sullivan, Katie Heydorff, Gil Bernal, Adam Voelker, Gregory Voelker, Teresita V. Bautista, Letty Gutierrez, Calixto Gutierrez, Ana Velez, Remedios Stanlee, Arcenia Go, Sarah Novak, Paula Sulit, Victoria Robman, Will Romo, Brian Cole, Rev. Magee, O.S.A., Joanie Walsh, James Pope, Esther Mimiaga, Pat Miller, Albert Mellican, Marion Marvin, Marie Castle, Robin Klesges, Ken Lau, Nancy Wheeler, Baby Ian Palamattam, Vincent McElwee, Evelyn McElwee, Florence Cannella, Teresa Zuniga Lau, Teresa Newlin, Eleana Zuniga, Mary Louisa Zuniga, Francis O'Neil, Marge & Tom Gilroy, Carol Mutchnik, Patricia Hausmann, Tom English, Millie Urso, Eithne Foley, Cora McConnell, Louise Lewis, Nikolas Haas, Jane O'Neil, and all others.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Alexander Farnsworth, U.S. Army, Dan Cortes, USMC Gunnery Sergeant, Jeffrey Salvador, U.S. Army National Guard, Christopher Falzone USMC, Brendon Terry USMC, Michael Richards, USMC, preparing for deployment to Afghanistan, Jessica Pena, serving in Iraq, Lance Corporal Zac Garcia, USMC, Brian Henderson, Capt. Michelle Sharp U.S. Army, serving in Korea, Staff Sgt. Louis Figueroa, Staff Sgt. Erica Thill, Staff Sgt. John Stedman, Kyle Jesse Marquez, Cesar Nader, Justin Hughes, Capt. Bryan Bogardus, Christopher Villagrancia, Brian Joseph Joo, Specialist, Brandon Buys, Carlos Brown, Christopher Skeehan, Abraham Miranda, Mike McDonald, Michael & Kim Rufner, Raul Acevedo, Doug Zembeic, Byron Pangburn, Grant Gregory, Capt. Brian McDermott, U.S. Army. *To add a name please call 249-2008, ext. 441.*

A new name has been added to our military prayer list: Alexander Farnsworth, U.S. Army. Alexander is 20 years old, and he will turn 21 in April, 2010. He graduated Boot Camp in December and will be deployed to Afghanistan next month. His mother, Wendy, shared that Alexander, the youngest of their four children, felt the call to serve in the military, and always enjoyed playing GI Joe, etc. as a child. Now, she said, "it all makes sense! He did this all by himself, and felt it would add to his maturity and he would be doing something meaningful with his life." Let us remember to keep Alexander and his family, and all the brave men and women on our Military Prayer List, in our daily thoughts and prayers.

**THE "M" WORD**

Let's begin with the obvious: The Church has to have money, and our parish has to have money. No money, no ministry. Our parish needs money to help those who are hurting in body, mind, and spirit; it needs money to pay clergy and staff; it needs money to educate the young and to pay the bills for everyday services, such as electricity, water, gas, and maintenance. Just like our own homes, it cannot operate without it. Where does the money come from? There are no presses printing money in the bishop's office; there are no weekly armored-truck deliveries from the Vatican. The money to do Christ's work through the Church comes solely from all of us—disciples of the same Lord Jesus Christ. Money in itself is neither good nor bad, neither clean nor dirty. Yet how we use money, or how we let money use us, determines its morality. Selfless sharing of our financial and other resources is a powerful, liberating activity that makes us and the world a better place. Turn on the TV any day of the week and you can find a televangelist with the message, "Give a financial contribution, and God will then shower blessings on you." The message of stewardship, based on the scriptures, is the absolute opposite. God gives first—life, health, a roof over our heads, food to eat, and much more. We do not achieve these by our efforts alone, so returning a portion of our financial resources in the parish offertory is a way to express our real gratitude for what we have already received. If you have never made a regular contribution to the parish offertory, begin now. If you have made a small commitment before, see if you can increase it a little. If God has blessed you greatly, give greatly in return.

Living Stewardship Now

Give to God what's right—not what's left.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING SOON

You are invited to join us at the new Bible study, "Women in the Old Testament", beginning Monday February 1st, 10:00 a.m. in Healy Hall. There is a \$15 fee for materials. For additional information please call Elgie Lalley (818) 249-5770, or Diane Wyman (818) 730-4684.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Jan. 31 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 a.m. **The Amissah Family / HR Staff**
Joseph McKeever (d) His Family
Virgilio R. Habagat (I) Rosalinda Jordan

10:00 a.m. **People's Mass**
5:30 p.m. **Nene Maglalang De Castro (d)**
 Kate & Aileen

Mon., Feb. 1 **Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **Intentions / Jane & Steve Stevens**
Dorothy Urso (I) Mom
Madeline Carvalho (d) The Stone Family

Tue., Feb. 2 **The Presentation of the Lord**
8:00 a.m. (Mass at St. James the Less)

Wed., Feb. 3 **Weekday Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr;**
8:00 a.m. **Saint Ansgar, bishop**
Mark Patton (I)
Bill Pearson (d) Rachel Pearson

Thur., Feb. 4 **Weekday**
8:00 a.m. (Mass at St. James the Less)

Fri., Feb. 5 **Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr**
8:00 a.m. **Lawrence Malicdem (I)** Mom
John Montroy (d) M. Blackmun
Lou Sydejko (d) Verlene

Sat., Feb. 6 **Saint Paul Miki, martyr, and his**
5:30 p.m. **companions, martyrs**
Tony Scandaliato (I) The Cote Family
Debra Ann McAndrew (d) Mom & Dad
Shirley Scandaliato (d) The Cote Family

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE!

MABEL TAORMINA
HENRY DISPALTRO
ROBERT PELLETIER

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief shared is grief diminished

We offer comfort and hope to those suffering a loss. We meet with 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of Healy Hall. Please contact Ed. Diaz (818) 667-1184, or Marie Baker (818) 790-0767 for more information.

Science can tell us what is, but it can't tell us good from bad, right from wrong. Therefore it is not anti-science to oppose embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. It is pro-science to care enough to keep this powerful enterprise within proper ethical parameters." Wesley Smith, NRL News, June 2008

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Feb. 6 5:30 p.m. I. & J. Venckus # 1/2,
M. Robman #3, C. DeGyurky #4,
T. Kirkaldy #5, B. Sullivan #6,
L. McKim #7

Sun., Feb., 7 8:00 a.m. Jen. C.W. #1, J. Espe #2,
A. Mann #3, T. Lousen #4, J. O'Brien #5,
F. Silva #6, R. Seifert #7
10:00 a.m. J. & K. Morreale #1/2,
C. & J. Redfern #3/4, M. Baker #5,
B. Hamilton #6, E. Urrutia #7
5:30 p.m. M.L. & M. Barnes #1/2,
E. Martin #3, T. & J. LeBon #4/5,
M. Villasenor #6, J. Morey #7

LECTORS

Sat., Feb. 6 5:30 p.m. R. & D. Sharkey

Sun., Feb. 7 8:00 a.m. Boy Scout Sunday
10:00 a.m. Religious Ed
5:30 p.m. S. Chirino, R. Quito

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Feb. 6 5:30 p.m. A. & P Mouradkhanian, N. Johnson, M. Arvizu

Sun., Feb. 7 8:00 a.m. Boy Scout Sunday
10:00 a.m. P. Murillo, G. & I. Wright,
C. Bustillos
5:30 p.m. S. M. & C. Villasenor,
M. Musso

CATHOLIC LEGISLATIVE NETWORK
Still not convinced?

- There is a need for a clear moral voice of faith on important issues.
- Catholics make up more than 35 percent of the population of California...we can make a difference.
- If you don't agree with the issues, you don't have to respond.
- Your e-mail addresses will NOT be used for other purposes (like raising money)
- You can opt out of the network at any time.
- It doesn't cost any money to be part of the network
- It is another way to live out your faith in the world.
- There is strength in numbers.

Registration cards are available in the pews and the parish offices of Holy Redeemer and St. James the Less. Complete and mail to address on card or drop by parish office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

WANTING

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. —Ralph Waldo Emerson