



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil for Sundays)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days: 8:00 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm

or upon request during office hours except on Sundays.

Morning Prayer

Tuesday through Friday: 7:35 am

Rosary

Tuesday through Friday: 7:15 am

(Church opens at 7:10 am)

Office Hours

Tue. thru Fri.: 8:30 am—12:00 pm & 1:30 pm—5:00 pm

Sat.: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Closed Sun. & Mon.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2012

*“[The Lord]tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.”*

— Psalm 147:4

Pastor's Notes

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Dear Parishioners,

Lent is fast approaching. As you know, Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter; the summit of our liturgical year. The practices we embrace for this season are not out of date. Indeed, they are instrumental in helping us to deepen our relationships with God and our neighbor. This is a good time to rediscover those traditional works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Benedict XVI has said that "fasting is as important as ever and it is a 'therapy' to heal obstacles to conforming to God's will. ...Fasting is a great help to avoid sin and all that leads to it. For this reason, the history of salvation is replete with occasions that invite fasting. The believer, through fasting, intends to submit himself humbly to God, trusting in his goodness and mercy."

Times are tough for many people right now. So many are out of work, and forced from their homes. Our area was hit especially hard with foreclosures. Last week over 170 families came to our outreach for assistance. In the spirit of our fasting, we can incorporate almsgiving and prayer. Pope Benedict said, "By freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger." Let us consume less: less food, less energy, etc. and find it in our hearts to share what we can with those who are forced through economics to live with less. And let us pray that we will grow closer to the will of God in our lives.

During the Fridays of Lent this year, we will have the Jerusalem Stations of the Cross immediately following daily mass. On Friday evenings, we will have the Roman Way of the Cross with taize prayer. Also, plan to attend our Lenten Mission presented by Fr. Joe Annese on March 12-14 at 7:00 pm nightly. Reconciliations/ confessions will be heard on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 pm in addition to the usual times on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 3:30 pm or by appointment. Make your plan for spiritual growth now. Don't wait until the last minute and end up being disappointed in your progress. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your decisions.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bede Wevita

Stewardship 2012

The following is a list of our financial goals:

Needed Weekly: \$29,482.00
 Needed Monthly: \$127,755.00
 Needed Yearly: \$1,533,064.00

Here's how that weekly amount breaks down:

Loan and interest:	\$6,588.00
National Collections:	692.00
Parish 2nd Collections:	1,817.00
CSA	1,923.00
Operating Expenses	18,462.00
TOTAL	\$29,482.00

As of January 1st we are about \$124,315.00 behind. At the moment we are using our savings to pay the mortgage. We have \$300,000 left in our savings account. That will pay our mortgage for the next 10 months. Please be conscious of our financial situation.

January 28/29

1st Collection	\$ 18,896.59
2nd Collection	\$ 3,315.77
Total for these collections	\$ 22,212.36

Church Attendance 2,829 (our church holds 663).

Thank YOU

	Attendance	1st	Family Life Ministry
4:00 pm	499	\$ 3,818.50	\$ 593.00
8:00 am	455	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 795.00
10:00 am	673	\$ 2,733.50	\$ 701.77
12:00 pm	755	\$ 2,595.59	\$ 359.00
5:00 pm	447	\$ 2,705.00	\$ 620.00
Mail in		\$ 1,592.00	\$ 43.00
Electronic		\$ 2,452.00	\$ 204.00

Second Collection

Next week's second collection is for rural parishes and missions. There are 5 Nevada rural parishes that benefit from this collection. Read more about this special collection in the Bishop's Letter in this edition of our parish bulletin on page 6. Thank you for your continued generosity.



be a hero



**SJNC presents:
Winter Blood Drive
Sunday, February 5th
9:00am– 1:30pm
SJNC Parish Center**



SJNC Presents:

Chili Cook-off

Saturday, February 11th



(right after 4pm Mass)

\$10 for adults/ \$5 children 12 and under

Sample the best chili recipes of our SJNC parish!

Cash bar (beer and wine)

Sponsored by the SJNC Men's Club

Think your chili recipe is the best-in-the-west?

You could win \$\$\$!!

1st Prize: \$150/ 2nd Prize: \$100/ 3rd Prize: \$50

Chili Cook-Off Entry Form:

DROP OFF ENTRY AT THE PARISH OFFICE

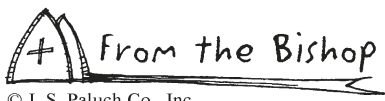
Deadline for entries:

February 5th

Name _____

Phone _____

- Plan on bringing a stock pot amount of chili for the contest.
- Bring your chili hot and ready to serve in an electric crock pot (to keep it hot) by 3:30pm on Saturday, February 11th only. You should plan on serving your own chili.
- Winners will be announced in the bulletin.



My Dear Parishioners: © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

On the weekend of February 12, our second collection focuses on the rural parishes and missions in our diocese. There are five rural parishes that benefit from this collections. They are very small communities in population, but the parishioners, although small in numbers, are a beacon to their communities of their Catholic faith.

It is not possible for these churches to meet the increasing financial burdens of upkeep of buildings, utilities and parish activities. They depend on us to assist them in their religious education programs and evangelization programs. Without this assistance, these missions and rural parishes would cease to be a Catholic presence in their communities.

The rural parishes that depend on the diocese to assist in meeting their financial commitments are:

- ◆ Holy Child Catholic Parish in Caliente
- ◆ Christ of the Desert Parish in Amargosa
- ◆ St. John the Evangelist Parish in Overton
- ◆ St. Patrick's Parish in Tonopah which also serves the needs of the missions of St. Barbara's in Round Mountain, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Fish Lake and St. Michael's in McGill
- ◆ Sacred Heart Parish in Ely

I ask for your assistance in helping to keep these rural Catholic communities alive by giving generously to this local need.

Wishing you the very best, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D. D., J. C. D.
Bishop of Las Vegas

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In today's gospel it tells us that Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray; He took the time to refresh his spirit. When was the last time you took time to get away as a couple and renew your relationship? The next weekends are February 10-12, and May 4-6, 2012 in Boulder City. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, call Wayne and Marcia Kessler at 702-566-8753. For information on Spanish-language weekends, call Jose and Patti Santiago at 702-544-3755.



Jesus cured many
who were sick



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Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi) Help for Troubled Marriages!!

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at every stage of disillusionment, even those thinking of separation or divorce.

Don't wait till it gets that bad.

Call now for information about our April 20-22, 2012 Retrouvaille weekend. Please call Chuck and Carol Moore at 702-604-1006 or visit www.retrouvaille.org



Please, Protect Your Valuables

Several parishes continue to report purses being taken during Communion, while parishioners process to receive the Eucharist. As a precaution please safeguard your purse at all times and do not leave any valuables in your car!

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THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; /they come to and end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Cor. 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at her door He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hands of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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Faith Formation Parents:

This week, we sent our first Faith Formation E-news which contained the February Faith Formation calendar, newsletter and helpful links.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child/children currently enrolled in SJNC Faith Formation and did not receive this email, we may not have your current email address on file. Please contact the Faith Formation office at 657-0200 x 215.



Confirmation News:

- ◆ **On-going service hours for Confirmation** students are: Sundays after noon Mass on the days of Confirmation classes.
- ◆ **Homeless Retreat Weekend** for those Confirmation 2 students who did not attend last year is February 17th through 19th, 2012.

SJNC YOUTH GROUPS

Jr. High Youth Group (JHYG)
for students in grades 6-8
Meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday
6:00pm—7:30pm in the Youth Room



High Youth Group (HSYG)
for students in grades 9-12
Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
6:00pm—7:30pm

**For more info, contact Nora Luz Kriegel
Youth Ministry, 657-0200 x 214**



Visiting Mary

The St. John Neumann "Visiting Mary" can visit the home of a **registered parishioner** for one week. This can be a beautiful, peaceful time in

your home. She may be picked up on Saturday afternoon and *must* be returned to the parish office by the following Saturday *morning*.

The statue comes with prayers, songs, meditations and directions on how to pray the rosary, as well as some special intentions requested by our pastor.

We are currently looking for families to sign-up for Mary to visit their home during August, 2012

Contact parish office to sign up.

VISITING MARY SCHEDULE

2/4 – Maria Dominguez

2/11 – Linda Moody

2/18 – Antonio & Valarie Preciado



Please pray for our parishioner,

Elizabeth DeVera Quero

who entered into Eternal life on January 30, 2012.

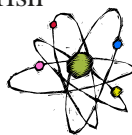
"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, Amen."

STAY IN THE KNOW WITH OUR SJNC E-NEWS!

Delivered weekly to your email inbox, get the latest on what's happening in your SJNC parish community.

Includes the weekly bulletin in electronic format.

Stop by the parish office and give us your email address to receive our weekly news email.



Got Palms?



Please bring in your blessed palms and place them in the designated baskets in the parish lobby.

Palms will be burned on Tuesday, February 21st and used on Wednesday, February 22nd.



Outreach (Pantry hours: Wed. 9am-3pm)

Together, we can make the difference! Together, we can say Yes to God!

The economic downturn has affected many families in the parish and there are many in our area that are without jobs, shelter, or food during these difficult times. The SJNC pantry is in need of our help. The next time you are at the grocery store please consider purchasing some extra food for our families in need. Please leave your donations in the big wooden box in the lobby. God bless you for supporting the Outreach Pantry.

Wish lists for the Pantry

Pasta Sauce, mac n cheese, canned tuna, canned vegetables & fruit, soups, Ramen, canned proteins (i.e., chicken, spam) pasta, peanut butter, rice, dried beans.

To our Outreach donors THANK-YOU for All That You Do and God Bless!

On February 1st, the Outreach ministry served 145 families; 394 children, 296 adults, and 62 seniors.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN!

If you're new to St. John Neumann, check out what we collect in order to add to our building fund:

Crushed cans, Cell phones, "Pennies for Heaven" Used Name Brand Ink & Toner printer cartridges.

Also, the Outreach ministry accepts donations of clothing and food for the poor.



We are a "Stewardship Parish" and are provided an opportunity to contribute toward the growth of our parish. Information on our "Fruitful Vine" Stewardship process including the "Fruitful Vine" Stewardship Commitment form are available in the parish office.

WHY REGISTER IN THE PARISH?

Many people regularly attending mass at our parish are not *registered as parishioners*. Faith Formation registration is *not* parish registration.

It is important to be registered and to use your donation envelopes so that we have records of your activity in the parish. If you ever request a letter for Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, a tax statement, being a godparent or sponsor, or if you would like to have your child enrolled in our Faith Formation Program, or many other reasons, we must check our records. We can verify that you attend by seeing your identifiable donations (and/or active participation in church ministry) that have been posted in the computer.

We cannot sign affidavits stating that you are a member of the parish (even if you do attend mass here), if we have no records to that effect. If you would like to register, we encourage you to do so by completing the registration form found in the welcome flyer in the lobby or in the parish office. Please return it either by mail, or placing it in the collection basket, or dropping it off at the parish office.

Are you a fully initiated Catholic?

...One that has received not only Baptism and First Eucharist, but also the sacrament of Confirmation.

If the answer is NO, then RCIA is for you. If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic,

come to a Thursday evening meeting at 7 pm and see what it is all about. The process is very interesting. Practicing Catholics are also needed to sponsor those who wish to join the church. Come, learn, ask questions **and make friends**.



A Memorial Opportunity

Our new Paschal Candle for 2012 can be memorialized to honor a loved one or to remember a special occasion.

The memorial is \$600 and will be featured in the parish bulletin

We can also split this memorial opportunity for more than one dedication.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Lectionary Based Scripture Study



Join us for our next class on **Thursday, February 9th at 8:45am**. We will reflect on next Sunday's Gospel (Mark 1:40-45).

"The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean".

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Parish Staff

Pastor	Fr. Bede Wevita	
Visiting Priests	Msgr. Joe Cosgrove	
	Fr. Albert Felice-Pace	
	Fr. Joe Annese	
Deacons	Frank Oettinger	
	Andrè Richard	
Secretary	Rosie Arellano	657-0200ext. 201
Receptionist	Leonarda Serna	657-0200ext. 200
Business Administrator	Cheryl Shaffer	657-0200ext. 204
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Santos	657-0200ext. 211
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Kathy Oettinger	657-0200
Maintenance	Al Camacho	
Custodian	Tio Serna	
Dir. Of Children's Faith Formation	Cathy Trawinski	657-0200ext. 210
Admin. Assistant	Araceli Perez	657-0200ext. 215
Dir. Of Youth Ministry/Confirmation	Nora Luz Kriegel	657-0200ext. 214
CGS Coordinator	Helen Silva	657-0200ext. 217
Dir. Of Adult & Children's Choir	Sean Davis	255-5269
Youth Choir	Lissy De Jesus	657-0200
Organist	Kara Davis	
Organist	Delma Reid	

Ministries/Organizations

Altar Linens	Mary Lou Bodan	658-1953
Altar Servers	Marie Ricci	399-6327
Bulletin Editors	M. Santos, E. Ramirez	657-0200
Eucharistic Ministers	Marge Nelson	649-3318
Gift Shop	Nelda Schafer	657-0200
Hospitality	Elsie Lyon	395-2542
Marthas & Marys	Lori Gabriel	445-7548
Men's Club	John Lucas	635-1817
Sick or Homebound	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Outreach	Fr. Bede Wevita	657-0200
RCIA	Sam & Gary Douglas	645-8323
Readers	Fr. Bede Wevita	657-0200
Sacristans	Max Fightmaster	657-0200
Senior Luncheons	Bob Chiodo	649-5989
Marriage Prep (sponsor couples)	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Ushers	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882

Parish Council

Terry Lamuraglia	Tony Urevich	Shelley Robertson
Marie Ricci	Jay Rodrigues	Arlene Martin
Chris Lee	John Cruz	Jesus "Doc" Floresca
Phil Lee	Harry Shull (Consultant)	
Leticia Cristobal	Theresa Rees	

Parish Finance Council

John Kilduff
Margo Lamuraglia
Aruna Silva

Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation time for the parents of the child is three months. Please call the parish office to sign up for a class and begin the process. Baptisms are celebrated during the Mass. Parents should meet with one of the program coordinators before choosing the godparents and/or choosing a date for the Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Consult with the priest before you set the date. A minimum of six to eight months preparation is needed.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time if you or a family member seeks the Sacrament. If possible, please try to call before your loved one is in the active process of dying.

Communion for the Sick or Homebound

Contact the parish office during office hours. In case of hospitalization, inform the admissions office that you are a Catholic and would like to receive communion.

Mass Intentions

Scheduled in the parish office. The calendar fills up rapidly, so Mass intentions may have to be scheduled up to a year in advance.

House Blessings

Parishioners are encouraged to bless their own homes. Holy water and appropriate prayers are provided by the parish.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration began in April. Classes are held from September to May. Students must complete 2 consecutive years of classes in order to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation.

Annulments

Please contact Fr. Bede Wevita or Deacon Frank Oettinger.

Vocations

Please contact Fr. Bede Wevita

Victim Advocacy Number

Advocacy is available for any individual who has been sexually and/or physically abused.

The 24-hour hotline number is:

(702) 235-7723

www.sjnc.org

