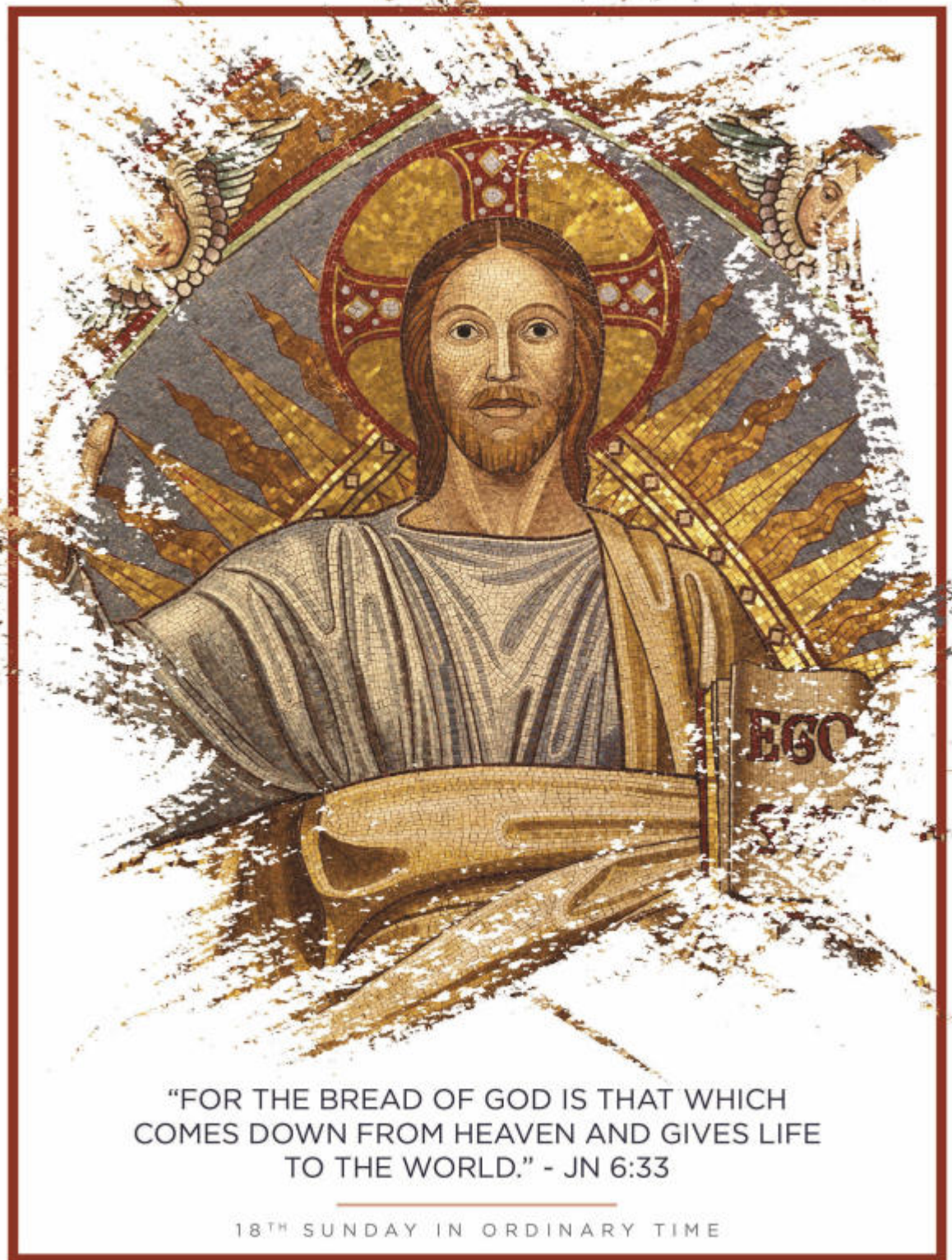


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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30AM

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If you would like to volunteer for an hour, please contact Doug at douglas.2.crumley@ampf.com or Scott at teamcrow25@gmail.com



The Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. **The office is closed on Friday and holidays.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt
14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf.
3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps
106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2
Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-
20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



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TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.



Sunday, August 1

- 8:00am (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
 8:00am (R) Kathy Kaminski
 by Rick & Vicki Welsh
 10:30am (I) Suriani Amiputri
 by Yahja & Amiputri Family
 10:30am (I) John Pippig, Jr.

Monday, August 2

- 8:30am (R) John Pippig, Sr. by John Pippig, Jr.
 8:30am (R) Richard Kleinke by Dorothy Kleinke

Tuesday, August 3

- 8:30am (R) Clare Anne & Mike Moody
 by Gene Moody
 8:30am (R) Elizabeth Wilson
 by Chris & Candy Ward

Wednesday, August 4

No Mass

Thursday, August 5

- 8:30am (R) Bessie Curran by John Pippig, Jr.
 8:30am (R) Pamela Rapozo
 by Frank & Cyndy Mason

Friday, August 6

- 8:30am (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
 8:30am (R) Larry Vicory
 by Frank & Cyndy Mason

Saturday, August 7

- 4:30pm (I) Mass for Parishioners

Sunday, August 8

- 8:00am (R) Lucia Danino by Jorge Danino
 8:00am (R) Sean Madden by Moore Family
 10:30am (R) William & Shirley Jones
 by Betty Zanoni
 10:30am (R) John Anderson
 by Andrew Anderson



Even now, I know that God will grant you whatever you ask of Him. –Jn 11:22

Reflection: Lazarus was in the tomb four days, but Martha and Mary expressed to Jesus the hope that He could raise him. Even now.

That should be our theme as we fight the evil of abortion. Some will say it has gone on so long it cannot be changed. But despite the culture of death, we are called to hope in the God who has not changed and in His power to defeat abortion. Even now.

Prayer: Lord, we are a people of hope. Grant us perseverance and victory in the battle for life.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for August - **The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Join Deacon Jack and Deacon Dave for Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament- Exposition, Adoration and Benediction the First Friday of each month. The next Holy Hour will be August 6th from 6:30 to 7:30PM in the Church. Just before the Holy Hour, from 6:00 to 6:30PM, the Rosary for an increase in vocations is said. Please join us.

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

Albert Gonzales	George Snyder, Sr.	Kathy Houser
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ST. MEL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

There will be a collection **next** weekend, August 7th & 8th, for the St. Mel Maintenance & Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facilities. Thank you for your generosity.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding anniversaries for the month of August will be recognized at all Masses next weekend.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at each parish. This year we will have no missionaries present in our parish due to the current situation. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelization efforts. In the Diocese of Sacramento, 49 different missions were selected this year. In 2019, through generous donations, we collected \$411,000 for 49 missions.

This weekend, our parish will be participating virtually in the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. We will learn about a mission who will share their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field. A second collection will be taken up for the benefit of the mission and special collection envelopes will be provided. Please make checks payable to St. Mel Catholic Church. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 49 missionary organizations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Usher Ministry is looking for both men and women to help during all weekend Masses. If you would like to find out more about this important ministry, contact Jack Valle at jevalle@sbcglobal.net 916-397-9920 or Bruce Kuban at bkuban123@aol.com 916-390-9836.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer group is now meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church. Please enter from the upper parking lot. Join us for praise, worship, and healing prayer. For information please call Chris 916-715-1162 or Karen Juten 916-712-3706.

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

You are invited to join us in the Parish Center for 5 Wednesday evenings of Christian fellowship to learn more about the message and history of DIVINE MERCY. This highly acclaimed video series includes actual newsreels of major world events of the last 100 years. Following the videos, Deacon Dave and Deacon Jack will lead us in a question and answer session. Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 in the Parish Center August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1. Refreshments provided-no cost. Questions? Call Karen Fitts or Cheryl Hoffmann 916-342-1336.

MEN'S DAY OF FAITH RENEWAL IS BACK

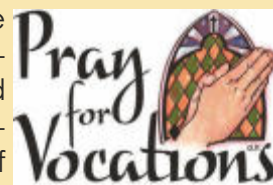
The Men's Day of Faith Renewal is coming back strong with our guest speaker, Fr. Matthew Spencer. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 16th**. Our theme for the day is **"Living with Courage: Lessons for Men from St. Joseph"**. **More details coming soon!**



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves.

Mold us in the image of your Son, to respond to your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing of you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



ST. MEL SCHOOL AND CFF NEWS

CFF Classes

We wish all CFF families a wonderful summer! We are still waiting to hear what our format will be next year. As soon as we know, you will know. If you have any questions please email Sara Donnelly, ccd@stmelschool.org.

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ALTAR SERVERS – RETURN TO SERVICE

Great news! Bishop Soto has approved the return of Altar Servers at Mass and we are ready! We have missed you immensely, and so has the congregation. We are grateful to Michael and Andrew for their service over the last few months. We need and want MORE of you back. And we welcome new servers. ALL ages, from second-twelfth grade are WELCOME.

If you have been an altar server and are ready to return, please contact us so we can update your information and get you back on the roster. If you are in second grade and have already received your First Holy Communion, you are eligible to be a server at St. Mel. We will ask you to fill out an information form and set you up with training, followed by 2-3 training Masses before you can begin serving a weekend Mass.

Please contact us if you are ready to return, if you are new and want to begin, or with any questions. Dave Murray, 916-716-5187; dddmurray@comcast.net

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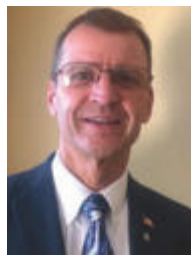
Deepen Your Faith



We have many wonderful Ministries at St. Mel, including St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Music Ministry, and many more. One you may not hear as much about is Cursillo, although we have many men and women “Cusillistas” in our parish. I became a Cusillista in 2010 after my Cursillo Weekend. It was a wonderful experience and I’m looking forward to my next “Fourth Day”. You have an opportunity to join us September 16 – 19 and understand better what I’m talking about. Please contact me if you have any questions, or you can go to the St. Mel website, www.stmelchurch.org, and find more information under Ministries, then Cursillo. **De Colores!**

The St. Mel Rummage Sale is here! Thank you everyone for your donations! You have made many others happy with the treasures they found. Sunday, August 1st, from 9am – 1pm is the last day of the sale. Once the sale ends, we will need extra help packaging up all the remaining treasures. If you’re available immediately after the sale ends, from 1pm – 5pm, please stop and assist. Cleaning up with your fellow parishioners can be enjoyable.

The Knights of Columbus 50th Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament registration is in full swing. The tournament will be August 14 at Rancho Murieta Golf Course. Register at www.KofC6066.org under the **NEWS** tab. This year, we are designating 30% of the proceeds to the Veterans’ Golf Program, a non-profit, charitable organization assisting veterans in need. The remaining proceeds will benefit many other local charities.



Are you a Catholic gentleman, 18 years of age or older, and interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus? Visit our website: www.KofC.org and click on “Join” at the top. The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented organization, helping bring communities together.

Please contact me if you have any questions. John Brennan - 916-548-4962, JPBrennan7262@gmail.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

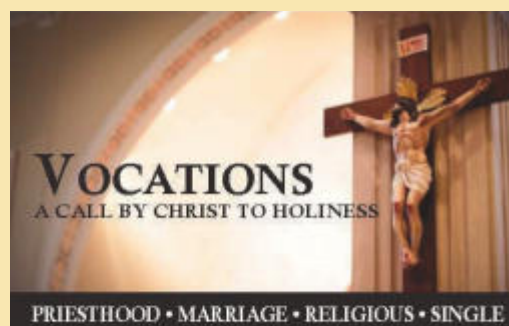
Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Once a teacher asked her students what they wanted to be when they grew up? While none of them replied "to be a Mommy" or "a daddy" we must ask ourselves if we are truly joyful and grateful to be parents, because it is the most important "job" we will ever have. A vocation is how you live your life out. An occupation is how you provide for your needs.

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VIRTUAL QUO VADIS BOYS RETREAT

Fr. Memo Hernandez, the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento invites all boys aged 13 to 17 to attend this Zoom retreat in order to help boys grow in their faith and explore the vocation that the Lord has for him. The retreat will be August 5 through 8. Register at www.scd.org/quovadis for more information call the diocese at 916-733-0258 or email Marisela at msmith@scd.org

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mercy San Juan Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to Catholic patients. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested in becoming a hospital Eucharistic Minister, or if you have additional questions, please contact Matt Sanders at 916-537-5098 or Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org. A current Eucharistic Minister at the hospital said: "bringing communion to the patients is one of the most rewarding things that a person can do."



ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

We are happy to announce that the Rosary will again be said before all weekend Masses. The schedule is:

Saturday 4:30PM – Rosary begins at 3:40PM
 Sunday 8:00AM – Rosary begins at 7:10AM
 Sunday 10:30AM – Rosary begins at 9:40AM

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about it? Join RCIA to learn about the teachings and Doctrines of the Catholic Church, ask questions, grow in your faith! If you need to be baptized, or confirmed, or come from a Protestant Faith background and feel God is calling you to become Catholic, or perhaps you just want to know more, contact Michael Faber at (916)719-5565, or e-mail mfaber@elkgrove.net. RCIA is held every Sunday from 8:00AM until 10:45AM.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ANNUAL GATHERING

The Natural Family Planning Annual Gathering is Saturday, July 31st at St. Mary's Church, 350 Stinson Avenue, Vacaville 95688. The gathering begins with Mass at 11:00AM celebrated by Bishop Soto, with program to follow from 12:15 – 2:30PM. Food will be provided. At the gathering you will meet our NFP instructors, Marriage Preparation couples, catechists, and couples that help promote Catholic beliefs about human sexuality and responsible parenthood. This is a valuable opportunity to socialize and get to know those working in family life ministries. All are welcome. Register at catholic.formstack.com/forms/nfpgathering2021. Questions? Call Andrey Arevalo, Coordinator for Marriage & Family Life, 916-733-0156.

MEN'S TUESDAY CURSILLO GROUP REUNION IS BACK!

The Tuesday morning Cursillo Group Reunion can begin meeting again! It's been a long time and we've all been patiently awaiting for our dynamic group to be together again. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 10th starting at 6:30AM**. We will NOT be meeting at Brookfield's. Instead, the parish has generously offered the use of the St Jude Room. We will have coffee, tea and pastries. If you want, bring your breakfast along. The format will be the same (focusing on Piety, Study and Action) with plenty of time for sharing. It will end in time to attend the rosary and Mass or get yourself to work! If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you want more information about the Cursillo Movement, please contact Chuck Friedrich rczking@att.net or Denny Shunta dcshunta@comcast.net



CURSILLO WOMEN'S AND MEN'S RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you have been wanting a closer walk with Christ and are seeking a better understanding of your faith, now is the time to sign up for a Cursillo Weekend. The Cursillo Movement is based on piety, study and action and has been attended by millions of Catholics worldwide. It is fully endorsed and encouraged by the magisterium of the church. It involves many things including prayer, Mass, study, learning, laughter, and fellowship. The difference between Cursillo and other retreats is that it encourages people to continue growing in their faith (the 4th day) by meeting with others who have lived a weekend. This year both the **Women's and Men's Weekends will be held on the same dates**, September 17th - 20th, at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Applegate. They will be held separately but are sharing the retreat center. For more information, please contact parishioner



Mary Arledge at jujubmom@att.net for the Women's retreat. For the men, contact **Michael Ochoa** mnochoa@pacbell.net. You can also visit the Sacramento Cursillo Website at sacramentocursillo.org. It will be a weekend that will be with you the rest of your life!

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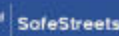


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