

Feast of
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



Holy Family Church ~ La Sagrada Familia
November 20, 2005



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"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you. . ." Matthew 25:34

† Servant Leader †

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King in this early part of the new millennium, it is crucial that the church be relevant and meaningful to our society. Jesus came into the world to touch and change it. In many ways we have to ask ourselves if we really are part of peoples' lives or just nice window dressing.

Christianity must be more "user friendly" as the tension between the church's authority and the rights of individuals becomes an increasingly important focal point. As people work out in faith and conscience, for themselves and their families, moral and ethical questions, particularly those concerning sexuality, marriage and family life, the church needs to be a credible resource in helping people form their conscience according to the values lived and taught by Jesus. Christianity must be open in its style and presentation. Any attempt to conduct business behind closed doors will not be successful, as people want to be informed of the reasons behind decisions and of how theology affects doctrine.

Christianity has to be expressed more in ecumenical terms. In the new millennium, there is an increasing emphasis on the common ground of faith. This was strongly encouraged by Pope John Paul II in his letter on ecumenism, "Ut unum sint," which has been well-received and continues to be studied by many faiths. Pope Benedict XVI also strongly encourages this. There is an increasing emphasis on the importance of personal religious experience that is characterized by its worth and immediacy and has a direct bearing on the person's lifestyle. While there may be some decline in regular church attendance, this may well be offset by a growing personal faith in God and commitment to Christian values as the dominant factor in people's lives.

The role of women in the church cannot be ignored and can only increase in the new millennium. Just as it would be impossible to restore slavery or discrimination on the basis of color, so it will be with gender. "Separate but equal" will not be enough. Women have enormous influence in the world of faith, and failure to recognize their gifts would hurt evangelization efforts. We will have to recognize the "feminine genius" as Pope John Paul II referred to it in "The Genius of Women." Women will have to have leadership positions of real meaning, where there can be jurisdiction at the highest levels. Increasingly, it is women who are in the forefront of the effort to find a common language between scientists and theologians. Women play a huge role in promoting spiritual life in the family and in encouraging church attendance. They tend to be more religious than men

and seem to realize intuitively that faith, spirituality and tradition are critical anchors in family life. Both women and men will have to be given the opportunity to use the power of office in service of the gospel.

Today psychologists are increasingly looking to religion for answers to questions on how to improve the lot of human beings in terms of fostering mental and coping skills. In a very complex world, psychology and religion are not at odds with each other; both have a vital part to play in helping people to a fuller life.

We live in the age of celebrities and seem to have a huge need for heroes and heroines in the worlds of politics, entertainment, sports and even religion. This can be seen in our meeting needs within ourselves by projecting them onto others and so getting some value out of those people. However, it is more clearly evident all the time that these people cannot deliver all we expect and that what we get is never enough. Only in our realization of ourselves as uniquely created with and for a purpose by God, graced, blessed, sacred, valued and gifted, can we find true meaning and value in life. Whenever we live vicariously, we are not true to ourselves. We hear in scripture, "Only in God can our soul be at peace," and St. Augustine said, "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

There must be a concentrated attempt by the church to recover the core values of the gospel. This spiritual renewal is the greatest single thing needed. There has to be recognition that Christianity is divinely initiated and inspired and that it has an eternal and indestructible quality about it. As this church year draws to a close and we welcome the beginning of a new church year, it will be important, as always, to proclaim "Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." However, a lot of the credibility of the church will depend on its ability to make appropriate procedural adaptations. This is part of the very genius of Christianity, which, while being faithful to the message handed on by Jesus, has applied it as circumstances changed, such as through loss of political power, the injustice of slavery, the evolution of the role of women, the growth of democracy, etc. This has enabled the church to survive and grow and develop for more than 2,000 years in proclaiming the faith.

May God continue to bless the wonderful people of Holy Family as we accept our role in the future of the church as it brings the love and mercy of Christ into our individual lives, our families, our community and our world.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Diane Cummings -Int.; Richard Seward -Int.
- Tuesday: Marie Bourque -Int.; Fernande Donnat +; Kathryn Sale +
- Wednesday: Al Herkowski +; Margaret Schantell +
- Thursday: Benito Hernandez +; Maria Japlit +
- Friday: Elizabeth Anderson +
- Saturday: Felix Gradel +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4
- Tue: St. Cecilia: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
- Wed: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19
- Thu: Thanksgiving Day: Is 63:7-9; Col 3:12-17; Mt 7:7-112
- Fri: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
- Sat: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
- Sun: First Sunday of Advent: Is 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

THE FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING:

The Feast of Christ the King was created by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He created it to address the way people were living as if Jesus Christ didn't exist. The feast proclaims how Jesus Christ is royalty above people, communities, nations, and governments, and that Christ's kingdom is for everybody who wants to be with Him, and it's endless. Most importantly, Christ's kingdom goes far beyond this world.

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Each year, Holy Family Parish uses the occasion of Christ the King to commission those who serve our Lord and our parish through Liturgical Ministry. We will recognize and pray a blessing for those who serve as Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Greeters, Lectors, Music Ministers, Sacristans and Ushers, as well as those who serve on the Liturgy Council and those responsible for the Liturgical Environment of the church. All who serve are invited to this commissioning and those who wish to serve are encouraged to come forward and accept this blessed calling.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

The Spanish community invites all parishioners to the Celebration of Our lady of Guadalupe. We will be praying the rosary in the Chapel of Adoration Friday December 9, and Saturday December 10 at 7 pm and on Sunday December 11 at 7:30 pm. On December 12 we will start with the mañanitas at 6 am, and the solemn mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm followed by refreshments and tamales.



PRO-LIFE ROSARY:

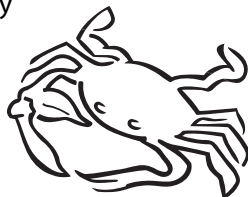
Just a reminder that the pro-life rosary is prayed every Friday, in the chapel, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Prayer is always a wonderful way to help the cause for all pro-life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, stem cell use of the fetus, the death penalty, and other pro-life concerns. Share your concern by joining us in praying the rosary as a community.

PREPARE FOR ADVENT DECEMBER 4TH - ALL ARE INVITED:

The Dominican Laity invite all to attend a lecture on Penance and Fasting given by Fr. Brendan McAnerney, O.P. The presentation will be held in St. Mary Hall of the Holy Family Community Center on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Phyllis Sale, O.P.L., at 725-5358.

COMING SOON - CRAB FEED!

The crab feed is coming soon - December 3rd. No Host Bar at 6 pm followed by dinner and dancing from 7 - 11 pm. Tickets are going fast and will only be available through Tuesday, November 22nd! For tickets or more information, contact John and Diane Garofalo at 786-7314 or Steve and Marie Fischer at 722-3733.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



SENIORS DINNER - TODAY!!

The Knights of Columbus will host the annual Seniors Dinner in the Holy Family Community Center this Sunday, November 20. All Holy Family Seniors are welcome. Dinner will include turkey and roast beef and all of the trimmings. We will serve from 1:00 p.m. after the noon mass until 3:00 p.m. Please join us!

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY # 11 ANNUAL SF SHOPPING TRIP

Our annual shopping trip to San Francisco is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. The Bus will leave Holy Family at 7:30 am and arrive home at 7 pm. Cost is \$30 and is due November 1st. Please call Pat Leytem at 726-7821 for reservations.

MANDATORY TRAINING CONCERNING THE CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young people and Diocesan policy, all clergy, employees and volunteers currently ministering in the diocese are to be trained as soon as possible concerning The Code of Pastoral Conduct. The next training session will take place on two consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, November 21. Please call Rebecca Kistler in the Faith Formation Office to leave a message confirming your attendance. The phone number is on the front page of the bulletin under "Baptisms". Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding in this most serious matter.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS:

If you have not picked up your child's picture from last spring's First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please call us or stop by the Faith Formation Office. The office is open every Sunday morning from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm. These photos are a wonderful way to remember this awesome event in your child's life of receiving Our Lord's Love in the Sacraments.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER:

There is still time to register your child for Sunday morning Religious Education classes; grades K-7. Our deadline for registration is November 6th for any child that will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please call Bonnie Johnson for info @ 726-7217.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

We have ongoing inquiry sessions for the RCIA on Wednesday evenings. If you or someone you know is thinking about joining the Catholic faith, please feel free to join us in the Sacristy, located in the back of the church, on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. You may also contact Deacon Mark through the faith formation office at 726-7217.

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

THANK YOU FROM FLOWERS OF FAITH MINISTRY:

The Flowers of Faith committee wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to parishioners who donated flowers during the months of October and November. Your flowers express your faith and add a cheerful note to the House of God.

A special thanks to the families who donated funeral flowers. Your sharing was greatly appreciated, and those flowers were placed in the church and in the chapel in loving memory of your beloved deceased.

Also, we extend our deep appreciation to Leonard, owner of the Pumpkin Farm on Old Auburn Road, who allowed our flower committee to cut flowers from his farm to decorate our church. Thanks, Leonard, for caring and sharing your flowers with us. God bless you!

By the way, during the Advent season, it is a tradition that we do not decorate the church and chapel with flowers. Instead, you will see green plants in place of the flowers. Advent season begins next weekend, November 26th & 27th.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Help reverse the trend of poverty in America by giving to this weekend's special collection, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please respond to the Church's call to bring a lasting end to poverty across the nation.

Your support will help low-income people as they work together to solve community problems, increase educational opportunities, and create jobs. A portion of the collection is returned for local needs. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development challenges us to take Jesus' mandate to love your neighbor by working to change the social conditions that make and keep people poor. You can make a difference with your generous support, a portion of which is returned for local programs.

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Chet Brown, Bernard Burke, Arlene Chapla, Diane Cummings, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Felix Gradel, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Stanley Hayes, Tina Karlin, Jenny Kam, Betty Kava, Esther Layfield, Mafua Family, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Jenine Michilena, Mary Nekrassoff, Msgr. Nolan, Eleanor Obmann, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Sr. Mary Porter, Troy Doyle Powers (Father of Fr. Troy David Powers), Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Richard Seward, Judy Smoot, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Francis Thomas, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand, Elly Weiss, Bob Westbrook, Jessie Williams, Lani Zacherson

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY #11 FOOD DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS

Every Man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee. Deut.16:17

Please share the Lord's blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. In preparing to assist families in need this Holiday Season, food donations may be placed in baskets that will be placed around the altar during Thanksgiving week. Items needed are as follows: canned yams, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jam, canned tuna, sugar, cake mix and flour. Please DO NOT drop donations off at the Parish Office.



The Lord bless you for your kindness, generosity and continuing support in the work of our Society.

Thank you from the ladies of CLRS #11!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE - HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to open the religious articles store after the 4:30 pm Saturday, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Sunday Masses. This is a nice way to get to fellow parishioners and only requires 15 minutes of your time after the Mass. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maris at 723-2616 or stop by the store after the 9:00 am Mass. Students needing community service hours are welcome! Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 10,500.00
Oct 23	\$ 8,747.00
Oct 30	\$ 10,413.00
Nov 6	\$ 11,535.00
Nov 13	\$ 9,977.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 204,055.00
Goal-to-Date (20 Weeks)	\$ 210,000.00
% of Goal Collected	97.17 %
Annual Goal	\$ 546,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Oct 23	\$ 790.00
Oct 30	\$ 1,714.50
Nov 6	\$ 2,737.50
Nov 13	\$ 1,120.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 49,418.34
Goal-to-Date (20 Weeks)	\$ 75,000.00
% of Goal Collected	66.89 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

SECOND COLLECTION

No Second Collection

Thank you for your continued generosity!



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL students expressed their thanks to Bishop Weigand on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee of ordination as a bishop by making a contribution in his honor to their "Twin School" in Louisiana. The funds for this donation were raised by the Student Council through their sponsorship of "Student Twin Day." This week of Thanksgiving is also a very appropriate time for the students to express to you, the parishioners of Holy Family, their thanks for your ongoing support of our parish school. May God abundantly bless you and those whom you love during this season!

YOUTH MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SPECIAL YOUTH MASS:

On the weekend of December 4th & 5th, we will recognize and appreciate all the youth of Holy Family Parish, and the 6:00 pm Mass will be a special youth liturgy. Mass will be followed by an event you won't want to miss. See next week's bulletin for all the details.

THANKSGIVING SANDWICH DRIVE:

Holy Family Parish youth and the Joyful Noize Choir will once again gather the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25th, to assemble bag lunches for the homeless in our community. All parishioners are invited to bring donations of leftover meats from Thanksgiving Dinner, as well as bagged chips, lettuce, sliced cheese, canned sodas and bottled water, cookies, candy canes - anything to help! Donations will be accepted at the kitchen of the Fine Arts Building (the "old hall") on the morning of the 25th from 8:30-9:30 am. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas for any assistance you can offer this year.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Sr. Margaret Mary, who works for a local home health agency was out making her rounds when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a can of gas to get her car started and then she would drive to the station for a fill up.

The attendant regretfully told her the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but if she would like to wait, it was sure to be back shortly. Since Sr. Margaret Mary was on her way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and she walked, back to her car.

After looking for something to fill with gas, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station and filled it with gasoline and carried it to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into the tank two men were watching from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic."



BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Have you been diagnosed with breast cancer? A group is being formed by survivors to support those who share that diagnoses. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please call the parish office at (916) 723-2494 and ask for Mitzi Valerio.

INFORMATION FOR MARRIED COUPLES

"In Christ shall all be brought to life..." Today's second reading reminds us that our hope is in Jesus, the King of Kings. Yet, many married couples feel uncomfortable sharing their spirituality with each other. Many religious feel cut off from the people they serve or feel unsupported in their vocation. Marriage Encounter is designed to bring couples/religious closer to each other and to God. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 10-12, 2006 in Sacramento. For more information or to register, contact: Raul & Gayle Ponce at 530-532~0842 or 866-825-2046. E-mail at: srsregistrar@comcastnet

Q&A: ANOTHER WEDDING

What does it mean to "convalidate" a marriage?

We probably all know at least one couple who were not married according to the legal requirements of the Catholic church. Perhaps the couple was married in a civil ceremony. Or maybe they were married in the church of the non-Catholic partner without having gone through the procedure of receiving a dispensation from the Catholic Church. Perhaps one of the partners had been married previously and was not at the time of the new marriage canonically free to marry again.

It is not unusual for such couples to wish later to have the Catholic church formally recognize their marriage. They are encouraged to discuss their situation with their pastor and explore the possibility of convalidating their marriage. Convalidation is the process by which the church recognizes a marriage that did not previously meet the requirements of canon law.

In a simple validation process, a couple in a stable marriage participates in some form of preparation and then renews their consent - "I do" - in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses. This renewal may take place with as much or as little ceremony as the couple and their pastor decide is right for them.

Each couple's circumstances differ, of course, calling for different procedures. In any event, the process of convalidating a marriage respects the needs of each couple as well as the teachings of the Catholic Church. Through it, the couple's experience of married love is interpreted in a new context - the paschal mystery - the pattern at the heart of every Christian marriage.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS:

Catholic Charities of Sacramento in conjunction with Centro Guadalupe is seeking people interested in our Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas. Whether you are interested in adopting a family or need information about assistance for your family, please call the Catholic Charities office at 916-733-0253.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY PROGRAM UPDATE

All Catholics who reserve their property through the Catholic Family Security Program in the month of November after a minimum deposit, can defer their first payment to January 2006. No interest payment plans are available. In honor of Veteran's Day, all-inclusive double-depth property reserved in a Veteran's Honor Court through December 31 will include the spouse's portion of the property at no charge. This promotion includes Calvary, St. Mary, All Souls, and St. Patrick's Catholic Cemeteries. For more details, contact Kathleen (Community Service Counselor) at (916) 521-5489.

SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS

A "Meet & Mingle" gathering will be held Sunday, December 4th, 5:00 pm at Coco's 1830 Arden Way, Sacramento Call the Catholic Alumni Club hotline: (916) 962-6107 or visit our website at www.cacsacramento.org

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB

The next meeting will be on Weds, Dec 9, from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard, Sacramento (Business 80 & Arden Way West). Raymond Arroyo, News Director for EWTN, will be speaking about his book: "Mother Angelica: The Remarkable Story of a Nun, Her Nerve, and a Network of Miracles." To reserve your place, please register by calling (916) 930-1144 by Monday, Dec 7, at 12:00 noon.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE

There will be an All Night Vigil for Life on December 2nd & 3rd at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 5751 Locust Ave., Carmichael. The Vigil begins on Friday with 9:00 pm Mass and ends on Saturday with 7:00 am Mass. Please join us for an hour or more or spend the night. There will be a Rosary following the Mass at the Wright St. Abortion Clinic. If you need additional information, call June at 967-9158.

LORETTO HIGH SCHOOL SHADOW DAY:

Loretto High School extends a special invitation for all 8th grade young women of the parish for a special Shadow Day. All current 8th grade girls who are interested in an outstanding Catholic, college preparatory high school may schedule a visit for a morning of classes, activities, and meeting students and teachers one-on-one. Call the Director of Admission at (916) 482-7793, ext. 103 to schedule your Shadow Day. Shadow Days run through December 13, 2005.

ROSEVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP TO RENO:

The Knights of Columbus #4540 (St. Rose of Lima, Roseville) are sponsoring a bus trip to Silver Legacy, Reno, Nevada, on Sunday December 18th. The cost is \$25.00 with \$15.00 back. Checks should be made payable to "K of C #4540" and must be received by December 9th. Please call Kathy at 783-3596 for reservations.

WELLSPRING CHRISTMAS STORE

Wellspring Women's Center will once again host its 2005 Christmas Store at a new location (Salvation Army Community Center), on December 19th through the 22nd, for the women and children of the Oak Park community. The numbers served daily in our breakfast program have grown significantly in the last year and we anticipate serving more families this year - last year we assisted 500 families with gifts.

Donations of new unwrapped gifts maybe delivered to the Salvation Army Community Center at 2550 Alhambra Boulevard from December 5th through the 16th. If you have any questions, need more details about the store, or need gifts picked up, please call us at 454-9688, Ext. 202.

Thank you for consideration of the above and for all of your past support.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING ENGINEER

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Part-time position now open for a qualified candidate with a minimum of ten years related experience to oversee automated building systems, coordination of maintenance programs and supervision of maintenance staff.

Fax resume to: (916) 733-0295 or mail resume to Robert Massa, Diocese of Sacramento, 2110 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95818 or Email resume to rmasa@diocese-sacramento.org

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Ministry Formation in the Permanent Diaconate Department Full-time position. Must be computer literate with good organizational skills. Fluent in spoken and written Spanish and English preferred. Send or fax Resume to Sister Paulina Hurtado, OP, Diocese of Sacramento, 2110 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95818 or fax to (916) 733-0238.

BILINGUAL SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

HOLY CROSS PARISH, WEST SACRAMENTO

Full-time position. Must be fluent in Spanish and English language, computer literate, and proficient in Quick Books. Send Resume to: Office of Lay Personnel Diocese of Sacramento 2110 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95818.

ARTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

COLLEGE AND ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Francis High School, Sacramento is now accepting applications. Job descriptions and applications are available on the St. Francis website at www.stfrancishs.org.

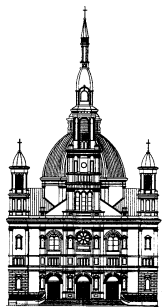
Send with resume to:

Pat Maier, Human Resources
St Francis High School
5900 Elvas Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

Questions: 916-452-3461, ext. 290. Deadline for Arts position application is November 30, 2005. Counseling position will remain open until filled.

Events celebrating the
Rededication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

*(All events are in the Cathedral, 11th and K Streets,
Downtown Sacramento, and are open to the public.)*



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament reopens after 28 months of restoration! Today, November 20, the Cathedral is being rededicated by Bishop William Weigand after a long restoration project - the most extensive in the 116 year history of this downtown landmark.

The Mass of rededication is by ticket only.

The following celebrations, however, are open to the public:

Monday, November 21

Mass to mark the 25th anniversary of Bishop Weigand's ordination as bishop will be celebrated at 11:00 am

Solemn Vespers and Rededication of the Cathedral to community service will be held at 5.30 pm, with Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles preaching.

Tours of the Cathedral will be offered after both services Monday.

Tuesday, November 22 • 7:00 pm

St. Cecilia Feast Day Concert and Rededication of the Cathedral to the service of sacred music

Thursday, November 24 • 10:00 am Thanksgiving Day

Special Mass of Thanksgiving for all the faithful of the Sacramento Diocese

Tours will be available following the 12:10 pm Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. For the remaining weeks of the year tours will be offered on Wednesdays following the 12:10 pm Mass and on Sundays following the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Sunday, December 11 • 3:00 pm

Special Mass to honor Preserving Our Past, Building Our Future Campaign Donors

In appreciation of the financial sacrifice made by all Preserving Our Past, Building Our Future campaign donors, Bishop William Weigand extends a warm invitation to donors and their families to attend a Special Mass celebrating their faith and generosity. Bishop Weigand will celebrate Mass and again offer his gratitude to the 22,864 families who provided the financial support of the historic cathedral restoration. Donors are encouraged to attend this holy celebration of their participation in the legacy of the Catholic Church in our Sacramento Diocese.

A 55-page book detailing the history and restoration of the building has been published and is available (in English and Spanish) in the Cathedral gift shop and online at cathedralsacramento.org. Some of the most significant changes in the newly restored Cathedral are:

- The interior dome has been rebuilt some 70 years after the original one was dismantled. Sixteen large roundels (each five feet in diameter) portraying Eucharistic scenes from Scripture decorate this new dome.
- A 96-seat Eucharistic chapel has been built in the east end that encompasses a 20-foot high tabernacle tower and a 100-year old sanctuary lamp that disappeared from the Cathedral in the 1930's .
- The octagonal-shaped marble Baptismal font at the entrance gives the option of Baptism by immersion or by the more traditional pouring water on the forehead.
- Two side chapels - the Martyrs Chapel and the Chapel of Our Lady provide opportunities for private devotion to the saints. Two 20- foot high murals, painted by artists from EverGreene Studios in New York, adorn these chapels.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS SALE:

St. John the Evangelist School's parents will be hosting their twenty-seventh annual "A Holiday Show of Hands", an arts and crafts Christmas sale featuring custom work by over one hundred-fifty craftsmen and artists on Saturday, December 3rd, 9 am - 7 pm and Sunday, December 4th, 9 am - 3 pm. This year's show includes antiques and collectibles, featured in the Antique Cottage. Admission is free. St. John's School, 5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael. For more information please call the Events Line at (916) 481-8845.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH - Sacramento Metropolitan Orchestra:

Please join the Sacramento Metropolitan Orchestra for a once-in-a-lifetime performance of Handel's Messiah featuring the Sacramento Metropolitan Orchestra, Carter Nice, Music Director and four renowned soloists: Jessica Siena, Bonnie Brooks, Daniel Ebberts, and David Cox. Performances will be held on Saturday December 3rd, 8:00 pm at Adventure Christian Church, Roseville, and on Sunday, December 4th, 6:00 pm at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church. The performance will include the entire Section 1 plus the Hallelujah Chorus. Scores will be available for purchase. Contact tickets.com at 766-3399 or call the Orchestra office at 722-3399.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF SACRAMENTO

A peer ministry for newly widowed, separated and divorced

ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE

The focus of Encountering Life Alone is to offer you the support and encouragement you need to deal with the pain of your loss and to help you look with renewed hope towards a fulfilling future. You are welcomed to attend at any point in the series of sessions.

When: Starting Thursday, December 1, 2005 (for 10 consecutive weeks)

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Please come at 6:45 the first week to register)

Place: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Ave., Carmichael

Fee: Registration fee - \$10 and a weekly meeting fee of \$5 dollars per week will be charged or you can pay \$40 for all ten sessions.

Contact: For more information call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: www.sacramentobe.org

ADVENT - A Season of Preparation and Anticipation

The season of Advent is the beginning of the new Church Year. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the season is two-fold - the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in the first Advent, and the preparation for His return. For this reason, it is important to remember that Advent is more than simply the marking an event in history. It is a celebration of the presence of God in our lives through the revelation of God in His Son, through whom, by His life, death and resurrection, we all may be reconciled to God.

The two-fold nature of Advent can also symbolize our spiritual journey, both as individuals and as a Christian people, as we affirm a three-fold belief that Christ has come, Christ is still truly present in our world today, and Christ will come again in Glory!

Advent is a season of expectation, anticipation and preparation, as well as a season of longing - we long for deliverance from the evils and hardships of this world. It is a season of hope for those who have experienced oppression and injustice in this world, yet still cling to a hope in God's grace to hear their cry and bring them justice and peace.

The nature of Advent is shown in Christ's parable of the bridesmaids awaiting the arrival of the Bridegroom. There is great joy to be realized at the Bridegroom's arrival, yet great anxiety in the need for preparation and the fear of missing out.

Advent is marked liturgically by the color Purple, the color of royalty to welcome the King. But, purple is also the color of suffering and penitence used during Lent and Holy Week. This reminds us of the essential connection between Christ's birth and His death - those two events cannot be separated. The purpose of His coming into our lives, the "Word made flesh" dwelling among us, is to reveal God and bring His grace into the world through the life and teaching of Jesus, and through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

God bless us all this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of the King!



The Advent Wreath

There are many versions of the origin of the Advent wreath, the most common of which places its origin in pre-Christian times. According to tradition, during the cold winter days in Eastern Europe, people would gather evergreen branches and light candles, as a sign of hope that spring would soon come. The tradition carried over into Christian times, and by the 16th century, Catholics and Protestants in Germany were using symbols such as candles to anticipate the coming of Jesus. Eventually, these traditions spread to other Christians around the world.

Today, the common Advent wreath is a circle, still made with evergreen branches, and four candles. Three of the candles are violet and one is rose. The color rose symbolizes rejoicing, and the rose candle is reserved for the third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudete" which means "rejoice" in Latin. Rose colored vestments are worn by the priest.

Candles are lit each day during Advent. On the first Sunday of Advent and during the week that follows one purple candle is lit. The second week two purple candles are lit, the third week the rose candle and two purple candles are lit, and the fourth week all of the candles are lit. The lighting of the candles is usually accompanied by prayer, scripture readings or reflections.

The Holy Family Liturgy Council is pleased to offer the following rite to be used as part of your celebration of the Advent Season:

A Rite for the Beginning of Advent at Home

The first day the wreath is in the home, the leader may say:

"As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches-and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come."

Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land as dark as death a light has dawned. You have increased their joy and given them gladness; they rejoice in your presence as those who rejoice at harvest, as warriors exult when dividing spoil. Is. 9: 1-2

Then all pray:

O God, rejoicing we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Then the first candle is lighted.

Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath:

First Week: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

Second Week: O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.

Third Week: O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come and show us the way to salvation.

Fourth Week: O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands, come and show us the way to salvation.

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BAUTISMOS

El calendario para bautismos es el siguiente:

Clases Bautismos

(En el Centro Comunitario) (En el templo)

Noviembre 2005 Las **Clases** serán: lunes 14, 6:30 p.m. y
lunes 21, 7:00 p.m. Los **bautizos** serán el sábado 26 de
Noviembre, 11:00 a.m.

Diciembre 2005 Las **clases** serán: martes 13, 6:30 p.m. y
lunes 19, 7:00 p.m. Los **bautizos** serán el sábado 24 de
Diciembre, 11:00 a.m.

- FAVOR de NO venir con niños chiquitos.
- Deben venir tanto los padres como los padrinos.
- La familia debe estar registrada con la Iglesia.
- Traer una copia del acta de nacimiento del niño(a) el primer lunes de las clases.
- Los padrinos (hombre y mujer) debe vivir según las normas de la Iglesia. Si viven juntos, deben de estar casados por la Iglesia y tienen que traer una copia de su acta de matrimonio religioso, el primer lunes de las clases.
- El costo por las pláticas prebautismales es de \$25 por niño.

Se deberá liquidar el primer lunes de las clases, entregando el pago al instructor. Las pláticas son en St. Mary's Hall, en el Centro Comunitario.

Para más información hable con Lupita Wandry al 489-3673.

OREMOS POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS:

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CERTIFICADOS DE PRIMERA COMUNION

Si tu hijo o hija hicieron la Primera Comunión entre Mayo del 2002 y Mayo del 2004, y no ha recogido el certificado, puedes hacerlo en la Oficina Parroquial con Maggie González. Si deseas más información comunícate al 723- 2494 o al 721-4886.

MINISTERIO DE APOYO A FAMILIAS QUE HAN PERDIDO A UN SER QUERIDO

El Ministerio de Condolencias está comprometido a proveer de apoyo espiritual a las familias afectadas por la pérdida de un ser querido. El ministerio desea dar la bienvenida a todas aquellas personas que deseen dar algo de su tiempo apoyando a esta labor, haciendo oración y caminando muy de cerca con aquellos que han perdido algún familiar. Para mayores informes, favor de comunicarse con Daniela Rodríguez al 859-0718.

ADORACION AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Jesús está esperando por ti en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento. Toma un poco de tu tiempo para pasar una hora preciosa con El. La hoja para anotarse a la Adoración se encuentra en el vestíbulo a la entrada de la Iglesia. ¡Gracias por tu colaboración!

GRUPO DE ORACION

Invitamos a toda la comunidad hispana de la Sagrada Familia que se unan al Grupo de Oración que se reúne todos los **viernes a las 6:30 a 8:00 PM** en el Salón Saint Mary del Centro Comunitario. Aprovecha esta oportunidad de estar un momento en intimidad con Dios y de convivir con tus hermanos. Si tienes Biblia, tráela.

MATRIMONIOS

El primer paso para iniciar el procedimiento de matrimonio es entrevistarse con el sacerdote o diacono seis meses antes de la fecha prevista. Recuerde que el padre Santiago se encuentra en la oficina únicamente los jueves y viernes de 9:30 AM a 4:00 PM. Es esencial obtener un acta de bautismo expedida recientemente de cada pareja cuando los dos son católicos.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Hablar con el sacerdote para reservar la Iglesia y disponibilidad del celebrante por lo menos tres meses antes de la quinceañera. Recuerde que el padre Santiago se encuentra en la oficina únicamente los jueves y viernes de 9:30 AM a 4:00 PM.

FIESTAS GUADALUPANAS

La novena inicia el 30 de Noviembre en los hogares y termina el 8 de Diciembre. El 9 de Diciembre inicia el triduo Guadalupano en la capilla de adoración. El 12 de diciembre iniciamos a las 6 de mañana con las mañanitas y a las 6:30 de la tarde misa solemne, seguida con un convivio. Para más información llamar a Estercita de León. Se necesitan niños que participen en la danza. Por favor comunicarse con Angelita Lopez, 459-6058. Para ayudar en el convivio, por favor comunicarse con Luz Elia Johnson 721 4635. Gracias por su participación

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