



† Servant Leader †
ADVENT – A SPECIAL TIME

I hope your first week of Advent has been blessed and that each parishioner is open to the blessing God is sending us. God has given us this special time of preparation, enlightenment and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. Let us keep Advent as best we can and teach our children the beauty of this season, very separate from Christmas and a time not to be consumed with worldly things, but concentrating on the good things of our faith. The following thoughts may help you in this time of joyful preparation.

Charity and Faith

"Since love of God leads to participation in the justice and generosity of God toward others, the practice of Christianity leads naturally to solidarity with one's fellow citizens and indeed with the whole of the human family.

It leads to a determination to serve the common good and to take responsibility for the weaker members of society, and it curbs the desire to amass wealth for oneself alone. Our society needs to rise above the allure of material goods and to focus instead upon values that truly promote the good of the human person." Pope Benedict XVI

Spirit of the Season

Advent - Waiting and Preparing – Emmanuel

The season of Advent is a season of waiting and preparing. It is about waiting for Christmas, for the celebration of Jesus' birth and all that it means. And it is about preparing - not just the shopping for Christmas, but the preparing for the coming of the Kingdom of God. We hear a lot about that Kingdom in the reading of Advent - a kingdom of peace and joy, a kingdom of safety and of love. It is a kingdom that is very different to our world as it is. And Advent has us remember that, and invites us to see how in the way we live our lives we can help let that Kingdom come into our world.

A woman preparing for her baby to come to birth has much to do - and often she will look so well for it, glowing with healthiness and expectation. As we look forward for the coming of God's kingdom we too can expect to thrive. Life is good, and life alive with the love and peace If God, is very good indeed.

**Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching
for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of His coming
may find us rejoicing in His presence
and welcoming the light of His truth..**



Opening Prayer - 1st Sunday of Advent

**POPE BENEDICT XVI ON
THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

As we serve God's people in these Advent and Christmas seasons, I am glad to share with you some words by the Holy Father to a great organization of charity, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which does so much in our parish.

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the occasion of the 165th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Holy Father wishes to spiritually join the action of thanksgiving of this happy commemoration and at the same time to set forward an invitation to passionately renew the commitment of service to the Church in the unselfish love to the most needed brothers and sisters.

Since its birth in Paris in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with its local Conferences has wonderfully spread throughout the world, always answering the specific needs of poverty and instability, not "with words or tongue, but with actions in truth", (1 John 3, 18). The pressing impetus of Christian charity, that is already present in the birth of this Society as is maintained as its authentic reason of being, should continue to be a true reflection of the love that God has for each one of His children and is a sure means of continuingly experimenting His merciful presence, as "everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 John 4, 7).

With the awareness of being living instruments of the Lord, bearers of the Gospel of charity, the members of the Conferences have to always look for the possibility to renew these deep meanings of faith, those that move Christians to perfect acts of charity, and continue to take Jesus Christ as a model of the Good Samaritan, therefore never allowing the acts of charity set forth so eloquently by the first members of this society to flag; an experience that has always been present within your distinguished tradition.

In today's world, people that suffer any kind of poverty, whether it is through new or traditional forms of destitution, continue to require the consolation of charity. Unselfish love towards our neighbor, with sensitiveness developed from a deep spiritual life, will increase the necessary creativity and enough bravery in order to cure the wounds of those that most suffer. Charity, therefore, can not only be limited to material aid, but also goes beyond this and offers support and peace for the spiritual difficulties of human kind. Following the trail of the founder, the Blessed Frederic Ozanam, this anniversary will give new enthusiasm so that faith will neither be separated from action nor from the charity work of the brave and clear apostolate, as "They realize that a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe and by whom we are driven to love. A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to way nothing and to let love alone speak." (Deus caritas est 31 c). With these sentiments, the Holy Father invoking the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul and the Blessed Frederic Ozanam, conveys a special Apostolic Blessing to all members of different local Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the world. Pope Benedict XVI

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

ADOPT A FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

Many local families are in need of assistance for Christmas. Catholic Charities is seeking individuals, families or workgroups who could provide gifts and a grocery store gift card for a family who is unable to provide for themselves this year. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 733-0253 for more information or visit our website at www.diocese-sacramento.org to obtain a donor registration form or to apply online.

If you can't adopt a family this year, you can make a monetary donation on behalf of the program. Please make your check payable to Catholic Charities and include "Adopt-A-Family Program" in the memo field.

Send to us at:

Catholic Charities
2110 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95818

St. Patrick's Home for Children

NEEDED: FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENTS

There are many children right now who are wishing and hoping for a family and a place to call home. Unfortunately that is not possible unless people are willing to open their homes and share their lives with children in need. Are you that family? ST. Patrick's Home for Children, Foster Care and Adoption Program needs parents just like you. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact Cynthia @ 421-1620 ext. 230.

NEEDED: YOUTH CARE WORKERS

St. Patrick's Home for Children, Inc., Residential Treatment Program is in need of Youth Care Workers who are willing to provide love, nurturing and guidance to children placed out of home. Must be 21 years of age, possess a valid CDL and either a BA in Social Services related degree or 2 years experience working with at risk youth. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Melinda @ 421- 1620 ext. 212.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM

Your donation of a vehicle would be a huge help to our programs and is very easy to do. Simply call us and we will make arrangements to get your vehicle handled as quickly as possible. Call Roger Abbot at (916) 428-1601.



END-OF-THE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Giving at Christmas and at Year's End is not only a Catholic tradition, but a special way to commemorate the Greatest Gift - God's gift of His only Son, Jesus. This time of year gives us more than a financial opportunity, but a spiritual opportunity to be good stewards of the many gifts bestowed on us this year. Visit the parish website at www.holyfamilych.org. On the home page there is a link to more detailed information on planned giving.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: Holy Family Parish is now collecting food for Christmas food baskets. Just as at Thanksgiving, we will be collecting the needed items each week. We will need turkeys and canned hams, which can be delivered to the parish office on Monday, December 22. This week we would like to collect potatoes, vegetables, stuffing mix, cake mix and/or frosting, cranberry sauce or applesauce, chicken broth, gravy, and onions. These items can be placed in baskets in the sanctuary, left inside the church entrance by the chapel, or brought to the Parish Office. In these particularly trying economic times, please help us to continue to help others through the blessed seasons ahead.

WINTER IS ON ITS WAY - HELP IS NEEDED

As we approach winter, we recognize an increased need for warm jackets and sweatshirts, socks, gloves, hats, blankets and other protection from the cold for the homeless. Since the cold weather will be upon us soon we would like to appeal to you for any gently used items (in adult sizes only) that will help. Collection will continue throughout the winter. Please leave any items you can contribute at any of the church doors for pick-up.

WILLS

Please remember Holy Family in your will. For more information, see the Planned Giving link on the parish website: www.holyfamilych.org.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Nov 9	\$ 10,312.00
Nov 16	\$ 10,371.00
Nov 23	\$ 10,059.00
Nov 30	\$ 10,261.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 225,850.00
Goal-to-Date (22 Weeks)	\$ 242,000.00
% of Goal Collected	93.33 %
Annual Goal (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,104.00
<i>John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."</i>	

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Monday, December 8, 2008
Masses at 8:30 am, 10:00 am (School) and
6:00 pm in English and 7:30 pm in Spanish.

*Please note the following: There will be no
7:00 pm holy day vigil mass tonight, Sunday,
December 7, and incense will be used at the
8:30 am, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm Masses. The 10:00
am School Mass is open to all parishioners.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Immaculate Conception
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Sat: St. Lucy: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9,10-13



QUESTION OF THE DAY

Children: How do you experience God taking care of you,
even in times of trouble?

Youth: How can you be good news to your friends and
family this week?

Adults: Isaiah comforts the people by promising that
God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs
into his arms - what is your response?

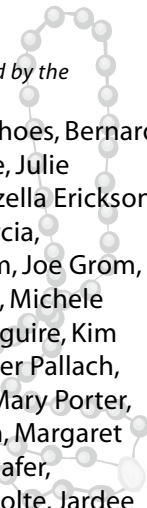
MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Immaculate Conception
Tue: Mary Walker +
Wed: Guy Francescon +
Thu: Robert Campbell +; Roberta Murphy -Int.
Fri: Jeffrey Gamache +
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Jose Punsulan +
Sun: 7:30 am Mass John Dee



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
*(Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the
Parish Office to extend the time or to remove a name.)*
Bernadette Baniecki, Audrey Brown, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard
Burke, Elsie Correia, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Julie
Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Betty France, Gazella Erickson,
Henrietta Escovilla, Lillian Flaherty, Olivia Garcia,
Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Carolyn Graham, Joe Grom,
Rita Gularte, Jason Hayes Family, Irene Hertel, Michele
Hock, Rosalie Ingle, Bill Keenan, Charlotte Maguire, Kim
Malone, Msgr. Mistretta, Jason Murphy, Chester Pallach,
Loretta Parsons, Nona Piha, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter,
Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Christine Regan, Margaret
and Bob Reynolds, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer,
Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelley, Ron Skolte, Jardee
Stanley, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Simon Sucharski,
Xavier Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Our parish celebration of Our Lady of
Guadalupe is this Friday December 12th.

- 5:30 a.m.** Mañanitas with Mariachi (Musical
Celebration to the Virgin)
- 6:00 a.m.** Rosary
- 6:30 a.m.** A light breakfast of Mexican Hot chocolate and
sweet bread, @ The Community Center
- 6:30 p.m.** Solemn Mass, Bilingual (Aztec dancers will
perform traditional dances in honor of The
Virgin during the liturgy)
- 7:30 p.m.** Theatrical presentation of the Apparitions of
the Virgin Of Guadalupe @ The Community
Center (With on-screen translations)
- 8:00 p.m.** After the Play, a free Dinner of tamales, rice,
and beans, and chocolate and other drinks

Music, tradition and amazing display of devotion are
characteristics of this celebration. You don't want to miss
it! Everyone is welcome.

If you want to help on these celebrations or need more
information, please call Angelita at 285-6715 or Pilar at
206-0842.

SAVE THE DATE

Out of the darkness...into the light!

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 pm**

The assembled faithful listen to the Word of God, sing
hymns, join in community prayer, make an examination
of conscience, then approach a priest to confess sins
individually. A fulfilling, peace-giving experience awaits
you - please join us. More information will follow in the
next weeks' bulletin.

**NEWS FROM THE HOLY FAMILY
HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

POSADAS

"Las posadas" are a tradition in Mexico and other Latin
countries. They represent the travel and difficulties St.
Joseph and St. Mary endure as they arrived in Bethlehem
and couldn't find a place to stay. Posadas start on December
16th and end on December 24th. They included prayers,
singing and a little something for the kids and the adults.
As you all know by now, in every Hispanic celebration
there is always delicious food. So, come and join us for a
beautiful and heartwarming experience. *(Note: Posadas
are in Spanish)*
Tuesdays, December 16th and 23rd, in the church, 7:30 pm.
For more information PLEASE contact Esther De Leon at
962-2209.



HFS NEWS: As we begin the joyous season of Advent, all of us at Holy Family School pray for all of your intentions and wish the very best for each of you as you emphasize that Christ is the reason why we have Christmas.

On Monday, December 8th, we will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. We ask as many as possible to be with us as we pray that we, like St. Ann, will respond wholeheartedly to whatever God is asking of us. In St. Ann's case, what was asked was that she conceive Mary, who in the future would be asked to be the mother of Jesus.

Students in grades K-3 are practicing for their gala Christmas performance to be held on Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. at our Community Center. Please know that all parishioners are invited to attend.

On Thursday, December 11th, our top spellers in grades 4-8 will compete at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Do come to our Spelling Bee and be amazed!

Lastly, on Friday, December 12, 2008 we have our Christmas Stocking Collection at 10:00 a.m. Everyone in the student body fills a stocking with gifts for the needy. Isn't it always better to give than to receive?

6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAB FEED

Crab Dinner, Dancing and More at Holy Family School

Date: Saturday, December 13th • Time: 6:00–11:00 PM

Place: Holy Family Community Center

Price: \$40.00 per person

Reserved Tables Available.

All Proceeds benefit Holy Family School.

Tickets are available after Masses this morning.

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL SCHOOL AUCTION:

Puttin' On The Ritz' Presents:



March 7, 2008.

Silent and Live Auction with entertainment.

Watch for details on this spectacular event!

Want to know what's going on at Holy Family School? Just visit our web site at: www.ch-holyfamilyschool

CLRS BUS TRIP:

The CLRS bus trip is headed for San Francisco on Saturday, December 13. The bus leaves at 7:30 am, so you must be here by 7:15. Price is \$30; for reservations, please call Roz Shafer at 338-4626 or June Beckler at 771-3494. The bus fills up fast – see you there!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

Tonight (Sunday, December 7th) we're talking about some pretty AMAZING GIFTS...Join us from 7:00-8:45 PM in the Community Center.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8), join us this Monday (December 8th) as we prepare for some Christmas Shopping...for YOU. 7-8:30 PM in the Youth Office.

TEEN DROP-IN:

Teens Drop-In happens each Wednesday from 3-7 PM in the Youth Office! It's a chance to do your homework, hang out, play games: air hockey, board games, video games and karaoke, etc...

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!!!

www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com

YOUNG ADULTS:

Young Adult Ministry is open to all young adults (whether in college or the workforce, whether single, married or divorced). Join us this Thursday (December 11th) for Faith & Film Night: The Nativity. We meet from 7-9 PM in the Community Center...Check out our Blogspot: www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com or contact Victor (916-721-8329) for more info...

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!!!

Middle & High School Youth Ministry:

www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com

Young Adult Ministry:

www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com

Spanish Youth Ministry:

www.hfjovenes.blogspot.com

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

TODAY, December 7, our Annual Christmas Boutique will be held in the Community Center Gym from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast after the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses, and we will be serving hot dogs, chili, chips and soda beginning around 11:30 am. We are still in need of vendors, so if you have homemade items or a small business and would like to participate, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775 to reserve a space. Watch the bulletin for more information next week.



Have a great week!

www.holyfamilych.org



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



PARISH BREAKFAST TODAY

Join us this morning for breakfast in the Community Center after the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses. Good food, good price, great fellowship!

FREE THROW CONTEST

The 2009 Council Basketball Free-Throw Contest will be held at the Rusch Park Gymnasium at 7801 Auburn Blvd. on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Registration will begin at 6:30 PM with the contest starting at 7:00 PM.

The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 based upon their age as of January 1, 2009. Awards will be presented to each boy and girl in each age category. The winners will advance to the District competition.

This Contest is sponsored for the twenty-third consecutive year by the Sunrise Recreation and Park District and the Infant Mary Council #4964 Knights of Columbus.

For further information contact Bob Churchill at 987-2471.

SIMBANG GABI

Novena Masses in Preparation for Christmas

The Filipino-American Community of North American River Area has organized for everyone to gather together in festive celebration of the Eucharist and agape (fraternal snack) here at Holy Family Church.

Mass Schedule:

- Monday, December 15, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 17, 5:00 PM
- Thursday, December 18, 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 19, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 20, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 21, time to be determined
- Monday, December 22, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 23, 6:00 PM

For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 723-2494, or Vicky Alonzo (916) 761-5325.

Joyful Noize

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SINGALONG IN THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST:

Following the 6:00 pm mass, Joyful Noize (the 6:00 Choir) presents an evening of spirit-filled songs of the season sure to fill your heart with holiday cheer! All are invited to bring a coat, blanket, pack of socks, gloves, hat or other article of warm clothing as the "price of admission."

Prayer Opportunities

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army), now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family. All are welcome Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

VOCATIONS CROSS

Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family returns the cross and another family is presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

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| Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 9:00 pm |
| Saturday | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm |
| Sunday | 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm |



Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.



DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

The Dominican Laity meets at Holy Family on the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary Hall, 12:30–3:00 pm. Come join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For information call Phyllis Sale, 725-5358.

"Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him"

Mother Theresa

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND...

WALK FOR LIFE-WEST COAST JANUARY 24, 2009

The Walk For Life - West Coast bus will leave the St. Rose rear parking lot, 615 Vine Street, Roseville, at 8:00 am and return at 6:30 pm. We only have 9 seats left on this bus. The cost is \$20.00 per seat. Fee must be paid at time of registration. For information, contact Paula Shortt, 773-8202.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Silver Legacy, Reno on Sunday, December 14th. The cost is \$28 per person-prepaid with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242.

LORETTO SHADOW DAYS

Loretto High School extends a special invitation for all 8th grade young women of the parish for a special Shadow Day. All those 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. Call the Director of Admission at 482-7793, ext. 103, to schedule your Shadow Day. Shadow Days run through December 15, 2008.

ST. FRANCIS PLACEMENT TEST

The High School Placement Test for all students interested in applying to St. Francis High School will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue in Sacramento. The testing begins promptly at 8:00 AM and concludes at approximately 12:15 PM. All students should arrive on campus by 7:45 AM and bring two #2 pencils. Please call Moira O'Brien, Admissions Director, at 452-3461, ext 195, for information and to register.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER EVENTS:

Dec. 10: Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for Peace 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Quinn Room No Charge

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Overnight Retreat. Dec. 31 - 6:30 pm dinner to Jan 1, 2009 - 10 am Cost: \$85 Double Room! \$95. Single Room

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27: Our Hearts Are Restless: The Life and Teachings of St. Augustine Presented by: Deacon Red Cheever 7-9 pm Cost: \$10 per session (\$8 Seniors)

For further information on any/all of these programs, call Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center: 725-4720

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB – Dec. 10, Hilton Arden West – Come hear popular Catholic speaker and candidate from NBC's Apprentice TV show, Tarek Saab, offer his perspective on being a "twenty-something" Catholic male in today's world. Mass 6:15 AM, Breakfast and speaker from 7 AM – 8:30 AM. All are welcome! For more information and reservations, go to: www.catholicbreakfastclub.org.

SINGLE ADULT RETREAT

For separated, divorced, widowed and never-married Catholics

The Joy of the Single Life with Fr. Dominic Briesse

Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 am to 5 pm (Mass at 4 pm)

Mercy Center • 535 Sacramento St. • Auburn, CA

COST: \$ 40 (includes lunch & snacks)

Questions? Please contact Kathy Conner at 733-0133 or kconner@diocese-sacramento.org

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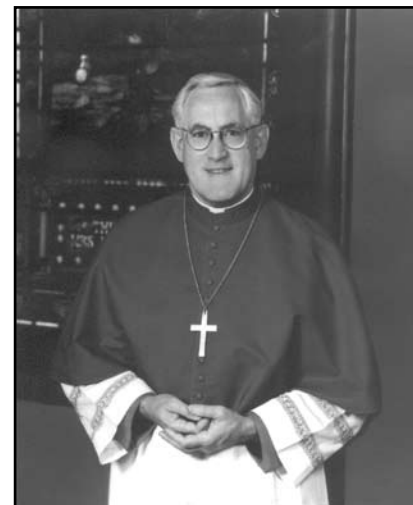
Saturday December 20

Sacramento's Academy at All Hallows, presents its outstanding roster of emerging professional musicians in a beautiful production of the Christmas Opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors Saturday, December 20 at All Hallows Parish (5500 14th Ave.). Performances are at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

The staged production includes outstanding soloists, full orchestra and chorus, and beautiful near life-sized puppets. The one-hour program culminates in a festive Christmas Carol sing-along.

Tickets: \$15-\$50 (children discounted) available at Ticketweb.com or 600-7716. For more information, visit www.academyatallhallows.org.

**God Bless You, Bishop Weigand, and
Thank You for 15 years of Spiritual Guidance
and Faithful Leadership**



Please pray for Bishop Weigand in his retirement and pray for Bishop Jaime Soto as he takes over as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Watch coming bulletins for more news and information on our new shepherd.