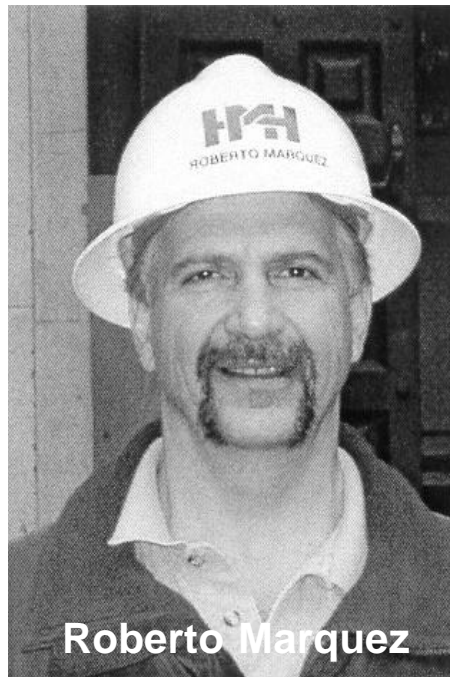


CATHEDRAL TOURS OPEN TO PARISHIONERS NEXT

Parishioners this coming weekend will be able to see for themselves how the Cathedral restoration is progressing. Tours of the construction site are planned after all Masses on Sunday, January 25. Newly trained docents will assist Roberto Marquez, superintendent of the construction site, in explaining to visitors how the building will be retrofitted to withstand earthquakes. Also on view will be the partially removed inner dome and the sanctuary area where there is a large hole because the floor has been removed.

The tour will include a visit to



the museum in the Manogue Building next to the Cathedral where a 10-minute video on the Cathedral project will be shown for those interested. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the parish will provide refreshments at the end of each tour. Don't miss this opportunity to see close-up what is planned for our church. The Cathedral closed for restoration August 4 and was scheduled to reopen in Spring 2005. That reopening could be postponed some months because of unexpected delays in the project.

PASTOR THOMPSON, FR. MURPHY TO EXCHANGE PULPITS

Pastor David Thompson and Fr. James Murphy will exchange pulpits this coming Sunday, January 25, to mark the annual "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." Fr. Murphy will speak at the 11:00am Presbyterian Service at Westminster and Pastor Thompson will speak at the 12:30pm Mass, also at Westminster.

The "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is set aside every year in order to focus on the degree of communion the churches have already received, and to pray together for that full unity which is Christ's will. Churches are also encouraged to find other occasions throughout the year to pray for Christian unity. Through God's providence,

Catholics and Presbyterians in downtown Sacramento have an unusual opportunity to work together in 2004 and 2005, while the Cathedral is being restored. For information on the mind of the church regarding efforts to promote Christian unity visit the website for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2004 is "My Peace I give to You" (John 14:27). This year's theme was chosen and service originally developed in Aleppo, Syria.

MASS WILL MARK ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

Bishop Richard Garcia will be the principal celebrant at the diocesan Annual Pro-Life Mass on Thursday, January 22, to mark the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision of the United States Supreme Court on abortion laws. The Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 711 T Street, beginning at 10:30am. Bishop Garcia will lead a pro-life Rosary before the Mass at 10:00am. For information call the Respect Life Office of the diocese at (916) 733-0140. The Mass will be followed by a rally at the State Capitol sponsored by the California Pro-Life Council. Participating in the rally will be a group of Protestants from southern California who in the past used the Cathedral basement as a staging area. Because the Cathedral is closed they will use St. Elizabeth's Church and the Cathedral Rectory.

Since the Roe v. Wade decision, the annual number

of abortions in the United States has nearly doubled. For every 1,000 live births there are 306 abortions annually. There are more than 140,000 second and third trimester abortions each year. However there is also good news. After reaching a high of over 1.6 million in 1990, the number has begun to drop back to levels not seen since the late 1970's. Thanks to the efforts of grassroots pro-life activists, more and more Americans have learned that the fetus is not a "blob of tissue." In November President George Bush signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law, vowing that his administration would "vigorously defend this law against any who would overturn it in court." Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, chairman of the United States Bishops' Committee on Pro-life Activities, said in a statement that the signing "marks the first time in three decades that our nation has placed any restrictions on an abortion procedure."

YOUTH GROUP SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this weekend to support the Cathedral Youth Group. All donations will contribute to their registration & travel fees for the National Youth Congress. This spiritually-enriching conference will be held in Anaheim on February 19, 2004. Please contact youth group leader Mary Westmark @ (916) 662-5589 for more information. The Youth Group meets every Sunday evening from 6- 7:30p.m in the house adjacent to St. Elizabeth Church at 12th & S Streets. Please enter through the front gate (S Street side) and the basement door is at the back of the house. Please contact John Ransom at (650) 274-1577 for further information.

PARKING AT WESTMINSTER

If you attend Mass at Westminster please do not park in the parking lot behind the church. Cathedral parishioners should park on the street or in the Veteran's Affairs parking lot across the street on 12th & O Streets. This is the agreement we have worked out with the Westminster Church staff. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 1/19/2003 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

Rdgs: ! Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22

7:00 am: No Mass

12:00 noon: No Mass

TUES 1/20/2003 St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

Rdgs: 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28

7:00 am: Librada Martinez

12:00 noon: Francese Gutierrez

WED 1/21/2003 St. Agnes, virgin

Rdgs: 1 Sm 17: 32, 33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: Erica Maciel, S.I.

THURS 1/22/2003 St. Vincent, deacon

Rdgs: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Torbio Sebillo

FRI 1/23/2003

Rdgs: 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Peter Shing