

“SPEAK UP” SESSIONS POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER EASTER

The “speak up” sessions scheduled for this weekend have been postponed until after Easter. After attending orientation meeting at the diocesan pastoral center, delegates from our parish suggested that more time be given to preparation. These “speak up” sessions have been requested by Bishop William Weigand as part of the preparation process for the diocesan synod scheduled to take place next October. Parishioners are invited to express their hopes and concerns about the themes of the synod: “Parish Community Life” and “Faith in Formation.” Each of those themes has a list of subtopics that are

offered for discussion. All parishioners are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to give input in this important synod process.

Some 200 synod delegates have already been approved by Bishop Weigand, including four from the Cathedral parish (two delegates and two alternates). Our delegates are Brenda Adams and Juan Escobar. Our alternates are Teresa Harris and Annie Reyes. All 200 delegates attended orientation session in February and will be present for the “speak up” sessions next Sunday.

CHRISM MASS MOVED TO OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Bishop William Weigand will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Parish on Thursday, April 1, beginning at 6:30pm. Normally held at the Cathedral, the Mass has been moved because of the restoration project currently under way at the Cathedral.

During the Chrism Mass the bishop will bless the holy oils that will be used in the parishes of the diocese throughout the coming year. Bishop Richard Garcia and the priests of the diocese will concelebrate. Three different oils will be

blessed during the Mass: Chrism (used in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders), the



Oil of Catechumens (used in Baptism), and the Oil of the Sick (used in the anointing of the sick). After the ceremony, a quantity of each oil will be sent to each parish of the diocese for use throughout the coming year. Catechists, parish staffs, those visiting the sick and other ministers will be recognized during the ceremony. All are encouraged to attend this beautiful Mass.

OPEN AIR STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Cathedral Parish will again sponsor “open air stations of the cross” on Good Friday, April 9, in downtown Sacramento. The stations will begin at 8:45am at Crocker Park on 3rd and N Streets. The group, traveling on foot, will go past the Capitol steps and hold the final station on the front steps of Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11:15am. Good Friday services follow in the church, beginning at 12 Noon. Bishop William Weigand will preside at the Good Friday services.



STATION OF THE CROSS ON CAPITOL MALL

A second “open air stations of the cross” service will begin at 12 Noon at the North side of the State Capitol, 10th and L Streets. Sponsored by Pax Christi of Sacramento, this second service will focus on needs of the poor and world peace.

These services come as Mel Gibson’s movie “The Passion of the Christ” continues to draw big crowds. An exceptionally graphic presentation of the last 12 hours of Christ’s life, the movie is for many a significant spiritual experience.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 3/22/2003 Lenten Weekday

Rdgs: Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Deacon Tom McGill

TUES 3/23/2003 Lenten Weekday

Rdgs: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls

WED 3/24/2003 Lenten Weekday

Rdgs: Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: All Souls

THURS 3/25/2003 Annunciation of the Lord

Rdgs: Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38

7:00 am: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin B. Rue, S.I.

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FRI 3/26/2003 Lenten Weekday

Rdgs: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

7:00 am: Ruperto Guiritan

CATHOLIC TALK RADIO IS ON THE AIR! The Bishop’s Radio Hour is on the air and on the Internet. The program, hosted by KFBK radio personality Bob Dunning, is heard live Mon-Fri from 11am to Noon and at night from 10-11pm on KSMH, 1620am and KWG 1230AM. On the Internet, log on to www.ihradio.org. Click on “streaming audio” to listen live.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB. Next meeting is April 14, 7-8:30am at the DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West way, across from Arden Fair Mall. Joseph Pearce, biographer of J.R.R. Tolkien and G.K. Chesterson, is the speaker. Call 930-1144 to reserve.

SACRAMENTO CURSILLO IN ENGLISH Cursillo is a lay movement within the Diocese of Sacramento and is a short course in Christianity. Cursillo will have a men’s 3-day weekend May 6-9, 2004, and then a women’s weekend May 27-30. For applications and more information, call (916) 984-0625.

WORKSHOP FOR CATHOLICS WITH HEARING LOSS Saturday, March 27, 2004, 10am to Noon at St. Philomene’s Community Room 3 (under the bell tower). Designed for people who have lost their hearing as adults. Sponsored by the Department of Catholic Faith Formation. Call Peggy Walrath at 733-0123 for info.