

## SOUVENIRS FROM THE CATHEDRAL STILL AVAILABLE

During our tours of the Cathedral construction site last Sunday we gave parishioners souvenirs to take home. If you did not make the tour and would like a souvenir, please contact the rectory.

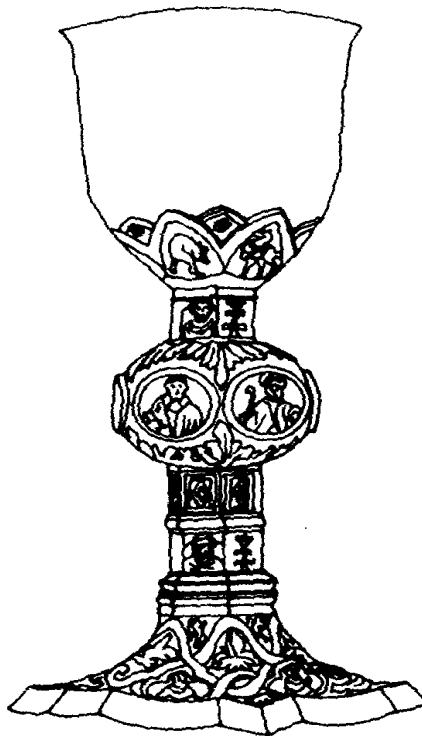
The souvenirs are pieces of marble, some taken from the most recent Cathedral altar and some taken from the sanctuary wall. The marble from the altar is Spanish red marble that was put in the Cathedral during the renovation of the early seventies. When the Cathedral reopens in 2005 it will have a

new marble altar, one that will be square in shape rather than rectangular as the recent one was. The other marble is travertine and is taken from the slab behind the large crucifix that was at the back of the sanctuary. That crucifix has been removed because a Blessed Sacrament chapel will now be going into that end of the building. Weekday tours can be arranged by appointment for those who missed the tours last Sunday.

## WE RESUME RECEPTION OF THE CUP THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday we resume reception of Communion from the cup and the exchange of the Sign of Peace at all our Masses. These parts of the liturgy were temporarily suspended a month ago at the suggestion of the bishop's office, because of the severe flu season. The change, however, was merely precautionary. Parishioners will still have a choice to forego these practices if they so choose.

In temporarily suspending Communion from the cup and exchange of the Kiss of Peace, the Sacramento diocese was following the lead of San Francisco and other California



dioceses. However the National Conference of Catholic Bishops staff in Washington did not follow suit in recommending this action for all dioceses across the nation. After consulting with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, they concluded that suspending reception from the cup and the exchange of the Sign of Peace was not necessary. The CDC did, however, stress that careful and frequent hand hygiene was important. Continuously updated information is available from the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Parishioners last Sunday had a chance to see the progress being made in the Cathedral restoration project. Tours were conducted after all Masses. Those who did not take the tour may take a brief weekday tour, by appointment only.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MON 2/2/2003** Presentation of the Lord

**Rdgs:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40

**7:00 am:** Frederick, Catherine, & Pamela Hirtzel

**12:00 noon:** John Nguyen

**TUES 2/3/2003** St. Blaise

**Rdgs:** 2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14, 24, 25, 30-19: 3; Mk 5: 21-43

**7:00 am:** Jack & Mary Maitland

**12:00 noon:** Andres Zepeda

**WED 2/4/2003**

**Rdgs:** 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6

**7:00 am:** All Souls

**12:00 Noon:** Ana & John Dao

**THURS 2/5/2003** St. Agatha

**Rdgs:** 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; Mk 6: 7-13

**7:00 am:** All Souls

**12:00 noon:** All Souls

**FRI 2/6/2003** St. Paul Miki & companions

**Rdgs:** Sir 47: 2-11; Mk 6: 14-29

**7:00 am:** Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.

**12:00 noon:** All Souls

## CLASSES FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION

Beginning Tuesday, February 17, weekly classes will be held at Immaculate Conception Church for adult Catholics who have received religious instruction in the past but for some reason have not been confirmed. Bishop William Weigand will confirm all those who attend the classes (and candidates from throughout the diocese) at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Carmichael, on May 1 at the Noon Mass. Those interested in taking advantage of this opportunity should contact Sister Jenny at 444-5364. In the past this adult confirmation ceremony was held at the Cathedral, and it will return to the Cathedral when we reopen in 2005.

## FR. NICHOLAS ON VACATION

Beginning tomorrow, February 2, Fr. Nicholas Ho will be taking vacation. He will be returning to his native Singapore to celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination. We wish Fr. Ho a happy anniversary and many more happy years in the Lord's vineyard.