

BUY A ROSE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

This weekend we are holding our annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Single, long-stemmed roses, individually packaged, are being sold for \$5 after all Masses. The money goes toward the support of the Sacramento Life Center, which provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasound tests to women who are pregnant. Life Center staff also provide free counseling to women who have an unplanned pregnancy. Teenagers in our Cathedral youth program will be conducting the sale under the direction of Mary Westmark. The Mother's Day Rose Sale is one of



several funding sources that the Sacramento Life Center depends on each year to continue its services. Last fall children in the Cathedral religious education program raised over \$1,000 for the Life Center in the Baby Bottle Project. During Advent some 130 families took baby bottles home so that they children could fill the bottles with their nickels and dimes as a way of supporting the sacredness of human life. About 80 bottles were returned to Sr. Jenny full of money.

WHERE IS THE CATHEDRAL CORNER STONE?

The construction workers at 11th and K Streets so far have not been successful in locating the corner stone of the Cathedral. According to press accounts of the day, the stone was laid in the southwest corner of the building in June, 1887, by Bishop Patrick Manogue in a solemn ceremony that was witnessed by thousands of people. According to the Record Union "the stone was a block of granite about two feet and a half long, 18 inches wide and some 20 inches thick. In the center was a hole into which was placed a copper

box."

In the copper box was placed a document describing (in Latin) the ceremony and listing the dignitaries who attended. Also placed in the box were some coins and newspapers of the day, and the seal of the State of California. What happened to the corner stone is a matter of guessing. One theory suggests that it was removed during the restoration back in the 30's (when the dome was covered) and never put back.

MAKING THE CATHEDRAL EARTHQUAKE PROOF

Shown at right is one of the four giant steel columns that were brought into the Cathedral last week. Each one is 10,000 pounds in weight. The four steel columns will be placed upright under the dome of the Cathedral and they will partially support the dome while the pillars (which currently support the dome) are being retrofitted for seismic safety. When the pillars are reinforced and made earthquake proof, the four steel columns will be taken away and the full weight of the dome will once again rest on the pillars. Photo by Roberto Marquez of HMH Construction.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 5/10/2004 Bl. Damian Joseph of Moloka'i
Rdgs: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14: 21-26
7:00 am: Virginia Jackson
12:00 noon: Juana Delgado

TUES 5/11/2004 Easter Weekday
Rdgs: Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a
7:00 am: William Cipra
12:00 noon: Gerardo Romo

WED 5/12/2004 Sts. Nereus & Achilles
Rdgs: Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8
7:00 am: All Souls
12:00 Noon: Daisy Maciel, S.I.

THURS 5/13/2004 Our Lady of Fatima
Rdgs: Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11
7:00 am: Jesus & Ruben Romo
12:00 noon: Mike Bibby, S.I.

FRI 5/14/2004 St. Matthias, apostle
Rdgs: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17
7:00 am: Maria Elena Gutierrez, S.I.
12:00 noon: Mow & Francine Nguyen

TEACHERS AND TEACHER AIDS NEEDED FOR CATHEDRAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Cathedral Parish needs your generous assistance to provide religious education for the more than 300 students enrolled in Cathedral Education Programs, especially for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and First Communion classes. No matter what your talents may be, we have a place for you in religious education. Teacher aids are invaluable helpers in classes. Clerical support maintains data bases and produces brochures and other teacher aids. Won't you consider a few hours a week to help our youngest learn their faith? Contact Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & BEST
WISHES TO MIKE BIBBY
(MAY 13)**