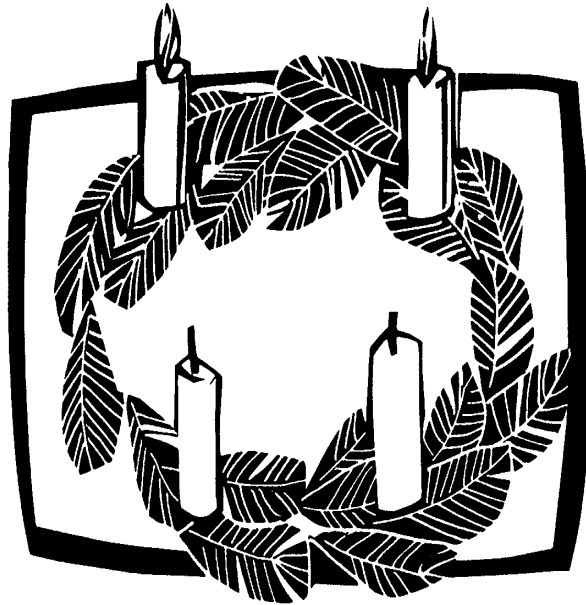


ADVENT

An essential component of Christian spirituality is a living sense of vigilance, a state of being alert for the coming of Christ who is among us, yet who comes anew each day and who will come in a definitive end time. The Advent season reconnects us to our ancestors, fulfilled in Christ's humble birth. Day after day, Advent proclaims



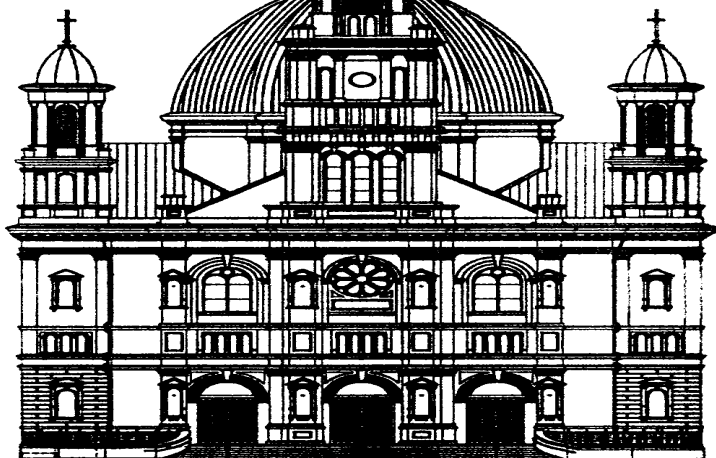
the vision of the prophet Isaiah who was inspired to preach a message of a new world which is being built on the foundation of the child born to us in Bethlehem. Advent rekindles in us that sense of watching and waiting wherein we see and identify Christ's constant breaking into our daily existence. Christ has come among us. Christ is

COME BACK FOR A TOUR OF CATHEDRAL

Tours of the Cathedral are being offered for three days this week to accommodate the lively interest in the building's restoration. There will be tours of the Cathedral following the 11 am Mass Monday, and the 12.10 Masses Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition, tours will be offered every Wednesday of this year following the 12:10 pm Mass, and every Sunday following the 9 am Mass and 11 am Mass. Tours for 2006 have not been announced. Tours for school children can be arranged by calling the parish

office at (916) 444-3071. Material is also available for teachers to give their own tours to children. Teachers are encouraged to make special use of the new artwork when taking children through the building. Of particular use in teaching children are: the sixteen roundels in the Cathedral dome portraying sixteen Eucharistic scenes from the Bible; the portrayals of the twelve apostles on the Cathedral walls; the saints portrayed in the Chapel of the Martyrs, and the Chapel of Our Lady.



BECOMING A MEMBER OF CATHEDRAL PARISH

If you would like to become a member of the Cathedral Parish, please fill out the blue registration form at the bottom of the right page of this bulletin. Or you can call the Cathedral Parish Office at (916) 444-3071 for information about the parish. After you register, our Hospitality Committee will contact you with material about parish programs. We invite you to become active in one of our many parish ministries.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year and falls nine months before her birth on September 8. A summary of Church teaching on this solemnity may be found in today's Preface which reflects Vatican II's document *Lumen Gentium*. First, Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. Second, Mary, as a sign of the Church, is the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty (Eph 5: 27). Third, the purity of Mary emanates from the innocence of the Lamb. And fourth, Mary was predestined to be the advocate of grace and the model of sanctity for the People of God. We



come to Mass today with the words of the angel Gabriel echoing in our hearts:

“Blessed are we among the people because we have been chosen to bring Him into the world anew today.”

Masses for the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral will be at 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm.

**REMINDER:
DAILY MASS AT
5:10 PM FOR
DOWNTOWN
WORKERS**



WANT TO GET MARRIED AT THE CATHEDRAL?

To plan a wedding at the Cathedral, please call the marriage coordinator at (916) 444-3071. You have a choice of three time-slots on Saturdays: 11.30 am, 2 pm and 6:30 pm. Or you can have your wedding on Friday afternoon or evening, at a time of your choosing. After you put your date on the Cathedral calendar the wedding coordinator will give you a booklet that assists you in choosing readings and planning the ceremony. After meeting with the coordinator for initial paperwork, you will meet with the priest. Couples should contact the parish office six months before the planned wedding.

HOMELESS PROGRAM BEGINS IN DECEMBER

On December 4 the Cathedral Vincent de Paul Society will begin giving shelter to five (and eventually ten) downtown homeless people every night. Called the “Cathedral Square Program,” this new effort is funded by property owners in the Cathedral neighborhood as a way of putting a dent in the downtown homeless problem. It is estimated that an average of

60 people sleep outdoor every night in the area bounded by Front and 16th Streets, H, and L Streets. In the past many of them have slept on the Cathedral steps. For information on how you can help with this program, call the parish office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MON 11/28/2005 | Advent Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Paul Bergez. S.I. | |
| 5:30 pm All Souls | |
| TUES 11/29/2005 | Advent Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Teresa Diaz + | |
| 5:10 pm Joseph Binh Bui + | |
| WED 11/30/2005 | St. Andrew, apostle |
| 12:10 pm: Conception Vasquez | |
| 5:10 pm: John Farkas + | |
| THURS 12/1/2005 | Advent Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: John Farkas + | |
| 5:10 pm: All Souls | |
| FRI 12/2/2004 | Advent Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Cynthia Scott | |
| 5:10 pm: All Souls | |