

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION AT THE CATHEDRAL

Plans are underway to organize Eucharistic Adoration for the Cathedral Parish, using the new Eucharistic chapel created in the 2005 restoration. Numerous parishioners and visitors have already expressed the wish that the Blessed Sacrament be exposed during the day for private prayer. The Eucharistic Chapel, which has seating for about 90 people, is seen as in ideal location for this and other private devotions.

A group of volunteers will be needed to make this Eucharistic devotion possible. Those interested who can provide a few hours of service during the daytime

from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm should call the Cathedral Rectory at (916) 444-3071. This group will also fulfill the role of the traditional parish altar society, doing such things as servicing the candelabra, washing altar linens, and keeping an eye out for Cathedral security during daily hours when the building is open to the public. A group of volunteers, calling themselves "Knights of the Cathedral," had met two years ago with these functions in mind but disbanded until the restoration was complete. That group will now reconvene.



CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR DOWNTOWN POOR

The Cathedral's annual Christmas meal for the downtown poor will be held here in the newly renovated Cathedral Hall (Lower Level). The meal will be served on December 24, Christmas Eve, at 9:00 am. If you are interested in helping, please come to one or all of the following activities:



CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR POOR

Christmas Meal: Saturday, December 24, at 9:00 am in Cathedral Hall. Volunteers can stay for as long or as short as they want. There is no obligation to stay the entire time.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Don

(1) Planning Meeting: Thursday, December 15, at 6:00 pm in Cathedral Hall (in the Lower Level).

(2) Walk the streets to hand out flyers: Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 am, meet in front of the Cathedral (right after the 9:00 am mass).

(3) Prepare, serve, or cleanup the

DeHaven at 916-451-1925 or Chris Caire at 916-395-6350 or 916-955-4603.

HAVE YOU HAD A CATHEDRAL TOUR YET?

Guided tours of the Cathedral are offered every Wednesday following the 12:10 pm Mass, and every Sunday following the 9:00 am Mass and 11:00 am Masses. Special tours can be arranged by calling the Cathedral Parish office at (916) 444-3071.

Tours for school children are also encouraged. 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. The Cathedral parish is planning to hold a weeklong Vacation Bible school this summer, June 19-23, 2006, with extensive use of the Cathedral artwork as a teaching aid.

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL IN DECEMBER



Today Sunday December 4
at 3:00 pm
**CAROLS FROM THE
CATHEDRAL**
Advent Vesper Service with
Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 9
at 7:30 pm

FR. EDWARD COLLINS MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Catholic Elementary
School Christmas Honor Choir,
Diocese of Sacramento Choir,
full orchestra, &
readings by local media
personalities

THURSDAY ORGAN RECITALS

PERFORMED TWICE. AT 11:40 AM (BEFORE 12:10
MASS) AND AFTER MASS AT 12:40 PM

December 8 Jackson Schoos
December 15 Scott Nelson
December 22 Men's Chant Schola, Rex
Rallanka & Jackson Schoos,
organists

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THURSDAY 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. 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.

WANT TO BAPTIZE YOUR CHILD?

Baptisms in English are celebrated on the third Saturday
of each month at 9 am. Baptisms in Spanish are celebrated
on the last Saturday of the month, also at 9 am. Parents
and godparents planning a Baptism should attend a
Baptism class held in the lower level of the Cathedral on
the first Monday of the month at 7 pm (English) and on
the second Monday of the month at 7 pm (Spanish).
Baptism can be celebrated in two ways in the Cathedral
font: a) candidates can be totally immersed by stepping
into the pool; b) candidates can be baptized by pouring
water over the forehead, using the bowl. While practice
may change with experience, pouring water over the

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/5/2005 **Advent Weekday**
12:10 pm: Fred, Joe, John, Jackman, & Helen Mamei, S.I.
5:30 pm All Souls

TUES 12/6/2005 **St. Nicholas**
12:10 pm: Joseph Binh Bui +
5:10 pm All Souls

WED 12/7/2005 **St. Ambrose**
12:10 pm: Jan & Harry Valencia 42nd Wedding Anniv.
5:10 pm: All Souls

THURS 12/8/2005 **Immaculate Conception**
12:10 pm: Barry O'Connell +
5:10 pm: All Souls

FRI 12/9/2004 **St. Juan Diego**
12:10 pm: Guadalupe Romo +
5:10 pm: All Souls