

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

We are happy to see so many new parishioners join our parish since we reopened November 20. The crowds we see at Masses each Sunday and during the week are a sign of the new life the parish is experiencing.

Among those who have joined our parish community since we reopened are two men who worked on the Cathedral during the entire 28 months of the restoration project: Roberto Marquez was the superintendent on the project and has returned to the religion of his youth as a result of his experience in the restoration project.



His daughter will be married at the Cathedral in February. Frank Taylor, who has made hundreds of crosses from the nails used in the original Cathedral woodwork, has also registered in the parish. As a carpenter he spent a large part of his time working high up in the attic. His mailbox is still up there!

If you would like to register at the Cathedral parish please use the box at the bottom right page of this bulletin or call the Cathedral Parish Office at 444-3071.

COINS IN THE BAPTISMAL FONT!

Some well-meaning visitors are throwing coins in the Baptismal Font! Please pass the word around that what people see at the entrance to the Cathedral is not a fountain.



It is a Baptismal Font, a sacred place where catechumens receive the Sacrament of Initiation. It is also the place where Catholics bless themselves with water – a reminder to them of their personal Baptism. No coins please!

We also ask that people refrain from walking around the sanctuary area

of the Cathedral—the area around the altar—and that silence be observed as much as possible in the building, especially in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER DIRECTOR

The Sacramento Life Center, a nonprofit pro-life pregnancy resource center, seeks an executive director to oversee all aspects of its operations, including fundraising and outreach. Experience is required; salary is negotiable. Send inquiries and resumes to Eric Grant at slc@eric-grant.com.

This weekend's Diocesan Special Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Where would our Catholic Church be today if not for the efforts, sacrifices, and prayers of our religious members? In the 17 years that this appeal has been collected, over \$460 million has been raised to help ensure appropriate care for almost 40,000 religious who are now past 70. Over \$1.3 million is needed daily for more than 12,000 of these dedicated men and women who have skilled nursing care and assisted living needs.

Your generous commitment today will help ensure appropriate care for our Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS MARCH

The annual March for Life on the Feast of the Holy Innocents will be held on Wednesday evening, December 28, 2005. Families are invited to walk with our priests in a candlelight Rosary procession on this feast which commemorates those male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, as well as those unborn babies killed by abortion today. The march will gather on the steps of the Cathedral at 5:45pm and walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 7th and T Streets for Mass at 7:00 pm. Candles will be provided for adults and children, or you may bring your own. Carpools will shuttle people back to their cars. For more information, please call 791-1819.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

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:

- (1) RESCHEDULED Wednesday, December 14, at 6:00 pm in Cathedral Hall (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).

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA/MASS

In preparation the Birth of Jesus Christ, a Novena (9 days) of Masses will be celebrated by the Filipino Community every

- (3) Prepare, serve, or cleanup the 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 DeHaven at 916-451-1925 or Chris Caire at 916-395-6350.

THURSDAY ORGAN RECITALS

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

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

day from December 15, 2005, through December 23, 2005, at the Cathedral 5:10 pm Mass. Please join in this quiet and prayerful way to remember the coming of Christ into our lives.

FRANCIS HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Francis House at 1422 C Street is a resource center for the homeless and destitute. Where there is homelessness, they open their hearts to those without a home (Family Rescue Program). Where there is poverty of mind, body, or spirit, they share resources (Resource Counseling & Helping Hands Project). Where there is suffering, they join in the experience with those who suffer poverty and dispel fear (Attitudinal Healing). Where there is squalor and hopelessness, they open doors of the sanctuary known as Francis House (Hospitality Program). Where there is violence and anger, they seek peace and teach oneness (Changing Courses Classes). Where there is isolation, they instill confidence (Life Works Career Program). Only \$20 provides grooming for a family of four. Support Francis House today. Call 443-2646.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MON 12/12/2005 | Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| 12:10 pm: Jimmy Hill + | |
| 5:30 pm Francis Montez + | |
| TUES 12/13/2005 | St. Lucy |
| 12:10 pm: Ellen Nora Maran Strawn + | |
| 5:10 pm All Souls | |
| WED 12/14/2005 | St. John of the Cross |
| 12:10 pm: All Souls | |
| 5:10 pm: Connie Ruelas -Kiskakis | |
| THURS 12/15/2005 | Advent Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Ellen Nora Maran Strawn + | |
| 5:10 pm: Cesar Fernandez Coya, S.I. | |
| FRI 12/16/2004 | Advent Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Al Barber + | |
| 5:10 pm: All Souls | |