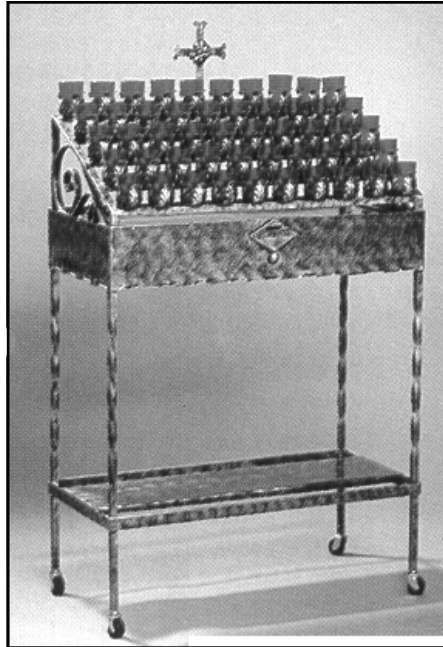


THE VOTIVE LIGHTS ARE IN

You may now light candles in the Cathedral for your special intentions. Votive light stands have been placed in the side chapels and in two other places: in front of the statue of Our Lady and the statue of the Sacred Heart. Just one candle size is available and we are asking for a donation of \$1 for every candle lit. This money will go towards reducing the substantial debt of the Cathedral Parish (\$755,000) following the restoration of the Cathedral.

The votive light stands being currently used are those from the



Cathedral before we closed for restoration and are temporary. We hope to eventually replace them with new votive light stands that fit the wrought iron theme of the Cathedral.

A donation box has been placed at the back of the church for people who wish to donate to the Cathedral building fund. Please help us reduce our parish debt. We wish to express our gratitude to the many people who have already begun using that donation box.

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) 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).
- (2) 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.

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.

5:10PM DAILY NOVENA/MASS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

In preparation the Birth of Jesus Christ, a Novena (9 days) of Masses will be celebrated by the Filipino Community every day from December 15, 2005, through December 23, 2005, at the Cathedral 5:10 pm Mass. This traditional Filipino novena is known as Simbang Gabi. Please join in this quiet and prayerful way to remember the coming of Christ into our lives. Various choirs from throughout the area will provide music.

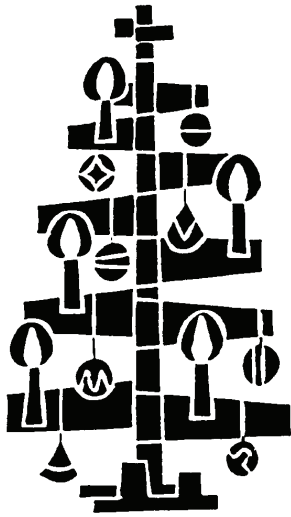
THURSDAY ORGAN RECITALS

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

December 22 Men's Chant Schola, Rex
Rallanka & Jackson
Schoos, organists

EXTRA MASS AT 8:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Because of the increased interest in Christmas Eve this year, we will have a third Mass on that night at 8:00 pm. The decision to have this extra Mass was made late and is not included in the schedule that was mailed from the Cathedral Parish offices. Neither is it in the Catholic Herald ad. The new schedule for Christmas Eve is as follows: 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 12 Midnight.



The schedule for Christmas Day is the same as Sunday, with the exception of no evening Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm (in Spanish).

New Year's schedule is the same as a normal weekend. **Please see complete schedule of Masses at right.** ⇒

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR CHRISTMAS

1. **Fill** a Christmas Stocking for Loaves and Fishes. Stockings should be 14-16 inches long and 5-8 inches wide. Fill with the following: McDonald's gift certificate (\$5.00), one pair new socks, one pair gloves, disposable razors, shoelaces, chapstick, toothbrush and toothpaste, deck of cards, travel size toiletry items. Deliver to Loaves and Fishes warehouse at 1321 C Street before December 24.
2. **Attend** daily Mass at the Cathedral either at 12:10 pm or 5:10 pm.
3. **Give** a gift to Francis House. \$20 provides a grooming supply for a family on the streets; \$40 gives the means to a job via a Life Works Program; \$100 gives ID cards (CA ID or birth certificates) to 10 homeless people; \$150 gives 15 gasoline vouchers or 100 bus tokens.
4. **Provide** a couple hours of work feeding the homeless on December 24 for the Cathedral Christmas Dinner.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES SATURDAY DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
- 8:00 pm Mass of Christmas
- 11:30 pm Midnight Mass Musical Prelude
- 12 Midnight Mass of Christmas
- Cathedral Choir Bishop Weigand presiding*

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES SUNDAY DECEMBER 25

- 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
- 11:00 am *Cathedral Choir Bishop Weigand presiding,*
- 1:00 pm Misa en Espanol, No Evening Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES JANUARY 1, 2006

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
- 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
- 1:00 pm Misa en Espanol, 5:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

- Monday through Friday 11:35 am—12:05 pm
- Saturday 4:00 pm—4:45 pm

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/19/2005	Late Advent Weekday
12:10 pm: Jason Arroyo +	
5:30 pm Lee Family, S.I.	
TUES 12/20/2005	Late Advent Weekday
12:10 pm: Joseph J. L. Smith +	
5:10 pm Trujillo Family, S.I.	
WED 12/21/2005	St. Canisius, priest
12:10 pm: Alba Mejia, S.I.	
5:10 pm: All Souls	
THURS 12/22/2005	Late Advent Weekday
12:10 pm: Eileen Kearney +	
5:10 pm: All Souls	
FRI 12/23/2004	St. John of Kanty, priest
12:10 pm: Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.	
5:10 pm: All Souls	