

CHRISTMAS

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL

The priests and staff of the Cathedral Parish extend a warm welcome to those who infrequently participate in our liturgies every week. We hope you will consider coming to the Cathedral Church more often.

Research has shown that the main reason Catholics come back to church is the Mass. They feel an intense longing for the Eucharist. Sometimes that longing hits them at a wedding, a First Communion, or a special

occasion like Christmas. It is never too late to come home again, to become part of our weekly parish community. And if you wish to register as a member of the parish you may use the blue registration form at the bottom of the right page or call the rectory at 444-3070.

May the Peace of Christ remain with you throughout this New Year and always.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

The Roman Martyrology for Christmas Day contains a formal announcement of the Birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the proclamation help to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.



Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah, thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

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.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? MANY CHOICES

If you would like to participate in more than just showing up on Sundays for Mass, we have a variety of ministries from which you can choose. The following is a list of our ministries and organizations. To volunteer for any one of them just call the rectory at 444-3070.

Religious education: We now have about 445 children who come to class on Saturday mornings (English), Sunday mornings (Spanish), and Monday evenings (English). There is always room for more teachers or teacher aids to help pass on the faith to our children.

St Vincent de Paul Society: They provide an emergency aid to the downtown poor, and also run a hot line for people in need. Over Christmas they will be giving out food baskets to families in need.

Liturgical ministries: Lectors take turns reading at Sunday Masses and weekday Masses. Eucharistic ministers take turns administering Communion at Sunday Masses and weekday Masses. Ushers take up the collection during Mass. Those gifted with good voices sing in the choir. Young people take their turns serving at Masses.

RCIA: sponsors assist those becoming Catholic on their journey to the faith.

Parish Council: new members are needed to replace outgoing members.

Hospitality Committee: make new members welcome in the parish.

Visiting the sick: Eucharistic ministers take Communion to rest homes and the homes of people who cannot come to Mass.

Ethnic ministries: The Hispanic and Filipino communities have committees that organize a variety of cultural activities throughout the year.

Rectory volunteers: These volunteers help answer the phone and door in the rectory, thus freeing up our secretaries to get other work done.

Vocations committee: helps increase awareness of need for religious vocations.

Youth group: will be organized in the New Year. Adult advisors needed.

NOON MASS ON MONDAY

On Monday, December 26, we will have a 12:10 Mass only. Because Monday is a state holiday there will be no evening Mass that day. On regular weekdays we have Masses at 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm.

CATHEDRAL WEB SITE

The Cathedral Parish maintains an outstanding Web site located at www.cathedralsacramento.org. Current events, bulletins, minister schedules, information on weddings and baptisms, and E-mail are all available along with calendars for Cathedral events. Links to daily readings and the Liturgy of the Hours are also available. Visit our Web site.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

JANUARY 1, 2006

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm Vigil (Dec 31), 7:30 am,

9:00 am, 11:00 am,

1:00 pm Misa en Espanol, 5:00 pm

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/26/2005	St. Stephen, first martyr 12:10 pm: Maria Becerril Family, S.I. 5:30 pm NO MASS
TUES 12/27/2005	St. John, apostle, evangelist 12:10 pm: Hugh Maguire, S.I. 5:10 pm All Souls
WED 12/28/2005	Holy Innocents, martyrs 12:10 pm: Mary Bassett + 5:10 pm: All Souls
THURS 12/29/2005	St. Thomas Becket, martyr 12:10 pm: Oanh & Vincent, S.I. 5:10 pm: Isabel Sandoval Gomez
FRI 12/30/2004	Feast of the Holy Family 12:10 pm: Muoi Dang + 5:10 pm: All Souls