

THE ROLE OF THE CATHEDRAL IN TODAY'S WORLD

The Cathedral is the spiritual heart of any city, a building of beauty that sits in the middle of modern life but rises above it, assuring people that there is more to human existence than money and stress.

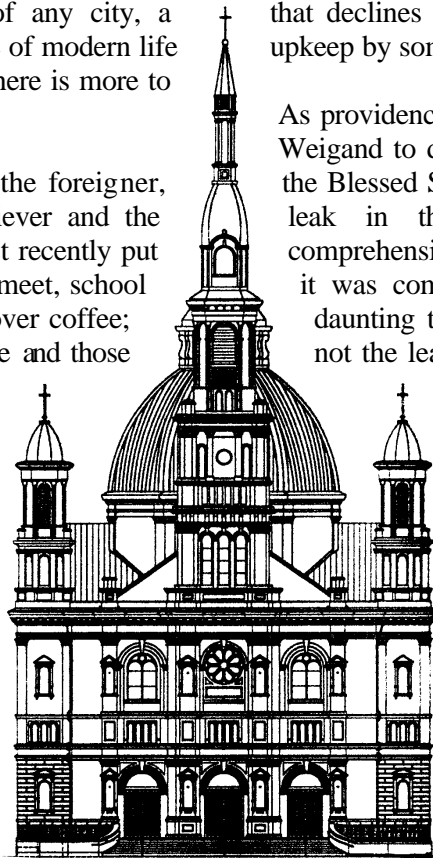
All are welcome there: the native and the foreigner, the housed and the homeless, the believer and the skeptic. The Cathedral, as one journalist recently put it, is a kind of crossroads where lovers meet, school children gawk and learn, friends meet over coffee; a place where seekers of transcendence and those who simply need a break from daily routine can sit in silence.

But there is more. For Catholics the Cathedral is the symbolic center of the diocese, the church where the bishop's cathedra (the Latin word for chair) is permanently installed. It is from that chair that the head of the diocese fosters the spiritual growth of his people and preaches the Gospel to an increasingly secular world.

Beneath all of that though, there are brick and mortar, a finite structure

that declines with age and eventually needs extensive upkeep by someone.

As providence would have it, it fell to Bishop William Weigand to do some major work on the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in 2003. What started out as a leak in the roof ended up being the most comprehensive restoration the building has seen since it was completed some 116 years ago. It was a daunting task with many headaches along the way, not the least of which was money—how to pay for it. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as it stands today is a tribute to Bishop Weigand's vision and determination.



(Excerpted from the book "The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament" released last week. You can purchase this book in the Cathedral Gift Shop in the Lower Level or order online at www.cathedralsacramento.org. Donation \$20)

Reverend James Murphy, Cathedral Rector

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21

11:00 am Mass to celebrate Bishop Weigand's 25th Anniversary.
Open to public.

5:30 pm Evening Vespers. Ecumenical Rededication of the Cathedral to community service. Open to public. Cardinal Roger Mahoney.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22

7:00 pm St. Cecilia Feast Day Concert and Rededication of the Cathedral to the service of Sacred Music.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

10:00 am Special Thanksgiving Day Mass for the faithful of the Diocese of Sacramento

NEW CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22

Daily Masses: 12:10 pm (Mon-Fri), 5:10 pm (Mon-Thurs), 7:00 pm Spanish Mass (Fri only)

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm Vigil, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish), and 5:00 pm.

**ADDITIONAL
MASS AT 5:10 PM
FOR DOWNTOWN
WORKERS
(MON-THURS)**



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

MON 11/21/2005 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:00 am: Bishop Weigand Anniversary Mass

5:30 pm Ecumenical Service. Cardinal Mahoney

TUES 11/22/2005

St. Cecilia, virgin

12:10 pm: Joseph Binh Bui +

5:10 pm Remedios L. Jocson +

7:00 pm St. Cecilia Concert

WED 11/23/2005

St. Clement

12:10 pm: Guadalupe Lourdes Veyna +

5:10 pm: Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.

THURS 11/24/2005

Thanksgiving Holiday

10:00 am: Thanksgiving Day Mass

FRI 11/25/2004

Holiday

[No Masses]