

GOLD LEAFING BEGINS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Artists from EverGreene Studios in New York have begun the gold leaf work on the capitals atop the columns in the Cathedral. Called "tipping," the gold is applied to the raised areas of the capital only. If the entire capital (including the crevices and more hidden areas) were covered in gold, it would look like a yellow blob and would not show detail.

The gold, which is over 23 carats, comes on sheets of paper. The surface is first covered in a sizing solution to make it sticky. The gold is then pressed to the



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surface, after which the paper is peeled off. EverGreene Studios has between 20 and 25 people working at the Cathedral during this stage of the restoration project. As well as gilding, they are restoring the frescos on the ceiling and repainting the walls. Much of the decorative painting on the pillars and walls is done on canvas in the studios in New York. The canvas is then shipped to Sacramento and pasted in place, much as wallpaper would be.

WELCOME OUR TWENTY-ONE NEW CATHOLICS

Twenty-one people were received into full membership of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass this weekend. Over the past year we have seen these Catechumens and Candidates come to the 9:30 am Mass at Westminster but only stay until the end of the homily. At that point they were dismissed as a reminder to themselves and to us that they were not yet fully initiated into the Catholic Church. From now on they will remain and share the Eucharist with us. We congratulate them and we share their joy. Below are listed all those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:

CATECHUMENS (*Baptism, Confirmation, and First*

Eucharist): Angela Renee Adams, Barbara Ann Forman, Joseph Keys, William Keys, Teresa Maria Martinez, Jamie Meredith, Robert Meredith, Rachel Leigh Pierson, Marissa Sarah Kakar-Pineda, and Joshua Francisco Pineda.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CANDIDATES

(*Confirmation and First Eucharist*): Clarence William Boot, Teresa Carrol Henry, Jeffrey Francis Henry, Rebecca Maclay, Nichole Renne Wilson, and Margaret Jane Vosse.

CATHOLIC ADULT CANDIDATES (*Confirmation*): Mia Marguerite Carmona, Carolyn Elise Ginno, John Medina, Melissa Sanshine Montano, and Jenny

Elizabeth Thomas.

In addition, Israel Ayala received First Communion.



THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

EASTER*Reverend George Dyer, S.T.D.*

St. Mark's Gospel opens with a victory cry: "The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God!"

"Good News!" was a catch phrase in the Greco-Roman world in which Mark lived. It meant that the enemy had been defeated, the city was safe and that the people would live.

Mark's Gospel has sometimes been described as "A Passion account with a long introduction." Mark's opening words however, point to the true purpose of his Gospel. The "Good News" is not simply that Christ suffered and died for us, but most especially that he rose for us. It is the Risen Christ that Mark salutes as "Lord" – the title the Scriptures reserve for God Himself.

If "Good News!" is indeed a victory cry, what victory are we talking about? It is this: Jesus, Son of God and Lord, has overcome death; and in doing so, he has transformed human life. His triumph, therefore, is ours as well. Paul makes this point when he says that the Risen Jesus is the first born of the dead. By his passion, death, and resurrection,

Christ has reconfigured death for the entire race, making it something utterly new. We are no longer destined to crash on the shoals of our mortality and disappear. Christ has made death a birthing into a new and eternal life. Doing this, he has also transformed human life, infusing it with a shining hope that not even death can darken.

Death, the greatest of our enemies, is a symbol for all the other foes ("sins") that besiege the human heart: fear, war, terrorism, hatred, violence, poverty and oppression. The Risen Christ assures us that none of these enemies will write the final word in our personal histories or in the history of our race. His Rising means that the tide has been turned and that ultimate victory is assured. Yes, the struggle goes on within us and within our world. But we are no longer alone. The Living Christ is in our midst, healing and transforming us. That he will continue to do so is my parting prayer for you.

After twenty years, a thousand columns and some vision problems, it seems best to make this my final column in your parish bulletin. I have tried to show the many ways our Catholic faith is both a challenge and a source of joyful hope. For the times I failed I am grateful for your patience. For the moments when I may have succeeded I thank you for your support and encouragement. God Bless You and Happy Easter!

MASSES FOR EASTER WEEK**MON 3/28/2005** **Easter Monday**

7:00 am: Larry Roger +

12:00 noon: Angela Ilkanic +

TUES 3/29/2005 **Easter Tuesday**

7:00 am: Sue Collins +

12:00 noon: All Souls

WED 3/30/2005 **Easter Wednesday**

7:00 am: Anna Phat Nguyen +

12:00 Noon: All Souls

THURS 3/31/2005 **Easter Thursday**

7:00 am: NO MASS (Cesar Chavez Holiday)

12:00 noon: NO MASS (Cesar Chavez Holiday)

FRI 4/1/2005 **Easter Friday**

7:00 am: Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.

12:00 Noon: Victoria Elorduy, S.I.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**ENDS APRIL 3 (NEXT SUNDAY)****TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR****DIOCESAN DIVINE MERCY MASS**

Please join us for the annual Diocesan Divine Mercy Mass on the Sunday, April 3, 2005, the octave of Easter, at Sacred Heart Parish, 39th & J Streets. Mass begins a 3:00 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and Saint Faustina's relic. For more information, call (530) 677-2805.