

## Advent Events at Cathedral

Tomorrow evening, **December 4**, the Cathedral will host the annual "*Christmas at the Cathedral*" concert featuring the Catholic Schools Children's Christmas Honor Choir and the Diocesan Choir, with full orchestra under the direction of Jackson Schoos with Rex Rellanka as organist. In all more than 125 singers and musicians will perform. As in former years, local media personalities will read Scripture passages on the history of salvation and the coming of Christ at Christmas. The event begins at 7.30 pm and is free.



Next **Sunday, December 10**, the Cathedral presents "*Advent Lessons and Carols*," our annual service of

lessons and music for Advent. The Cathedral choir, directed by Jackson Schoos with Rex Rellanka as organist, will sing carols from around the world spanning many centuries of music for Advent and Christmas. The carols will alternate with Scripture reading that highlight the coming of the Messiah. The service will begin at 3:00 pm and is free. It will be followed by the usual Sunday evening Mass at 5:00 pm.

We also invite you to come to weekday Mass during the Advent season. From Monday to Thursday we have two Masses each day:

at 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm and one Mass on Fridays at 12:00 pm.

### WELCOME BACK FOR CHRISTMAS

A program for non-practicing Catholic who are considering a return to the sacraments and to regular church attendance will be on six consecutive Tuesdays (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.) from January 9 through February 13 in the Cathedral Lower Level. For more information without obligation, please call **Tim Longdon** at (916) 359-5540 or **Deacon Jorge Usi** or **Sr. Jenny** at (916) 444-5364.

### CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Cathedral Community Committee has formed and is still inviting interested parishioners to participate in the planning effort for upcoming Cathedral activities. We are currently planning for the following events:

- December:** Christmas Dinner for the Downtown Poor
- February:** Mardi Gras Dinner Dance
- March:** St. Patrick's Day Dinner

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time and talents, please come to the next meeting, Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 PM in the Cathedral Lower Level or contact **Chris Caire** at 916-395-6350 for more information.

### WELLSPRING HOLIDAY STORE

Wellspring Women's Center will once again host its 2006 Holiday Store at a new location (St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, 4020 12th Ave, from December 18 to 22 for

women and children of the Oak Park community. We anticipate serving more families this year—last year we assisted 600 families with gifts. Donations of new unwrapped gifts may be delivered to St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church Annex from December 11 to December 16. For more info please call us at **454-9688, ext 202**.

### SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS CONCERT TODAY

The Seventh Day Adventist Church at 4600 Winding Way, Carmichael will host the Sacramento Children's Chorus today at 3:00 pm. Capturing the joy of the holiday season, the concert will feature all five choral groups with 175 talented singers including Cantoris, the touring choir, Chorale and Choraliers, high school age choirs, and Cantate, the training choirs of the organization. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call **972-0582** or visit [www.sacramentochildrenschorus.org](http://www.sacramentochildrenschorus.org).

### BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME OPEN HOUSE TODAY

The Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home will hold a Christmas Open House today from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Kick off the season with tours of the home with refreshments. Located at 6423 Lang Ave (off 47th Ave East from the 99 Freeway). Call **Betty Ann Lambert** at **485-7570** for information.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year and falls nine months before her birth



on September 8. A summary of Church teaching on this solemnity may be found in today's Preface which reflects Vatican II's document *Lumen Gentium*. First, Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. Second, Mary, as a sign of the Church, is the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty

(Eph 5: 27). Third, the purity of Mary emanates from the innocence of the Lamb. And fourth, Mary was predestined to be the advocate of grace and the model of sanctity for the People of God. We come to Mass today with the words of the angel Gabriel echoing in our hearts:

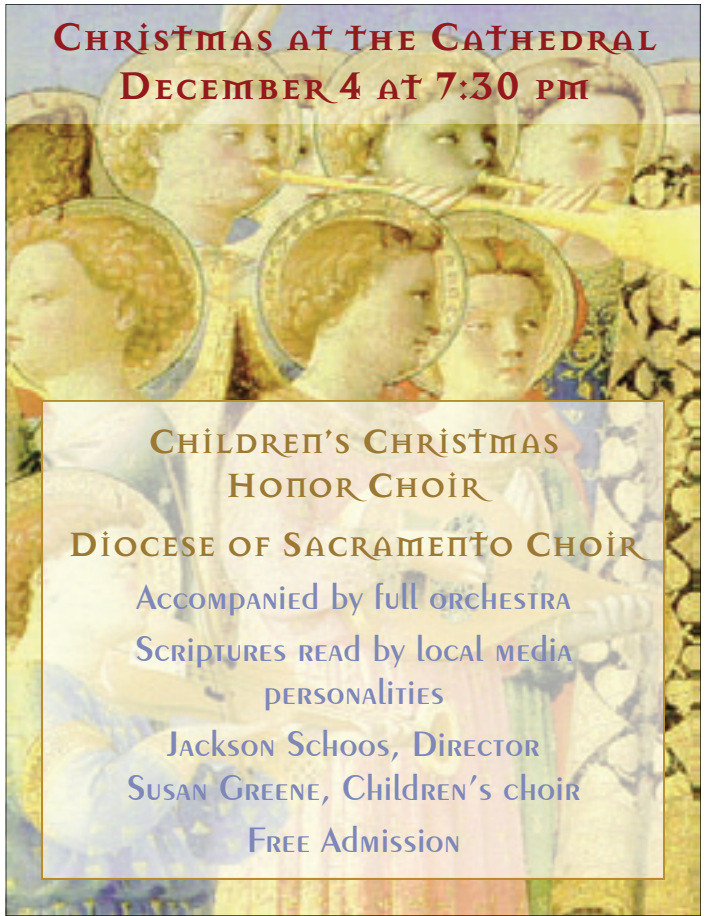
**“Blessed are we among the people because we have been chosen to bring Him into the world anew today.”**

The only Mass for the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral will be at 12:10 pm. However, St. Elizabeth's at 12th and S Streets still has a 7:00 am Mass.

### ICE RINK ADMISSIONS TO AID CATHEDRAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Downtown Partnership will host a charity event at the Westfield Downtown Plaza Holiday Ice Rink located at St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K streets to benefit the Cathedral Square Homelessness Program as they have in the past few years. This program provides valuable services to our downtown homeless. On Sunday, December 10, 2006, two dollars from every ice rink admission will be donated to benefit the Cathedral Square Homeless Program. Admission is \$6.00 and skate rentals are \$2.00.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL DECEMBER 4 AT 7:30 PM



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
HONOR CHOIR**  
**DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO CHOIR**  
ACCOMPANIED BY FULL ORCHESTRA  
SCRIPTURES READ BY LOCAL MEDIA  
PERSONALITIES  
JACKSON SCHOOS, DIRECTOR  
SUSAN GREENE, CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
FREE ADMISSION

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON 12/4/2006</b>	<b>St. John Damascus, doctor</b>
12:10 pm:	James Connor Alley +
5:10 pm:	Rod Maulino +
<b>TUES 12/5/2006</b>	<b>Advent weekday</b>
12:10 pm:	Eva Reyes, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Leticia Castillegos, S.I.
<b>WED 12/6/2006</b>	<b>St. Nicholas, bishop</b>
12:10 pm:	James Connor Alley +
5:10 pm:	Eric Lee Price +
<b>THURS 12/7/2006</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, doctor</b>
12:10 pm:	Joe Becaril, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.
<b>FRI 12/8/2006</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>

### New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!