

Cathedral Hosts Breakfast For Homeless

The Cathedral Parish will provide a breakfast for the downtown homeless on December 23—the Saturday before Christmas. The meal will begin at 9:00 am in the Assembly Hall of the Lower Level of the Cathedral. This meal has become an annual event in our parish, and usually attracts a large team of volunteers. We are counting on your help again.

Ways you can help: walk the streets days before the meal to hand out flyers, help prepare the



meal and serve it, help clean up after the meal. Volunteers can stay for as long or as short a period as they choose. If you would like to help please call **Chris Caire** at (916)395-6350 or **Deacon Don DeHaven** at (916) 451-1925. You may also donate money to buy the food. The breakfast menu this year will be biscuits and gravy, ham and eggs and fruit. Those who come will also be given a bag lunch to take with them as they leave, and toys will be provided for children.

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.

TODAY: 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. Today, 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 CONCERT AT ST. ROSE IN ROSEVILLE

Please join us for a "*Celebration of Christmas*" at St. Rose in Roseville. The St. Rose Chorale, a 30 voice choir, will be presenting the 'Lessons and Carols' Christmas concert on December 17. Directed by Carl Steinauer and accompanied by symphony musicians, the choir will be performing a variety of spiritual Christmas music from around the world. Also parish children will recite special readings to enhance the music and spirit of Christmas. The concert starts at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 17 at St. Rose Church, 615 Vine St., Roseville. It is free to all, but a free will offering will gladly be accepted. For more info, contact (916) 783-5211.

WAYS TO HELP: FRANCIS HOUSE

TO DONATE ONLINE: [HTTP://FRANCHISHOUSE.INFO/](http://franchishouse.info/)

Francis House is a resource center that provides services to all those in need and suffering, including the homeless and the lost. Francis House (1422 C St.) is severely challenged and its reserves are drained to nearly empty. Please consider supporting one of its programs or making donations for:

- **FAMILY RESCUE PROGRAM** — Where there is homelessness, we open our hearts to those without a home and welcome them to our home within, through loving attention.
- **RESOURCE COUNSELING & HELPING HANDS PROJECT** — Where there is poverty of body, mind, and spirit, we share our resources and the boundless love and plenitude that we find in each moment.
- **PRAYER & MEDIATION** — Where there is suffering, we join in the experience with those who suffer poverty and by so doing dispel fear and find the endless riches that we all share.
- **HOSPITALITY PROGRAM** — Where there is squalor and hopelessness, we open doors of the sanctuary known as Francis House and share all the we have to overcome barriers and free souls from the tyranny of darkness.
- **LIFE WORKS CLASSES** — Where there is violence and anger and ignorance, we seek the peace in our hearts and teach oneness across all barriers that divide and make us fearful.
- **PATHWAY TO SUCCESS** — Where there is isolation, disconnectedness, and hopelessness, we instill confidence and provide tools to foster employment.

- \$20 Gives grooming supplies for a family on the streets.
- \$40 Gives a job through Pathways to Success and transportation.
- \$100 Gives IDs to 10 homeless people.
- \$150 Gives 15 gasoline vouchers or 75 bus tokens.
- \$350 Gives food and transportation for families in need.
- \$??? Designate any amount you wish to support programs.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS TODAY AT 3:00 PM

“Advent Lessons and Carols,” our annual service of lessons and music for Advent will be presented today at 3:00 pm. 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 readings 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
(Children’s Mass)

7:00 pm (Spanish) Mass of Christmas

9:00 pm Mass of Christmas

11:30 pm Midnight Mass Prelude

12 Midnight Mass of Christmas

Cathedral Choir

Bishop Weigand presiding

Monday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Cathedral Choir

Bishop Weigand presiding

1:00 pm Misa en Espanol, No Evening Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Monday through Friday 11:35 am—12:05 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm—4:45 pm

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION TODAY DECEMBER 10

2006 ANNUAL APPEAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This weekend’s Diocesan Special Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Where would our Catholic Church be today if not for the efforts, sacrifices, and prayers of our religious members? In the 18 years that this appeal has been collected, over \$500 million has been raised to help ensure appropriate care for almost 40,000 religious who are now past 70.

Over \$1.3 million is needed daily for more than 12,000 of these dedicated men and women who have skilled nursing care and assisted living needs. One out of every five religious institutes has less than 20 percent of the amount needed to care for elderly members. Retired religious receive approximately one third the social security benefit of the average U.S. beneficiary.

The average Catholic family spends more than \$12 each year on cookies, more than \$21 on potato chips, more than \$29 on take-out coffee, and just a little more than \$1 per adult on the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your generous commitment today will help ensure appropriate care for our Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please give generously.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/11/2006

12:10 pm:

St. Damasus, pope

Irene M. Burke Piller, S.I.

5:10 pm:

Rod Maulino +

TUES 12/12/2006

12:10 pm:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Allen Thompson Burke +

5:10 pm:

Jim McIntosh, S.I.

WED 12/13/2006

12:10 pm:

St. Lucy, virgin

Irene M. Burke +

5:10 pm:

Jim McIntosh, S.I.

THURS 12/14/2006

12:10 pm:

St. John of the Cross

Allen Thompson +

5:10 pm:

Linda Champion +

FRI 12/15/2006

Advent weekday

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!