

Need Ideas for Christmas Gifts?

The Cathedral Gift Shop is offering two Cathedral books for the price of one. You can purchase the coffee table book and the self-guided tour book for \$20. Normally the coffee table book alone costs \$20; the self-guided tour book costs \$5.

“Buy one and get the other for free,” says Susanna Huerta who attends the tables after Mass on Sundays. “The two are wrapped in a Christmas bow and will make a very nice Christmas gift for somebody.”

The coffee table book is a 64-page publication with

articles on the history of the Cathedral, combined with a detailed article on the 2005 restoration. The smaller booklet is an ideal way to conduct your own private tour of the Cathedral. Among other things, it has a four-page section showing close-up photographs of the 16 roundels in the dome, with the relevant Scripture quotation under each one.

Other items available in the gift shop: rosaries, crosses, gold and silver medals of St. Toribio, Bibles, postcards, and posters.

The gift shop is in the Lower Level of the Cathedral.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS AT 5PM



On Sunday, December 24, at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas, the children of the Cathedral Parish Religious Education Program will provide music and a simple presentation of the Christmas story during the Gospel reading. Please join in celebrating the first Mass of

Christmas with our young shepherds and angels and sing along with them the hymns of Christmas.

ANOTHER KIND OF GIFT

On the heels of National Donor Sabbath, which raised awareness of the critical need for organ and tissue donors, a national campaign is under way to sign up 400,000 Americans as organ and tissue donors during the “12-weeks of Giving,” Nov 20-Feb 14. In California, there are two ways to sign up—on line at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org, or through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when obtaining a driver's license. Pope Benedict stated: “To donate one's organs is an act of love... . To be an organ donor means to carry out an act of love toward someone in need, toward a brother in difficulty. It is a free act of love, of availability, that every person of good will can do at anytime for any brother.” Consider giving this precious gift of life.

WAYS TO HELP: FRANCIS HOUSE

TO DONATE ONLINE: [HTTP://FRANCISHOUSE.INFO/](http://FRANCISHOUSE.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 plentitude 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.

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 - Friday 11:35 am -12:05 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 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**.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS PLACEMENT EXAM

The High School Placement Exam for prospective students of all four Catholic high schools will be on Saturday January 27, at 8:00 am. Registration for the exam should be done at the school you plan to attend in the fall. For more information, please contact the individual school's admission's offices at:

Christian Brothers High School:733-3690

-OR- www.cbhs-sacramento.org

Jesuit High School:.....482-6060

-OR- Register online @ www.jhssac.org

Loretto High School:482-7793 x103

-OR- www.loretto.net

St. Francis High School:452-3461 x195

-OR- www.stfranchishs.org

There is a \$30 testing fee payable at the exam. The following are important dates in the process of admission:

Recommendation Forms due..... **Friday, Feb 9**

Student-Parent Interviews **Sat/Sun Feb 10/11**

Admission Decisions sent home **Friday Mar 16**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/18/2006

12:10 pm:

Late Advent weekday

Rod Maulino +

5:10 pm:

Jim McIntosh+

TUES 12/19/2006

12:10 pm:

Late Advent weekday

Maria Navarro +

5:10 pm:

Francisco Trujillo Nunez +

WED 12/20/2006

12:10 pm:

Late Advent weekday

Rod Maulino +

5:10 pm:

Jim McIntosh+

THURS 12/21/2006

12:10 pm:

St. Peter Canisius

Hazel Tate +

5:10 pm:

Linda Champion +

FRI 12/22/2006

12:10 pm:

Late Advent weekday

Rod Maulino +

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!