

NO FLOWERS FOR LENT

People sometimes put flowers in our Cathedral side chapels and under the Sistine Madonna painting as a devotional practice. It is a spontaneous gesture that is very beautiful and we encourage it. However we would ask people to refrain from this practice during the season of Lent. The tone of our liturgy during these 40 days is deliberately austere; that means no flowers or other festive decorations. When Easter comes we will resume our festive spirit, and our practice of honoring the Blessed Mother and the

saints with flower offerings. (Real flowers are preferred.)



Other house keeping issues: Please remember not to consume food (or gum!) in church. Mothers with babies are encouraged to sit at the end of the pew so that they can easily step outside if a baby cries too much. And one more suggestion: try to restrain children from climbing over the pews or standing on the book holders where the hymnals are kept. This is not intended to be a negative message however. We love to have children in Church and we welcome them warmly.

SCHEDULING CATHEDRAL TOURS

If you would like to schedule a tour of the Cathedral for a group, please contact one of the following docents:

For weekday tours, Carol Hogan at hoganhouse@aol.com

For weekend tours, Denise Fracchia at cathedraltours@cathedralsacramento.org

When e-mailing us, please include the size of the group and the date and time preference. During the weekday, tours may be scheduled at 11:00 am or 12:40 pm before and after the 12:10 pm Mass, and are available contingent on docent availability. On the weekends, we offer tours at 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 pm. The 2:00 pm tour is in Spanish.

If you are unable to e-mail your request, you may call us at (916) 313-4019 to schedule a tour. Generally, we are only scheduling tours up to 3 months in advance. There is no charge for tours; however, donations are gratefully accepted. Tours generally last 45 minutes but need to finish at least 10 minutes prior to any scheduled Mass, so sometimes may be slightly shorter depending on the actual start time.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

You are invited to attend Christian Brothers High School's spring musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," an audience favorite and a musical "Tradition!" The musical will be performed at the Guild Theater, 2828 35th Street, Sacramento. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on March 31, April 1, 7, and 8, and 2:00

p.m. on April 2 and 9. Tickets are a very reasonable \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Please contact **Kevin McGovern** at **(916) 733-3630, ext. 1078**, for further information.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group for 7th Grade through High School Sophomores meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Cathedral Hall (Lower Level). Please join us for games, discussion, and treats with fellow Catholic students from the Cathedral Parish who wish to maintain their Catholic identity and meet other Catholic students. Gain leadership skills and be part of community projects. Please contact **Mary Westmark** for further details at **(916) 662-5589**.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The new Young Adults Group for high school, college students, and beyond will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level beginning March 22, 2006. Come join us as we grow in our faith, meet believers, read through the Bible and other books, watch movies, have discussions, have throw games, and attend fellowship parties and much more! Don't miss out, join us this Wednesday! Led by: Lauralyn Formentera and Kresten Gray.

*"Show me Your ways, O LORD;
teach me Your paths"* (Psalm 25:4)

For more information, please email **Kresten Gray** at krestcomplete@yahoo.com or **Lauralyn Formentera Solano** at Lauralynsolano@aol.com.

“THE RELIGIOUS SENSE AS THE CORE OF OUR BEING”

As the first seminar in the 5-part series Religious Sense to Christianity, today the Cathedral Parish will present “The Religious Sense as the Core of Our Being” from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. This gives participants the option of attending Mass at 5:00 pm on the main level after the seminar.

Next week the seminar on Sunday March 26 will discuss “The Religious Sense, Reality and Reason.” There are no fees for these seminars. Catechetical unit credit will be offered for Diocesan teachers who attend the seminar.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates to deepen and rekindle your Christian faith.

The following is the list of speakers: Damian Bacich, Ph.D., instructor at Loyola Marymount University and Mount St Mary’s College in Los Angeles; Michael Eppler, M.T.S., instructor at the University of Southern Indiana; Greg Wolf, Ph.D., editor of *Image Magazine*; Luca Grillo, M.A., graduate student at Princeton University; Holly Peterson, Ed.D., instructor at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento.

WELCOME BACK FOR EASTER:

A program for non-practicing Catholics who are considering a return to the sacraments and to regular church attendance will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays (7:00-9:00 pm) from March 15th through April 19th in the Cathedral Lower Level. For more information without obligation, please contact **John Poon at 916-346-9969**.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, the Cathedral Parish will take up a collection for the Holy Land. You can help fellow Catholics in the cradle of Christianity through your generosity during this Good Friday Collection. Your financial contribution will support the works of Catholics to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 25

A special second collection will be taken up next weekend, March 25/26 for Catholic Relief Services, formerly known as the Bishop’s Overseas Appeal. This collection helps build the Church’s international social ministry by funding five agencies: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Migration and Refugee Services, Social Development and World Peace, and the Holy Father Relief Fund. A portion of this special collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, April 14, a procession of the Way of the Cross will begin at 8:30 am at Crocker Park at 3rd and N Streets to begin a journey that stops at the Capitol steps and ends at the Cathedral for the 12:10 pm Good Friday Services. Contact **Daniel Patterson at (916) 601-6035** or Danny@pattersonclan.us. Visit <http://www.clonline.org>.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 3/20/2006	St. Joseph, husband of Mary
12:10 pm:	Paul Domingo Ortiz +
5:10 pm	Dominador & Angelina Gaymalan+
TUES 3/21/2006	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Alice Connell +
5:10 pm	Alice Connell +
WED 3/22/2006	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	James MC +
5:10 pm:	Joseph & Thelma Valencia +
THURS 3/23/2006	(St. Torbio de Mogrovejo) Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Gary Zube +
5:10 pm:	Dana Marie Valencia +
FRI 3/24/2006	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Pat Francis +
7:30 pm	All Souls

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!