

SPECIAL PARKING FOR OUR CATECHISTS

We owe a debt of thanks to Steve Chambers, the Senior Operations Manager of Ampco System Parking, the company that manages the parking lot across the alley from the Cathedral. Steve has arranged for our volunteer catechists to park there for \$1 when they need parking while teaching classes in Cathedral Religious Education Programs. This is a welcome help to the many teachers who donate their time to teaching our children on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Thank you Steve! And thanks to Victor Waid, chairman of the Parish Council, who made the initial contacts.

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Ampco Systems Parking has already been giving us free parking on Sundays for all our Masses. Thank you Ampco!

Speaking of religious education: congratulations to the 60 young people who received First Eucharist last Sunday. And congratulations to the 150 adults from around the Diocese of Sacramento who were confirmed by Bishop William Weigand at the Cathedral on Saturday morning. Our parish Confirmation Class (62 young people) will receive the sacrament on

Sunday, June 4.

CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION

Due to the success of the Lenten Series at the Cathedral, *From the Religious Sense to Christianity*, we will continue the discussion with an evening class, reading together "The Religious Sense" by Monsignor Luigi Giussani. Meetings are held from 7-8 pm on Wednesday evenings in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. All are welcome! The book, "The Religious Sense" will be available for sale on Wednesday nights.

NEW CATHEDRAL BOOK

A new expanded edition of our coffee book "The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament" has just come off the press. It is available in the gift shop in the Lower Level of the Cathedral for \$20 on Sundays. This second edition has an extra chapter detailing the re-opening of the Cathedral on November 20, 2005, plus 18 colored photographs of the opening Mass and dedication. Also



included in the book are chapters on the history of the Cathedral, the 2005 restoration of the building, and the stained glass windows.

DA VINCI CODE TALK MAY 21

Dr. Barry Sugarman, Executive Vice President of the University of Sacramento, will give a lecture on The Da Vinci Code in the Lower Level of the Cathedral next Sunday, May 21, at 3:30 pm. All are welcome. Come and learn the facts about Jesus and Mary Magdalene and how to separate truth from fiction in this controversial book. Dr. Sugarman is a parishioner at the Cathedral. The movie version of Dan Brown's potboiler is due out May 19.



The main plot in the The Da Vinci Code is that Jesus and Mary Magdalene had children and their descendants live in secret today. Important clues to this are supposed to be hidden in the paintings of Renaissance artist Leonardo Da Vinci. The novel has sold more than 40 million copies in 44 languages worldwide. Several books have appeared debunking Brown's story line, which he claims is based on fact.



TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

Honor your mothers always but especially today which is Mother's Day. Red roses will be available after the morning Masses for sale in Cathedral Square.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES UPDATE

The Catholic Family Advanced Planning Program, exclusive to Catholics and their families, is offering a Veterans Promotion in the month of May. Veterans who reserve in the Veterans Honor Courts at either Calvary Catholic Cemetery or St. Mary will receive their spouse's portion of the space at no charge. Construction of Phases I and II of the new mausoleum buildings at Calvary and St. Mary are underway. Pre-construction discounts are available now. The Catholic Family Security Program offers prices 30 to 60% less than secular cemeteries with payment plans to fit any budget. Call Kathleen Sakach at (916) 521-5489 for more information on this Program.

WOOD CROSS REPAIR

Sister Jenny, our Religious Education Director, has a large cross in need of repair. Please contact her at 444-5364 if you have skills that can repair the figure of Christ hanging on the cross. The figure of Christ is about 24" inches long and has severely cracked plaster.

EXPLORE AFRICA THIS SUMMER

Sponsored by the Africa Solidarity Initiative Committee of the Diocese of Sacramento, and the CSUS Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, discover Africa from a cross cultural point of view from July 23 to August 6, 2006. We will visit cathedrals, cultural and historic sites, meet local religious community members, and experience urban and rural living with some home/family stays. We will visit the cities of Abjua, Port-Harcourt, Owerri, Lagos, Accra, Cape Coast, and Kumasi in the countries of Nigeria and Ghana.

The cost is \$3,300 per person, double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare from San Francisco, transportation in Africa, accommodations, and breakfast daily. For reservations call, Charlene Harris at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 733-0160.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW DONOR

During the recent restoration of the Cathedral, the modern windows in the upper clerestory were not replaced. Donors are being sought to fund the replacement of those windows.

Recently, the Sisters of Mercy donated \$100,000 to fund one of the eight commemorative windows to mark the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy. "Through the stained-glass window a guiding light will shine on parishioners, just as the Sisters of Mercy have provided a guiding light to the entire community" said John Shaw, President of Mercy Foundation.

These eight stained-glass windows will enhance the environment of the Cathedral and provide special honors and tributes much as the original stained-glass windows were donated by local entrepreneurs, wealthy people, and other Catholic churches of the time during the original construction of the Cathedral.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MON 5/15/2006 | St. Isidore, the farmer |
| 12:10 pm: Eugenia & Flora Untalan + | |
| 5:10 pm Ruben Gutierrez | |
| TUES 5/16/2006 | Easter Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Jasmine Sojka + | |
| 5:10 pm Ed Simene + | |
| WED 5/17/2006 | Easter Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Mike Tobar, S.I. | |
| 5:10 pm: Francene Gutierrez | |
| THURS 5/18/2006 | St. John I, pope & martyr |
| 12:10 pm: All Souls | |
| 5:10 pm Francen Elliott, S.I. | |
| FRI 5/19/2006 | Easter Weekday |
| 12:10 pm: Cinderella Ouano & Family, S.I.. | |
| 7:00 pm: Manuel & Isabel Gomez + | |