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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekday Masses:

MON-FRI 12: 10 p.m.
MON-THU 5:10 p.m.
FRI 7:00 p.m. *En Español*

Weekend Masses:

SAT VIGIL 5:00 p.m.
SUN 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. *En Español*
5:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MON-FRI 11:35 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
SAT 4:00-4:45 p.m.

BAPTISM - By appointment

Baptism Classes:

English - 7 p.m., First Monday of the month
Español - 7 p.m., Second Monday of the month

Sacrament of Baptism:

English - 9 a.m., Third Saturday of the month
Español - 9 a.m., Last Saturday of the month

WEDDINGS

Six (6) months notice required

SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Catholics are required to abstain from meat on that day and on all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Catholics are required to fast (which means eating less food than one would ordinarily eat) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 12:10 pm, 5:10 pm and 7:30 pm in Spanish. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses that day. Ashes will also be distributed between Masses at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm with a brief Scripture service. Downtown workers are encouraged to take advantage of our two daily Masses (12:10 pm and 5:10 pm) during the seven weeks of Lent. They are also encouraged to

pass the word to other Catholics in the workplace who may not know about our Mass schedule. The flier inserted in this bulletin is ideal for that purpose.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be held every weekday afternoon during Lent. People are invited to take a break from the rush and noise of the city and spend some time in silence before the monstrance in the Eucharistic Chapel. Other Lenten services include Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:45 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish, followed by a Spanish Mass.

RITE OF ELECTION

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2006 ·	7:30PM BISHOP WEIGAND PRESIDING
SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2006 ·	3:00PM BISHOP WEIGAND PRESIDING
	7:00PM BISHOP GARCIA PRESIDING

In the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), "Inquirers" enter the Catechumenate through the **Rite of Acceptance** held a minimum of four times a year in the Cathedral. As Catechumens, they receive formal instruction and formation in our faith. The **Rite of Election** brings to an end the period of the Catechumenate and inaugurates the Period of Purification. The act of election by Bishop Weigand or Bishop Garcia is a proclamation of admission to the reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), and is a significant turning point in the Catechumenate process. The rite celebrates the transition in the life of the catechumen from one who is seeking to one who is ready to stand firm in a commitment. The election is the announcement that the community has discerned that the catechumen is indeed ready to celebrate the Easter Sacraments.

The word "election" is not used as in a representative voting government like ours. **Sacramental "election" is focused on what God has done and is doing in these people's lives.** It is a public announcement that we, the Cathedral Parish, have seen God at work in them, and that they are ready to enter into the covenant relationship established through the sacraments. Since only a bishop may confer this election, each of the some 105 parishes in the Sacramento Diocese

sends its catechumens to the Cathedral during one of the three designated Rites of Election.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

ABSTINENCE

Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and all **FRIDAYS** of Lent.

FAST

Everyone over 18 and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**; continuing the fast on **HOLY SATURDAY** is encouraged.

On these two days of fast, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lenten and Easter Seasons extend from Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2006, through Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2006, inclusive. All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily within this period.

SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY

Today, Sunday, February 26, there will be two different special music offerings at our Cathedral Masses. At the 11:00 am Mass the choir from Westminster Presbyterian Church, our hosts during the restoration of the Cathedral, will join with the Cathedral Choir to sing for the Liturgy; featured music will include the *Kyrie* and *Gloria* from a Mozart Mass, accompanied by strings. This evening at 5:00 pm, the Jubilate Children's Choir from St. Joseph Parish in Vacaville will sing at the Mass. This very fine ensemble of young people will sing several appropriate selections during the Mass, including the Jamaican Canticles of Bryan Kelly. We hope that many parishioners and their friends will be able to participate in one of these special celebrations of the Eucharist.



JUBILATE CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN VACAVILLE SINGING AT THE CATHEDRAL

16TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

25% COMES BACK TO PARISHES

This Sunday is Annual Catholic Appeal Sunday. This weekend is dedicated to the thousands of disadvantaged people in our midst who suffer the indignities of poverty. Hopefully, you have read the stories of older people, foster teens, children, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless, and the mentally ill



who have found relief and a better future through the programs supported by this Appeal. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal will help these northern California programs operate for another year. As you think about your participation this year, please remember that 25% of the funds generated from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need. Bishop

Weigand asks that all parishes “ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church” (Synod Initiative #7). The Annual Catholic Appeal is a highly beneficial way to help others. Thank you for your generosity. Your pledge can be dropped off in the Sunday Collection or mailed directly to the Diocese of Sacramento in the envelopes provided at all entrances to the Cathedral.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 2/27/2006

12:10 pm: Ana Nguyen +
5:10 pm Gwen Meyer +

TUES 2/28/2006

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

12:10 pm: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Molon, S.I.
5:10 pm Lora Gonzalez, S.I.

WED 3/1/2006

ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Prayer Service, distribution of ashes
12:10 pm: Ilona Molnar +
3:00 pm Prayer Service, distribution of ashes
5:10 pm: Paulette Holldorf, S.I.

THURS 3/2/2006

Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm: Maria Vong-Ching +
5:10 pm: John Sabla, S.I.

FRI 3/3/2006

St. Katherine Drexel

12:10 pm: Carolina Santiago +
7:30 pm Carolina Santiago +

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!