

# WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL

We want to extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting us for Memorial Weekend. We hope you enjoy our liturgies and that the Lord touches you in some personal way during this festive weekend in Sacramento.

And if you are not a regular church participant, we hope you consider coming to Church more often. Research has shown that the main reason Catholics come back to church is a deep desire for the Eucharist. They feel an intense longing for the Mass they remember in their youth. Sometimes that longing hits them at a wedding, a First Communion, or a special occasion like this weekend. It is never too late to come home again, to become part of our weekly parish community.

And if you wish to register as a member of the parish you may use the blue registration form at the bottom of the right page of this bulletin or call the rectory at 444-3070.

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

If you would like to get involved in doing more than just showing up on Sundays for Mass, we have a variety of ministries from which you can choose. The following is a list of our ministries and organizations. To volunteer for any one of them just call the rectory at 444-3070.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We now have about 445 children who come to class on Saturday mornings (English), Sunday mornings (Spanish), and Monday evenings (English). There is always

room for more teachers or teacher aids to help pass on the faith to our children.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** They provide beds for five homeless people every night; also provide emergency aid to the downtown poor. Over Christmas they give out food baskets to families in need.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:** Lectors take turns reading at Sunday Masses and weekday Masses.

Eucharistic ministers take turns administering Communion at Sunday Masses and weekday Masses. Ushers take up the collection during Mass. Those gifted with good voices sing in the choir. Young people take their turns serving at Masses.

**RCIA:** sponsors assist those becoming Catholic on their journey to faith. Complete the Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation).

**PARISH COUNCIL:** sets the vision for the parish community.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** helps make new members welcome in the parish.

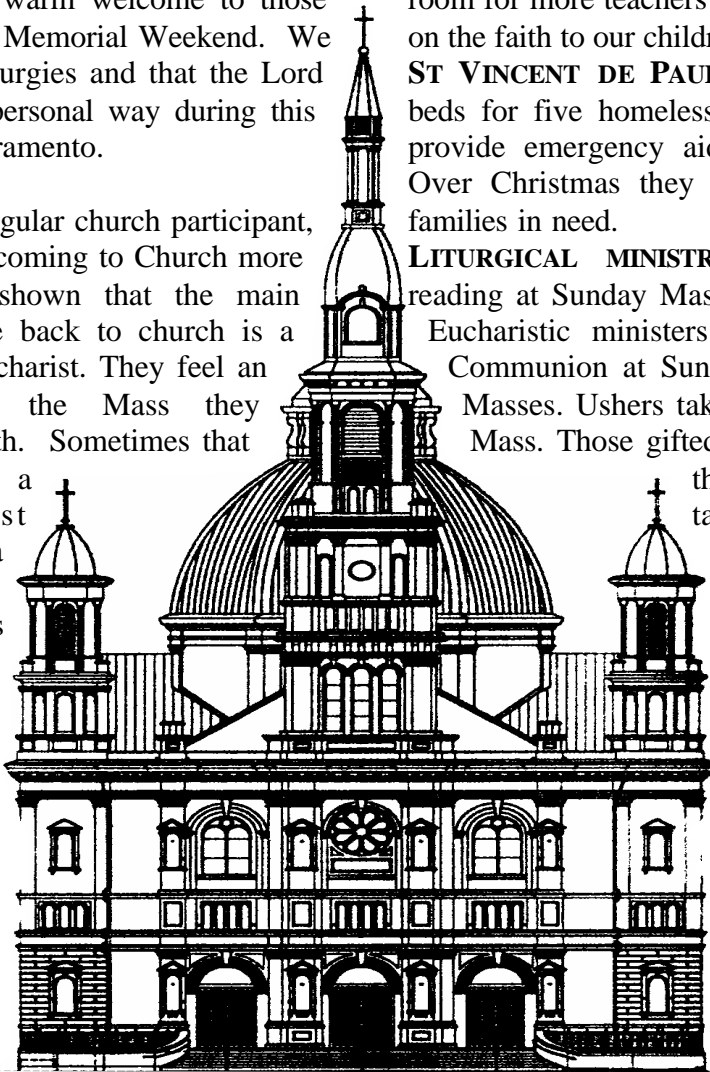
**VISITING THE SICK:** Eucharistic ministers take Communion to rest homes and the homes of people who cannot come to Mass.

**ETHNIC MINISTRIES:** The Hispanic and Filipino communities have committees that organize a variety of cultural activities throughout the year.

**RECTORY VOLUNTEERS:** These volunteers help answer the phone and door in the rectory, thus freeing up our secretaries to get other work done.

**VOCATION COMMITTEE:** helps increase awareness of need for religious vocations.

**YOUTH GROUP:** adult advisors are needed. Also adults and youth are needed to help organize a youth Mass in Spanish on Sunday nights.



## SACRAMENTO JAZZ JUBILEE

### MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL TODAY



As has been the custom for many years, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento will feature special music at three celebrations of the Eucharist during the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee on the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

**5:00 pm Sat May 27**

**11:00 am Sun May 28**

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### THE ASCENSION

The early followers of Jesus were plunged into confusion and despair when they saw His crucifixion and then what they thought was the theft of His body. It was then during the 40 days that His followers came to terms with what Jesus had taught them. Numbers in the Scriptures can mean more than the quantity of a thing. They were also used to say something about the quality of a thing. Forty was used to say that enough time had passed to accomplish something. The Israelites had spent 40 years in the desert. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness.

The Ascension of Jesus was not His abandonment of His followers. On the contrary it was a change in how Jesus would remain with the world. Jesus' teaching lived on in the Apostles and Christian people. After their deaths, the teaching lived on in the evangelists. After their deaths, pastors and teachers rose up to continue the teaching of Jesus.

There are times when we, like the original followers of Jesus, might wonder, "Is Jesus still out there?" Today's feast teaches us that the Ascension of Jesus was not merely the departure of Jesus from the world, it was a change in how Jesus would remain in the world. The Scriptures today teach us that even though Jesus had physically left, His followers continued to experience His presence, and we are promised and invited every Eucharist to that same experience.

## DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The monthly Diocesan Second Collection will be taken up May 27/28 for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous in your support of this collection.

### 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.

### DEACON ORDINATIONS

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, seven seminarians will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by Bishop Richard Garcia at 11:00 am. The seminarians are: Matthew Blank, Giovanni Gamas, Derek LaBranch, Uriel Ojeda, Jovito Rate, Jose Rodriguez, and George Snyder. Cathedral parishioners will remember both Uriel Ojeda and Jose Rodriguez who served their pastoral year in residence at the Cathedral.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MON 5/29/2006**

**Memorial Day Holiday**

11:00 am: Diocesan Diaconate Ordination Mass

5:10 pm: NO MASS

**TUES 5/30/2006**

**Easter Weekday**

12:10 pm: John Decker, S.I.

5:10 pm Steve Bagley +

**WED 5/31/2006**

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:10 pm: Edward, Grace, & 4 sons, S.I.

5:10 pm: Humberto Medeiros +

**THURS 6/1/2006**

**St. Justin, martyr**

12:10 pm: Robert Johns, S.I.

5:10 pm Irineo Barrozo +

**FRI 6/2/2006**

**St. Marcellinus & St. Peter, martyrs**

12:10 pm: Silvia Morales, S.I.

7:00 pm: All Souls