

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL!

We are happy you are with us today to share the joy of this important feast. Easter Sunday is the most important day of the entire year. What we celebrate today is the victory of life over death, light over darkness, the cross over suffering. Remember those low periods in your life when everything seemed to fall apart; maybe they were not so low after all. Remember those failures you encountered that caused so much regret; maybe they were not such failures after all. Remember those mistakes you made that seemed so big at the time; they are forgiven. That is the message of Easter.

If you are new to the Cathedral and have not yet registered in the parish we invite you to consider doing so. You can become a full member of our parish by filling out the registration form printed in the bulletin each week, or by going into our Web site at www.cathedralsacramento.org.

We also have guided tours of the Cathedral on Sundays following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses (but not on Easter Sunday), and on Wednesdays following the 12:10 Mass. We invite

you to learn more about this beautiful building—one of the architectural treasures of downtown Sacramento. 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.

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Msgr. Murphy and the Cathedral Vocations Committee are asking for your support to pray for an increase in vocations from the Cathedral Parish. Easter Sunday, we are signing up parishioners after each Mass to participate in the daily Rosary for increases in priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. We are asking for a personal commitment to pray the Rosary daily for this intention. To those who sign up, we will provide a beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe with instructions on how to pray the Rosary, and we will provide Rosaries as needed. This is a wonderful 20-minute daily family activity that will surely enrich you and your loved ones with God's blessings.

EXPLORE AFRICA THIS SUMMER

Explore Africa with the Sacramento Africa Initiative Group. Visit Nigeria and Ghana for 15 days from July 23-August 6, 2006. Observe first hand the opportunities and issues facing Africa today. The cost is \$3,300 (double occupancy). For more information, contact **Charlene Harris at (916) 733-0160** or **Phyllis Johnson at (916) 729-8110**.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, was proclaimed to be Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000 when he canonized Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska in April of that year. The Cathedral will host a special Mass and devotion to the Divine Mercy. Confessions are from 2:30-3:30 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm. Mass begins at 3:30 pm with celebrant and homilist, Reverend Sylvester Kwiatkowski. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and the relic of St. Faustina will follow Mass.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION

On the weekend of April 29/30, there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions. Because of the shortage of priests, sisters, and brothers, there are many places in the United States, especially in rural and mountainous locations, where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. This collection supports and strengthens the Church here at home in America, with a portion of the support for Black and Native American Indians.

*From an Easter Homily
by St. Melito of Sardis, bishop*

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity, he came down from heaven to earth, clothed himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born as a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of

dying, he dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; he was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as he had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; he freed us from our slavery to the devil, as he had freed Israel from the land of



Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with his own Spirit, and the members of our body with his own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring, as Moses robbed the Egyptians of their offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be his own for ever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed him, In Abel he was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is he who was made man of the Virgin; he who was hung on the tree; it is he who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of his was broken; in the earth his body knew no decay.

He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE

The Lay Formation Institute presents "Ecclesiology" with Rev. David Deibel, J.D., J.C.L. as presenter on Saturday April 22, 2006, at the Pastoral Center from 9-3:30 pm. Cost \$20. For more information and registration, contact John Reischick at (916) 733-0133.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MON 4/17/2006 | Easter Monday |
| 12:10 pm: Pedro Ulloa + | |
| 5:10 pm Francis Trujillo Nunez + | |
| TUES 4/18/2006 | Easter Tuesday |
| 12:10 pm: Margaret Taylor, S.I. | |
| 5:10 pm Claudio & Francisca Guillen + | |
| WED 4/19/2006 | Easter Wednesday |
| 12:10 pm: John Fernandes + | |
| 5:10 pm: Niromi's two daughters, S.I. | |
| THURS 4/20/2006 | Easter Thursday |
| 12:10 pm: Julio Fernandes + | |
| 5:10 pm Gevasio & Fedelina Anub + | |
| FRI 4/21/2006 | Easter Friday |
| 12:10 pm: Dan Truong + | |
| 7:00 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!