

## OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION

Our Christmas collection this year was \$18,230, up from \$5,750 last year. Our weekly collection is also up since we reopened, averaging \$6,000. The average before we reopened was \$4,750. In addition, we are receiving additional income from votive candles—an average of \$600 per week. The parish also received a number of one-time checks from visitors who wish to help pay for the Cathedral restoration.



Our current parish debt is \$745,000. That debt represents losses incurred while we were closed (when we were losing about \$4,500 per week) plus

our share of the restoration costs. Of the \$34.5 million cost of the restoration, the parish is responsible for the renovating of the Lower Level, which cost about \$2 million. The parish spent its entire savings on that project and incurred the debt quoted above.

The most important figure in this report is the average weekly collection. In the long term the weekly collection is what will enable us to meet our regular expenses (which have increased because of the cost of heating and a more extensive lighting system) and gradually reduce the debt. At about \$6,000, that weekly collection figure is well below that of other parishes of comparable size. Any help you can give to increase that weekly collection will be deeply appreciated.

## EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

*The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany Proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.*

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord; his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the thirteenth of April (Holy Thursday) and the twenty-second of April (Easter Sunday).

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the first of March. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the twenty-eighth of May, 2006.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the fourth of June.

And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the third of December.

Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR PRAYER SERVICE

The Sacramento Black Catholic Council will host a prayer service in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 1019 11th Street. The prayer service will begin promptly at 10:00 am and will last until noon. Bishop Garcia will open with a welcome in the front of the Cathedral and will lead a procession into the church, where Father Murphy, Rector, will also offer a welcome and comments on the newly renovated Cathedral.

## 2ND ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Mark your calendars for January 21, 2006 and join with thousands of pro-lifers for the 2nd annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. We will again peacefully proclaim our message that abortion is a grave evil and hurts us all. Seven Greyhound buses will be departing from Sacramento area churches for the San Francisco Walk for Life event and we invite you to be on board! Seats are only \$15.00 a piece but reservations need to be in by January 11th. Some sponsored seats are available for folks unable to pay, and folks who would like to sponsor are warmly welcome. Priests and Religious are free and we hope many will accompany us. Departure points are listed below with contact person and telephone numbers.

Our Lady of Lourdes	Kathleen DeSantis	364-7991
St. Ignatius Church	Mary Seri	254-4444
St. Rose	Lenore Mullarkey	395-9370
	or Sally Fisher	780-5305
St. Stephen	Jan England	971-9133
St. Rose of Lima	Carol Schoner	791-1819

The Christ Temple Apostolic Church choir will provide music and song for the service. The event will close with a prayer action service led by Father Anthony Garibaldi, OFM, pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information, contact Charlene Harris at 916-733-0160.

## CATHEDRAL YOUTH MEET & GET-TOGETHER

Youths of the Cathedral Parish are cordially invited to a Get-Together on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 6 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level Hall. Bring your friends to this Fun-Gathering. See Ya! Fr. Ho will facilitate the meeting.

## PRIEST ORDINATION TODAY AT 5:00 PM MASS

Mr. Aldo Ranin will be ordained a priest of the Diocese of Sacramento at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament today at the 5:00 pm Mass. Bishop Weigand will preside and Bishop Garcia will concelebrate with about 20 other priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend this ordination on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON 1/9/2006</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
12:10 pm: Bobby & Thelma Frausto & Family, S.I.	
5:30 pm: Nina Nga Daan, S.I.	
<b>TUES 1/10/2006</b>	
12:10 pm: Socorro & Monique Frausto & Family, S.I.	
5:10 pm: Rudy Pertile, S.I.	
<b>WED 1/11/2006</b>	
12:10 pm: Jesse Frausto, S.I.	
5:10 pm: Beattie, S.I.	
<b>THURS 1/12/2006</b>	
12:10 pm: Andy & Karla Jimenez, S.I.	
5:10 pm: All Souls	
<b>FRI 1/13/2006</b>	<b>St. Hilary, bishop</b>
12:10 pm: Peter Duran, S.I.	