



ELECTRONIC GIVING COMING TO CATHEDRAL

You will soon be able to make your contributions to the Cathedral Parish by using an electronic offering program. Beginning in January, you can have your donation debited to your bank account or charged to your credit card. You can also determine the frequency of the transfers. We are indebted to the members of the Cathedral Finance Council for doing the research necessary to set this up.

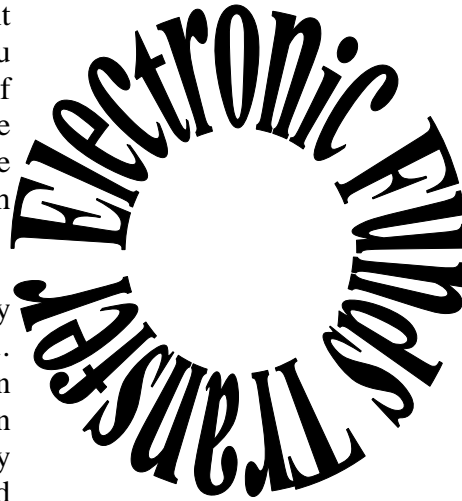
This new program will be serviced by EFT Corporation in Virginia. Parishioners will have two options in signing up for the service. They can either fill out a card that the company will provide, or click on a secured link on our Web site (www.cathedralsacramento.org) which will take them to the company's Web site where parishioners

can type in the necessary information online.

Meanwhile, our Sunday collection has increased significantly since our stewardship mini-drive in October. Before the drive donations had been averaging \$10,500 per week; they are now averaging \$12,200 per week. During the mini-drive, parishioners filled out pledge cards specifying how much they planned to give to the parish each week. Our request was that people give the equivalent of one hour's pay per week.

We are deeply grateful to all those who have pledged to do just that.

Our parish is now in a stronger financial position to meet our monthly bills, and service our \$710,000 debt.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THE POOR



The Cathedral Parish will donate Christmas Baskets to the poor this year. Donations for these baskets are welcome. We need turkeys, dry goods like pasta, rice, mashed potatoes, canned goods, and clothing like gloves and socks. Last, we need a few volunteers to put everything together. Contact Deacon Don DeHaven at the Rectory 444-3071.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 25, 2007

Our collection last week was \$12,027.35. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. To achieve this goal we encourage parishioners to donate one hour's pay per week to the parish or 3% of income. The motive for this generosity is thankfulness for God's goodness to us - an attitude of gratitude!

TRAVEL TO FRANCE

Pilgrimage to Catholic France (Paris, Lourdes & Other Sacred Sites) May 13 through May 28, 2008. Leaves from SFO. Fr. Steve Avella- Spiritual Director. For details call Karen Chappelle, 916-652-7560.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. ROSE

The St. Rose Chorale conducted by Carl Steinaur and accompanied by a group of symphony musicians will present

a Christmas Concert of Lessons & Carols on December 16 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Rose Church, 615 Vine Avenue in Roseville. Free will offering. Call Joy Robles @ 916-786-0655 for more information.

FILIPINO SIMBANG BABI

The Filipino-American Community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament invites all to join in celebrating the Simbang Gabi (9-day evening Masses in preparation for Christmas) from December 15 through 23. The December 15, 16, 22 and 23 masses will be at 5:00 p.m., the regular Saturday and Sunday evening masses at the Cathedral. The December 21 Mass will be at 7:15 p.m.. Let us rejoice and unite as one big family in loving preparation and celebration of the birth of our Dear Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

Next week's (December 9) appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious asks us to recall these women and men whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past the age of 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate and as the need of handicapped-accessible housing increases. Special envelopes available in vestibule.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8 AT 12:00 NOON

The Solemnity of the Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of



Obligation this year and falls nine months before her birth on September 8. A summary of Church teaching on this solemnity may be found in today's Preface which reflects Vatican II's document *Lumen Gentium*. First, Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. Second, Mary, as a sign of the Church, is the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty (Eph 5: 27). Third, the purity of Mary emanates from the innocence of the Lamb. And fourth, Mary was

predestined to be the advocate of grace and the model of sanctity for the People of God. We come to Mass today with the words of the angel Gabriel echoing in our hearts:

“Blessed are we among the people because we have been chosen to bring Him into the world anew today.”

The Mass for the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral will be at 12:00 Noon on Saturday December 8.

JEWISH ROOTS SEMINAR

The Jewish Roots of Our Christian Tradition will be the subject of a presentation by Cantor Carl Naluai of Temple BÆNai Israel on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church hall, Cordano Way and Land Park Drive. For additional information, contact Fran Vitulli at 443-7779.

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB

On Wednesday, December 12, the Catholic Breakfast Club presents “The Incorrptibility of the Catholic Church,” by Jim Burnham. Every anti-Catholic denomination has some theory about when the Catholic Church became totally corrupt. Come learn how the witness of the Church Fathers and history confirm no such corruption occurred. Master the commonsense arguments that prove if the Catholic Church

was once the true Church of Christ, it is still the true Church. Jim Burnham has given apologetics seminars all over the world and coauthored several books. He has appeared on EWTN's "Carpenter Shop" and is a regular radio guest on "Catholic Answers Live" on KMSH radio here in Sacramento.

The Catholic Breakfast Club is sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento and meets monthly at the Sacramento Hilton, 2200 Harvard Street. Mass is offered at 6:15 a.m., breakfast is served at 7 a.m., and the program begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30.00 or \$20.00 for members who pay in advance. Reserve your seat online at www.catholicbreakfastclub.org or mail your payment to the Catholic Breakfast Club at P.O. Box 254848, Sacramento, CA 95865-4848.”

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- MON 12/3/2007** **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**
 12:10 pm: Michael Wold +
 5:10 pm: Timothy Myres +
- TUES 12/4/2007** **ST. JOHN DAMASCUS**
 12:10 pm: Timothy Myres +
 5:00 pm: Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.
- WED 12/5/2007** **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
 12:10 pm: Mary Katherine Mulholland, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Cesar Fernandez Coya +
- THURS 12/6/2007** **ST. NICHOLAS**
 12:10 am: In Thanksgiving Robert & Rose
 5:10 pm: Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.
- FRI 12/7/2007** **ST. AMBROSE**
 12:10 pm: Timothy Myres +
 5:10 pm: No evening Mass on Fridays
- ✳SAT 12/8/2007** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
 12:00 Noon. Holy Day of Obligation