

JACKSON SCHOOS ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Jackson Schoos, Director of the diocesan Office of Worship and Director of Liturgy and Music for the Cathedral for the past eight years, has accepted a position with the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville, Tennessee, effective in April.

Jackson's abilities and gifts are well known throughout all of our parishes. His knowledge and expertise in the area of liturgy and music is outstanding. He has worked tirelessly to promote good liturgy and liturgical music, as evidenced at the many diocesan events for the past eight years. His talents have been particularly evident here at the

Cathedral where he has been responsible for all our liturgical celebrations. He was also intimately involved in the restoration of the Cathedral building that took place from 2003 to 2005.

We know you join with us in expressing sincere gratitude to Jackson for his many accomplishments and generosity of time and talent. We wish him well in his new role at the Cathedral Parish in Nashville and pray that the Lord will continue to bless his service to the Church. If you are ever visiting Nashville be sure to attend Mass at the Cathedral!



DIOCESAN 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.

SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 18

A special second collection will be taken up next weekend, March 25/26 for Catholic Relief Services, formerly known as the Bishop's Overseas Appeal. This collection helps build the Church's international social ministry by funding five agencies: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Migration and Refugee Services, Social Development and World Peace, and the Holy Father Relief Fund. A portion of this special collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS TODAY

The Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community cordially invites all Chinese Catholics and interested parishioners to celebrate their New Year with Holy Mass TODAY March 4, 2007 at 3:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church, 3159 Land Park Drive. Bishop William K. Weigand will preside at this Thanksgiving Chinese New Year Mass. For more information contact **Gloria Fong at (916) 442-7178** or **Joe Chan at (916) 428-7448**.

ALL HALLOWS CONCERT

SAINT SAENS SYMPHONY NO. 3

Due to generosity of a benefactor, All Hallows Parish has been recently presented with a new Digital Pipe Organ. The dedication is April 20 with performances that day and April 21 and 22, all featuring a full orchestra and the new organ. All Hallows is in its fifth year of bringing great music to urban south Sacramento. Tickets on line at www.ticketweb.com [All Hallows]. General admission is \$15 with reserved seating at \$50. Contact **Cristo Rey High School at (916) 456-7206** for more information.

FILIPINO NIGHT WITH THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus Council 4970 is sponsoring a dinner dance on Saturday March 10 at St. Ignatius Center. Dinner at 7pm with DJ music provided by Mora Entertainment. Bar is hosted. Dinner donation is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. For inquiries, contact **Ponce at 715-2958** or ponciano.marquez@gmail.com.

When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. Any your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you.

Matt 6:1-6



After the Rite of Election, which was celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens (now called the Elect) and Candidates for Reception into the Church entered the Period of Purification and Enlightenment which corresponds to the Season of Lent. To inspire in the Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect and bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good. Thus, the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. During these weeks, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer**, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer.

For us, the faithful of the Assembly, Lent is no less a time of scrutiny of our own lives, and we should be seeking to exorcise all that is "weak, defective, or sinful"

in our own hearts as we approach the mountain of Easter.

During these rites, the Gospel Readings come from St. John's Gospel. All of us need to reflect on these powerful stories. On this 3rd Sunday of Lent, we will hear the story of the Samaritan Woman and the seeking for Living Water. We might reflect on what is this living water that Jesus extends to all. Next week, the 4th Sunday of Lent, we will hear the story of the Man Born Blind. After this story, we might ask ourselves, do we have blurred vision? Or, do we see things honestly, authentically, and with wholeness? Perhaps we have distorted vision and really cannot see, thus keeping us irresponsible. What obstacles block the light? Finally, on the 5th Sunday of Lent, we will hear the story of the Raising of Lazarus. Our Elect should reflect on how their coming to the Catholic Church has been an experience of death (to old ways and ideas) and New Life in Christ.

2ND ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE



BUY \$1 TICKETS TODAY!

The Religious Education Program under the direction of Sr. Jenny will hold its Second Annual Easter Raffle to raise funds for all programs for children and adults. Prizes include a color television, a bicycle, adult and child gift baskets, and a Last Supper picture frame. Tickets are only \$1.00. Buy your tickets after the 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm Masses every Sunday to Easter. Contact **Sr. Jenny at 444-5364** for any questions.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 3/5/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Genevieve & Charles Fagan +
5:10 pm:	Kathy Sarial, S.I.
TUES 3/6/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Carolina Santiago +
5:10 pm:	Lavinia Lenese, S.I.
WED 3/7/2007	(St. Perpetua & St. Felicity) Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Yolanda Gonzalez +
5:10 pm:	Virginia A. Lewis +
THURS 3/8/2007	(St. John of God) Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Frederick, Catherine, & Pamela Hirfel +
5:10 pm:	Virginia A. Lewis +
FRI 3/9/2007	(St. Frances of Rome) Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Dawn Nhan, S.I.

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!