

St. Toribio Romo Book Out This Week

A 48-page book on the life and times of Saint Toribio Romo (whose relic is in the Cathedral altar) is being released this week by Liguori Press. Written by Msgr. James Murphy, the booklet describes the murder of Toribio Romo on February 25 1928, in Tequila Mexico; federal troops shot him in his bed.

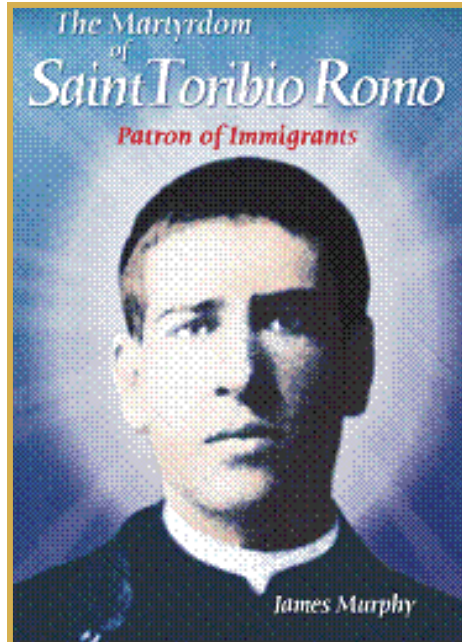
Looking through the eyes of this simple country priest, the booklet describes the turbulent twenties in Mexico when state governors went around confiscating church property, forbidding the teaching of religion, and doing whatever they could to terrorize “the dismal Catholic clergy” and their “fanatical followers.” In some places, agents of the government burned statues and religious works of art in the streets, and danced around the fire while wearing Mass vestments they found in the sacristy.

The story begins with Toribio’s struggle to get schooling in a place that had no schools (Santa Ana, Jalisco, where everyone was illiterate), and traces

his journey from poverty to priesthood in the Archdiocese of Guadalajara. It describes his interest in Pope Leo XIII’s social justice encyclical *Rerum Novarum* and the trouble that got him into with conservative pastors and wealthy parishioners, his experience as a parish priest during the Cristero War when catechists were being hung from telegraph poles and his bishop was running the diocese from a hiding place in the hills, the climate of terror in which he ministered as priest friends began to disappear at the hands of the fanatically anti-Catholic government. Father Toribio Romo was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

The booklet is an interesting read for anyone who is unaware of

what Mexican Catholics suffered south of our border not so many years ago. It is of particular interest to Northern California Catholics because some 300 of the saint’s relatives live in the Sacramento area. **The book is available (in English and Spanish) in the gift shop for \$5.**



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION | Nov. 10-11, 2007

Our collection last week was **\$12,768.96**. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. Because of the high upkeep costs at the Cathedral, our goal is to reach \$14,000 per week. 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS ED. FUNDRAISERS

Sister Jenny needs volunteers to help with fundraising to benefit the children’s Religious Education Program of the Cathedral. Fundraisers are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month after most masses.

NOVEMBER

The Church sets aside the Month of November to remember all those who have gone before us and to pray for them. Please sign in the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Dead located in the Chapel of the Martyrs or fill out one of the All Souls Day envelopes on the Cathedral back tables.

IMAGINE THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE!

Immaculate Heart Radio’s Fall Pledge drive will be on-the-air Wednesday, November 28 through Friday November 30 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. Please join us if you can to help answer phone calls, run errands, or help with hospitality. If you can help for an hour or two for one day, or a couple of hours each day, please contact **Debora Heinrichs at 535-0500 ext 221** or E-mail at dheinrichs@ihradio.org.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

In his first encyclical, "God is Love," Pope Benedict stated that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." In our country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time. Within our community of believers, we do make a difference—when we support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This campaign is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to the Campaign for Human Development appeal this weekend. Visit povertyusa.org to learn more. Special envelopes will be available in the Cathedral vestibule.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Put the turkey in the oven and join us for morning Mass to give thanksgiving for all our blessings today and every

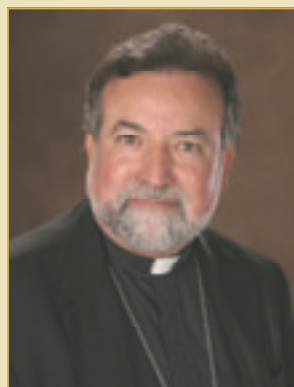
day. There will be one Mass on **Thanksgiving Day November 22, 2007, at 10:00 am** (no Noon Mass). Then, after giving thanks to God (the original source of all goodness), go home and enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving Day with family and friends!



CATHEDRAL SQUARE HOMELESS PROGRAM ICE SKATING TODAY

Please bring your family and friends for a day of ice skating fun this afternoon (inexpensive and skates (\$2) for rent) Sunday, November 18, at the Westfield Downtown Plaza Ice Rink 7th and K Street from 12 noon— 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from this day will benefit the Cathedral Square Homeless Program.

WELCOME BISHOP SOTO!



Welcome ceremonies for Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto begin today, **November 18**, with a Solemn Vespers service at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All are invited to this service and no tickets are needed. A reception with light food will follow in Mercy Memorial Hall in the Cathedral Lower Level.

Tomorrow, **Monday, November 19, at 2:00 p.m.** a Mass of Welcome will be celebrated at the Cathedral. The Cathedral parish has been allotted five tickets which will be distributed by the Parish Council. A Mass of Welcome in Spanish will be celebrated at the Cathedral on **Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 11/19/2007

12:10 pm: All Souls of the Nguyen Family
5:10 pm: Leticia Castillejos +

TUES 11/20/2007

12:10 pm: Francis & Mary Nguyen +
5:00 pm: Leticia Castillejos +

WED 11/21/2007

12:10 pm: All Souls of the Nguyen Family
5:10 pm: Leticia Castillejos +

THURS 11/22/2007

10:00 am: Thanksgiving Day Mass

FRI 11/23/2007

12:10 p.m. **ST. CLEMENT & ST. COLUMBAN**
Consuelo Gonzalez +

NO 5:10 PM MASS ON FRIDAYS

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!