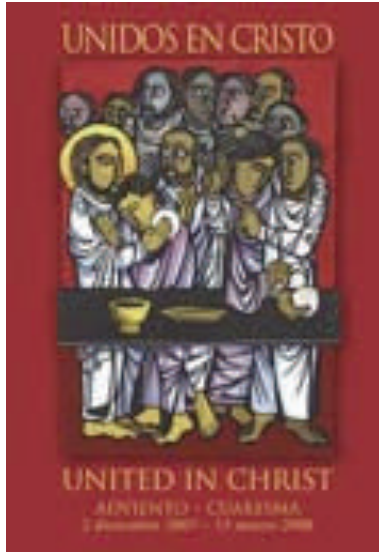


THOSE MISSING MISSALETTES!

You will notice that since the First Sunday of Advent, we do not have missalettes in the pews. There is a reason for this. Liturgists keep reminding us that listening to the readings rather than reading them is the preferred option at Mass. The Scriptures are meant to be proclaimed at Mass in a way that all present can easily hear. Parishioners should not have to read the text. For this reason our Lectors make a special effort to proclaim the Scripture well. For your convenience we print a summary of each reading in the worship aid that you pick up on the way into church.



however, you may order one in the Cathedral Gift Shop. Many people keep a missalette at home so they can familiarize themselves with the readings before they come to Mass. You can also find the Sunday readings on the United States Bishops Web site at <http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/>, which has a calendar of all daily readings. You simply click on the date and all the readings for the day will appear including the responsorial psalm.

By the way, there is another (admittedly less important) reason for not having missalettes in the pews. It saves the parish a significant amount of money!

If you would like to have a missalette at home,

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THE POOR



The Cathedral Parish will donate Christmas Baskets to the poor this year. Donations for these baskets are welcome. This year on Saturday December 22 at 10:00 a.m. we will be handing out Christmas Baskets, clothing, and food in the downtown area. Please use the boxes in the

Cathedral vestibule for these donations. We especially need gloves, caps, scarfs, blankets, and coats. We also need turkeys to make sandwiches. Contact [Deacon Don DeHaven](#) at the Rectory 444-3071.

CATHEDRAL SQUARE PROGRAM

Make a Donation to the Cathedral Square Homeless Program as a Christmas Gift! The Cathedral Square Homeless program provides shelter, food, and services to the downtown homeless. Please visit the website at www.cathedralsquareprogram.org and make an online donation or purchase an E-gift for the person that already has everything. We will send a personalized message to the gift recipient and let them know you made a donation on their behalf. If you would rather mail in a donation, please make your checks payable to: **Saint Vincent de Paul, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814.**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION | DEC. 8-9, 2007

Our collection last week was **\$13,625.73**. 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!

FILIPINO SIMBANG BABI THIS WEEK

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. Rejoice and unite as one family in preparation for the birth of Christ in you!



Christmas Eve Masses

Monday, 24 December

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Children's Mass)
- 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- 9:00 p.m. (English)
- 11:30 p.m.—Musical Prelude
- 12:00 Midnight—Midnight Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day Masses

Tuesday, 25 December

- 7:30 a.m. Mass of Christmas Dawn
- 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas Day
- 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas Day—Bishop Weigand
- 1:00 p.m. Mass of Christmas Day (Spanish)
- No Evening Mass

New Year's Day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, 31 December

- 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) Vigil Masses
- Tuesday, 1 January**
- 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Spanish) No Evening Mass

FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS MARCH

To commemorate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, this annual March for Life will be held on Friday, December 28. The procession will begin from the Cathedral at 5:45 p.m. and proceed to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (7th and T) for Mass which begins at 7:00 p.m. This feast remembers those male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, as well as the innocent unborn babies killed by abortion today. Candles will be provided. Bring umbrellas if needed. Carpool shuttles will return people to their cars. For information, call **Carol at (916) 791-1819**.

Christmas Tree Fund

The Cathedral Parish custom is for individuals to make memorial gifts in loved one's names to help purchase special flowers and Christmas trees for the Christmas Season. Please be generous. If you would like to do so, please place checks in Christmas envelopes on back tables or send your check to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with a notation "For Christmas Tree Fund."

TODAY IS GAUDETE SUNDAY

*Third Sunday of Advent
(Pink Candle of Advent Wreath)*



Each Mass has its own "Entrance Antiphon," as shown in the Sacramentary. This is a sentence or two, most often from scripture. We can sing it at the beginning of Mass, although in our country, we usually begin Mass with a hymn instead of the antiphon.

Years ago, people gave a title to each Sunday's Mass. The title came from the first Latin word of the day's antiphon.

Today's entrance antiphon begins with "Rejoice in the Lord always," from Paul's letter to the Phillipians. In Latin, "rejoice" is *gaudete*. So today is called Gaudete Sunday. Why should we rejoice on this day in the middle of Advent? The complete antiphon tells us why: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/17/2007	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 pm:	Genevieve Fagan +
5:10 pm:	Timothy Myres, S.I.
TUES 12/18/2007	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 pm:	Myron & Idella Withrow, S.I.
5:10 pm:	All Souls
WED 12/19/2007	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 pm:	Victor Pulmano +
5:10 pm:	Virginia Hilton +
THURS 12/20/2007	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 am:	Margaret Mulholland, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Timothy Myres +
FRI 12/21/2007	ST. CANISIUS, PRIEST
12:10 p.m.	Harlod Dao +

NO EVENING 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!