

Bishop to celebrate st patrick's day mass

Bishop William Weigand will celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass this coming Saturday, March 17, to honor Saint Patrick of Ireland. That Mass—which is the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Mass—fulfills the Sunday obligation. The bishop will also attend the annual luncheon sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women that day at St Rose Parish Hall in Sacramento.

Saint Patrick, who is Principal Patron saint of the Diocese of Sacramento (Our Lady of Guadalupe is co-patron saint), is a symbol of the strong connections between the Diocese of Sacramento and Ireland. The



founding bishops of the diocese were born in Ireland, as were a significant number of the priests who served in the diocese throughout its history. One of the most famous is Bishop Patrick Manogue. This larger than life figure—student, gold miner, seminarian, priest of the Comstock—convinced Rome to move the center of the diocese from Grass Valley to Sacramento. Having achieved that, he built the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament—at the time the largest church west of the Mississippi—deliberately choosing a site close to the State Capitol. The Manogue Building next to the Cathedral on the K Street Mall is named after him.



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, February 21, 2007, through Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2007, inclusive. All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily within this period.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Pope Benedict XVI urged Catholics to rediscover the traditional “penitential weapons” of prayer, fasting, and works of charity in order to make Lent a time of inner renewal. He made the comments during an Ash Wednesday

Mass at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in central Rome. The Pope reminds us that the 40 days leading up to Easter should be a time to revive the “friendship with God lost through sin,” and that these practices should be performed to please God and not to gain people’s approval.

Auxiliary Bishop Jaime Soto of Orange said during an Ash Wednesday homily that through Lenten fasting, penance, and works of charity, “we choose to become personally involved with the Christ found in the person of our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering.” The Diocese of Orange, he said, is asking Catholics this Lent through a day of fasting, “to give special attention to the hunger of many immigrants for a just and humane immigration reform.” The bishop continues, “Lent gives us the opportunity to choose hunger so that we can join our suffering Lord, present in the figure of those who hunger for food, who hunger for freedom and justice.”

Bishop Samuel J. Aquila of Fargo, North Dakota, in an article in the diocesan newspaper, reminded Catholic politicians to not “leave God at the door” when they walk into the Legislature, but rather must ensure that every decision they make and every bill they pass protect human life and dignity. The same obligation not to “abandon God” applies to every Catholic whatever his or her line of work.

The Diocese of San Diego may be “forced to file Chapter 11 reorganization” if more than 140 pending lawsuits alleging clergy sex abuse cannot be settled relates Bishop Robert H. Brom. If the diocese files for bankruptcy, it will become the fifth U.S. diocese to do so since the middle of 2004 (Portland, OR; Tuscon, AZ, Spokane, WA, & Davenport, IA.)

**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.

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.

CATHOLIC LAWYERS/LEGAL PROFESSION

Join the St. Thomas More Society Noon Mass & Lunch on Wednesday March 14th at the CSUS Newman Center. Father Philip Massetti, OSJ (Oblates of St. Joseph), from Mt. St. Joseph in Loomis will preside at Mass and discuss the Minor Seminary and Noviate program. For information, send an email to stms.sacramento@yahoo.com or call **Herb Bolz at (530) 848-7252**.

Late for Mass?

Spring forward; Fall back. Daylight Saving Time begins Sun., Mar. 11 at 2 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour. And, yes, we all lose an hour of sleep!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Francis Catholic High School has the following positions open. Assistant Principal for Academics; Teachers (all areas); and Varsity Golf Coach. For information on these positions and applications, go to the St. Francis Web site at www.stfrancishs.org. For questions, contact **Patricia Maier at 452-3461, ext 290**.

FACING THE HARD DECISIONS

"Facing the Hard Decision" is the subject of a presentation by Sister Clare Marie Dalton of Mercy Hospital on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 pm, in the Holy Spirit Church Hall, 3159 Land Park Drive. The forum will address the faith element of suffering and dying; the need to share your end of life wishes and values with loved ones and physicians together; and the need to prepare an advanced health care directive. Free advance health care directive forms and related materials available courtesy of Mercy Hospital. For

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 3/12/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	In thanksgiving Gloria Ouamo
5:10 pm:	Virginia A. Lewis +
TUES 3/13/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Salome Ouamo +
5:10 pm:	Virginia A. Lewis +
WED 3/14/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Virginia A. Lewis +
5:10 pm:	Virginia A. Lewis +
THURS 3/15/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Ron Gilroy, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Collen McCoy +
FRI 3/16/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Presentacion Diva +

When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden, will repay you. *Matt 6:18*

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!