

Chrism Mass March 29

Bishop William Weigand will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, March 29, beginning at 6:00 pm. The priests of the Diocese of Sacramento will concelebrate. At this annual Eucharist, the Bishop blesses the holy oils that are used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the diocese: the Oil of Catechumens used in Baptism, the Oil of Chrism used in Baptism and Confirmation, and the Oil of the Sick used when the sick come to the Church for the healing power of Christ. Small bottles of these three



oils are then sent to the 101 parishes that comprise the Diocese of Sacramento.

At this Chrism Mass liturgy the Bishop also recognizes in a special way the many lay ministers on whom the parishes of the diocese depend for their daily functioning: liturgical ministers, youth ministers, educators, parish stewards, parish secretaries, and more. You are cordially invited to join in this beautiful celebration of

our diocesan church on the Thursday before Holy Thursday. Lay ministers in the parish are especially welcome.

MEDJUGORJE TOURS

Medjugorje Tours and Travel offers several pilgrimages to Medjugorje this spring and early summer. For information call (559) 594-6921 or visit www.Medjugorjetravel.net. Some of the tours available are:

- April 21 – April 29 Feast of Divine Mercy\$1,370
- May 22 – May 31 Month of the Virgin Mary\$1,460
- June 21 – June 30 26th Anniversary of Medjugorje\$1,790

Tours include Economy-class air tickets from Los Angeles, meeting and assistance on arrival, 6 night accommodations with excellent hotels, 1 night in Dubrovnik with hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, transportation, and English-speaking guide.

CASINO NIGHT BENEFITS HIV/AIDS MINISTRY

Join host Father John Healy on Saturday, March 24, 2007, at the Newman Center (5900 Newman Court) for Casino Night to raise funds for the Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. Tickets are \$65 or \$250 for a sponsorship. Complementary cocktails and appetizer buffet. Prizes for Casino Night winners include a 2-night stay at the Palms and \$200 Southwest Airlines gift card. **RSVP to Ginger Barr** at 1564 49th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. **Contact Susan Mendez at (916) 739-1840** for more information.

The Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry serves the HIV/AIDS community, irrespective of ethnicity, faith tradition, sexual orientation, or gender. We strive to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the people we work with in a caring and sensitive manner. Of our expenditures, 90 percent are for basic human needs like emergency shelter, medical, food, hygiene, utility bills and transportation. We also make monthly visits to the Vacaville Correctional Medical Facility to visit inmates and offer support.



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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Today, our Cathedral Parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Nearly half of the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.

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.

We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor 5:20

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date! Camp Pendola's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday April 30, 2007, at the Northridge Golf and Country Club. For information and sponsor opportunities, contact **Lon Rosene** at (196) 733-0140.

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.

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 additional information, contact **Fran Vitulli** at 443-7779.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 3/19/2007	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
12:10 pm:	John Dao & Family, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Nida, Becky, Michica, & Tomy Cardenas
TUES 3/20/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Thomas Stanfill +
5:10 pm:	John Eberle, S.I.
WED 3/21/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	John Nguyen +
5:10 pm:	Louise Durling +
THURS 3/22/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Vanessa Ortega +
5:10 pm:	Tom & Patricia Zamore, S.I.
FRI 3/23/2007	Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm:	Tom & Tiana Zamore, 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!