

Bells Return at Consecration

This weekend you will notice a small change in the celebration of the Mass. At the request of Bishop William Weigand, we will return to the use of bells during the consecration at all Masses in the Cathedral.

For younger Catholics this may seem like a new idea, but it is not. We are returning to an ancient practice that was dropped by many parishes (not all) following the Second Vatican Council. In those days the bells served as a signal for people, letting them know that the most solemn part of the Mass—the words of consecration—was taking place up at the altar; in large Churches with poor acoustics people at the back (or behind pillars) needed that sign. Today that function is less urgent. But the bells also served another function. They added solemnity to that important moment when the priest pronounced the words of consecration. That second function is still relevant today, and it is recommended by the General Instructions for the Roman Missal. Moreover in a city called after the Eucharist, it is appropriate that we return to this ancient practice.



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE TODAY AT 9:00 AM MASS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is one rite, but it is divided into periods that respect the individual's journey of faith. The Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens is the first of the public rites celebrated. During this rite, the Inquirers publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church, and the Cathedral Parish accepts them, offering support and witness during their journey.

For the individual, this rite means that the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root.

An important part of the Rite of Acceptance is that we, the Cathedral Parish, accept the candidates and become responsible for their guidance on their journey to the Easter Sacraments. In a very real sense, the actual formation team for the candidates and catechumens is the Cathedral Parish, everyone sitting in the pews.

Catechumens: Jennifer Chaveste, Emmanuel Curry, Cher Gonzales, David Gonzales, Shane Holden, Sharda Ramdass, Sunil Ramdass, Teresa Taylor, and Katherine Woods.

Candidates: Nicole Provost, Joe Flores, John Stone, Christian Strubbe, and Lolita Urrutia.

Profession of Faith: Marianna Grimes, John Treulufian, and Christina Urrutia.



JAZZ MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

On Memorial Day Weekend, May 26 & 27, the Cathedral Parish will have three liturgical celebrations that focus our Eucharistic music on Jazz. The three special music Masses will be on Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, and Sunday at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please plan on attending one of these special Masses.

SPONSORS FOR RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) DESPERATELY NEEDED

If you hear God calling you in the midst of your busy schedule, to serve and help in our Cathedral Parish, to pass on the faith, and to expand God's kingdom, please call **Sr. Jenny at 444-5364, or Libby at 691-1820**. God needs your hands and feet to pass on the faith in this world.

“May ... God ... give you a Spirit of Wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory, ... and what is the surpassing greatness of this power for us who believe... .”

Ephesians 1: 17-23

DIocese of SACRAMENTO ADULT CONFIRMATION



On May 5, 2007, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament the following received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the invitation of Bishop William K. Weigand. Each year Bishop Weigand invites all those who for one reason or another have never been confirmed to attend classes in their respective parishes, including the Cathedral, and be confirmed at a special diocesan celebration. Please welcome all these newly confirmed who have been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Alvin Alcala
Jose de Avila
Gillian Bailey
Kristine Barona
Cynthia Cadet
Frederic Calindas
Allison Contreras
Alyson Cooper
Tammy Do
Ana Fairbanks
Marcus Figueroa
Tamara Fletcher
Olivia Gamboa
Rodolfo Garza
Melissa Labriola
Natalie Labriola
Vickii Manning

Ilene Martinez
Joe R. Miranda
Lindsey Nolan
Irma Perez
Jennice Ratonel
Jennilee Ratonel
Melissa Rosel
Fred Sette
Leonardo Tolentino
Suzanne Turek
Patricia Vargas
Todd Vatalaro
Tersita Verzo
Jason Vesper
Mario Villanueva
Irene Zapanta-Villarruz

WELCOME BACK FOR EASTER

A program for non-practicing Catholics who are considering a return to the Sacraments, and to regular church attendance, will be held on six consecutive Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., from April 24, 2007 through May 29, 2007, in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. For more information, without obligation, please call **Tim Longdon** at (916) 359-5540 or **Jorge Usi** or **Sister Jenny** at (916) 444-5364.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A Social Justice Study Group meets every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. Social Justice is a major ministry of the Catholic faithful. Parish members are invited to attend and participate while they learn the Church's teaching and ministries of Social Justice. Please contact **David L. Clements, Committee Chair**, at (916) 646-1800 for sign up and additional information.

CHARISMATIC CONVENTION

The Northern California Charismatic Catholic Convention will celebrate its 40th Catholic Charismatic Renewal at the Santa Clara Convention Center on the weekend of May 25, 26, & 27. Convention highlights include seven outstanding speakers, general sessions, workshops, a healing Mass, and prayer ministry. Also included will be youth and children's ministries. For complete schedule and registration brochure, call (707) 643-2238 or register at the door. Information also available on line at www.ncrcspirit.com. Deacon Jerry Pauley is our Sacramento liaison.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next weekend, May 26/27, the Diocesan Second Collection will be for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous in your support of the Church's work in Latin America.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 5/21/2007	St. Christopher Magallanes
12:10 pm:	Grandfather Le +
5:10 pm:	Kaster Gunther +
TUES 5/22/2007	St. Rita of Cascia
12:10 pm:	Tuyet Tran +
5:10 pm:	Keneth Fiame, S.I.
WED 5/23/2007	Easter Weekday
12:10 pm:	Joie Silva, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Pracedis Ramirez +
THURS 5/24/2007	Easter Weekday
12:10 pm:	Annette Steele +
5:10 pm:	Barbara Jean Escobat +
FRI 5/25/2007	St. Bede & St. Gregory VII, pope
12:10 pm:	Marie Ching, 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!