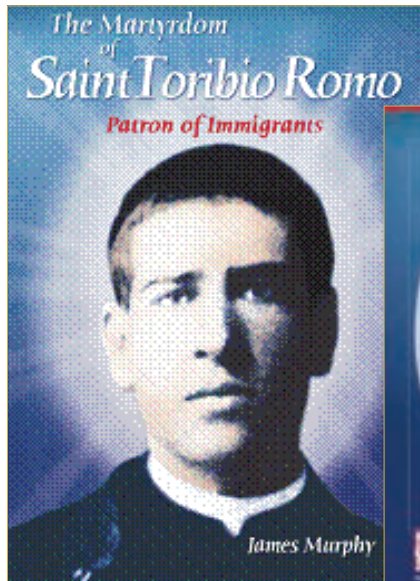


Booklet on Saint Toribio available in Gift Shop

The booklet on the life and times of Saint Toribio Romo is available after all Masses this weekend. Copies will continue to be available in the Cathedral gift shop. Entitled "The Martyrdom of Saint Toribio Romo," the 48-page booklet was written by Msgr. James Murphy and describes the murder of Saint Toribio 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 1920s 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, and the climate of terror in which he ministered as priest while friends began to disappear at the hands of the fanatically anti-Catholic government. Father Toribio Romo was canonized by Pope John Paul II in the year 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.

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.

TRAVEL TO FRANCE

Pilgrimage to Catholic France (Paris, Lourdes & Other Sacred Sites) May 13 through May 28, 2008. Leaves from SFO. Fr. Steve Avella- Spiritual Director. For details call **Karen Chapplear, 916-652-7560**.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION | Nov. 17-18, 2007

Our collection last week was **\$13,100.96**. 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!

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.

CHRIST THE KING

In the 400s (1600 years ago), St. Augustine wrote *The City of God* which discussed the relationship between society and Christianity. It is nothing less than a serious question of interpreting what is the “world of reality.” Societies that evolve without Christianity differ



among themselves about the meaning of sense-knowledge and the nature of reality. Civil societies form themselves under commonly held principles. But Christianity, whenever it appears, makes special claims on these nations by presenting a radically different set of ideas about the nature of the world and the way people ought to live within it. What Christianity offers is an interpretation of reality that claims to come completely from outside human society (as

revelation) and sets itself up as a constant critic of the natural views of fallen men and women. It is a constant reproach to the secular world and a challenge to customs and mores.

The implications of this view of reality are staggering. Most of humanity lives in a fantasy world (the world of appearances). Human societies are mostly based on mistaken notions of the nature of reality, forming themselves to bring about results that are impossible. Misery, discord, and death are absolute constants in human experience, despite all the advances of civilization.

The Christian however sees a vision (or a glimpse of it) of the real nature of the world based on a unique, omnipotent God, who shows himself throughout history at all places and at all times as Creator and Lord of the World. The Christian is secure in a love that lasts forever and has a vision of reality that depends for its goodness, not on fragile creations of mortal man, but on the eternal goodness of God. Jesus tried to tell Pilate that his Kingdom is not of “Pilate’s” world; not of greed, grabbing, prejudice, and persecution. Pilate could not understand this kind of power or imagine a kingdom built on it. But we can. We hail Christ the King not with a snappy salute, but with the Sign of the Cross. The cross remains the throne of Jesus the King, for by his death our King achieves once and for all his kingly plan to save us all.

James D. O'Donnell

JEWISH ROOTS SEMINAR

The Jewish Roots of Our Christian Tradition will be the subject of a presentation by Cantor Carl Naluai of Temple BÆNai Israel on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.** in the Holy Spirit Church hall, Cordano Way and Land Park Drive. For additional information, contact **Fran Vitulli at 443-7779.**

ABBEY OF NEW CLAIRVAUX

The Abbey of New Clairvaux is the only men’s Cistercian (Trappist) monastery serving our diocese and is offering the opportunity to be part of its historic building project. For gifts to the monastery of \$360 or more, one may sponsor one of the 800-year-old Sacred Stones of a former Cistercian monastery that is being reassembled on the monastery’s grounds in Vina. When complete, this building, a true architectural treasure, will enhance the spiritual experience for monastery visitors for the next 1,000 years. Stone sponsors may name a stone in honor of or in memory of someone they love—a lovely gift option for Christmas. For more information, contact **Valerie Husek at (530) 839-9936** or vhusek@newclairvaux.org.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE

The diocesan Lay Formation Institute will present “**Ethical Challenges in Contemporary Culture**” on **Saturday, December 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Pastoral Center with Professor Stan Dundon, Ph.D. Bishop Madera will preside at the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The seminar will discuss modern moral problems, theology of the body, and a catechesis on moral absolutes and morality of human acts. \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. To register call **(916) 733-0123** or email at DEC@diocese-sacramento.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 11/26/2007

12:10 pm: Maria Becerril, S.I.
5:10 pm: Leticia Castillejos +

TUES 11/27/2007

12:10 pm: Leticia Castillejos +
5:00 pm: Abad & Welsh Family

WED 11/28/2007

12:10 pm: Kathy Anderson & Mike Parker +
5:10 pm: Jim Myres +

THURS 11/29/2007

12:10 am: Sodality of the Virgin Mary
5:10 pm: Donohue Family

FRI 11/30/2007

12:10 p.m. **ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**
Timothy Myres +

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!