

Farewell Celebrations for Bishop Garcia



A Vespers service will be held this Sunday, January 7, at 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral as a farewell celebration for

Bishop Richard Garcia who has been appointed bishop of Monterey. He will be installed in his new diocese on January 30 in Monterey. The Vespers service this Sunday is primarily for religious men and women of the diocese but all are welcome to attend.

A number of other farewell celebrations have been scheduled for the bishop. This Monday, January 8, a Mass will be concelebrated at the



BISHOP RICHARD GARCIA

Cathedral with the priests of the diocese. The Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. and people are welcome to attend. There will also be a Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Redding, on January 21 at 2:00 p.m. The principal farewell Mass for the people of the diocese, however, will be celebrated on Sunday January 28, at 2:30 p.m., and will be followed by a reception in the Lower Level. We encourage people to use this occasion in particular to wish Bishop Garcia farewell as he takes over leadership of the People of God in Monterey.

We thank Bishop Garcia for many years of service in the Diocese of Sacramento. We will miss him!

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join the St. Thomas More Society for our regular "Second Wednesday Noon Mass" followed by lunch on Wednesday, January 10, at the Newman Center at Cal-State Sacramento—5900 Newman Court, off "H" Street. Ample parking is available, both in front of and behind the building.

Fr. George Wanser of the Newman Center will preside. If you can come, please reply to stms.sacramento@yahoo.com. Place any lunch orders no later than 10 am Tuesday, January 9th. If you plan on bringing your own lunch, just let us know that, so we can plan for seating. The society has made arrangements with Panera Bakery to deliver box lunches for a \$15.00 flat rate (which covers tax, delivery charge, donation to Newman Center, etc.).

The St. Thomas More Society, Sacramento, is an independent organization sponsored by Catholic lawyers, governed by a Board, with its membership open to attorneys and other legal professionals and legislative advocates of any religious persuasion who subscribe to its purposes. It is an affiliate of the Sacramento County Bar Association. The purpose of the St. Thomas More Society is to serve as a mutual support group, to foster individual spiritual

growth, to further interfaith understanding, and to promote the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. The society does not engage in advocacy or take stands on controversial political questions; nor does it engage in fundraising. See the St. Thomas More Society on the web at www.sacstms.org.



JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

John Paul II Catholic School PTG Crab Feed Saturday, January 27, 2007 6 pm—Midnight \$40 per person (includes t-shirt). For tickets, call **916-457-5621** or get them online at johnpaulIIschool.com. The school is located at 5700 14th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820, next to All Hallows Parish Church.

MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of dinner and dancing. The Cathedral will sponsor their first Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on February 10, 2007, at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. Come mingle with your fellow parishioners, enjoy Cajun food and swing with your mate. Tickets are \$20 each and will go on sale after all Masses starting January 14.

FEAST OF SANTO NINO JANUARY 20

The Filipino Community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will celebrate the Feast of Santo Nino on Saturday January 20, 2007, at a special 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact **Ms. Vicky Bruce** at **(916) 726-6523** for more information about this yearly celebration and plan on attending the Mass and reception following.



EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.



Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the fifth of April and the evening of the seventh of April.

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the twenty-first of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the twentieth of May. Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the twenty-seventh of May.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE 2007

The Lay Formation Institute has been designed and established as a program which provides opportunities for adults throughout the Diocese of Sacramento to become more knowledgeable about the Catholic faith, to grow spiritually, and to receive training for specific ecclesial ministries within the Catholic community. The institute is open to catechists, teachers, parents, and lay men and women in the diocese. Courses may be taken individually or an entire institute. Those who complete the Lay Formation Institute has completed the coursework for Basic Catechist Certification from the Diocese of Sacramento.

The cost is \$25 for each 8-hour course or \$175 for all 7 sessions. All courses are held on weekends at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway. On Friday, Session One lasts from 7-9:00 pm. On Saturday, Session Two lasts from 9 am to 4:00 pm. Contact **Kathy Wilson** at (916) 733-0123 or kwilson@diocese-sacramento.org for more information or a brochure of the whole year program.

Courses for the next few months include:

January 27/28	Foundations of Faith — Foundations of Christianity. Rev. Ed. Fassett, S.J.
February 2/3	Life in Christ: The Moral Life. Rev. Loreto Rojas

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 1/8/2006	Baptism of the Lord
12:10 pm:	Robert King, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Miguel Angel Hernandez Perez +
TUES 1/9/2006	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:10 pm:	Mrs. Yep +
5:10 pm:	Emilia & Michael Wright +
WED 1/10/2006	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:10 pm:	Ryan Lumagi +
5:10 pm:	Elena Padilla +
THURS 1/11/2006	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:10 pm:	Ann Girard +
5:10 pm:	Deceased members of the Doan Family
FRI 1/12/2006	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:10 pm:	Khanh Cong Nguyen +

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!