

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - WEEKLY BULLETIN
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 30, 2008



Advent

An essential component of Christian spirituality is a living sense of vigilance, a state of being alert for the coming of Christ who is among us, yet who comes anew each day and who will come in a definitive end time. The Advent season reconnects us to our ancestors, fulfilled in Christ's humble birth. Day after day, Advent proclaims the vision of the prophet Isaiah who was inspired to preach a message of a new world which is being built on the foundation of the child born to us in Bethlehem. Advent rekindles in us that sense of watching and waiting wherein we see and

identify Christ's constant breaking into our daily existence. Christ has come among us. Christ is among us. Christ will come again in a glory to be recognized only by those who keep watch in the growing darkness and cold.



From the First Sunday of Advent until December 16, the focus is upon Christ's glorious return in the end of time to a restored creation. From December 17 to 24, inclusive, the texts of the liturgy prepare us more directly for the celebration of Christmas.

St. Andrew Bible Missal

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB

Catholic Breakfast Club – Dec. 10, Hilton Arden West – Come hear popular Catholic speaker and candidate from NBC's Apprentice TV show, Tarek Saab, offer his perspective on being a "twenty-something" Catholic male in today's world. Mass 6:15 AM, Breakfast and speaker from 7 AM – 8:30 AM. All are welcome! For more information and reservations go to: www.catholicbreakfastclub.org.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP!

Have you noticed the Vocations Prayer sticker in the back of the music issues? Have you seen the Vocations Cross in your child's religious education class? These are a couple of the "seeds" that the Cathedral Vocations Committee has planted from which it hopes God will bring forth a new "harvest." This harvest is, of course, new priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons to serve Christ's Church. The Vocations Committee is currently in need of new members. If you are interested in working "behind the scenes" in our parish to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons in the Church, please contact committee chair Matt Mlakar at 648-3073. Whether or not you decide to become a committee member, please remember to pray for religious vocations!

FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations for flowers placed throughout the Cathedral may be made for any intention including in memory of loved ones or Thanksgiving. Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule or contact the Cathedral office at 916-444-3071. Please email Chris Houlemard at cathedralflowers@comcast.net with your intention or name of your loved one.



SOULJERS OF CHRIST (YOUTH GROUP)

The Souljers of Christ next meets every Wednesday throughout the school year from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level. What human friend can ever mean as much as to you as Jesus? Consider how much He has done for you, and you will understand that he is your truest friend. Join us, and together we'll explore what it means to be a friend to one's neighbor, oneself, and Jesus.

SACRED HEART HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

DECEMBER 5, 6, & 7 TICKETS: \$20, \$30 (ON 12/5)

www.shpsholidayhometour.com

Tickets are now available on-line or at several fine retailers in the Sacramento area. Join Sacred Heart as they celebrate one of Northern California's most popular walking holiday home tours! View five elegantly decorated homes in East Sacramento's Fabulous Forties neighborhood. For 35 years, this popular tour has grown to include nearly 7,000 patrons from throughout northern and central California, Nevada and Oregon. The homes showcase elaborate renovation while preserving historic design, custom interior decoration and design, and the most creative holiday décor. The tour includes a holiday gift shop and café located at Sacred Heart Parish School at 39th and I Streets. Call 916-556-5050 for info.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!"
Isaiah 63



**TODAY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30
MASS OF THANKSGIVING
2:30 PM IN CATHEDRAL**

In honor of Bishop Weigand's 15th Anniversary as Bishop of Sacramento, a special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated today at 2:30pm. At the conclusion of Mass, Bishop Weigand, in the presence of our Metropolitan, Archbishop George Niederauer of San Francisco, will transfer the crozier and cede the cathedra to Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto, who will become the Ninth Bishop of Sacramento.

Retired Bishop Francis A. Quinn and Bishop Richard Garcia of Monterey will concelebrate. A reception follows in Mercy Hall.

PLEASE PARK ON SIDE STREETS. The parking lot will be full from parishioners leaving the Spanish Mass.

**SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL SQUARE
HOMELESS PROGRAM NEXT WEEKEND
SACRAMENTO'S FESTIVAL
OF TREES AND LIGHTS**

11:00 A.M. -8:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4, 5, AND 6, 2008

NO ADMISSION



Looking for a family holiday outing? Need to finish Christmas shopping? Still searching for affordable gifts? Come join us in celebrating the season of giving, while spending family time together!

The Festival of Trees and Lights is hosting a downtown holiday festival with fully decorated one of a kind Christmas trees, wreaths, and hand-made crafts on display and for purchase. Trees can be purchased outright or through a silent auction process where you can take a chance and receive a tree at a "below the list" price. Raffle prizes include the following: 7 days in Puerto Vallarta; ITouch; HDTV with DVD; gift items; and many gift certificates! Winners need not be present to win. Lively entertainment is scheduled throughout the 3 day event.

Proceeds for this event directly support the Cathedral Square Homeless Program (www.cathedralsquareprogram.org). The Cathedral Square Homeless Program started in 2005 in response to the growing homeless population in downtown Sacramento. The goal of this program is to help homeless people help themselves. The Cathedral Square Homeless Program identifies homeless people who want to get off the streets and provides transitional housing, assistance in finding a job, and a place where they can have a temporary address during this time. The Festival is staffed

with all volunteers from the interfaith community. For more information: Contact Valerie Chun- vwchun@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (NOV. 23)

Our collection last week was \$9,315.46. 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!

ST. FRANCIS HIGH PLACEMENT TEST

The Catholic High School Placement Test will be held January 24, 2009 at St. Francis High (5900 Elvas Ave) at 8:00 am. Call Admissions at (916) 452-3461 ext 195 for information.



**CATHEDRAL DAILY
MASS SCHEDULE**

MON 12/1/2008

12:10 pm: Thanksgiving for divine providence

5:10 pm: Dale Einar (Scoop) +

TUES 12/2/2008

12:10 pm: John & Ana Mao, S.I.

5:10 pm: Fredy Orlando Chavez +

WED 12/3/2008

12:10 pm: Marta Defazio +

5:10 pm: Warren Lai +

THUR 12/4/2008

12:10 pm: Juan & Mario Galdamez, S.I.

5:10 pm: Oumwati Narine, S.I.

FRI 12/5/2008

12:10 pm: Remedios Ferrer, S.I.

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

**CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY WEEK
AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES**

GIFT SHOP HOURS

MON-THUR 11AM-2PM, CLOSED

FRIDAY, SAT 11AM-4PM SUN 10AM-2PM

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!