

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TOMORROW

## (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)



The Solemnity of the Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year and falls nine months before her birth on September 8. A summary of Church teaching on this solemnity may be found in today's Preface which reflects Vatican II's document *Lumen Gentium*. First, Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. Second, Mary, as a sign of the Church, is the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty (Eph 5: 27). Third, the purity of Mary emanates from the innocence of the Lamb. And fourth, Mary was predestined to be the advocate of grace and the

model of sanctity for the People of God. We come to Mass today with the words of the angel Gabriel echoing in our hearts:

**“BLESSED ARE WE  
AMONG THE PEOPLE  
BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN  
CHOSEN TO BRING HIM  
INTO THE WORLD ANEW  
TODAY.”**

The Masses for the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral will be at 12:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. on Monday December 8.

### 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](http://www.catholicbreakfastclub.org).

### FLOWER DONATIONS

Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule or contact the Cathedral office at 916-444-3071 for Christmas flower donations. Please email Chris Houlemard at [cathedralflowers@comcast.net](mailto:cathedralflowers@comcast.net) with your intentions.

### 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.

### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

**“We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.”**

**2 Peter 3:14**

### CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Many local families are in need of assistance for Christmas. Catholic Charities is seeking individuals, families, or workgroups who could provide gifts and a grocery store gift card for a family who is unable to provide for themselves this year. We still have over 100 families in need of “adoption.” Please call Catholic Charities office at (916) 733-0253 for more information or visit our Web site at [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) to obtain a donor registration form or to apply online.

### PRO-LIFE MASS AT ST. PHILOMENES

Msgr. Kavanagh will celebrate a Pro-Life Mass at St. Philomena's Catholic Church at 2428 El Camino Avenue on Tuesday December 9 at 5:30 pm in honor of St. Juan Diego. The Mass will be followed by a Pro-Life Rosary.

### WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER

Will you share the spirit of Christmas with the women and children or Wellspring Women's Center? Wellspring Women's Center in the Oak Park community nurtures the innate goodness and personal self-esteem of women and their children. Our drop in center provides respite and services base on hospitality with dignity and love. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts are needed for Wellspring's Annual Holiday Store which takes place on December 16-19. The store location is 4020 12h Avenue. Items such as clothing, blankets, and toys for babies; underwear, socks, toys, rain jackets for children; jeans, sweatshirts, sleeping bags, gift certificates, and backpacks for teens; and towels, small appliances, and sheets for adults are all needed for the annual holiday store. See our Web site [www.wellspringwomen.org](http://www.wellspringwomen.org) or 454-9688 x205.

## FILIPINO NOVENA MASSES "SIMBANG GABI" 2008

The Novena of Simbang Gabi, celebrated by the Filipino-American Community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, is a fine way to step away from the hustle and bustle of the secular world, remember that we are in the Season of Advent, and make a



sincere effort to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. The Novena of Masses begins on December 15 and concludes on December 23. All of the Masses will take the place of the normal daily 5:10 pm Mass on weekdays or 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and Sunday. The only exception will be the December 19 Mass which is at 7:15 pm.

All should take advantage of this great opportunity to truly "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

# Advent

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Friday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m., the combined choirs of the Cathedral and St. Stephen the First Martyr will present an evening of song to highlight the Advent season. Bishop Soto will preside. Jeffrey Morse and Rex Rallanka will jointly conduct the choirs. For more information, contact Rex Rallanka at 916-444-3070 or [rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org](mailto:rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (NOV. 30)

Our collection last week was \$9,235.43. 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!

### SINGLE ADULT RETREAT

"The Joy of the Single Life," a one day retreat for separated, widowed, and never married Catholics at Mercy Center in Auburn on Saturday, December 13, from 9:30-5pm. Get ready for the

holidays by responding to hew Lord's call to "come away by yourself and rest for a while." Cost for the day is \$40 and includes lunch and snacks. Retreat concludes with Mass at 4pm. Register by calling Kathy Conner at (196) 733-0133 or e-mail to [kconner@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:kconner@diocese-sacramento.org).

### ALL HALLOWS ACADEMY CONCERT

All Hallows Academy presents its outstanding roster of emerging professional musicians in a beautiful production of the Christmas Opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, at All Hallows Parish (5500 14th Avenue) on Saturday December 20. Performances are at 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm. This staged production includes outstanding soloists, full orchestra and chorus, and near life-sized puppets. The one hour program concludes with a festive Christmas s sing-along. Tickets \$15-50 available at [Ticketweb.com](http://Ticketweb.com) or (916) 600-7716. Visit [www.academyatallhallows.org](http://www.academyatallhallows.org).



## CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- ☞ MON 12/8/2008                      IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

12:10 pm: Mao Nguyen +  
5:10 pm: Pelez Fernandez & family
- TUES 12/9/2008                      ST. JUAN DIEGO

12:10 pm: Janine Geise +  
5:10 pm: Julianne Huerta, S.I.
- WED 12/10/2008                      ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:10 pm: Terry Eastwood +  
5:10 pm: Daisy Maciel & Frank Lamson, S.I.
- THUR 12/11/2008                      ST. DAMASUS I

12:10 pm: Poor souls in purgatory  
5:10 pm: Arthur Graff +
- FRI 12/12/2008                      OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

12:10 pm: John & Ana Mao +

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!*