

How do We Keep the Baptism Font Clean?

When Catholics enter the Cathedral, they dip their fingers in the Baptism font and bless themselves with the holy water. Some may wonder what means we use to keep that water clean.

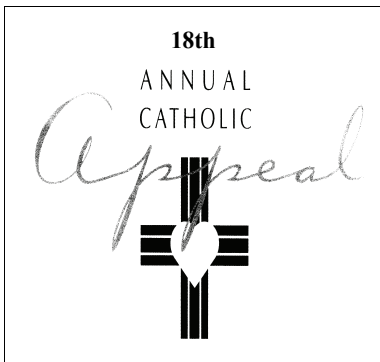
The water in the font circulates through a filtering system in the lower level that involves two purification stages: it passes through a filter that takes out the dirt, and it passes through an ultraviolet light mechanism that kills all germs. Parishioners should have no concerns, therefore, as they bless themselves with that water.



Cathedral Baptismal Font

Why do we bless ourselves with holy water when we enter church? It is a way of reminding themselves of the Sacrament of Baptism, and the obligations that sacrament imposes: to renounce Satan and all his works, and to live as Children of God. In most churches the holy water is found in a small water font mounted on the wall near the door. In our Cathedral, we are able to use the Baptism font itself to bless ourselves, making the connection with Baptism even more obvious.

18TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 2/3



Commitment Weekend for the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks. The goal for our parish is to greatly increase the numbers of households who participate in the Appeal. We can assure the continued existence of programs that reach tens of thousands of people in our Diocese of Sacramento and in

our Cathedral Parish. Please respond generously when you are asked to participate.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is **Friday, February 15 through Sunday, February 17, 2008** at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center near Applegate, CA. For more information or to request an application, please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at www.sacramentobe.org.

Cathedral Windows Schedule

January 15/16	Three north windows delivered.
January 22/23	Scaffolding erected on north side.
January 23	Old windows removed on north side.
January 25-31	Refurbishment of sashes.
February 1-6	New north windows installed.
February 7/8	Scaffolding removed.

JESUIT HIGH PLACEMENT TEST

The High School Placement Test for acceptance into Jesuit High School for prospective students will take place on **Saturday, January 26, 2008**, at 8:00 a.m. in the Jesuit Gymnasium. There is a \$30 test fee payable at the exam. Parents should register their son for this test at www.jhssac.org. Prospective students must verify active participation in his faith through their pastors. Student-Parent interviews will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 9/10 and admission decisions will be sent out Friday, March 14. The admissions office can be reached at **482-6060**.

WINTERFEST DANCE CONCERT

St. Francis Catholic High School presents their Winterfest Dance Concert on Friday and **Saturday, February 8 and 9** at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Theater. Tickets \$5 under 18 and \$10 adults. Tickets are available on line at www.ticketguys/stfrancis. Call the school at **452-3461** for info.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Parishes in the Diocese of Sacramento will join Christian churches around the world in observing a period of prayer for unity during the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25.**

The 100th annual observance of the ecumenical week takes the theme, "Pray Without Ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17).



The week of prayer is now celebrated in more than 120 nations and by virtually every Christian denomination, often involving Liturgies of the Word or other worship services among Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans and Orthodox, according to Father Michael Kiernan, director of ecumenical and interreligious affairs for the diocese.

The origins of the week of prayer date to 1898, when the Rev. Paul Wattson, an Episcopal priest, and Sister Lurana White, an Episcopal sister, founded the Society of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison, N.Y. Eleven years later, Pope Pius X corporately received the community of friars and sisters into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Father Wattson and Sister White initiated the annual "Church Unity Octave" of prayer in 1908, from Jan. 18, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, to Jan. 25, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Following the Second Vatican Council, the octave or prayer was renamed the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Today the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity collaborates with the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches to promote the worldwide observance.

The North State Ecumenical Conference will host a Prayer Service **Today, Sunday, January 20, 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 11th and K Streets in Sacramento.** All are invited to attend. Bishop Jaime Soto will preside.



MASS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TODAY AT 9:00 AM

Today, **January 20, 2008**, at the 9:00 am Mass, the Cathedral Choir will present lively music in tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. with the holiday celebrating his life in focus. Bishop William K. Weigand will preside at this special Mass.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 1/21/2008	MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
12:10 pm:	Gerardo Trejo +
5:10 pm:	No Mass
TUES 1/22/2008	DAY OF PENANCE
10:00 am:	Pro-Life Mass — Bishop Weigand
12:10 pm:	Floyd LeMair +
5:10 pm:	Gary Adkins +
WED 1/23/2008	Special Intention
12:10 pm:	Frances Grossman +
5:10 pm:	
THURS 1/24/2008	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
12:10 am:	Gary Adkinson +
5:10 pm:	Margarita Tanega +
FRI 1/25/2008	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
12:10 pm:	Keneth Fiame, S.I.

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAY

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!