

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN OBSERVING SILENCE

Our Cathedral has become a popular venue for visitors to Sacramento—something for which we are thankful. However visitors sometimes forget that they are visiting a church, and their presence can make it difficult for people to pray. We need to work harder to maintain a sense of reverence and prayerfulness in the building at all times. The Cathedral is not a museum. It is a church, holy ground, a place of quiet where people get away from the noise of K Street and experience the presence of God.

We have signs posted at the entrance to the

Cathedral to remind visitors to observe silence. That helps. But you can help also. When you see visitors talking loud or not showing due respect, remind them that they are very welcome to visit the Cathedral but should observe silence. That kind of gentle reminder does work. Remember when people were throwing coins into the Baptism font? We put the word out that this was not acceptable, and eventually the parishioners themselves began to admonish visitors not to do that. It worked!

Please do that again! Remind people that the church is a place of silence.

THIRD ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale now for our Annual Easter Raffle \$1 could win you an IPOD, DVD player, Electronic key board, Scooter Family gift baskets, Wine baskets, and many more prizes Get your tickets after Mass or contact Sister Jenny at 444-5364. All proceeds benefit the Cathedral Religious Education Program.

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB

"One place where big business and Catholicism meet in a mash-up of biblical proportions is in the production of Catholic media. Join the Catholic Breakfast Club on Wednesday, March 12 to learn about a man who lives inside that intersection and hear his insights into Pope Benedict's agenda for the Catholic Church. Our speaker, Mark Brumley, is CEO of Ignatius Press and President of the Board of Directors of Guadalupe Associates. He also oversees magazines for Ignatius Press, and serves as project coordinator for the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible and editor of Ignatius Press' Modern Apologetics Library. Mark is the author of *How Not To Share Your Faith* and a contributor to *The Five Issues That Matter Most*.

The Catholic Breakfast Club is sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento and meets monthly at the Sacramento Hilton, 2200 Harvard Street. Mass is offered at 6:15 a.m., breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., and the program begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30.00 or \$20.00 for members who pay in advance. Reserve your seat online at www.catholicbreakfastclub.org or mail your payment to the Catholic Breakfast Club at P.O. Box 254848, Sacramento, CA 95865-4848."

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION FEB 17

Our collection last week was \$11,314.42. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. The motive for this generosity is thankfulness for God's goodness to us—an attitude of gratitude!

CATHEDRAL YOUTH RETREAT

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will have its very first Youth Retreat on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 1:00 pm-9:00 pm. It will be held in the Lower Level of the Cathedral in Mercy Memorial Hall and the theme of the Retreat will be "God is Love". All youth from the ages of 13-17 are invited to attend. Events will include games, youth speakers, group discussions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, and will conclude with dinner. For more information please contact Sr. Jenny at (916) 444-5364. Speakers will encourage all youth this weekend to attend this retreat.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Cathedral Parish will begin Adult Confirmation Classes on Tuesday February 12 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level for those who for whatever reason have never been confirmed. The Bishop extends this invitation each year providing that candidates have prior instruction. The Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on May 3, 2008.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Easter Flower donations are being accepted in Memory of loved ones. Special envelopes are available in the foyer of the Cathedral, or you may just write on your checks "For Cathedral Flowers in Memory of ____."

ELIO MORENO

Two weeks ago during all of the Masses at the Cathedral, Sandra, one of our Catechism Teachers, pleaded for help to support a small 11-year-old boy by the name of Elio Moreno who was stricken last year with lymphoma, a type of cancer. Bishop Weigand at the 11:00 am Mass stopped after the closing prayer to bring Elio up to the cathedra for a formal blessing. Elio is one of over 500 students who attend our Religious Education programs for children. As you may recall, his mother was forced to stay at home for Elio's treatments and to care for her son. Consequently she could not work to support her family nor make house payments. As she was about to lose her house, she asked for help from our Cathedral Community.

We are often in the scriptures advised to love our neighbor as ourselves. The outpouring of support for Elio and his mother and sister proved, despite all, that we have been listening as a community. The collection for Elio surpassed the regular Sunday collection, a truly generous measure of the Holy Spirit at work in our Cathedral community. Is this not what Lent is about?

THE SCRUTINIES AT 9:00AM MASS

The word "scrutiny" means to search. The Lenten Scrutinies are, then, rites of searching for the Elect who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life.

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent to correspond to the Gospel stories of the Samaritan Women at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus read on each of those respective Sundays. Each story is about a "passover" from dishonesty to truth, from blindness to sight, from death to life. During this period of the scrutinies, the Elect are presented with the Nicene Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the ancient texts regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Diocesan Women's Commission, the first annual Women's Conference will be held on Sunday March 2, 2008, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway. The conference will discuss "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women," "The Dignity of Women—Lost?" "Human Trafficking—Modern Day Slavery?" and "Domestic Violence." A panel of speakers will address these and other current realities that violate human dignity. Space is limited, so reserve your space early. A donation of \$5 (at the door) will benefit Wellspring Women's Center. E-mail to mgirard@diocese-sacramento.org or call (916) 684-0182 or 392-2796.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

MON 2/25/2008	LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Robert Tegarden, S.I.	
5:10 pm: Ana Maria Ionescu +	
TUES 2/26/2008	LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Rayn Lumagui +	
5:30 pm: Maria L. Perez +	
WED 2/27/2008	LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Sheila Fitzgerald +	
5:10 pm: Potenciana O., Josefa T., Leopaldo B, and Felicia D.E., S.I.	
THURS 2/28/2008	LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Maria Asuncion Ramirez, S.I.	
5:10 pm: Sebastian Grimaldo +	
FRI 2/29/2008	LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Dan & Wanda Miller, Anniv.	
12:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
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!