



# CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

## CHRISTMAS EVE

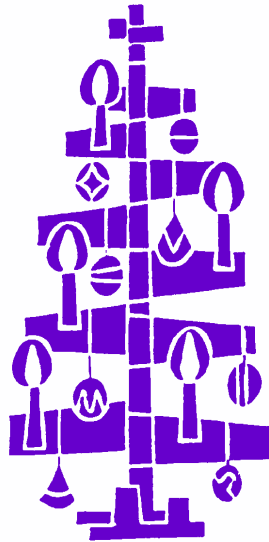
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Children's Mass)  
7:00 pm Spanish Mass Bishop Weigand  
9:00 pm Christmas Mass  
11:30 pm Musical Prelude  
12:00 pm Midnight Mass Bishop Soto

## CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

7:30 am Christmas Day Mass  
9:00 am Christmas Day Mass  
11:00 am Christmas Day Mass  
(Bishop Soto)  
1:00 pm Spanish Mass  
NO EVENING MASS



## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12 Noon  
except Christmas Day  
Saturday 4:00 pm-4:45 pm

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

[Holy Day of Obligation]

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009

10:00 am English

1:00 pm Spanish

NO EVENING MASS

## THE "O" ANTIPHONS

The O Antiphons are seven verses in the Liturgy of the Hours that contain powerful pleas for the coming of the Lord. They are chanted or recited during Vespers on the last seven days of Advent and have inspired many Advent hymns. The most familiar is "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," which incorporates the antiphons into its verses. The last three are below:

**December 21: O Oriens** (O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death)

**December 22: O Rex Gentium** (O King of all Nations, the only joy of every human heart; O keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.)

**December 23: O Emmanuel** (O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.)

## CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Will you share the spirit of Christmas with the women and children Saturday December 27th at 9:30 a.m. we will be giving out Christmas Baskets to the downtown poor. We are in great need for money donations and turkeys for those who have nothing. We have an opportunity to help them to have a very happy & spiritual Christmas season. Have a very Blessed Christmas to all. To help as volunteers call **Deacon Don**



DeHaven 916-451-1925 or the Cathedral 916-444-3071.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (DEC. 14)

Our collection last week was **\$8,981.90**. 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!

## CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS

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

## SOULJERS OF CHRIST (YOUTH GROUP)

The Souljers of Christ will NOT meet during the two week holiday period. The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 7. Normally, the Souljers of Christ meet every Wednesday throughout the school year from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level.

## SCRIPTURE FOCUS

**"Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing is impossible for God."  
Luke 1:27**

**SUPPORT CHOIR WITH SEE'S CANDY GIFT**

Quality, Value, Convenience. Get your Christmas shopping done at the Cathedral. Buy See's Candy from a Cathedral Choir member. Same price as the retail store, but the choir profits. Easy holiday gift giving for adults and children on your list, and the money helps support the Choir's pilgrimage to Italy's holy places next year. See a choir member for details.

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

**END OF CALENDAR**

**YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Many individuals will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of this year's tax benefits. Not only are these gifts normally fully tax deductible at their fair market value, but they also allow you to avoid capital gains tax. In order to make a contribution, checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2008. If you are in a position to make end-of-year contributions, please consider our Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your support.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR CHRISTMAS**

1. **Fill** a Christmas Stocking for Loaves and Fishes. Stockings should be 14-16 inches long and 5-8 inches wide. Fill with the following: McDonald's gift certificate (\$5.00), one pair new socks, one pair gloves, disposable razors, shoelaces, chapstick, toothbrush and toothpaste, deck of cards, travel size toiletry items. Deliver to Loaves and Fishes warehouse at 1321 C Street before December 24.
2. **Attend** daily Mass at the Cathedral either at 12:10 pm or 5:10 pm.
3. **Give** a gift to Francis House. \$20 provides a grooming supply for a family on the streets; \$40 gives the means to a job via a Life Works Program; \$100 gives ID cards (CA ID or birth certificates) to 10 homeless people; \$150 gives 15 gasoline vouchers or 100 bus tokens.

**SACRED HEART CONCERT TODAY**

Sacred Heart's **Schola Cantorum From Heaven on High Annual Christmas Performances:** Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 pm.: Sacred Heart Church, 39th Street at J Street, Sacramento  
Suggested Donation: At the door: \$15 General \$10 Students/Seniors. Tickets & Information: (916) 962-6056  
[www.scholacantorum.com](http://www.scholacantorum.com) and [jmcnet@quiknet.com](mailto:jmcnet@quiknet.com)

**UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO**

The University of Sacramento announced their Spring 2009 course offerings for all four of their programs in Catholic Faith Formation that are: (1) Master of Arts in Education (emphasis in Catholic Faith Formation), (2) Advanced Certificate in Catechetics, (3) Basic Certificate in Catechetics, and (4) Certificate in Marriage and Family. If you are interested or would like to register for classes, call the school at 443-4760 x16. Applications and registration forms online at [www.universityofsacramento.org](http://www.universityofsacramento.org).



**CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

- MON 12/22/2008** LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY  
**12:10 pm:** Nguyen Family S.I.  
**5:10 pm:** Oscar Soto +
- TUES 12/23/2008** ST. JOHN OF KANTY  
**12:10 pm:** Special Intention  
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- WED 12/24/2008** LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY  
**12:10 pm:** Special intention

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- FRI 12/26/2008** ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR  
**12:10 pm:** Maria Becerril & Family  
 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!*