

DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN

We celebrate today the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome because it is the head and mother church of all churches in the world. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin which reads, “the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world.” One might think St. Peter’s Basilica is the head of all the churches but in fact it is the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Every bishop has a cathedral and the Pope’s cathedral is the Basilica of St. John Lateran not the Basilica of St. Peter.

You may ask “Why is the Basilica of St. John Lateran the Pope’s cathedral and not the Basilica of St. Peter since he lives next to St. Peter’s Basilica?” History gives us the answer. In the early centuries Christianity was outlawed in Rome and many Christians in Rome suffered martyrdom. The Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and the famous Edict of Milan in 313 AD allowed Christians to practice their religion in public. Constantine had been given the palace in Rome that belonged to the Laterani and after his conversion to Christianity he gave it to the Pope. The Lateran Palace was then adapted to become a church and was dedicated on November 9, 324 and the Pope then lived in the Lateran Palace as it was called for the next 1000 years and the basilica was his cathedral. It was first called the Basilica of the Savior but later



was also dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist and so it acquired the name Basilica of St. John Lateran. When the Papacy transferred to Avignon for about a century the condition of the Lateran deteriorated so much that when the Papacy returned to Rome the Pope lived in two other locations before finally settling adjacent to St. Peter’s Basilica where he now lives.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope’s cathedral today shows our unity with the Pope and our love and respect for him. Not only that, but it shows that we are united with each other in the Church. In our second reading today we hear, “You are God’s building...the foundation...is Jesus Christ.” These passages from Scripture remind us to make Jesus the foundation stone and corner stone of our lives because there is a life-giving river flowing (First Reading) from him to fill us with his grace.

As we celebrate today the dedication of the “the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world” let us pray also for those who have got lost going through life that they find the Church as a true mother to them and that Jesus may become the foundation stone and corner stone of their lives.

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. The Church is filled with holy women and men modeling true discipleship and encouraging one another and caring for one another. Come and find out more about this community you already belong to—the communion of saints.

COMING EVENTS:

GAME DAY TODAY NOVEMBER 9, 2008
FOOD DRIVE NOV. 1 THROUGH NOV. 22

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB

Catholic Breakfast Club—Nov. 12, Hilton Arden West – Join us to hear one of Hollywood’s own, Barbara Nicolosi, speak about “Why Hollywood Matters—A Catholic Perspective on Art, Storytelling and

Entertainment. Mass at 6:15am, Breakfast and Speaker from 7 am—8:30am. All are welcome! For more information and reservations: www.catholicbreakfastclub.org.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION NOV 23

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of them are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate generously to this campaign on November 22/23 to help those in poverty help themselves. See www.povertyusa.org to learn more.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please write the names of those you wish to remember during the month of November in the Book of Remembrance located in the Chapel of Martyrs. All names listed in the Remembrance Book will be prayed for at all Cathedral Masses said during the month of November



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU?”

1 Cor 3: 16

PRIEST ORDINATION

Bishop William K. Weigand will ordain Jacobo Caceres at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 21, in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Caceres is currently



serving as a transitional deacon at Holy Spirit Parish. He has had a long journey to the diocesan priesthood, changed irrevocably by a chance meeting with Mother Teresa. He realized that his goal would mean leaving his native Honduras and he has not returned in 14 years. After his ordination next week, his first Mass will be at Holy Spirit on November 22,

and after assignment to a parish, he plans on returning to Honduras to visit his mother and friends. Please join in the celebration of this young man's ordination for our diocese.

CHOIR FUNDRAISER TODAY

The Cathedral Choir will be selling discount tickets to Macys' downtown store after most masses TODAY for Macys' Community Shopping Day on November 22. The coupons allow you to give \$10 to the Cathedral Choir while getting \$10 off on a Macys' purchase and 10-20 % off on all other purchases on November 22. The choir also gets a \$3 bonus for each purchaser who attends the sale and puts their ticket stub in a special box at Macys. All proceeds go toward the Choir's Pilgrimage to Italy planned for November 2009.

DATES TO HONOR BISHOP WEIGAND

Saturday, Nov. 22, Diocesan Concert in Honor of Bishop Weigand, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Sunday, Nov. 23: The Choir is honoring Bishop Weigand in a special dinner at Vince's Restaurant in Elk Grove. All proceeds go toward the Cathedral Choir Pilgrimage to Italy. Tickets on Sale soon.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 30, 2008

AT 2:30 P.M.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

RECEPTION IN MERCY HALL

FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS 2008

NEEDS VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

The annual Festival of Trees and Lights will be held December 4, 5, 6. This is the annual benefit for the Cathedral Square Homeless Program which helps support Sacramento's downtown homeless (www.cathedralsquareprogram.org). We need many volunteers before, during, and after the event. For more information contact Tom Waddock at 443-2709 or Valerie Chun 212-5355 or vwchun@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (NOV 2)

Our collection last week was \$12,947.98. 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 DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON 11/10/2008

ST. LEO THE GREAT

12:10 pm: Ryan Kumagui +

5:10 pm: Andres & Marie Navares +

TUES 11/11/2008

VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

12:10 pm: Peter Ching +

5:10 pm: NO MASS

WED 11/12/2008

ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP

12:10 pm: Benigno Pulmano +

5:10 pm: Jorge & Joaquina Pangan +

THUR 11/13/2008

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI

12:10 pm: Remedios Ferrer S.I.

5:10 pm: Isabel Sandoval Gomez +

FRI 11/14/2008

12:10 pm: Carolyn Tune 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!