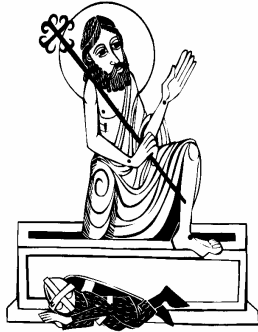


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CATHOLICS!

We congratulate all those who have become Catholic this weekend. Fifty three members of our RCIA program entered the Catholic Church in the presence of Bishop William Weigand Saturday night, following 15 months of study and prayer.



Twenty nine were baptized by immersion and nine (who had been already baptized as Protestants earlier in their lives) made a profession of faith. Another 15, who had been baptized in the Catholic Church as infants but never practiced the Catholic faith, were also part of the ceremony. (The full list of names is printed at right)

We are thankful to the team of 15 people who provided the instruction for these participants. Our RCIA program is one of the largest in the diocese.

The ceremony Saturday night was part of the Easter Vigil—the traditional service of light, when the Paschal Fire is lit in the Cathedral Square and the congregation enters the church carrying lighted candles that symbolize their faith in the Risen Christ. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the Exultet—that ancient hymn of thanksgiving that sums up the message of Easter, praising Christ who “broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.”

“Rejoice, heavenly powers,” the cantor sang. “Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!”

CATECHUMENS

DYLAN AKINS
ANGELINA ARRIAGA
JEREMY CALDERON
SARAH CHAVEZ
RICKEY DAUGHERTY
ANTHONY DAVIS PARO
ALEXANDRA FELTEN
RICARDO GENERA
CHER GONZALEZ
DAVID GONZALEZ
DAVID SEBASTIAN
GONZALEZ
MAXIMUS GONZALEZ
CONTESSA ARIAGONZALEZ
ADRIANNA GRIME
SHANE HOLDEN
ELIZABETH MADRIGAL
HERIBERTO MADRIGAL
MICHAEL MARTINEZ
ZACHARY MEDINA
MANUEL PYLE
SHARDA RAMDASS

CANDIDATES

GLORIA AGUILAR
CLAUDIA CABRERA
SONIA CABRERA
DANIEL CALDERON
JOSEPH EDDIE
JOE FLORES
ARIANA GHOVANLOU
CAMILIA GHOVANLOU
PAUL GABRIEL HEGYI
RUDY HERRERA
CARMEN MARIA HOLGUIN
RACHEL LUPE HOLGUIN
NICOLE PROVOST
FEDERICO RUIZ
JOHN STONE
MARIANNE TAYLOR
LOLITA URRUTIA
JUAN YANEZ

PROFESSION OF FAITH

JANET BARDALES
HELEN CAMACHO
MARIAMA GRIMES
CHRISTINA IRRUTIA
WARREN MALMBERG
BRIAN SANDGREN
LIZ SUMMER
RICHARD TAM
RACHEL LUPE WALL

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION | MAR. 15-16, 2008

Our collection last week was **\$15,313.65**. 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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Cathedral Parish has begun Adult Confirmation Classes on Tuesday 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 WORKSHOP

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament invites you to experience the Interior Journey to God's divine indwelling within your soul as you will be guided to walk through the Map of the Interior Life. Please join us on **Saturday, March 29**, from 1-5:00 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level and experience Easter Joy for yourself. Call **Sr. Jenny at 444-5364** for more information.

WELCOME BACK FOR EASTER

A program for non-practicing Catholic's who are considering a return to the Sacraments, and to regular church attendance, will be held on six consecutive Thursdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning **April 3, 2008**, in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. For more information, without obligation, please call **Tim Longdon at (916) 359-5540** or **Jorge Usi or Sister Jenny at (916) 444-5364**.

LITURGY COURSE AT CATHEDRAL

The Pontifical Institute School of Faith, endorsed by Bishop Weigand, will begin a Course in Liturgy to be held each Tuesday, beginning March 4 at 7:15 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. The course will answer some of the questions in our understanding of the Eucharist. What does Liturgy mean? Is Christ really present in the Eucharist? Why do we celebrate Mass? How do we celebrate Mass? What is the importance of the Liturgy in the life of a Catholic? **The course will run 12 weeks ending on May 20, 2008.** The cost of the course is \$40 plus \$10 for materials. The main teacher will be Reverend Oscar Figueroa, Director of the Office of Liturgy of the Diocese of Sacramento. For more information, please contact **Deacon Jorge Usi or Mr. Ruben Arocan at the Rectory (916-444-3071 or 444-3070).**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL BENEFIT

The Annual Benefit Dinner for the Poor sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2008,** at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, 95815. Cocktails available at 6:00 pm., dinner at 7:00 pm, and program at 8:00 pm. Master of Ceremonies will be Dan Elliot, coanchor of News 10 Good Morning and News 10 Middy. Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia, Bishop of Monterrey, will be guest speakers on "The Cry of the Poor." Individual tickets are \$150. Tables are \$1500 with sponsorships available. For more information, call (916) 715-8666, (916) 455-9112, or (916) 719-4168.

CHAVEZ YOUTH CONFERENCE

Chavez Youth Leadership Conference & Celebration: March 29, 2008, Join Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto for a free breakfast at Sierra College located at 5000 Rocklin Road in Rocklin, CA beginning at 8:00 am and his welcome address at 9:00 am. Free parking, free admission, free lunch for 6th to 12th graders and parents. Over 40 college preparation & career workshops begin at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Lunchtime celebration begins at 12:30 pm with cultural performers. Keynote speakers is Dr. Alexander Gonzalez, President, California State University Sacramento. Contact **Rene Aguilera at 532-5998** or go to www.hear2000.org

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

The Cathedral Parish is seeking individuals interested in becoming sponsors within our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. RCIA is designed for adults in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Sponsors are needed to assist and mentor those seeking these sacraments. This year alone, we have over 100 catechumens and candidates. If interested or if you need additional information, contact **Carol Pennington, RCIA Coordinator, at (916) 283-4162 or Sister Jenny at (916) 444-5364.** Your generous time will not go unrewarded.

GET YOUR RED HOT TAMALES NEXT WEEK

The Hispanic Liturgical group will have a tamales sale on **Sunday, March 30** after the all Masses.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MARCH 30

The Second Sunday of Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul in 2002. Bishop William K. Weigand will celebrate a special Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00 pm in the Cathedral on **Sunday, March 30.** Confessions will be available at 2:15 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 2:45 pm, and Mass begins at 3:00 pm. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and relic of St. Faustina will follow Mass. A Plenary Indulgence will be granted under the usual conditions of confession, communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Journal entry 699, Jesus words to St. Faustina)



CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON 3/24/2008	EASTER MONDAY
12:10 pm : Benny Presiado + 5:10 pm: Steven Milton Vedrine, S.I.	
TUES 3/25/2008	EASTER TUESDAY
12:10 pm: Thedelor K. Kraues + 5:10 pm: Hoover Burton S.I.	
WED 3/26/2008	EASTER WEDNESDAY
12:10 pm: Guillermo Edward Diaz + 5:10 pm: John P. Leyden +	
THUR 3/27/2008	EASTER THURSDAY
12:10 p.m.: Carmen Varragan + 5:10 p.m.: Eduardo Andrade +	
FRI 3/28/2008	EASTER FRIDAY
12:10 pm: Andrea Contreras & Guadalupe Becerra	
NO 5:10 PM MASS ON FRIDAYS	
Please Note: No Cathedral Tours This Week All tours will resume on the Second Sunday of Easter, March 30.	

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ **Envelope No.:** _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!