

KEEPING OUR CATHEDRAL SAFE

As you may have seen in media reports, we have had a number of burglaries in the Cathedral in recent months. Many things have been stolen from inside the Cathedral, including a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was on display in the sanctuary. You can help us keep this Church safe in two ways:

(1) Be alert when you visiting the Cathedral. If you notice anything unusual or suspicious, please let us know or contact the police. You may also contact the Downtown

Guides (dressed in yellow). Do not be afraid to take action. We need your eyes and ears to help us.

(2) Volunteer to be a Cathedral Guardian. The members of this organization take turns guarding the interior of the building during the day. The next meeting of the Cathedral Guardians will be Thursday January 8. At that meeting Sergeant Dave Valdez will give a presentation on security and how to better protect the Cathedral.

MEXICAN STUDENT NEEDS PLACE TO LIVE

A 26-year-old Mexican student (Marce is her name) is seeking a place to live while she perfects her English skills at a language school in Sacramento. Marce already speaks functional English but she needs a higher proficiency level before she is admitted to Princeton University. She comes from a middle class family in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to host Marce for a semester or two, please call Msgr. James Murphy at (916) 443-6475.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule or contact the Cathedral office at 916-444-3071 for flower donations. Please email Chris Houlemard at cathedralflowers@comcast.net with your intentions.

SOULJERS OF CHRIST (YOUTH GROUP)

Reminder: 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Warm up this winter with great Adult Education Programs given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. See below for January:

Jan 10: NEW RCIA Workshop "The Power of Lent and the Period of Purification and Enlightenment." Carson Weber, M.A., Stephen Mu'atuszak, S.T.L. and members of the Diocesan RCIA Committee as presenters. 10am-3pm at Pastoral Center. \$15 includes lunch. Call Carson Weber at (916) 733-0154.

Jan 15: NEW Effective Coordinator's Workshops 2009: "Lent—A time for Spiritual Renewal." 9:30am-12:30pm. Cost \$10. Call (916) 733-0153 for registration.

Jan 21: NEW St. Paul—An Ecumenical Perspective. Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., a Catholic scholar, and Dr. Scott McClelland, Ph.D, a Protestant scholar. 10am-3pm. \$25 includes lunch. Call Social Services Ministry (916) 733-0253 to register.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (DEC. 21)

Our collection last week was **\$12,877.60**. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. 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!

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."
Col 3: 12-15

WORKSHOP ON MUSIC & LITURGY

A Workshop on Musical Issues and Liturgical Practice sponsored by the Office of Worship and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presented by Rex Rallanka (Associate Director for Music and Liturgy of the Diocese), Jean Sawyer (Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Teresa of Avila in Auburn), and Sandra Holland (Director of Music of St. Joseph in Vacaville) in January with both English and Spanish sessions. Sessions are on Jan 24 at Sacred Heart in Red Bluff, Jan 31 at the Pastoral Center, and Feb 7 at St. Joseph in Vacaville. 8am-12pm English. 12-4pm Spanish.

LIFE TEEN YOUTH BUS

On Saturday, January 24, 2009, a Walk for Life West Coast youth bus will leave from St. Rose of Lima in Roseville (615 Vine Street) to join thousands in the 5th Annual West Coast March For Life in San Francisco. Cost \$20 roundtrip. Bus leaves at 8am and returns at 6:30pm from San Francisco. For more information, call **Kelly Risse at (916) 783-5219 or David Coit at (916) 784-0765**.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 28, 2008

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

[✕Holy Day of Obligation]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009

10:00 am English & 1:00 pm Spanish

NO EVENING MASS



Some people think that Christmas is one holiday and New Year's Day is another holiday, but the Church keeps the first of January as one of the days of Christmastime. The rejoicing of December 25 belongs to January 1 as well.

The Gospel for Mass today is short. It gives us several reasons to rejoice. And it also give us the reasons for the many different titles that the first of January has had over the years. The Gospel, from the

second chapter of Luke, is a continuation of the story we began at Midnight Mass on Christmas. We hear that the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the newborn Jesus. Then they went to tell their neighbors that a savior was born.

Mary treasured what was said about her child. In joy, the shepherds sang the angels' song of glory in heaven and peace on earth. Eight days after his birth, Jesus was circumcised and received his name, which means "savior."

One of the oldest solemnities of the Church, Mary, the Mother of God, has been celebrated since as early as the 5th century although the date has changed over the years from before Christmas to finally the octave of Christmas after Vatican II's reforms. While we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, the Lutheran and Episcopalian Churches celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus, and the Byzantine Church celebrates the Circumcision of Jesus. In Greece, January 1 is also St. Basil's Day. Just about everywhere, feasting is customary on January 1.

In addition, January 1 was designated as World Day of Peace by Pope Pius VI over 40 years ago. As Pope John Paul II was to point out in one of his January 1 homilies, "despite serious, repeated attacks on the peaceful, solidarity of peoples, peace is possible and necessary. Indeed, peace is the most precious good to ask of God and to build with every effort, by means of concrete gestures of peace on the part of every man and women of good will."

The priests and staff of the Cathedral Parish extend their warmest greetings to all for a New Year filled with grace and blessed with the Peace of Christ.

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.



CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON 12/29/2008

ST. THOMAS BECKET

12:10 pm: Bob & Pam Jones S.I.

5:10 pm: Arlene Filippi & Family S.I.

TUES 12/30/2008 6TH DAY OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

12:10 pm: Kyle Jessica & Dom Filippi S.I.

5:10 pm: Oscar Soto +

WED 12/31/2008

ST. SYLVESTER I

12:10 pm: Special Intention

5:10 pm: Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

✕THURS 1/1/2009

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 am: Mass in English

1:00 pm: Mass in Spanish

FRI 1/2/2009

ST. BASIL THE GREAT

12:10 pm: The Aguirre Family, 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!