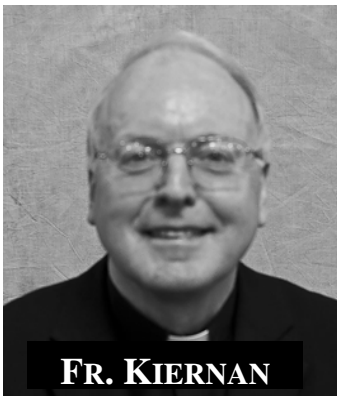




MEET YOUR NEW CATHEDRAL RECTOR

Bishop Jaime Soto has appointed Reverend Michael Kiernan as Rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament effective July 1, 2009. Fr. Kiernan has served since 2004 as parochial administrator of Holy Family Parish in Citrus Heights. He also serves as diocesan Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and Director of St. Patrick's Home in Sacramento.



FR. KIERNAN

He previously served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Anderson from 1981 to 2001 and of Sacred Heart Parish in Alturas from 1977 to 1981. He was parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Redding from 1973 to 1977.

A native of Longford, Ireland, he studied for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Waterford, Ireland, and was ordained to the priesthood in March 1973.

When asked about his new appointment as Rector of the Cathedral Fr. Kiernan told the Catholic Herald, "This will be an exciting and large challenge. I look forward to building on the success of Monsignor Murphy and previous rectors. There is much to be done in a number of areas. A cathedral as a mother church can truly be a place of worship, culture, service and hospitality for the whole diocese. It is clearly a parish of vitality, enthusiasm, and generosity."

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (JUNE 21)

Our collection last week was \$7,968.77. 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!

LOURDES & SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

September 4-20, 2009 Visiting Lourdes, Rome, San Giovanni (Padre Pio), Lanciano Loreto, Assisi, Sienna, Florence, Padua with excursion to Venice. Features Catholic priest with daily Mass, all breakfast and dinners. Contact Paul & Marti Gohring at 7709-1346.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF SACRAMENTO

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. This program starts on July 17, 2009 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 5055 Cottage Way, Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 and a \$5.00 weekly fee. For more information please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: <http://www.sacramentobe.org>

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME UNDERTONES CONCERT JULY 23

The University of Notre Dame men's glee club, The Undertones, is giving a concert at St. Rose of Lima parish church in Roseville, CA on Thursday July 23 at 7:30 pm.

The Undertones, the University of Notre Dame's award-winning all-male a cappella ensemble, present a concert of popular music at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Roseville on Thursday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm. This 10-man vocal powerhouse has toured extensively throughout the United States, Israel, Europe, Asia and Latin America, and has been ranked in the top 12 collegiate a

cappella groups in the nation. This performance is ideal for all ages, and families with children are especially encouraged to attend. The Undertones have been honored by the International



Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA), the Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (CARA), and the Best of Collegiate A Cappella compilation (BOCA). In addition, the Undertones have appeared on NBC Sports and ESPN Gameday, as well as in virtually every state in the nation. All members of the Undertones are also members of the University of Notre Dame Men's Glee Club. A free will donation of \$5 will be taken.

Saint Rose of Lima is located at 615 Vine Street in Roseville, just off of I-80. For more information contact Brian Bret at 780-7477.

MERCY EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

The Mercy Education Resource Center is located at 6007 Folsom Blvd Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95819. The Basic English classes for adults are specifically directed to non-native, English speaking immigrants and citizens. Each class will focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Registration is the first day of class.

SESSION ONE: September 15 to December 10, 2009. Tuition: \$50 for English Class plus the cost of books Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

SESSION TWO: Two: January 12 to May 20, 2010. Children's Center: Onsite child center provides excellent care and school readiness instruction for children age 4 month to 12 years old. For information call 916-737-6026.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS (“UNDER GOD”)

We come to the Cathedral this weekend mindful that it is the Fourth of July weekend. Across the nation yesterday there were many festivities that included picnics, concerts, time at the lake or around pools, grilling hamburgers with neighbors, and almost everywhere there were fireworks. It is a great national celebration.

As we celebrate our nation’s birthday, it might be good to ponder who we are, especially in this context of exercising our religious liberty. We might ask: We are the largest nation of Christians in the world, but are we the largest Christian nation? This question is not about numbers, it is a question of how well we Christians live our faith and offer it to the service of all citizens.

The original Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Baptist minister Francis Bellamy and was intended for use by children. The pledge originally read: “I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.” President Benjamin Harrison made the pledge official on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892. The original pledge did not include the familiar yet now controversial phrase, “under God.” In 1951, the Knights of Columbus began a campaign to include the words, “under God.” Many people thought that something of our unique character as a nation was left out without these two words. The Knights efforts went nowhere until President Eisenhower heard a sermon from Presbyterian minister George MacPherson about adding these words. “Under God” became official on Flag Day in 1954.

So, what does all of this mean for our scriptures? However religious freedom is litigated, do we as Christians believe that we are living “under God?” If we were to live “under God,” it would be the greatest gift our faith can make to our nation.

In the First Reading, God calls Ezekiel to prophetic ministry, noting the people’s rebelliousness against Him. Adam and Eve rebelled. The people rebelled at the Tower of Babel. Again there was rebellion with the golden calf. Then the kings rebelled by swearing oaths of allegiance in the names of other gods. Unfaithfulness led to exile in Babylon. God acknowledged to Ezekiel that his ministry and mission would be tough and, possibly, unsuccessful. However, by preaching and staying loyal, Ezekiel would show the people that God still has prophets and that the prophets speak.

The townspeople of Nazareth rejected their native son. Nazareth was very small during Jesus’ life, maybe 300 people. In such a small setting everyone would have known Jesus and his parents. Th older adults would have watched Jesus grown up, and they also watched him do something unthinkable in a small town in the first century: he left home. Now Jesus was back and, according to

custom, allowed to read and discuss Scripture in the synagogue. Whether it was jealous, snobbery, close-mindedness, or resentment, the townspeople in Nazareth refused to think of Jesus as anything other than the little kid who played in the streets.

We must be careful that we not become overly familiar with both God and our country so that we become incapable of hearing not only the prophets, but Jesus as well!

While “under God” has become controversial, if we would live under God, the phrase would be honored. Although the Knights have not received direct credit for getting “under God” added to the pledge, they did put Catholic faith at the service of the nation. Perhaps, we should all try.

The Priest



CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 7/6/2009** **ST. MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN**
 12:10 p.m.: Beate McClanahan, S.I.
 5:10 p.m.: Demetria Bulatao Garcia+
- TUES 7/7/2009** **WEEKDAY (14TH WEEK)**
 12:10 p.m.: John Nguyen +
 5:10 p.m.: Amparo Ramos Aragon +
- WED 7/8/2009** **WEEKDAY (14TH WEEK)**
 12:10 pm: Charles & Genevieve Fagan +
 5:10 p.m.: Ernesto Paragas Batac +
- THUR 7/9/2009** **ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG**
 12:10 p.m.: Charles & Genevieve Fagan +
 5:10 p.m.: Beatrice Waterhouse, S.I.
- FRI 7/10/2009** **WEEKDAY (14TH WEEK)**
 12:10 pm: Ryan Lumagui +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WED & THUR 12:40PM-4:45PM FRI 12:40PM-3:45PM

TO SIGN UP CALL ISABELLA CAZARES 391-1760 OR 833-1948,

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CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY SUNDAY

AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

GIFT SHOP HOURS

MON-FRI 11AM-2PM (CLOSED SAT) SUN 10AM-2PM