

SERVANT LEADER



FR. MICHAEL KIERNAN

My dear parishioners,

Thank you for your generous, kind, and warm welcome on my first weekend among you. It was wonderful for me to be at all the masses, English and Spanish, and see such an alive, active, reverent community of faith. The liturgy was beautiful at all the masses and it was so

enriching to see the people form a community, a family. This is a very important part of church as God loves us not only individually but as family, forming the Body of Christ. I place great value on each person as a child of God and also as members of the Holy Church. Each one has his or her own special beauty created in the image and likeness of God, and a dignity that has been blessed by special gifts. Each of you has a role and ministry given to you by God to build up the Church and community.

I encourage you to be evermore involved in our beautiful faith rejoicing in it, being proud to be Catholic, always open to the teaching of the Church, and the inspiration of

the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your participation in the Holy Mass by your presence, your active involvement as you make the responses, your singing the hymns, and by the warmth of your love for brothers and sisters in the Church with you.

I am grateful for your generous donations this past weekend to keep our parish strong, for as you know, we face difficult challenges. Thank you very much and please God we will look at ways to strengthen our parish to do the work of Christ. As pastor, I always strive to be as frugal as possible looking for ways to avoid any unnecessary expenses. You will be provided detailed reports on income and expenses and I encourage you all to be generous in every way you can. Please look at how you can volunteer to serve our parish as this will help greatly. I'll be glad to talk to you about ways in which you may be able to help.

Again, it was splendid with you this past weekend. I feel right at home and Thank God for this opportunity to serve this blessed parish. Please pray for me as I will for you. God Bless you today and in this week as we live, love and serve our Lord.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (JULY 5)

Our collection last week was \$11,103.18. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. 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!

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB JULY 24

The next Catholic Breakfast Club meeting is at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane at 12 Noon. Note the new time and location. The Friday July 24 meeting features a talk by Reverend Joseph C. Howard Jr, Professor of Bioethics and Moral Theology. He is also a recipient of the John Paul II Fellowship. Uniquely qualified to lead us through the rocky ground of stem cell research, death with dignity, reproductive choice, and cloning, he will help us to understand these threats to human dignity and how we can present the Catholic point of view with love and charity. Reserve on line at www.catholicbreakfastclub.org. Advance registration \$25, at the door \$30.

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. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to teach religious Education on Sundays; must be bilingual Spanish/English. Call Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

ROME WITH CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Reservations can still be made to join our Cathedral Choir on their pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pompei, Amalfi, and Vatican City. Tour dates are November 5 to November 15.



Cost is \$3,395.00 + \$400 in departure and fuel surcharges. Contact Choir



Director Rex Rallanka at 916-444-3070 or email at rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org for further information. Any parishioner may join this tour.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

We have been struggling through the worst economic crisis our country has faced since the Great Depression. Scores of people have lost jobs, and charities have been overwhelmed by the new poor. Such circumstances can force us to look at ourselves and our government and industry and ask, "What happened?" Such times should also make us look at issues of justice.

Very shortly after one of the largest government bailouts ever, the bailout of the insurance giant A.I.G., it was discovered that certain employees were going to receive 162 million dollars in bonuses. Outrage was expressed from all sides. Then the nation found out that these bonuses were being funded by the government bailout. The outrage was magnified by the knowledge that A.I.G. was part of the cause of our economic crisis and that bonuses were being paid to many of the very ones who were responsible.

It seems that everything changes, yet nothing changes. Amos faced something very close to the same situation. Israel had split into two kingdoms, the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. The prophet Amos lived in the southern kingdom of Judah and was from the village of Tekoa, about six miles from Bethlehem. Amos's mission, however, was to the northern kingdom of Israel. He made mention in his writing that he preached "two years before the earthquake," an event so destructive that the prophet Zechariah will mention it 240 years later. This dates Amos's ministry to 762 B.C.



Amos described himself as a "shepherd and dresser of sycamores," but despite his humble description, he was far more. He seemed to have been an enormously successful man. More than a shepherd, he not only owned large flocks but he also owned groves of trees to feed the flocks. Though we now label Amos a prophet, it is important to note that when God called him, He was calling a layman and a businessman-farmer, not a professional prophet. God expected this busy man to take time out of his life to work for justice.

We read also today about Amaziah, the high priest of Bethel. King Jeroboam I of the northern kingdom of Israel had established Bethel as one of two central places of worship in the northern kingdom, and Amaziah was in charge there. Amaziah, as high priest, served the king and the government and was probably part of a group of "court prophets," a group that existed to advise the king.

What we should note about the two men, Amos and Amaziah, is their different perspectives, which led to tension between the two. Amos came as a prophet called directly by God. Amaziah was a professional religious person paid by the those he served. Amos came to preach, and his preaching disturbed the status quo. The status quo was that the rich were served and the poor were ignored. The inequities between rich and poor—there was no middle class—were substantial.

Amos, unlike Amaziah, was not tied to the king, so he could say what he wished. A volunteer prophet cannot be fired! While Amaziah is not presented as a bad man, it is clear that Amaziah could not afford to have

someone pointing out the sins of the rich. This was the "royal sanctuary." The king did not come to have his peace of mind or conscience disturbed.

Amos saw the injustices of the northern kingdom. He saw that greed would eventually bring down Israel, which eventually it did. He saw that a nation more interested in profit and power than its poor would never last. A kingdom that will stand can only be one that follows the will of God, and God has a heart for the poor.

Amos was run out of town and told to go back home where, like Amaziah in the north, he could "earn his bread" in the same way, by being paid for his preaching. Amos informs Amaziah, and thus makes a powerful comment to us, that he does not need to make money by prophesying. He already has a job. Preaching justice is a call from God and a reaction to conscience for Amos, not a means to support himself.

Has our need for an economic recovery enabled us to consider the need for a spiritual recovery? As people in the workplace, does the choice of Amos, a businessman, encourage us to bring our Christian values with us to work? Does it motivate us for justice? Paul tells us that our destiny is to give glory to God, but if profit remains at the center of our lives, can we fulfill our destiny? Jesus is startlingly clear. We cannot abide those who make anything other than God the most important thing in life. If things are to change, perhaps we need to kick some dust off of our own feet.

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 7/13/2009

ST. HENRY

12:10 p.m.: Segundo Raymundo & Anacleta Alvarado +
5:10 p.m.: Felisa Cayabyab Alvarez +

TUES 7/14/2009

BL. KATERI TAKAKWITHA

12:10 p.m.: All Souls, The Mao Family
5:10 p.m.: Vicente Tandoc Junio +

WED 7/15/2009

ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP

12:10 pm: Charles & Genevieve Fagan +
5:10 p.m.: Leonardo Lopez +

THUR 7/16/2009

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

12:10 p.m.: Fr. Xavier Pappallyil, OCD, S.I.
5:10 p.m.: Sherie Usi +

FRI 7/17/2009

WEEKDAY (15TH WEEK)

12:10 pm: Melissa Huckaby, S.I.

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,
OR E-MAIL BECAZ96@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY SUNDAY

AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

GIFT SHOP HOURS

MON-FRI 11AM-2PM (CLOSED SAT) 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!