

SERVANT LEADER

I recently received a letter from a Catholic woman who was born in Sacramento and raised in the Catholic Church. She wrote about how our Catholic Church plans to bring people back to the Church. Here are some of her perceptive comments:

“People will come back, but first there has to be some changes made. One is to read the word of our Lord, the Bible, more and explain it more to the people.

People often seem not interested in reading the Bible, but this may be through lack of understanding and not having leaders to teach them.

I have been sharing these verses from the Bible, that I’m sending you and to our people. You’d be surprised how many people don’t know or read the Bible.

Father, we are all disciples, the Lord uses us in different ways and we are going to answer to it when the time comes.

Here I am sending you some literature of the Bible and I really think that if you use them with the Catechism, children and adults will know how to read and have an interest in God’s word and in our Catholic Church. When we pray we are talking to Him. Put Jesus and His word first and everything else will fall in it’s place.

Living a life of service to God and to one another is in and of itself a greater gift than all the money in the world could buy. The Lord Jesus warns us not to be consumed by striving to be “number one.” Instead, he tells us that those who put the needs of others before their own will be counted among the greatest. What is great in God’s eyes is not necessarily the same as what our society might decide is great. If we really listen to what the Lord Jesus says today, then his words will necessarily mean a reordering of our attitudes, principles, and actions.

~A PARISH ALIVE AND ACTIVE ~

There is so much happening now at the Cathedral Parish. We are working hard to put together our volunteer staff at the Rectory office, Cathedral classes for the children and teenagers are ready through the great work of Sr. Jenny and all who so generously help her, stewardship planning is moving along very well, the Hospitality Committee is doing great, St. Vincent de Paul and Festival of Trees and Lights are on a roll, new plans are being developed to enrich the religious goods service for our parishioners, daily Mass volunteers continue to come forward, music and song are splendid and the Finance Council had its first meeting with the diocesan leadership to clarify understandings and plan for a future five year plan of maintenance, repair, debt elimination and future projects.

Thank you all for doing what you can to make our parish great. I will keep you updated on the above matters in the

Too often we think that following the Lord Jesus will somehow make life a kind of drudgery. Nothing could be further from the truth. Imagine waking up every single day dedicated to making a real difference in people’s lives.

This could mean doing things as simple as giving a warm embrace to our spouse and children, a friendly smile to someone on a train or bus, or a hearty “good morning” to our car pool mates. These very simple things can make such a difference in others lives and ultimately in our own lives as well. Not a bad way to make our way through life, is it!”

I think she makes a good point and today I share a few of the Bible passages she sent me. I will put others in the bulletin going forward as space allows.

James 1:26 *And if anyone thinks himself to be religious not restraining his tongue but deceiving his own heart, that man’s religion is vain.*

James 2:8 *If however you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scriptures “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,” you do well, but if you show partiality toward persons, you commit sin.*

John 20:21 *Jesus said “Peace be with you! As the father has sent me, I am sending you.” Jesus breathed on them and said, receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgiven anyone his sins, they are forgiven, if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”*

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *Leaders are held responsible for those entrusted to their care, whom has God placed in your care.*

weeks to come. I feel blessed in this parish confidently relying on God to provide as we all work together in Christ.

~SEMINARIAN AT THE CATHEDRAL~

Michael Estaris, a fourth year seminarian, will be ordained as deacon on October 31, 2009. He will start ministry at the Cathedral this weekend and be present 2 weekends a month until his priestly ordination. He will gain experience and preach on occasion. He will arrive on Friday afternoons and leave on Sundays in mid- afternoon. The parish will provide room, board and gas expense for his trips. He will work on a plan as he must write a theological reflection 3 times during his stay.

~PARISH CENSUS~

I am grateful for the cooperation of parishioners as it is vital to have good ways to know and contact our parish family members. If you know of someone in the parish who did not receive a census form please get one to them.

God bless you in the week ahead and always.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Register your child today. Applications will be available after all Masses. English Religious Education classes begin at 10am Saturday September 19. Spanish Religious Education begins at 11:15am on Sunday September 20.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

A Bible Study of Courageous Women, Courageous Love, Courageous Virtue. Who were these women? How did they shape our Biblical History. Call Cathy Usi @ 974-0625 Prerequisite? None, only the desire to learn, your Catholic Bible, and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. See you Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in St. Bakhata Room (Cathedral Lower Level). Tentative schedule of dates and topics:

- Sept. 17 First Session Intro & Eve: Mother of the Living
- Sept. 24 Eve continued - Wives of the Patriarchs—Sarah
- Oct. 1 Rebekah
- Oct. 8 Rachel

5K, 1 DAY CAUSE

The Sacramento Valley AIDS Run/Walk is coming up on Sunday, September 13th, 2009 and I need your help to achieve my goal. Please click on the link below and pledge to help in the fight against AIDS! My goal is to raise \$1000 to go directly to support a program I volunteer with here in Sacramento. Thanks. For more information about the Sacramento Valley AIDS Run/Walk go to: www.sacvalleyaidsrunwalk.org Follow this link to visit my personal web page and help support the Capital City AIDS Fund.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AUDITIONS

Rex Rallanka, Cathedral Choir Director, will conduct auditions for the 2009-2010 Cathedral Choir season. For inquiries, call Rex Rallanka at 444-3070, ext. 38 or email rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout the Sacramento Diocese are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 23 through November 1. In addition to 40 day of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the abortion facility at 2322 Butano Drive on **Wednesday, Sep. 30**. This is Blessed Sacrament's day during the 40 days. If you can't come that day, come any day 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM, and please spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Mr. Woodrwt at 451-24-02.

19TH MEDJUGORJE PEACE CONFERENCE

OCT. 23-24-25 BREN EVENTS CENTER, UC-IRVINE

Medjugorje – A message for the world: "Preserver in faith.... Do not be afraid." Visionary Ivanka from Medjugorje will be present and speak of Our Lady's messages. The conference also offers beautiful liturgies, penance and healing service, Catholic teaching by renowned speakers, awe-inspiring testimonies and talented vocalist **Mark Forrest** in concert.

Orange Diocese Auxiliary Bishop Cirilio Flores will preside at Sunday Liturgy. See entire program and registration form on www.medjugorjeirvine.org or phone 714-572-9779



CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 9/14/2009 EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
12:10 pm: John Owens +
5:10 pm: John Batiste Stassi +
- TUES 9/15/2009 OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
12:10 pm: Oscar Omar Gamboa, S.I.
5:10 pm: In Thanksgiving
- WED 9/16/2009 ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN**
12:10 pm: Ed McClanahan, S.I.
5:10 pm: Leo & Amparo García, S.I.
- THUR 9/17/2009 ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**
12:10 pm: Zenaida Omega, S.I.
5:10 pm: In Thanksgiving
- FRI 9/18/2009 24TH WEEKDAY**
12:10 pm: Genardo Trejo +

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**