

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul in 2002. The



Cathedral will celebrate a special Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00 pm TODAY. 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)

shelter for 13 women to stay at Sister Nora's Place and are working toward becoming self-sufficient. Some ideas for this outreach include the following: cooking breakfast once a month on the third Saturday; sewing curtains for their guest's private sleeping spaces; and teaching a hobby or a craft, a one-time service. Are you interested in helping the homeless help themselves? To volunteer, please call or e-mail Valerie Chun (916) 212-5355 or vwchun@gmail.com

### DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 26TH

The Diocesan Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions will be taken up on April 27, 2008. Because of the shortage of priests, brothers, and sisters, there are many places in the United States, especially in rural and mountainous locations, where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. This collection supports and strengthens the Church in the United States. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians.

### CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY

TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2009

Some 1,000 Catholics from around the state are expected to attend Catholic Lobby Day on Tuesday April 28, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament sponsored by the California Catholic Conference. This year's event will have the theme "Resorting Hope" and runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The day will include speakers, an overview of current Catholic Conference public policy efforts, a noontime rally at the state Capitol, visits with legislators, and a concluding Mass at the Cathedral.

Bishop Stephen Blair of Stockton will be the main celebrant for the Mass, joined by Bishop Jaime Soto, and several other California bishops including Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Solis of Los Angeles who will be the homilist.

Participants will take part in a march to the steps of the State Capitol for a noon rally, and a briefing session with legislators and visits to Legislators in the afternoon. Persons interested in attending from the Diocese of Sacramento can obtain online registration from the diocesan Web site at [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) or call the diocesan Office of Social Ministry at (916) 733-0253. The registration fee of \$5 includes the cost of lunch. Registration forms must be mailed by April 24. For more information, visit [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org).

### BISHOP SOTO TO CELEBRATE BLUE MASS

The Diocese of Sacramento, in conjunction with the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento, will host the annual Blue Mass or celebration of law enforcement on Friday May 1 at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Jaime Soto will preside. All law enforcement personnel along with their families and friends and the public are invited to attend. The history of the Blue Mass dates to 1934 when Father Thomas Dade of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Md., initiated the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society while serving at St. Patrick Church in Washington, D.C. The Blue Mass became an annual tradition in the northeastern cities of the United States and is celebrated in many dioceses nationwide.

### EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION MARCH 23

Our collection last week was \$23,080.27. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. 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!

### WELCOME BACK

#### NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Are you a Catholic who has been away from the Church? Or do you know someone who is? The Welcome Back Program recognizes that difficulties may arise among us as God's children because God can never be fully captured in human language or institutions. This program is designed to help pave the way for a return to the sacraments.

The program began Wednesday April 15, 2009, and continues each Wednesday through May 20, 2009. Meetings are from 7:15pm to 9:00 pm in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. For more information without obligation, please contact Tim Longdon at (916) 359-5540 or Deacon Jorge Usi or Sr. Jenny Aldeghi at (916) 444-5364. E-mail to [welcomback@cathedralsacramento.org](mailto:welcomback@cathedralsacramento.org).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS

The Festival of Trees and Lights has been supporting the Cathedral Square Homeless Program, an outreach of the Cathedral's St. Vincent de Paul Society, for the past two years through our annual fundraiser. Since the downturn in the economy, we are seeking ways to expand our support for the growing number of individuals and families in need.

We are currently seeking volunteers who may have time and/or other resources to offer. At the Loaves and Fishes facility, there is a

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR FUNDRAISER

As part of their fundraising for their November pilgrimage to Italy, the Cathedral Choir will be hosting a food and wine tasting event on Saturday, May 9 from 6 PM to 10 PM. It will be held in the basement in Mercy Hall. Participating vendors include Zocalo (Mexican Food), Bogel Vineyards, Pyramid, Leatherby's, South Villa (Filipino Food).



Tickets are \$40/person. If you have a connection with a restaurant or winery which may be interested in participating, please contact Rex Rallanka, Director of Music at 733-0220.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MERCY HOSPITAL

Mercy General Hospital Guild is a non-profit, volunteer group, which provides Services to patients, families, other visitors, and staff at Mercy General Hospital in East Sacramento. There is a great need right now for volunteers to assist in various Services, from the Gift Shop, information Desk, Surgery Waiting Area, Emergency Room and more. No prior experience is necessary and the Guild will provide any training you need. If you have as little as four hours a month to give and you would like to make a positive contribution to the community with your spare time, please call Vivian Buletti at (916) 731-7131 for more information and an application. The work at the hospital is rewarding and fulfilling and you will meet and work with a great many wonderful people. You will be happy you called. Mercy Hospital has provided Volunteer a voucher toward the cost of lunch or dinner after their shifts.

### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."  
John 20: 23-25

## IMMACULATE HEART RADIO DINNER

Come and join Immaculate Heart Radio for the "Sharing the Hope" Benefit Dinner on May 6, 2009, at the Dante Club located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard. The evening of wine, music, and celebration of faith will feature "Open Line" host and celebrated author Patrick Madrid. Invite your pastor and fellow parishioners to join in this evening to help keep Catholic Radio on the air! Reception starts at 6:00 pm. Dinner starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$55 per person and \$500 per table. Please call Stephanie Allen at (916) 535-0500 ext 235 to reserve a spot today.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BENEFIT

Save this Date: The St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that Sister Rosalind Moss will be the featured speaker at its Third Annual Dinner to Benefit the Poor on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Radisson Hotel. Sister Moss has spoken world-wide, on radio and television about the Church and has recently been granted permission by Pope Benedict to form a new religious order. For information on sponsorships, advertising, table or single ticket purchases, please call (916) 715-8666 or (916) 455-9112.

Also, the society has an open position for an Assistant Manager. Primary responsibility is to assist the Manager in the development of sales and profitability for the store. Includes planning, organizing motivating and measurement of promotional commensurate with experience. For immediate consideration, please fax your resume in confidence to (916) 733-0252.



## CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

**MON 4/20/2009**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

12:10 p.m.: Robert Fielder +

5:10 p.m.: Cecilia Guerra Diaz +

**TUES 4/21/2009 ST. ANSELM, BISHOP & DOCTOR**

12:10 p.m.: Cristoforo & Amalia Vera +

5:10 p.m.: Sr. Francisco Macias Padilla +

**WED 4/22/2009**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

12:10 pm: Hinshaw Family

5:10 p.m.: Casandra Celis Arellano, S.I.

**THUR 4/23/2009**

**ST. GEORGE, MARTYR**

12:10 p.m.: Constancia Lobo +

5:10 p.m.: Ed & Carmen Simene +

**FRI 4/24/2009**

**ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN**

12:10 pm: Ricardo de la Cruz, S.I.

**NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS**

## CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY WEEK

**AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES**

### GIFT SHOP HOURS

**MON-FRI 11AM-2PM, CLOSED SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY 10AM-2PM**

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**DAILY 12:30-4:45 PM. PLEASE SIGN UP**