

# The Scrutinies

**L**ent  
C h u r c h

After the Rite of Election, which was celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens (now called the Elect) and Candidates for Reception into the Church entered the Period of Purification and Enlightenment which corresponds to the Season of Lent.

To inspire in the Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect and bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good. Thus, the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. During these weeks, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer**, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (MAR 8)

Our collection last week was \$16,147.73. 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!

## SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 22

The Diocesan Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services will taken up on March 22. This collection helps build the Church's international social ministry by funding five agencies: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Migration and Refugee Services, Social Development and World Peace, and the Holy Father Relief Fund. Catholic Relief Services was cited for its outstanding support during the tsunami crisis. In addition, a portion of the Catholic Relief Services collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

## SACRAMENTO CHORAL SOCIETY & ORCHESTRA (SCSO) FEATURES BACH'S MAGNIFICAT, MASS IN G AT MONDAVI

The great 18th century German composer Johann Sebastian Bach is often referred to as the "Patron Saint for Church Musicians". Bach believed that music was second only to the Gospel itself and that music should be written for the glory of God and the recreation of the human spirit. The Sacramento Choral Society

For us, the faithful of the Assembly, Lent is no less a time of scrutiny of our own lives, and we should be seeking to exorcise all that is "weak, defective, or sinful" in our own hearts as we approach the mountain of Easter.

During these rites, the Gospel Readings come from St. John's Gospel. All of us need to reflect on these powerful stories. On this 3rd Sunday of Lent, we will hear the story of the Samaritan Woman and the seeking for Living Water. We might reflect on what is this living water that Jesus extends to all. Next week, the 4th Sunday of Lent, we will hear the story of the Man Born Blind. After this story, we might ask ourselves, do we have blurred vision? Or, do we see things honestly, authentically, and with wholeness? Perhaps we have distorted vision and really cannot see, thus keeping us irresponsible. What obstacles block the light? Finally, on the 5th Sunday of Lent, we will hear the story of the Raising of Lazarus.

Our Elect should reflect on how their coming to the Catholic Church has been an experience of death (to old ways and ideas) and New Life in Christ.

and Orchestra and conductor Donald Kendrick open their Spring 2009 season with "Bach's Birthday Celebration" on Sunday, March 22 at 7 PM in the UC Davis Mondavi Center. We urge you to join us for this celebration of Bach's music guaranteed to uplift your spirits and add value and meaning to your Lenten Journey. Tickets: \$40/\$30 General Students 50% discount. Group (10+)-\$5 Discount Mondavi Box Office: 1-866-754-2787 For more information, visit [sacramentochoral.com](http://sacramentochoral.com)

## LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We invite you to come every Friday of Lent at 12:45 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross, in English. Also, Deacon Don DeHaven will have a painting of the Divine Mercy from Poland and bless those present with a relic of St. Faustina. Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 7:00 p.m. every Friday of Lent.

## CONCERT AT ST. ANTHONY PARISH

On Sunday, March 22, Catholic lay evangelist Katrina Rae will present her concert and spiritual journey, *Changed by His Glory*, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish (660 Florin Rd, Sacramento). Come to the concert and experience a personal journey to deepen your own faith walk as you identify with the struggles and triumphs of Katrina's life as wife, mother, and professional singer.

## Scripture Focus

**But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8**

**SUPPORT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!  
4TH ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE**

Sister Jenny announces the 4th Annual Easter Raffle to benefit all the Religious Education Programs here at the Cathedral. Tickets on sale now for only \$1.00 purchase tickets in the vestibule every Sunday after mass or ask any of the many religious education students. Some of the prizes include a Blu-Ray DVD player, bikes, laptop, wine baskets, entertainment baskets, family and baby baskets. Support our local Religious Education programs and buy some tickets. We have over 500 children in religious education classes throughout the week.

**HEARING IMPAIRED DEVICES (ALS)  
AVAILABLE TO PARISHIONERS**

Assistive Listening System (ALS) devices are available to any parishioner who is hearing impaired during Cathedral Masses. Please ask an usher for assistance. We have 6 devices for use during any one Mass or event at the Cathedral. We only ask that parishioners surrender a credit card or driver's license in exchange for the devices during their use.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The Cathedral Parish will begin Adult Confirmation Classes on Tuesday March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level for those who, for whatever reason, have never been confirmed. The Bishop extends this invitation each year providing that candidates have prior instruction. The Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Soto on May 30, 2009, the eve of Pentecost.

**RELIGIOUS TEACHERS NEEDED**

With over 500 students in Religious Education Classes, many teachers from our Cathedral Parish are required to provide instruction. Would you be willing to spend a couple of hours during the week to pass on your faith and knowledge? There is no better way to practice evangelization than to teach the young. Training and materials provided. Your generous time will not go unrewarded. Call Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

**SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC FORUM**

The Sacramento Catholic Forum (formally the Catholic Breakfast Club), will be meeting for lunch on March 20 at the Radisson, 500 Leisure Lane, 11:30 registration and 12:00 lunch. For \$25.00, preregister online at [www.catholicbreakfastclub.org](http://www.catholicbreakfastclub.org) or mail your check to P.O. Box 254848, Sacramento, CA, 95865 to be received by March 16th. Tickets at the door are \$30.00. The topic for this forum will be "St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: Christ the Bridegroom." In her newest talk, with this year devoted to St. Paul, international speaker Katrina J. Zeno returns to Sacramento

to unpack Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Specializing in the "theology of the body," marriage, and passing on of the faith, Katrina will take us through Paul's journey from "merit to mercy to marriage" and break open its application. This talk should prove to be informative and exciting.

**VOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Vocations Committee asks you to take some quiet time this Lent to listen to God. It is in the quiet that we may hear God's call. "Love silence above everything else, for it brings you near to fruit which the tongue is too feeble to expound." St. Isaac of Syria.

**\*DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR**

The Delaware State University Choir will be singing at Mass this Tuesday, March 17 at the 12:10 PM Mass. Under the direction of Dr. Curtis Powell, the Choir is singing here at part of a West Coast tour. In addition to the parts of the Mass, the Choir will present a 10 minute prelude and a postlude of various selections. Please join us for Mass on this Feast of St. Patrick.



**CATHEDRAL  
MASS SCHEDULE**

- MON 3/16/2009** LENTEN WEEKDAY  
12:10 p.m.: Tim Myers +  
5:10 p.m.: Obdulia Amezola +
- TUES 3/17/2009** (ST. PATRICK) LENTEN WEEKDAY  
12:10 p.m.: Eileen Vizzard + (Delaware Choir\*)  
5:10 p.m.: Carmen & Socorro Rodriguez +
- WED 3/18/2009** (CYRIL OF JERUSALEM) LENTEN WEEKDAY  
12:10 pm: Eugene Hines +  
5:10 p.m.: Tomas Gutierrez +
- THURS 3/19/2009** ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY  
12:10 p.m.: Jose Vasquez, S.I.  
5:10 p.m.: Jose Maria Obregon +
- FRI 3/20/2009** LENTEN WEEKDAY  
12:10 p.m.: Cristoforo & Amalia Vera +

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**

**New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!*