

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at Mass **TODAY Sunday, February 8, 2009**, at 11:00 am in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate World Marriage Day. Married couples will renew their wedding vows of 10, 25, or 50 years. This is the first year that renewal of wedding vows is offered to 10 year anniversary couples. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow Mass.

Couples will receive a certificate of congratulations from Bishop Soto. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow Mass.

Congratulations to all those couples celebrating their renewal of vows today!



“CELEBRATE SERVICE” ESSAY CONTEST



In celebration of Catholic Schools Week and the gift of Catholic education, the Diocesan School Board and the Catholic Schools Department are pleased to announce the “Celebrate Service Contest.” **The contest is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who are not presently enrolled** in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Sacramento. The top prize is tuition for the 2009-10 academic year at any Catholic elementary school in this diocese. The second prize is a \$100 savings bond, and the third prize is a \$50

savings bond. Winning essayists will be announced early in March. Students who enter will be writing an essay addressing “how celebrating service changed my life,” up to a maximum of 500 words, and submitted by Wednesday February 25, 2009. For more information, access www.diocese-sacramento.org for an official entry form, rules, and provisions.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Although I am free to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became the weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have share in it.”

1 Cor 9:22-23

CATHOLIC AIDS MINISTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

The 6th Annual Irish American Ceili Dancers Concert will be held **TODAY Sunday, February 8, 2009** at 3:00 pm in St. Anthony Parish Hall, 660 Florin Road, to benefit the Diocesan AIDS Ministry. The concert will include Irish, Scottish, and Romanian Dancers, live

music, and vocal performances. In addition, a raffle has been added this year with outstanding prizes. Suggested donation at door \$10, children free. Contact **Fr. John Healy at (916) 456-7561** or **Helen Healy at (916) 444-8051**.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Old Marshall Adult Education Center, Sacramento Unified School District offers a free Citizenship Class on Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 pm at Centro Guadalupe 730 S St. The class will meet every Monday and Wednesday except Monday, February 9 - Lincoln's Birthday and Monday February 16-President's Day.

VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT

The Cathedral Choir, in collaboration with the Sacramento Children's Chorus, will present a Valentine's Day Concert “Feel the Spirit—Songs of Love” on Saturday February 14, 2009, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for children/students/seniors and \$15 for adults. For ticket information, call the Sacramento Children's Chorus at (916)454-1141.

19th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Commitment Weekend for the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks (Feb 14 and 15). Through our support, we can assure a continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, some local parishes, and assure the establishment of new parishes in rapidly growing areas.

Please respond generously when you are asked to make a gift. God's return to you will be even more generous.

THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants apostolate invites all parishioners to participate in our Helpers Prayer Vigil for Life beginning on Sunday, February 22, 2009. The Helpers of God's Precious Infants and the 40 Days for Life team will join the Cathedral Parish in praying for an end to abortion during Mass. After Mass, a Helpers rosary procession will begin from McKinley Park to Planned Parenthood (29th and B), and at 1:30pm-2:00pm, there will be an ecumenical solemn prayer gathering led by priests and pastors. From 2-4:00pm, a Pro-Life Potluck Picnic gathering at McKinley Park will have musicians, speakers, and pro-life resource tables. For details call Elizabeth Pierini at (916) 813-8269 or visit the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Web site at www.sacramentohelpers.org.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at Mass on Saturday, February 14, in the Cathedral at 10:00 am for the celebration of World Day of the Sick in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass will include the anointing of the sick, blessing of caregivers, and blessing with Lourdes Water. For the anointing, please arrive by 9:30 a.m.



SILENT RETREAT AT MERCY AUBURN

Mercy Center Auburn (530-887-2019) presents a Silent weekend Retreat—Letting Go: "The Teachings of Meister Eckhart" March 13 - 15, 2009. Explore the teachings of the 14th century Christian mystic, Meister Eckhart. The facilitator: James Finley, Ph.D. lived and worked as a monk at the monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky. Begins Friday with dinner at 6:15 pm and ends Sunday at 12:00 noon. Cost: \$165 resident/ commuter (\$50 non-refundable deposit).

CAMP PENDOLA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Sacramento is looking for energetic young people (18 + years) to work this summer as counselors with children and

youth between the age of 6 to 17 in the great outdoors, and within the Catholic spirit! Positions begin in mid June and finish in August. Applications are available now at www.pendola.org or call 916-PEN-DOLA 736-3652 for more information. Camp Pendola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2009 summer camp program as it celebrates 50 years of serving children and youth ages 6 to 17. Campers are encouraged to live in, understand, and respect the wonders and beauty of the world around them. Check our Web site www.pendola.org or call 916- PEN-DOLA (736-3652).

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL SPEAKER SERIES

As one of the presentations offered this year in St. Francis High School's Speakers Series, "A Healthy Start to a New Year of Cooking Health in 2009" will be held on February 24, 2009 at the Campus Life Center, 5900 Elvas Avenue, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. \$10 per person to benefit the St. Francis High School Scholarship Fund. Sacramento's celebrity chef, Nancy Harvey, author of *The Savvy Celebrations™ Cookbook*, will demonstrate the preparation of three healthy soups, which the audience will get to sample. Please RSVP to Carrie Harcharik at charcharik@stfrancishs.org or call (916) 737-5020.



CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON 2/9/2008
12:10 pm: Juan Vasquez +
5:10 pm: Ana Maria Ionescu +

TUES 2/10/2008 **ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN**
12:10 pm: Concepcion Vasquez +
5:10 pm: Andres & Marie Nevares +

WED 2/11/2008 (WORLD DAY OF THE SICK) **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
12:10 pm: Fr. Arturo Adame +
5:10 pm: Viola Nanca, S.I.

THURS 2/12/2009
12:10 pm: Maximiano Castillo, S.I.
5:10 pm: Lucille Neil +

FRI 2/13/2009
12:10 pm: Ana Maria Castillo, S.I.

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY WEEK
AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

GIFT SHOP HOURS
MON-THUR 11AM-2PM, CLOSED FRIDAY,
SAT 11AM-4PM 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!