

CATHEDRAL TO COOK FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

Thanks to a core of new volunteers, the Cathedral Square Program (CSHP), operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and supported by the Festival of Trees and Lights, is committing itself to cook and serve 13 homeless women once a month at Sister Nora's Place, a facility of Loaves and Fishes. Women in the shelter, like the homeless in the Cathedral Square Program, must want to transition into permanent housing and to get off the streets.

Cathedral volunteers will cook on the Third Saturday of each month. If you are interested in helping, just once a year, please join us in helping these women help themselves. Our team of volunteers will start this outreach on June 20, 2009. Other parish communities, as well as Interfaith volunteers, will join in this new effort. If you know of students needing community service hours, this would be an excellent project for them to undertake. Our first year calendar is filling

quickly with eager volunteers who want to support the Cathedral's efforts. But, as we want the Cathedral community to continue serving the needs of the downtown homeless, we are accepting as many volunteers as possible.

To volunteer, please call Val Chun at (916) 212-5355 or E-mail at vwchun@gmail.com

Also needed are volunteers who have a hobby or skill who can demonstrate that skill to these women. Examples may include some of the following: opening a checking account; budgeting; thrifty ideas to survive the economy; making crafts, how to handle job applications; and tips on interviews. Our goal is to make these women self-sufficient and able to survive off the streets.

WE HEAR OUR STORY

Alex Haley, the author of the book *Roots*, began his research of his family's heritage by recalling the stories his mother and grandmother had told him as a child. They had passed on to him the memories that once had been handed on to them. Haley began to unravel the past. The thread that Haley was able to follow concerned one of the family stories about the "the African." This young man, the tradition said, had gone out from his village one day to collect wood and was kidnapped by slave traders.

THE MASS

Through research Haley was able to determine when and from what part of Africa his ancestor had been taken. Traveling there, Haley was invited to listen to the tribal history. The story covered many centuries, and the storyteller chanted it from memory, as he had been taught. At one point, the storyteller told of a young man, Kunta Kinte, who had gone out from the village one day to collect wood and never returned. Haley told those gathered what had happened to the young man, and that he, Haley, was that man's descendant. The community gathered around Haley and welcomed him as the one who had finally come home.

Every Sunday, our Catholic community gathers to hear our story. The book from which that story is read is carried with reverence and with respect. We take the time to get ready, to put aside the cares that separate us from one another, to empty ourselves of noise and data do that we can hear the story that makes of this gathering of individuals a people fashioned and chosen by God. Over the course or three years, we will hear most of the New Testament and a large portion of the Old Testament. Our story begins with the Jewish people. Their tradition and ours is told in legends, myths, histories, laws, customs, wise sayings, parables, letters, and songs.

Whatever form they take, these scripture readings tell the story of a God who made and loved a people, a God who chose a people who could reveal to all who God is. But it is not enough to hear those words. We must recognize that these stories are ours, that the people in them are our people, that the God who called and loved them calls and loves us, and that God is fashioning us into a people who can reveal to all who God is.

Then we will understand that when we gather with the community in faith, we have come home.

WELCOME BACK NONPRACTICING 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 continues each Wednesday through May 20, 2009, 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 welcomedback@cathedralsacramento.org.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he give you. This I command you: love one another." John 15: 16-17

**CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FIRST COMMUNION (SPANISH) 2009**

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING 46 YOUNG
PEOPLE WHO WILL RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST
FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE 1:00 PM SPANISH MASS**

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| FABIOLA ACEVES | JAVIER CHAVARRIA |
| RAYMUNDO AGUILAR | KARINA CHAVARRIA |
| PERLA ALONSO | CESAR CHOLICO |
| JOSE I BARRERA | BRENDA J. ESPINO |
| JESSE CALVILLO | ALEXANDRA FLORES |
| ARLETH CHAVESTE | ANAYELI GARCIA |
| DIEGO CHAVESTE | GABRIELA GARCIA |
| EDUARDO CHAVEZ | JAZMIN GONZALEZ |
| NATHANAEL CRUZ | BRENDA HERNANDEZ |
| EDWIN ESCAMILLA | STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ |
| JORGE ESCOBAR JR. | ALEXANDRO HERRERA |
| KARLA GARCIA | FATIMA JIMENEZ |
| BREANNA GONZALEZ | LUIS MORALES |
| KARLA GONZALEZ | NANCY RAZO |
| GISELLE GUARDADO | JUAN SALCEDO |
| SARA GUTIERREZ | CHRISTIAN TINOCO |
| SARAY MEJIA | LIZBETH VENEGAS |
| EMILY MENDOZA | JESUS VILLALOBOS |
| OSCAR MORENO | KIMBERLY VASQUEZ |
| STEPHANIE OCHOA | GERARDO HUIZAR |
| JOSE ANTONIO DE TAGLE | JESUS LOPEZ |
| OSCAR S DE TAGLE | EMILIO SOLOSARNO |
| ARIADNA VENEGAS | |
| LUCIANO ALONSO | |

COMING EVENTS

- May 17 Spanish First Communion at 1:00 pm Mass
 May 22 Christian Brothers High School Baccalaureate
 May 23/24 Ascension Sunday. Celebration of Jazz Music with special Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday May 23, and 12 Noon and 5:00 pm Sunday May 24. Memorial Day weekend.
 May 25 Diocesan Priest Ordinations 10am Bishop Soto
 May 30 Diocesan Adult Confirmation at 5:00 pm Mass.
 May 31 Pentecost Sunday. Celebration of Cathedral Confirmation at 11:00 am Mass. Bishop Soto.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (MAY 10)

Our collection last week was \$10,143.75. 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!

RECOLLECTION SERIES AT CATHEDRAL

The next Divine Indwelling Recollection Series will be held on Saturday June 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level to explore your calling and mission as a Catholic. No cost and light refreshments served. For more information, call Evelyn at (916) 372-7115 or e-mail to If_solano@yahoo.com.

MISSION APPEAL TODAY

On one Sunday of the year, we invite a missionary to speak to the Cathedral Assembly about the plight of poorer members of the Body of Christ and to remind us that the Church is always essentially missionary in character. This year, we have invited Doug Campbell to speak on behalf of the Diocese of Gonaives in Haiti. Please welcome him.



**CATHEDRAL
MASS SCHEDULE**

- MON 5/18/2009 POPE JOHN I, POPE & MARTYR**
 12:10 p.m.: Toan Nguyen +
 5:10 p.m.: Victor & Nima Carpio, S.I.
- TUES 5/19/2009 EASTER WEEKDAY**
 12:10 p.m.: All Souls
 5:10 p.m.: Ruben Arocan, S.I.
- WED 5/20/2009 ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA, PRIEST**
 12:10 pm: Reverend Thomas J. Walsh +
 5:10 p.m.: Rudy & Sandra Pertile, S.I.
- THUR 5/21/2009 EASTER WEEKDAY**
 12:10 p.m.: Khinh Nguyen +
 5:10 p.m.: Gerry Braud, S.I.
- FRI 5/22/2009 ST. RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS**
 12:10 pm: Consuelo Parra +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DAILY 12:30-4:45 PM IN ONE-HOUR INCREMENTS
 TO SIGN UP CALL ISABELLA CAZARES (916) 391-1760 OR (916) 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!