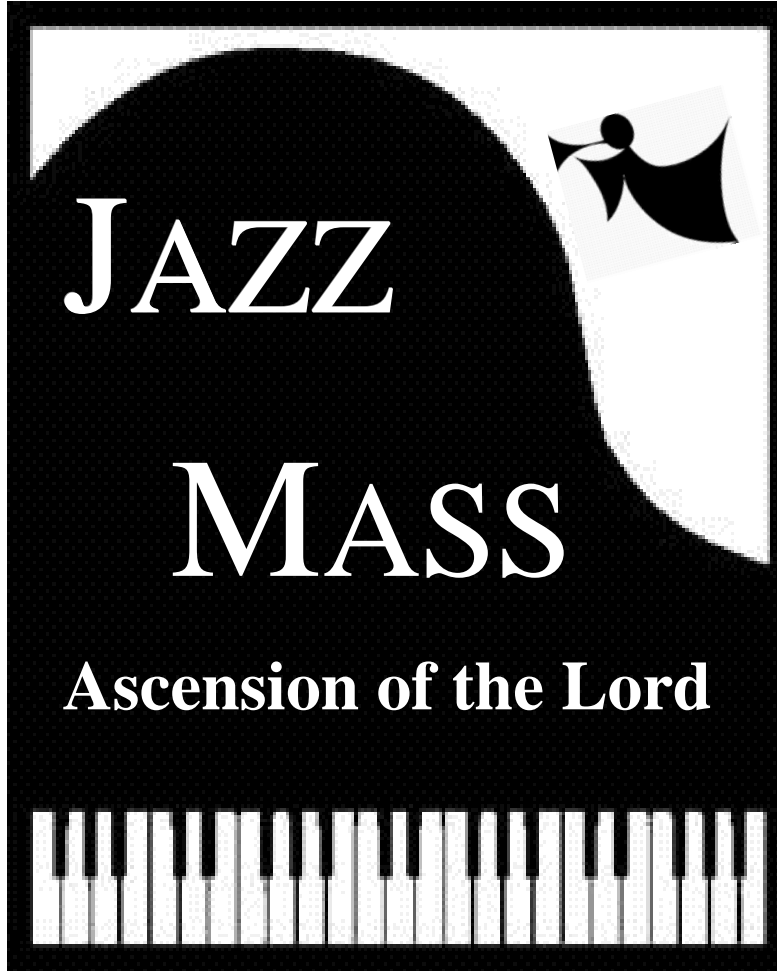


WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL



SACRAMENTO JAZZ JUBILEE

As has been the custom for many years, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento will feature special music at three celebrations of the Eucharist during the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee on this Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

5:00 pm Sat May 23

11:00 am Sun May 24

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The Diocesan Jazz Jubilee Choir and Sierra 7 Jazz Band, conducted by Dr. Robert Johnson, will provide inspirational Jazz Music at these special Masses today. The Diocesan Jazz Jubilee Choir is comprised of several local choirs including the Cathedral's own choir.

Sierra 7 is comprised of Nora Nausbaum, flute, Bill Douglas, bass, John Girton, guitar, Joe Barry, saxophone, Al Bent, trombone, Kit Bailey, percussion, and Helen Mendenhall, piano.

THE ASCENSION

The early followers of Jesus were plunged into confusion and despair when they saw His crucifixion and then what they thought was the theft of His body. It was then during the 40 days that His followers came to terms with what Jesus had taught them. Numbers in the Scriptures can mean more than the quantity of a thing. They were also used to say something about the quality of a thing. Forty was used to say that enough time had passed to accomplish something. The Israelites had spent 40 years in the desert. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness.

The Ascension of Jesus was not His abandonment of His followers. On the contrary it was a change in how Jesus would remain with the world. Jesus' teaching lived on in the Apostles and Christian people. After their deaths, the teaching lived on in the evangelists. After their deaths, pastors and teachers rose up to continue the teaching of Jesus.

There are times when we, like the original followers of Jesus, might wonder, "Is Jesus still out there?" Today's feast teaches us that the Ascension of Jesus was not merely the departure of Jesus from the world, it was a change in how Jesus would remain in the world. The Scriptures today teach us that even though Jesus had physically

left, His followers continued to experience His presence, and we are promised and invited every Eucharist to that same experience.

COMING EVENTS

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 17)

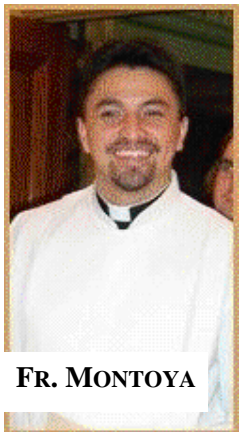
Our collection last week was \$9,245.32. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. Because of the high upkeep costs at the Cathedral, our goal is to reach \$14,000 per week. To achieve this goal we encourage parishioners to donate one hour's pay per week to the parish or 3% of income. The motive for this generosity is thankfulness for God's goodness to us - an attitude of gratitude!

TAMALE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, the Spanish Community will be selling tamales after all the Masses. All proceeds are for the benefit of the entire Cathedral Parish.

PRIEST ORDINATIONS

Bishop Jaime Soto will ordain Hector Montoya and Arthur Najera to the priesthood on Monday May 25 at 10:00 am in the Cathedral. Bishop Emeritus Weigand, Bishop Emeritus Quinn, and retired Bishop Madera will concelebrate.



FR. MONTOYA

Fr. Montoya will celebrate a bilingual Mass of thanksgiving on Monday, May 25 at 6 p.m in St. Patrick Church in Grass Valley. He will celebrate two additional Masses of thanksgiving at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27 in Holy Cross Mission Church in Arbuckle, and at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 31 in Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield.



FR. NAJERA

Fr. Najera will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Vallejo at 5:30 on Saturday, May 30. He will celebrate another Mass of thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, at his family's parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Santa Barbara.

ALWAYS THANKSGIVING

The Liturgy of the Eucharist refers to the part of the Mass that begins with the collection and preparation of the altar with the bread and wine. What are we doing in these actions? Much of the answer lies in the word "eucharist." Derived from the Greek, it means "thanksgiving."

THE MASS

Our thanksgiving is best expressed in the main prayer of the liturgy of the eucharist, the eucharistic prayer. Its roots are in the Jewish tradition of meal blessings. As a devout Jew, Jesus would have prayed such blessings at meals. Early Christians used them in their celebrations known as the "breaking of the bread," when they obeyed Jesus' command to "Do this in memory of me." Two of the nine eucharistic prayers we now use date from the third and fourth centuries and the other seven are recent compositions. All follow a similar pattern. In other words, Christians have been praying this way at the eucharist ever since there were Christians.

The eucharistic prayer is proclaimed over the bread and wine, basic symbols of what is most basic, food and drink from the tables of ordinary people.. We praise God for all creation and for

the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—such praise requires the participation of all present; it is not the priest's prayer. We involve ourselves fully when we join our hearts to the words sung or spoken, assume an attentive posture, put aside the worship aid, and sing the acclamations with full voice. In the end, "eucharist" is what our life as Christians is all about. In suffering or joy or confusion or routine, our life is always to be praise, always to be thanksgiving, and always to be a sharing of God's abundance with all in need.

RECOLLECTION SERIES AT CATHEDRAL

The next Divine Indwelling Reflection 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.



CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 5/25/2009** **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
10:00 a.m.: Ordinations to Priesthood
5:10 p.m.: No Mass
- TUES 5/26/2009** **ST. PHILIP NERI**
12:10 p.m.: Johanathan Guerrero, S.I.
5:10 p.m.: Rudy & Sandra Pertile, S.I.
- WED 5/27/2009** **ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**
12:10 pm: Valerie Jinks +
5:10 p.m.: Arianna Bonita Vasquez, S.I.
- THUR 5/28/2009** **EASTER WEEKDAY**
12:10 p.m.: Jose & Malik Almendras +
5:10 p.m.: Agatha & Steve, S.I.
- FRI 5/29/2009** **EASTER WEEKDAY**
12:10 pm: Anica Jozo Peric, S.I.

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!