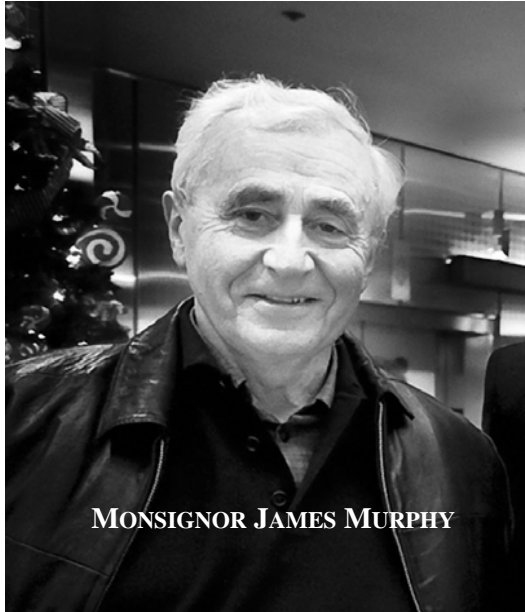


GALA FOR MSGR. JAMES MURPHY

On Sunday June 28, from 6:00pm-9:00pm, the Cathedral Parish will hold an Appreciation Gala for Msgr. James Murphy who is leaving to become the Vicar General for the Diocese of Sacramento. Please plan to be there to help us honor and demonstrate our appreciation for the tremendous job he has done as our Cathedral Rector.

Monsignor Murphy served as our Rector for nine years, since August of 2000. He has been a true blessing to us all. As our Rector, he has been our spiritual advisor, personal counselor, Cathedral organizer, and coordinator of everything. He was the lead person for ensuring that the incredibly beautiful restoration of our Cathedral was planned and completed. He formed numerous committees such as the Parish Council, Financial Committee, and the Hospitality Committee, to name a few. Perhaps most importantly he has been an outstanding minister and friend to all.

Msgr. Murphy loves music, all kinds of music, from Abba to zydeco and of course he is especially fond of his



MONSIGNOR JAMES MURPHY

native Irish ballads. He has a wonderful sense of humor, enjoys his early morning walks, is an avid reader and loves a good meal. As you know, he also loves people and we love being around him. He would be so grateful to his Cathedral flock if we joined him at this special gala, our chance to let him know how loved and appreciated he is and always will be.

Our Catholic Diocese obviously is well aware of Msgr. Murphy's amazing range of talents and so has recruited him to be the Vicar General of our diocese. The move will occur on July 1st. Msgr. Murphy will continue to reside at the rectory and will occasionally bless us with his moving homilies.

Our June 28th Gala will include a delicious Italian dinner, warm conversation, and some entertaining speakers and singers. Seats are limited. Tickets will be available after the morning Masses TODAY Sunday, June 14 - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 16 years of age. We are still working on the location so please stay tuned to this bulletin.

JERICHO FUNDRAISER

Support the work of social justice and enjoy a relaxing evening at JERICHO's annual fundraiser on Tuesday June 16 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the California Chamber of Commerce, 1215 K Street, Suite 1400, Esquire Plaza. Tickets for the Live and Silent Auctions, Food, Drink & Music are \$40 per person. This year features Karaoke by teams of state legislators! For the past 22 years JERICHO has engaged faith communities around the state and legislators of California to find workable solutions to improve the lives of poor people in California. For tickets and information, call (916) 441-0387. Visit www.jerichoCA.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

The Cathedral Parish will sponsor a one day drive to assist the new St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store on Watt Avenue. To support this store, Cathedral Parish volunteers will be collecting items that can be sold there. Proceeds from the store go directly to help Sacramento's needy population. Please check your homes for items that you may wish to discard and donate: clothes; furniture; kitchenware; sports equipment; lamps; pictures; etc. Trucks will be on hand to accept donated items. Volunteers are needed to help load the trucks. For information or to volunteer, contact Rex Rallanka @

261-1538 or Valerie Chun @ 212-5355 or vwchun@gmail.com.
Cut and save the information below:

DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2009
DROP OFF LOCATION:
ALLEY SIDE OF CATHEDRAL
ACROSS FROM THE PARKING LOT.
TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

BISHOP SOTO TO OPEN FATHER'S DAY GAME AT RALEY FIELD

On Saturday June 21, Bishop Jaime Soto will open the day's game at 11:15 am with prayer and throwing out the first pitch. Honor your father and get your tickets today for this game! Father's Day is observed on Sunday June 22.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, ... how much more will the blood of Christ cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."
Hebrews 9: 13-14

CORPUS CHRISTI

[THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR THIS IS THE SOLEMNITY AFTER WHICH IT WAS NAMED.]

Making a covenant in the Scriptures had always involved blood. We see this in our passage today in our First Reading from Exodus. The altar Moses erected represented God's presence, and the twelve pillars represented the presence of the people. A holocaust offering was an act of completely burning an animal of sacrifice in a ritual fire. It symbolized a complete giving of one's



self and one's possessions to God. The blood of the animal was used to "seal the deal." Blood, the essence of life, was sprinkled on the altar and the people to seal the covenant between God and the people.

Our Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews picks up on the significance of the blood sacrifice. Animal sacrifices had to be continually repeated since

they were imperfect sacrifices. To make a perfect sacrifice, a human being, the Son of God, would have to willingly give His life over to God. His life had to be poured out as an animal's life is poured out. Believing that blood contained the essence of life, Jesus gave His blood for us that we might have life, that we might share in some of His attributes, that is, life with God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ calls us to ponder this sacrifice of Jesus. The feast is filled with doctrine and theology, but it is also a feast that speaks of an incredibly profound love. Despite all our education and training, we still do not completely understand the depth and profundity of this gift. Through this gift, we are allowed to share in the life of God. This is no animal sacrifice that has to be repeated over and over. It is the perfect sacrifice. It is perfect love.

Our lack of understanding can often be seen in our attitude toward the Eucharist. It can be seen in not only the regularity of our attendance but even in the manner in which we attend. We say we love God. We pledge our faithfulness to God, and we see this pledge made twice in the First Reading, but how good have we

been at keeping this pledge, to do all that the Lord has commanded which is to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning June 15, a new modified Adoration Schedule will take effect for the Cathedral. On Monday and Tuesday, no Adoration will be available in the afternoon. Adoration on Wednesday and Thursday will be from the conclusion of the 12:10pm Mass to 4:45pm. On Friday, at the conclusion of the 12:10pm Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 3:45pm only.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (JUNE 7)

Our collection last week was \$9,541.41. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. 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!



CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 6/15/2009 11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 p.m.: All Souls

5:10 p.m.: Fortunato Z. Navarro +

TUES 6/16/2009

12:10 p.m.: Melissa Huckaby, S.I.

5:10 p.m.: Katherini Davist +

WED 6/17/2009

12:10 pm: Juanita Perez Ruiz +

5:10 p.m.: Ana Marie Ionescu +

THUR 6/18/2009

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

5:10 p.m.: Bill Tuale +

FRI 6/19/2009 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

12:10 pm: Agnes Erlara Soetjiwati +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WED & THUR 12:40PM-4:45PM FRI 12:40PM-3:45PM

TO SIGN UP CALL ISABELLA CAZARES 391-1760 OR 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!