

~ SERVANT LEADER ~

The New Year is quickly approaching, and I continue to be grateful for the outpouring of love and generosity by our parish family. Here, again, I offer ideas that I hope will be helpful to you as you search for ways to offer your gifts for the ongoing and future needs of The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish. May God continue to bless and reward you for your Stewardship of the Time, Talent and Treasure you have been given by God.

END-OF-THE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Many people in our parish are always looking for an opportunity to do good in practical, direct ways. One of these is end-of-year-contributions.

As I have written before, more money is contributed to charities in the month of December than any other month of the year. Many individuals will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of this year's tax benefits. In order to do so, checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2004. If you are in the position to make end-of-the-year contributions, please consider The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish as a beneficiary of your support.

Donating securities such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds can give special tax benefits. If you would like to contribute securities to The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, please contact me directly to discuss the specifics as to tax benefits and safe and secure ways to turn the securities over to the parish. Keep in mind, contributions must be finalized and/or postmarked on or before December 31.

REMEMBERING THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The people of our parish family are so generous in the general and special collections. How wonderful it is when, on occasion, people leave all or part of their will to The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, depending on their circumstances. If everyone in the parish were to do this in some amount, it would be a marvelous, long-term blessing for our parish community. Knowing how giving our people are, I am confident of a generous response to this will request. Thank you for considering this opportunity to build up the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like the available material explaining this process.

May God bless you for your love, support and concern for The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento Parish.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A VINCENTIAN? A NEW YEAR IDEA PERHAPS?

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Conference of St Vincent de Paul invites you to join us in silent works of charity by quietly and discretely aiding needy families. The purpose of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to fulfill the two great commandments-love of God and love of neighbor. We seek out God's needy, both materially and spiritually, and help where we can. We believe that by coming closer to the needy we are coming closer to God.

Vincentians are not professionally trained social workers. The important thing is the desire to serve as Jesus served. All of us have a great deal of expertise in various areas; by working together, we can move mountains. Many Vincentians have raised families, run a household, built buildings, repaired autos or done just what you do so well. The needy have need of your talents, your concern, and your love. If you would like more information about joining us in our service to those in need, please call Deacon George at 916.444.3071 and leave us your name and phone number.

On my first Sunday, with the faith community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, I prayed a special prayer. I provide this again for us all as we begin a new year. May the Holy Spirit lead us every day.

Holy Spirit come, visit me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, come again into my life. Direct me, mold me, fill me, use me. Unite my heart and my mind all powerful God, that I can proclaim Your word with the sweetness and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, Your food was to do the will of the Father. Help me to be attentive to the call of the Spirit in my life. Give me the strength to respond to Him with humility. You are our help now and always. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
Thursday, December 31
5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES
Friday, January 1
10:00 am. - Mass (English)
1:00 p.m. - Mass (Spanish)

No Evening Mass

~ THANK YOU

Through the generous donations of parishioners and local companies, the Cathedral Parish was adorned with Christmas trees and poinsettia plants. We especially thank **L a m b s Christmas Trees** for the trees and **V e r n a n d Carolina Gore** for the poinsettia plants. Their much appreciated gifts have immeasurably helped the Cathedral Parish truly celebrate this Christmas Season.



~ SANTO NINO JANUARY 9 ~

The 2010 Santo Nino Festival will be celebrated by the Filipino-American Community on Saturday January 9 at the Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, Fr. Michael Kiernan as the main celebrant, with Fr. Nicholas Ho and Fr. Pol Gumapo concelebrating. Traditionally this Mass has been preceded by a novena of Masses. This year participants are encouraged to attend the regular 5:10 pm Mass in the Cathedral to fulfill this novena.

Following the Mass on January 9, there will be a pot luck meal and reception at the Sisters of Mercy Hall in the Cathedral Lower Level. Families with surnames beginning with a letter (A-I) are asked to bring Chicken, (J-R) Pansit, (S-Z) Lumpia, and each family is requested to bring 1 dozen of can soda or 1 dozen of bottled water whichever you prefer. This year we shall have Perla and Romy Maulino, Vicky Alonzo, and Lu Capuchino as the Hermano/Hermana Mayor.

The festival commemorates the miraculous preservation of the statue of the Holy Infant from the fire in the City of

Cebu in the Philippines during the war between the Spaniards and the natives.

~ CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP ~

The Cathedral Youth Group (English and Spanish young people) meets every other Wednesday evening in the Lower Level from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday December 30, 2009. For more information, contact Leticia and Edgar Hilbert at 457-1552 or Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

~ MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~

The Central California Marian Eucharistic Congress will be held January 8, 9, and 10 in Paso Robles at the Mid-State Fairgrounds Auditorium. The congress will feature Bishop Richard Garcia of Monterey, Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC. , Fr. Tom Sullivan, CPM, and Fr. Pat Martin, among many others. Visit our web-site www.cmec.netfirms.com To register by phone contact Toni Clevenger 805-441-2131 other inquires phone Pat Borba 805.461.5358 or Lynn Stroble 805.239-1597

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 12/28/2009 HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
1 Jn 1: 5-22; Mt 2: 13-18
12:10 pm: Adela G. Gutierrez, S.I.
5:10 pm: Elda Ayala, S.I.

TUES 12/29/2009 ST. THOMAS BECKET, MARTYR
1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35
12:10 pm: Manuel R. & Isabel S. Gomez+
5:10 pm: Raul Luis Rodriguez+

WED 12/30/2009 6TH DAY IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2: 36-40
12:10 pm: Muoi Dang+
5:10 pm: Tim Newton+ & Walter Newton+

THUR 12/31/2009 ST. SYLVESTER, POPE
1 Jn 2: 18-21, Jn 1: 1-18
5:00 pm: New Year's Eve Mass

FRI 1/1/2010 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
[World Day of Prayer for Peace] NEW YEARS DAY
Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21
10:00 am: Mass in English
1:00 pm: Mass in Spanish

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