

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A Message from the Rector

JOYFUL WITNESSES

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin verb for “rejoice.” Besides the theme of joy running through the readings, there is another theme: witness. The Old Testament prophets, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and John the Baptist all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for his people.

John the Baptist is presented as a special witness. “A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light.” John the Baptist rejoices in his role as a witness to Jesus.

The theme of witness runs through John’s Gospel. Jesus as the revealer and revelation of God bears witness to his heavenly father, the one who sent him. As the primary and most important witness, Jesus enables us to know who God is and what God wills. All his teachings and activities bear witness to his father. During Jesus’ public ministry and especially during his passion, death and resurrection (his “lifting up”), the “Father bears witness to him. As Jesus departs from his disciples at the Last Supper, he promises that the Paraclete or Holy Spirit will bear witness about him to future generations. The Son bears witness to the Father, the Father bears witness to the Son, and the Holy Spirit bears witness to the Son and the Father.

The way in which faithful people relate to Jesus, according to John’s Gospel, is also expressed by the theme of witness. The evangelist and his community state that “we testify to what we have seen” (2:11). The Samaritan woman and the crowds bear witness to Jesus. The evangelist concludes his Gospel by describing his work as bearing witness to Jesus (21:24). Throughout John’s Gospel there is a chain of witnesses to Jesus and his works. And that chain of witnesses begins with John the Baptist.

John the Baptist’s role as a joyful witness to Jesus makes him a great Advent figure. His witness not only prepares the way for Jesus but also provides an example for us. Indeed, one way to describe our vocation as Christians is by the term “witness.” We stand up and say what we know to be the truth about God and about Jesus. We stand beside John the Baptist and the other great characters of the Fourth Gospel, and bear witness to what we know and believe about the Jesus, the Word, who became flesh and dwelt among us. In this witness we can and should “rejoice always.”

Fr. Michael Kiernan

Mensaje del Rector

TESTIGOS GOZOSOS

El tercer domingo de Adviento es tradicionalmente conocido como Gaudete, del verbo Latin que significa “alégrense.” Aparte del tema de júbilo que recorre las lecturas, hay otro tema: testigo. Los profetas del Antiguo Testamento, Maria, la madre de Jesus, y Juan el Bautista todos dan alegre testimonio de lo que Dios ha hecho y hara por su gente.

Juan el Bautista es presentado como un testigo especial. “Un hombre llamado Juan fue enviado por Dios. El vino a dar testimonio, para dar testimonio de la luz.” Juan el Bautista se regocija en su papel de testigo de Jesus.

El tema de testigo recorre el Evangelio de Juan. Jesus como el revelador y la revelacion de Dios da testimonio a su Padre celestial, el quien lo envio. Como el testigo principal y mas importante, Jesus nos permite conocer quien es Dios y que quiere Dios. Todas sus enseñanzas y actividades dan testimonio a su Padre. Durante el ministerio publico de Jesus y especialmente durante su pasion, muerte, y resurección (su “asención”). El Padre da testimonio de el. Mientras que Jesus parte de sus discipulos en La Ultima Cena, el promete que El Paráclito o El Espiritu Santo darian testimonio sobre El a las generaciones futuras. El Hijo da testimonio al Padre, el Padre da testimonio al Hijo y el Espiritu Santo da testimonio al Hijo y al Padre.

La manera en que las personas de fé se relacionan a Jesus, de acuerdo con el Evangelio de Juan, tambien es expresado por el tema del testigo. El evangelista y su estado de comunidad relata que (nostoros damos testimonio de lo que no hemos visto” (2:11). La mujer Samaritana y la multitud dan testimonio de Jesus. El evangelista concluye en su Evangelio describiendo su trabajo de dar testimonio de Jesus. (21:24). Atravez del Evangelio de Juan hay una cadena de testigos de Jesus y su trabajo. Y esa cadena de testigos comienza con Juan el Bautista.

El papel de Juan el Bautista como testigo gozoso de Jesus lo hace una figura grande de Adviento. Su tesimonio no solo prepara el camino para Jesus sino que tambien provee un ejemplo para nosotros. Verdaderamente, una manera de describir nuestra vocacion como Cristianos es por el termino “testigos.” Nos ponemos de pie y decimos lo que conocemos lo que verdad sobre Dios y sobre Jesus. Nos ponemos de pie a un lado de Juan el Bautista y otros grandes personajes del cuarto Evangelio, y damos testimonio de lo que sabemos y creemos sobre Jesus, la Palabra, quien se hizo carne y vivio entre nosotros. Sobre este testimonio podemos y devemos “regosijarnos siempre.”

Padre Michael Kiernan

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(3RD WEEK OF ADVENT)

MON 12/13/2010 **ST. LUCY, VIRGIN**
 12:10 pm: Patricia Becker, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Emmanuel O. Tansingco, Estelita C. Baltazar, & Marcelino P. Aguinaldo +

TUES 12/14/2010 **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**
 12:10 pm: Thomas & Mary Ann Mason +
 5:10 pm: Mary Alice Schmidt +

WED 12/15/2010 **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
 12:10 pm: Friar Paul Michael Graff +
 5:10 pm: **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

THUR 12/16/2010 **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
 12:10 pm: Gina Sauco, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Rafael Pantig & Filomena Santos, S.I.

FRI 12/17/2010 **LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**
 12:10 pm: Cesar Fernández Coya +
NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 35: 1-6A, 10 God himself will come to save us.
JAMES 5: 7-10 Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

MATTHEW 11: 2-11 Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON 12/13/2010 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
TUES 12/14/2010 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
WED 12/15/2010 Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
THU 12/16/2010 Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
FRI 12/17/2010 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

~ BAPTISMS (DECEMBER) ~

(9AM DEC 11 SPANISH; 9AM DEC 18 ENGLISH)



DOMINIC AZAR
 AVA GALLOWAY
 BABY GOMEZ
 CECILIA HUANG
 KARA NAVRVAEZ
 EMANUEL REYNA-JEW
 ALEXANDER VILLASENOR
 ETHAN ZAMORA

~ WEDDINGS (DECEMBER) ~

GUMANAS-THIPHAVONG (DEC 11-2PM)
 MARTINEZ-CASTANEDA (DEC 18-2PM)



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN 12/12/2010
 9:00 am RCIA Children and Teens
 9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word
 11:15 am Spanish Religious Education
 1:00 pm Religious Education (Chinese)

MON 12/13/2010
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer RCIA Team
 7:00 pm RCIA classes
 7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

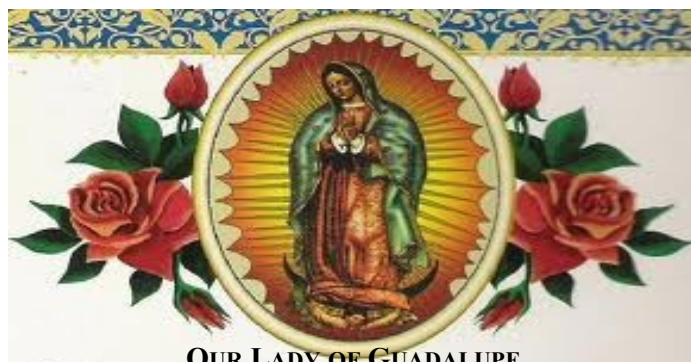
TUES 12/14/2010
 6:30 pm Rosary Club
 7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (English)

WED 12/15/2010
 7:00 pm Communion and Liberation
 7:00 pm Youth Group
 7:15 pm Cathedral Choir practice (English)
 7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

THUR 12/16/2010
 7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (Spanish)
 7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice

FRIDAY 12/17//2010
 7:00 pm Young Adults

SAT 12/18/2010
 9:00 am Baptisms (Spanish)



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“COULD YOU NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?”

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

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

MONDAY-THURSDAY 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
 EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 AM--3:00 PM

THE 0 ANTIPHONS

From December 17 to December 23

The final week of Advent is here. If Advent is like the nighttime, these last days are like the hours before dawn. All nature is waiting for the sunrise. If Advent is like a woman's pregnancy, now the baby is kicking in her womb. Soon the child will be born. The last week of Advent is a time of special prayer. The church sings the 0 Antiphons. These are beautiful chants that are sung at Evening Prayer. There is an antiphon for each night from December 17 to December 23. They are called 0 Antiphons because each one begins with the word "O." The song "0 come, 0 come, Emmanuel" is a version of the 0 Antiphons that many people know and love. Keep by your bedside to say each morning.

DECEMBER 17 O WISDOM

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

According to a Jewish tradition, Lady Wisdom is the source of knowledge. She brings us peace and health. Wisdom was present with God since before time began. The whole of the universe was set in order by her. Since then, the world, so beautifully ordered at creation, has become confused by sin. As a result of sin, we misunderstand each other. We fight. Our lives are unbalanced. Sickness brings sorrow to our world. Death takes us away. But soon will come the day when Lady Wisdom will rule over us once again. Soon will come knowledge and healing and the resurrection of all who have died.

DECEMBER 18 O ADONAI

O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him your holy law on Sinai mountain: Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

On Mount Sinai, God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. Moses learned God's name. The name means, "I am who am." Out of respect, we do not say God's name. Instead we say "Adonai" (Ah-doe-NYE). This word means "Lord." To call God Adonai reminds us of God's mighty acts of love and protection. We Christians call Jesus our Lord. When we say that Jesus Christ is Lord, we are saying that Jesus is God. Jesus will lead us to freedom and new life. In the birth of Christ, God comes to us. God will not appear in power and might, like the roaring fire of the burning bush or the lightning and thunder on Mount Sinai. This time, God will appear humble and weak. God will be born in our image that we might be reborn in God's image.

DECEMBER 19 O FLOWER OF JESSE

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; the powerful stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Jesse was the father of King David. As the gospels of Matthew and Luke explain, Jesus was descended from David. So the title "flower of Jesse" praises Jesus as our monarch. But Jesus is a different kind of monarch than any other before or since. Jesus is the royal ruler of all peoples. The holy nation he rules is just and peaceful. And all who are baptized will receive Jesus' crown. Even the mighty of this world who do injustice on earth will understand that some day. So we have been promised. We eagerly wait for that day.

DECEMBER 20 O KEY OF DAVID

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and

the shadow of death, and lead your captive people into freedom.

During Advent we puzzle over the writings of the prophets. What sort of person will the Anointed One be? How is it that we stay locked up in prisons of selfishness, greed and fear? Why do the dead stay dead? Is this the way it will be for ever? But the day is coming when the mysteries will be unlocked. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Key of David, will open the gate of heaven. Christ will call each of the dead by name, "Arise, my love, my lovely one, and come away."

DECEMBER 21 O DAWN

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Thank God for the darkness of winter, for through it we can know that Christ is our sun. Soon the light will return to the earth. Days will grow longer and winter will pass over into spring.

DECEMBER 22 O KING

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O keystone of the mighty arch of humankind: Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

There is a splendid image in today's 0 Antiphon. Human beings are imagined to be blocks in an arch. If you take just one block out of an arch, the whole thing crumbles. Every block is necessary. That makes building an arch difficult. Until the final, topmost stone is put in place, an arch is unstable. This final block is called the keystone. The prophets promised that the ruler of the Jews would be honored by all peoples. Divisions between nations would end. Everyone would gather as friends in Jerusalem to keep an endless festival. Everyone would lean on each other and depend on one another, kept secure by God, the keystone.

DECEMBER 23 O EMMANUEL

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people: Come and set us free, Lord our God.

"Emmanuel" means God with us, God right in our midst! God's Son is our Emmanuel. God's Son comes to save us so that we can live with God forever. Emmanuel is our lawgiver, who comes to bring justice and freedom. Everything will be set right not only for ourselves and our families and our nation, but for all the nations of the world.

And so we pray with the prophet Isaiah: "Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above. Like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth."

~ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS~

HELP CATHEDRAL YOUTH GO TO MADRID

The Faith Formation Department would like to sponsor four teens from our youth group to participate in the World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI next August 2011 in Madrid. You may help by giving donations to Sr. Jenny. We are also selling Cathedral cups and a portion of the proceeds will go to support them. The cups will be available in the Cathedral vestibule after all Masses.



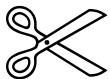
AYUDE A LOS JOVENES DE LA CATEDRAL A VIAJAR A MADRID

El Departamento de Formación de la Fe le gustaría patrocinar a cuatro adolescentes de nuestro grupo de jóvenes a participar en el Día Mundial de la Juventud con el Papa

Benedicto XVI el próximo Agosto de 2011 en Madrid. Usted puede ayudar entregando sus donaciones a la Hermana Jenny. También estamos vendiendo tazas conmemorativas de la Catedral y una porción de los ingresos serán para apoyarlos. Las tazas estarán disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Catedral después de todas las misas.

HOLY INNOCENTS CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION AND MASS

Families are invited to walk with Bishop Soto in a Candlelight Rosary Procession on Tuesday, December 28. Meet at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm and walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe (7th and T Streets) for Mass at 6:00 pm. This annual March for Life commemorates the infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, and also the innocent unborn who are lost to abortion today. Candles will be provided. Carpools will shuttle people back to their cars. Bring umbrellas if needed. For more information, call (916) 791-1819.



ADVENT BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

To teach our children to care for the less fortunate, a baby bottle was distributed to each child, teenager, and teacher at the beginning of the Advent Season. The bottles are to be filled with cash donations and returned during the children's Christmas Party on December 18. The money donated will be given to the Sacramento Life Center and the Holy Childhood Association.



PROYECTO: BIBERÓN DE ADVIENTO

Para enseñar a nuestros hijos para cuidar a los menos afortunados, un biberón se distribuyó a cada niño, adolescente, y el profesor al inicio del tiempo de Adviento de nuestras clases de catecismo. Las botellas se llenarán con donaciones en efectivo y los niños las regresarán la fiesta de Navidad el 19 de diciembre. El dinero donado se le dará al Centro de Vida de Sacramento y la Asociación de la Santa Infancia.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make donations for our Cathedral Christmas Flowers, please use the envelopes shown at left available in the vestibule of the Cathedral and on the back tables. Place in any collection.

FLORES DE NAVIDAD EN LAS CATEDRAL

Si desea hacer donaciones para las Flores de Navidad para la Catedral, por favor use los sobres disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Catedral y en las mesas. Dépositelo en la canasta de la colección.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE

THANK YOU

NAME #1: _____
(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)

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(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)

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(STREET ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

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EMAIL: HOME _____ WORK _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF WEEKLY OFFERING:

- _____ OFFERING ENVELOPES (WILL BE SENT TO YOUR HOME)
- _____ BILLPAY THROUGH YOUR BANK (USUALLY DONE ON-LINE ON YOUR BANK'S WEB SITE)
- _____ CATHEDRAL WEB SITE: WWW.CATHEDRALSACRAMENTO.ORG (ONLINE DONATIONS)

(MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL.)

PLEASE RETURN BY: 1) PUT INTO COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS; 2) SCAN TO PDF FILE AND EMAIL TO: BLESSED@CATHEDRALSACRAMENTO.ORG; 3) FAX TO: 916-443-2749; OR 4) MAIL TO: 1017 11TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.



REQUEST FOR HOST FAMILIES

The Choir of Fordham University will be singing at Mass on Saturday, January 8 at 5 PM. Fordham University is a Jesuit school in New York City. This stop is part of a Winter Tour of California. The Cathedral has been asked to provide host families for the 35 singers. If you are willing to open up your home to a couple singers for the evening of January 8, please contact Rex Rallanka, Director of Music, at (916)444-3070, ext 38 or email rrallanka@cathedral.sacramento.org.

SE SOLICITA FAMILIAS ANFITRIONAS

El Coro de la Universidad de Fordham cantará en la Misa el sábado, 8 de enero a las 5 PM. Fordham University es una escuela Jesuita en Nueva York. Esta parada es parte de una gira de invierno de California. Se le ha pedido a la Catedral proporcionar acogida a 35 cantantes. Si usted está dispuesto a abrir su casa a una pareja de cantantes de la noche del 8 de enero, póngase en contacto con Rex Rallanka, Director de Música, al (916) 444- 3070, ext 38 o [rrallanka correo @ sacramento.org](mailto:rrallanka@correo.sacramento.org) catedral.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Catholic Charities of Sacramento is seeking individuals or families interested in ‘adopting’ a local family in need for Christmas. Donors are asked to provide gifts as well as a grocery

store gift card. This year we are anticipating that more families will be in need than ever before. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 916-733-0253 for more information. You may also visit our website at www.diocese-sacramento.org to obtain a donor registration form or to apply online.

LEARN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE!

The Diocese of Sacramento has partnered with My Catholic Faith Delivered™ in order to offer several outstanding online courses that incorporate video presentations with beautiful graphics and well-written text. *Faith Foundations* (\$80) is a full online 24-lesson multimedia course that gives an in-depth overview of the Catholic Faith in an attractive and interactive manner. Additional courses include *Theology of the Body* (\$49), *Understanding the Scriptures* (\$45), and *the History of the Church* (\$45). Visit www.CatholicClass.org to create a free account with instant access to several sample demo lessons.

APRENDA SU FE CATOLICA EN LINEA

La Diócesis de Sacramento se ha asociado con “My Catholic Faith Delivered” con el fin de ofrecer varios cursos excelentes en línea que incorporan presentaciones de vídeo con bellas imágenes y el texto bien escrito. *Fundaciones de Fe* (\$ 80) es un curso completo en línea de 24 lecciones que ofrece una visión en profundidad de la fe católica de una manera atractiva e interactiva. Cursos adicionales incluyen *Teología del Cuerpo* (\$ 49), *Comprensión de las Escrituras* (\$ 45), y *la Historia de la Iglesia* (\$ 45). Visita www.CatholicClass.org para crear una cuenta gratuita con acceso instantáneo a varias clases de muestra.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 2ND COLLECTION

CATHEDRAL PARISH ENRICHMENT APPEAL

APELACIÓN DE ENRIQUECIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA CATEDRAL

Your Gift is a Blessing for Our Church

Su regalo es una bendición para nuestra Iglesia

With your pledge, you build up our Cathedral Parish - the Body of Christ. Fr. Michael
Con su promesa, esta construyendo nuestra parroquia de la catedral - el cuerpo de Cristo. Padre Michael.

With faith in God and my love for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, I pledge:
Con fe en Dios y mi amor por la Catedral de la parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento, me comprometo:

Monthly Amount (*Mensual*): \$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 Other \$ _____

Quarterly Amount (*Trimestral*): \$30 \$60 \$75 \$150 \$300 \$600 Other \$ _____

Annual Amount (*Anual*): \$120 \$240 \$300 \$600 \$1200 \$2400 Other \$ _____

Name (*Nombre*) _____

Address (*Domicilio*) _____

City/Zip (*Ciudad/Zona Postal*) _____ Phone (*Telefono*) _____

Email _____

Please detach and place in the offering plate or mail to:
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Thank you.**

*Por favor, coloque su forma de donación en la canasta de las ofrendas o por correo:
Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Gracias.*

Christmas 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, 24 December

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

11:30 am—12:30 pm and 3:00—4:30 pm

5:00 PM Vigil Mass (Children's Mass)

7:00 PM (Spanish)

9:00 PM Most Rev. William K. Weigand presiding

11:30 PM — Musical Prelude

12:00 Midnight — Midnight Mass of Christmas

Most Rev. Jaime Soto, presiding -

Cathedral Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday, 25 December

7:30 AM,

9:00 AM Most Rev. Bishop Jaime Soto presiding

11:00 AM — Most Rev. William K. Weigand, presiding -

Cathedral Choir

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Most Rev. William K. Weigand presiding

No Evening Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, 31 December

5 PM, 7PM (Spanish) Vigil Masses

Saturday, 1 January

1:00 PM (Bilingual)

5:00 pm Vigil of Epiphany

CATHEDRAL NIGHT OUT WITH KINGS!

The Cathedral Choir will sing the National Anthem at the Sacramento Kings Game On Monday, December 27 at 7 pm. Come support the Choir and the Sacramento Kings! Two sections of discounted seats have been reserved. proceeds benefit the Cathedral Choir Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the Winter of 2011-2012.



When: Monday December 27, 2010 @ 7 pm

Where: Arco Arena

Price: \$25/Upper Level \$55/Lower Level

All seats are together, so we will all be sitting in the same place. Last Day to reserve tickets is December 5.

Name: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Upper Section Lower Section:

Total Amount: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Please give form and payment to a musician after Mass or mail to Rex Rallanka, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th St, Sacramento, CA 95814. Checks payable to Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento, memo: choir fund raising. For more information, call Rex at (916) 444-3070 or email rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org

CAN SCIENCE PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF GOD?

Did you know that some of the most spectacular advances in science and human thought have occurred since 1964? What does that mean for Catholics? How do Big Bang and string theories relate to Aquinas and Augustine? Find out, when Jesuit scholar and physicist Robert. J. Spitzer discusses his 2010 book "New Proofs for the Existence of God" and explores what he calls "the strongest rational foundation for faith that has come to light in human history." This is a lunch presentation hosted by the Sacramento Catholic Forum (On the Web: www.SacCatholicForum.org) at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel (500 Leisure Ln.) on Fri., Dec. 17, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.



\$25 pre-paid online and \$30 at the door. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Fr. Spitzer served as the president of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009 and currently serves as the president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Were you aware that about 58% of women and men religious are past age 70; 7% past age 90, and more than 4,900 need skilled nursing care? Community living provides some help, but health care and living costs in most religious communities far exceed income, as most elderly religious receive, on average, a Social Security benefit of just \$4,402 per year (the average U.S. beneficiary receives \$12,948 annually). Your gift makes a difference! Please give generously to next week's special collection. **Please make your check payable to "name of parish."** For more information see www.retiredreligious.org.

FONDO DE RETIRO PARA RELIGIOSOS

¿Sabía usted que el 58% de mujeres y hombres religiosos son mayores de 70 años?, el 7% mayores de 90 y más de 4,900 necesitan cuidado especial de enfermos? Cuando viven en comunidades ayuda un poco, pero el cuidado de salud y el costo de vida en la mayoría de las comunidades religiosas excede mucho más de sus ingresos, ya que la mayoría de los religiosos ancianos reciben, un promedio del Seguro Social de www.retiredreligious.org \$4,402 por año (el promedio que reciben los beneficiarios de Estados Unidos es de \$12,948 anualmente). ¡Su donación hace una gran diferencia! Les pedimos que participen generosamente en la colecta especial de la próxima semana. **Por favor hagan el cheque a nombre de su parroquia.** Para más información pueden ver www.retiredreligious.org