

Easter Sunday

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

~RESURRECTION!~

For Christians throughout the world, the dawn of Easter morning marks the celebration of the triumph of life over death, as we affirm our faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

Religious faith is easily caricatured these days, dismissed as a failure of nerve before the ambiguities of real life. More sobering, is identified with a fanaticism that seeks to assert its dominance over nonbelievers. However, the lessons of Lent have reminded us of the emptiness of such caricatures.

The annual pilgrimage of Lent has been a renewal of religious memory, as the liturgy led us through the history of a story of broken covenants and a God of justice and mercy. It is not a story of easy escapes but of painful exile, of testing in the desert and prophetic denunciations and, finally, of a new covenant sealed in the passion and death of Jesus. On Easter morning, then, Christians do not indulge in a magical but momentary distraction from the raw reality of life and the dangers of our moment in history. On the contrary, our Easter celebration can help us more clearly recognize ourselves and the possibilities of our historical moment.

Christian hope is rooted in Christian realism. Authentic hope is, above all, resilient; it survives the shattering of all expectations. It is capable of confronting a future that can never be clearly predicted and certainly cannot be fully controlled. Easter hope always deals with possibilities rather than guarantees. Hope, when all is said and done, is quite different from security. In our individual lives, as well as in the larger march of history, our Easter faith does not provide any exemption from darkness and danger. However, Easter does remind us of the deepest ground of our trust that there is meaning in our world as in our personal lives.

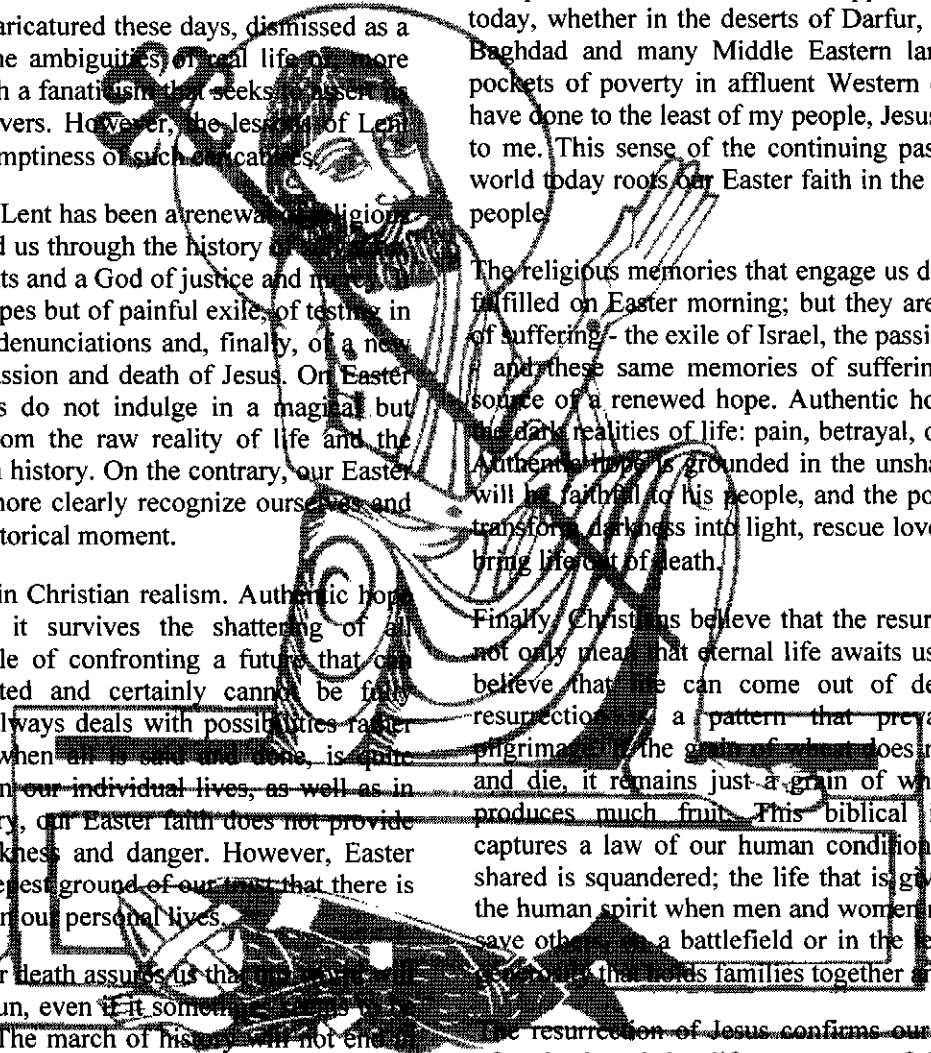
The triumph of Jesus over death assures us that our lives will make sense in the long run, even if it sometimes seems to be spinning out of control. The march of history will not end in some cruel joke, even if along the way there are tragic detours. Our personal lives can achieve their full promise, even if our actions sometimes contradict our best intentions. The final word in our personal pilgrimage and in the story of the human family will be a word of light and love.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, the people of Israel express their faith that God's word is uttered in an ever-present now: "Today you hear his voice." God's word is not only a revered memory; it is an enduring challenge. And for the Christian, the passion of Jesus is a contemporaneous experience, renewed in the sacramental remembrance of the liturgy but also present in the scars of the oppressed and the brutalized today, whether in the deserts of Darfur, the violent streets of Baghdad and many Middle Eastern lands or the forgotten pockets of poverty in affluent Western cities. Whatever you have done to the least of my people, Jesus said, you have done to me. This sense of the continuing passion of Jesus in our world today roots our Easter faith in the actual cries of God's people.

The religious memories that engage us during Holy Week are fulfilled on Easter morning; but they are, after all, memories of suffering - the exile of Israel, the passion and death of Jesus and these same memories of suffering and death are the source of a renewed hope. Authentic hope does not blink at the daily realities of life: pain, betrayal, oppression and death. Authentic hope is grounded in the unshakable trust that God will be faithful to his people, and the power of His spirit can transform darkness into light, rescue love from loneliness and bring life out of death.

Finally Christians believe that the resurrection of Jesus does not only mean that eternal life awaits us after death; we also believe that life can come out of death, that death and resurrection is a pattern that prevails throughout our pilgrimage. If the grain of wheat does not fall to the ground and die, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. This biblical image (John 12:24) captures a law of our human condition. The life that is not shared is squandered; the life that is given away is richer for the human spirit when men and women risk their own lives to save others on a battlefield or in the less dramatic but daily struggles of the world's families together and nourishes children.

The resurrection of Jesus confirms our trust that life comes after death and that life comes out of death. The promise of eternal life awaits us at the end of our pilgrimage, and the promise of new life is present in the daily dying of a life lived in love. The Lord has risen and has gone before us. We need not fear the future. Jesus is Savior and Lord.



Alleluia, He is Risen!

MENSAJE DEL RECTOR

RESURRECCIÓN!

Para los Cristianos en todo el mundo, el amanecer de la mañana de Pascua marca la celebración del triunfo de la vida sobre la muerte, como afirmamos nuestra fe en la resurrección de Jesús.

La fe religiosa en estos días es fácilmente caricaturizada, como una falta de ambigüedad de la vida real o, más abrumadora, se identifica con un fanatismo que pretende imponer su dominio sobre los no creyentes. Sin embargo, las lecciones de la Cuaresma nos han recordado del valor de esas caricaturas.

La peregrinación anual de Cuaresma ha sido un renovamiento de recuerdos religiosos, como la liturgia nos lleva a través de la historia de la salvación, una historia de paciencia y un Dios de justicia y misericordia. No es una historia de victorias fáciles pero sí un doloroso exilio, de pruebas en el desierto, denuncias proféticas y, finalmente, de un nuevo pacto sellado en la pasión y muerte de Jesús. En la mañana de Pascua, a continuación, los cristianos no abundan en una distracción momentánea si no de la cruda realidad de la vida y los peligros de nuestro momento en la historia. Por el contrario, nuestra celebración de semana Santa puede ayudarnos a reconocernos más claramente a nosotros mismos y las posibilidades de nuestro momento histórico.

La esperanza cristiana tiene sus raíces en el realismo cristiano. Es auténtica esperanza, sobre todo, resistente; se conserva la dispersión de todas las expectativas. Es capaz de hacer frente a un futuro que no puede ser predicho claramente y sin duda no puede ser totalmente controlado. La esperanza de Pascua siempre abraza posibilidades en lugar de garantías. Esperanza, cuando todo está dicho y hecho, es bastante diferente a la seguridad. En nuestras vidas individuales, así como en la marcha más grande de la historia, nuestra fe de Pascua no proporciona ninguna exención de oscuridad y peligro. Sin embargo, la Pascua nos recuerda el terreno más profundo de nuestra esperanza que hay sentido en nuestro mundo como esperanza personal.

El triunfo de Jesús sobre la muerte nos asegura que nuestro mundo será sentido en el largo plazo, aunque a veces parece girar fuera de control. La marcha de la historia no terminará en alguna broma cruel, aunque en el camino hay desvíos trágicos. Nuestras vidas personales pueden lograr su promesa completa, incluso si nuestras acciones contradicen a veces nuestras mejores intenciones. La última palabra en nuestro peregrinaje personal y en la historia de la familia humana

será una palabra de luz y amor.

En el libro de Deuteronomio, el pueblo de Israel expresar su fe en que la palabra de Dios se pronunció en un hora omnipresente: "Hoy escucha su voz". La palabra de Dios no es sólo un recuerdo venerado; es un desafío constante. Y para los cristianos, la pasión de Jesús es una experiencia contemporánea, renovada en el recuerdo sacramental de la liturgia, pero también hoy es presente en las cicatrices de los oprimidos y los torturados, ya sea en los desiertos de Darfur, las violentas calles de Bagdad y muchas tierras del Medio Oriente o los bolsillos olvidados de la pobreza en las ciudades ricas occidentales. Lo que le hagas al menor de mis hermanos, Jesús dijo, lo has hecho por mí. Este sentido de la continua pasión de Jesús en nuestro mundo hoy las raíces de nuestra fe de Pascua en los gritos reales del pueblo de Dios.

Los recuerdos religiosos que nosotros participamos durante la semana Santa se cumplen en la mañana de Pascua; pero son, después de todo, memorias de sufrimiento - el exilio de Israel, la pasión y muerte de Jesús - y estos mismos recuerdos de sufrimiento y la muerte son la fuente de una esperanza renovada. La auténtica esperanza no parpadea en las oscuras realidades de la vida: dolor, la traición, la presión y la muerte. La auténtica esperanza se basa en la confianza inquebrantable que Dios será fiel a su pueblo, y el poder de su espíritu puede transformar la oscuridad en luz, rescata el amor de soledad y vida de muerte.

Por último, los cristianos creen que la Resurrección de Jesús no sólo significa que la vida eterna nos espera después de la muerte; También creemos que la vida puede venir de muerte, que la muerte y resurrección es un patrón que prevalece a lo largo de nuestra peregrinación. Si el grano de trigo no cae a la tierra y muere, produce un grano de trigo; pero si muere, produce mucho fruto. Esta imagen bíblica (John 12: 24) captura una ley de nuestra condición humana. La vida que no es compartida es desperdiciada; la vida que se regala es más rica para el espíritu humano cuando hombres y mujeres arriesgan su propia vida para salvar a otras personas, en un momento de batalla o en lo menos dramático una amistad verdadera que mantiene Unidas a las familias y amigos a los niños.

La resurrección de Jesús confirma nuestra confianza que la vida viene después de la muerte y que la vida viene de muerte. La promesa de vida eterna nos espera al final de nuestra peregrinación, y la promesa de nueva vida está presente en el diario morir de una vida de amor. El Señor ha Resucitado. No debemos temer el futuro. Jesús es Salvador y Señor.

¡Alleluia! ¡El ha Resucitado!

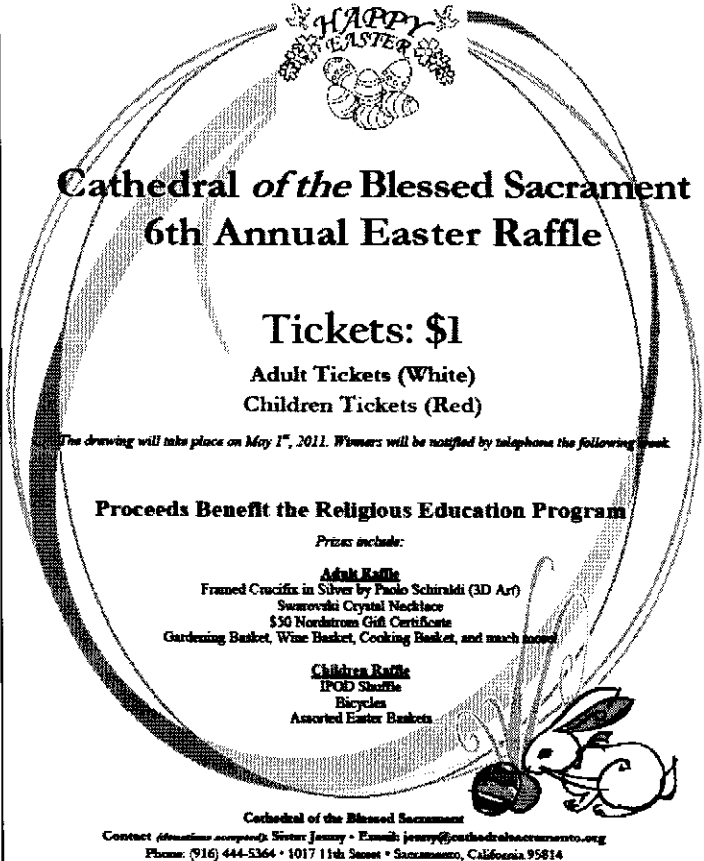
ENRICHMENT APPEAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY MAY 1

1. Funding for Cathedral Square Housing for the poor - \$30,000
2. Office improvements e.g. electrical, plumbing, paint, floor work, repairs, restructuring office space, updating computers and phones \$30,000
3. Manogue renovation project - \$130,000
4. Cathedral Renovation Loan Retirement - \$210,000

The number of active families in our Cathedral Parish, based on statistical evidence, is very conservatively estimated to be 1,200. We are confident, given the simplicity and flexibility of the plan, that everyone will participate, but the goal can be reached through reasonable, comfortable pledge amounts from just 80% of the estimated number of families. Some are able to give in amounts greater than shown here, while others will need to look for future opportunities to get involved, but however the goals are achieved, it is a whole family effort!

The following gift plans are presented for your prayerful consideration. All gifts are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Cathedral Parish Enrichment Appeal.

SEE FORM BELOW



HAPPY EASTER

**Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
6th Annual Easter Raffle**

Tickets: \$1
Adult Tickets (White)
Children Tickets (Red)

The drawing will take place on May 1st, 2011. Winners will be notified by telephone the following week.

Proceeds Benefit the Religious Education Program

Prizes include:

Adult Raffle
Framed Crucifix in Silver by Paolo Schiraldi (3D Art)
Swarovski Crystal Necklace
\$50 Nordstrom Gift Certificate
Gardening Basket, Wine Basket, Cooking Basket, and much more!

Children Raffle
IPOD Shuffle
Bicycles
Assorted Easter Baskets

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Contact (donation account): Sister Jenny - Email: jenny@cathedralsacramento.org
Phone: (916) 444-5364 • 1017 11th Street • Sacramento, California 95814

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*) _____

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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.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul in 2002. The Cathedral will celebrate a Special Divine Mercy Mass on May 1, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Confessions available at 2:15 p.m., the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 2:45 p.m. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and relic of St. Faustina will follow Mass. A Plenary Indulgence will be granted under the usual conditions of confession, communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Journal entry 699, Jesus words to St. Faustina). A painting of the Divine Mercy 8 feet tall and 5 feet wide will be in the Cathedral.

CAMP PENDOLA

Camp Pendola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2011 summer season. This year, the traditional summer camp program will be celebrating 52 years of serving children and youth between ages 6 and 17. Camp Pendola exists to build lasting relationships and teach stewardship of God's creation through Christian community living in the outdoors. For more information and registration materials, check our web site at www.pendola.org or call (916) 733-0141.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation Classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level for those who, for whatever reason, have never been confirmed. Bishop Jaime Soto extends this invitation each year providing that candidates have prior instruction. The Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Soto on June 11, 2010, at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please call Sister Jenny at 444-5364 to join this class.



Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
11th & K Street, Sacramento

2:15 PM CONFESSIONS

2:45 PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

3:00 PM HOLY MASS
 Most Rev. **JAMIE SOTO**, president

**FOLLOWED BY VENERATION OF
 THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE &
 RELIC OF ST. FAUSTINA**

Jesus, I trust in You

For more information
 Please call 916-443-0809

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY **CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE** *THANK YOU*

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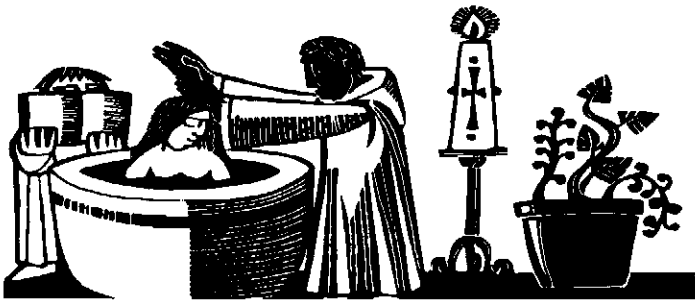
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(MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL.)

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

We congratulate all those who have become Catholic this weekend. 40 members of our RCIA program entered the Catholic Church in the presence of Bishop Soto Saturday night, following 15 months of study and prayer. 26 were baptized by immersion and fourteen (who had been already baptized in another faith earlier in their lives) made a profession of faith. Another 15, who had been baptized in the Catholic Church as infants but never practiced the Catholic faith, were also part of the Easter Vigil.

We are thankful to the team of 15 people who provided the instruction for these participants. Our RCIA program is one of the largest in the diocese.



The ceremony Saturday night was part of the Easter Vigil—the traditional service of light, when the Paschal Fire is lit in the Cathedral Square and the congregation enters the church carrying lighted candles that

CATECHUMENS

ALEXANDER AVILA
SEAN AVILA
CHRISTIAN BARROCIO
DANA BRADFORD
SHISKA BRADFORD
GABRIEL CORLEY
RUBEN DOMINGUEZ
VANESSA FONTANA
STEPHANIE GANDARA
ANNE GARCIA
JULIANN GARCIA
DANIEL GORANOV
LAURA HERNANDEZ
IRENE HOLLENSTEINER
ANGELA LAI
JESUS LOPEZ
ASHLEY LUONG
CHARLES PATE
SANDY PHAKONKHAM
DESTINY SAMAYOAMATHIS

NATASHA SAMAYOAMATHIS
GABRIELA SAMAYOAMATHIS
KRISTA SORBER
NATHANIEL THOMAS
HAI VUONG
KIMBERLY WHITAKER

CANDIDATES

KRIS ADAMS
BRANDON CHAVEZ
VIOLETTE FAJLAGUTAN
RICK LANE
DOMINIC LUCIANI
JACKIE LUNA
SEAN O'DOWD
JANET PICONE
JAIME RENDON
ARAZATE RIOS
FRANCIS RIVERA
HENRY RIVERA
CECILIA ROSAL

symbolize their faith in the Risen Christ. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the Exultet—that ancient hymn of thanksgiving that sums up the message of Easter, praising Christ who “broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.” “Rejoice, heavenly powers,” the cantor sang. “Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!”

AN EASTER HOMILY

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity, he came down from heaven to earth, clothed himself in that humanity in the Virgin’s womb, and was born as a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of dying, he dealt man’s destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; he was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as he had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; he freed us from our slavery to the devil, as he had freed Israel from the land of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with his own Spirit, and the members of our body with his own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring, as Moses robbed the Egyptians of their offspring. He is the One who

brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be his own for ever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed him. In Abel he was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is he who was made man of the Virgin; he who was hung on the tree; it is he who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of his was broken; in the earth his body knew no decay.

He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

OFFICE OF READINGS, ST. MELITO OF SARDIS, BISHOP

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(FIRST WEEK OF EASTER)

MON 4/25/2011 **OCTAVE OF EASTER**
ACTS 2: 14, 22-23; MT 28: 8-15
 12:10 pm: Rafael Sanchez, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Maria Johnston Taitano+

TUES 4/26/2011 **OCTAVE OF EASTER**
ACTS 2: 36-41; JN 20: 11-18
 12:10 pm: Antonia Cardona +
 5:10 pm: Carmen Wallace +

WED 4/27/2011 **OCTAVE OF EASTER**
ACTS 3: 1-10; LK 24: 13-35
 12:10 pm: Jose Cortez, S.I.
 5:10 pm: **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED**

SACRAMENT

THU 4/28/2011 **OCTAVE OF EASTER**
ACTS 3: 11-26; L 24: 35-48
 12:10 pm: Joseph Cunningham, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Luis Raúl Rodríguez +

FRI 4/29/2011 **OCTAVE OF EASTER**
ACTS 4: 1-12; JN 21: 1-14
 12:10 pm: Jaime Reyes +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

TODAY'S READINGS

ACTS 10: 34A, 37-43: WE ATE AND DRANK WITH HIM AFTER HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

COL 3: 1-4: SEEK WHAT IS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS.

JN 20: 1-9: HE HAD TO RISE FROM THE DEAD.

HELP CATHEDRAL YOUTH GO TO MADRID

The Faith Formation Department would like to sponsor five teens from our youth group to participate in World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI next August 2011 in Madrid. You heard them speak of their desire to join thousands of youth from all over the world in celebration with Pope Benedict. 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN 4/25/2011

9:00 am RCIA Children and Teens
 9:00 am Mass First Scrutiny (Creed)
 9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word
 11:15 am Spanish Religious Education and Parents Faith Formation
 3:00 pm Religious Education (Chinese)

MON 4/26/2011

6:30 pm Evening Prayer RCIA Team
 7:00 pm RCIA classes
 7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

TUES 4/27/2011

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (English)

WED 4/28/2011

7:00 pm Communion and Liberation
 7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class
 7:15 pm Cathedral Choir practice (English)
 7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

THUR 4/29/2011

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (Spanish)
 7:00 pm Prayer Club
 7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice

FRIDAY 4/30/2011

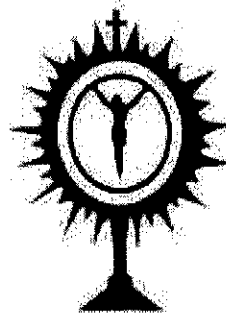
12:45 pm Stations of the Cross (after Mass)
 7:30 pm Young Adults

SAT 4/31/2011

10:00 am Religious Education K-6th Grade (Eng)

SUN 5/1/2011 Divine Mercy Sunday

2:45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3:00 pm Mass-Bishop Soto



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