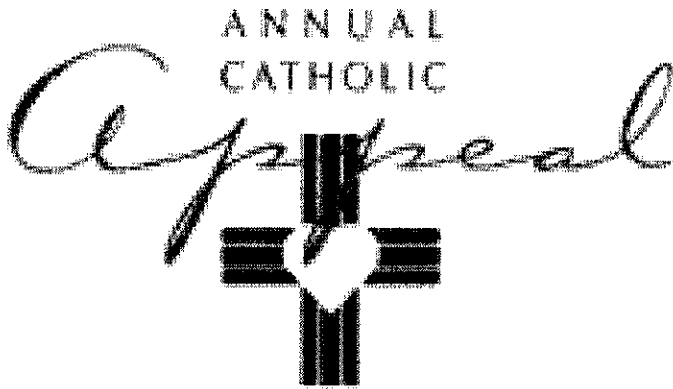


Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th Street Sacramento, California 95814

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *A Message from the Rector*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

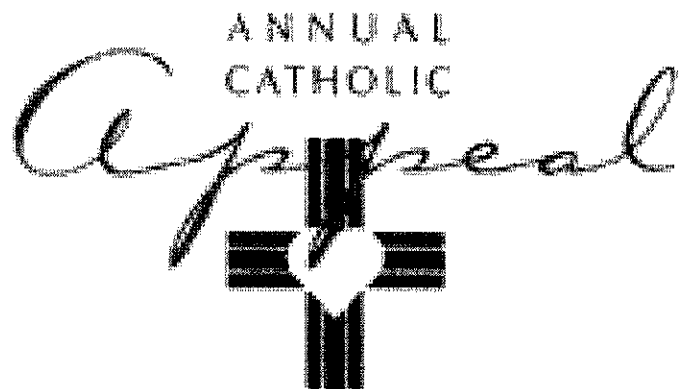
I am delighted to inform you that we have another blessed opportunity to do the work of Christ as this year's Annual Catholic Appeal gets underway. We are all brothers and sisters in the human family so the chance to share is wonderful.

Commitment Weekend for the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place next weekend, March 5/6, 2011. Through our support, we can assure the continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with formation of diocesan seminarians, and provide need-based tuition assistance to families desiring a Catholic school education for their children. ¼ of all the ACA Cathedral donations return to the parish for the needs of the downtown poor. The Cathedral goal this year is \$60,000.

Please be generous in your gift to help assist so many in need. And remember, God's return to you will be even more generous.

I pray that by sharing our financial gifts through the upcoming Annual Appeal, we share the blessings God has given us. Thank you always for your generosity.

## *Mensaje del Rector*



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Me complace informarles que tenemos otra bendita oportunidad para hacer el trabajo de Cristo con el Llamamiento Católica Anual de este año que se pone en marcha. Somos todos hermanos y hermanas en la familia humana así la oportunidad de compartir es maravillosa.

Fin de semana de compromiso para la Apelación Católica Anual del 2011 se llevará a cabo el próximo fin de semana, 5/6 de marzo del 2011. A través de nuestro apoyo, podemos asegurar la existencia de muchos programas de servicio social fundamental que ayuda a decenas de miles de personas necesitadas; la formación de los seminaristas diocesanos y en la necesidad de recibir asistencia financiera para familias que desean una educación de escuela católica para sus hijos. ¼ de todas las donaciones de la Catedral de ACA vuelve a la parroquia para satisfacer las necesidades de los pobres del centro de la ciudad. El objetivo de la Catedral de este año es de 60,000 dólares.

Por favor sean generosos en su donación para ayudar a tantos necesitados. Y recuerde, que Dios le será aún más generoso.

Ruego porque al compartir nuestros regalos financieros mediante el llamamiento anual próximo, compartamos las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. Siempre, gracias por su generosidad.

## CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

**MON 2/28/2011**

SIR 17: 20-24; Mk 10: 17-27

12:10 pm: Rufina Estrera +

5:10 pm: Consuelo Parra +

**TUES 3/1/2011**

SIR 35:1-12; MK 10: 28-31

12:10 pm: Charles & Genevieve Fagan +

5:10 pm: Cecilia Blatnicky +

**WED 3/2/2011**

SIR 36: 1, 4-5A, 10-17; MK 10: 32-457

12:10 pm: Richard Jones +

5:10 pm: BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**THUR 3/3/2011 ST. KATHERINE DREXEL**

SIR 42: 15-25; MK 10: 46-52

12:10 pm: For the Souls of the Dao & Mao Family

5:10 pm: Sargent Shriver +

**FRI 3/4/2011 ST. CASIMIR**

SIR 44: 1, 9-13; MK 11: 1-26

12:10 pm: Caroline Santiago +

**NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS**

### TODAY'S READINGS

Is 49: 14-15

**I will never forget you.**

1 COR 4: 1-5

**The Lord will manifest the motives of our hearts.**

Mt 6: 24-34

**Do not worry about tomorrow.**

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Cathedral Parish will begin Adult Confirmation Classes on Wednesday March 30 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.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUN 2/27/2011**

9:00 am RCIA Children and Teens

9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word

11:15 am Spanish Religious Education and Parents Faith Formation

3:00 pm Religious Education (Chinese)

**MON 2/28/2011**

6:30 pm Evening Prayer RCIA Team

7:00 pm RCIA classes

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

**TUES 3/1/2011**

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (English)

**WED 3/2/2011**

7:00 pm Communion and Liberation

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

7:00 pm Bible Class

7:15 pm Cathedral Choir practice (English)

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

**THUR 3/3/2011**

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (Spanish)

7:00 pm Marriage Preparation

7:00 pm Prayer Club

7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice

**FRIDAY 3/4/2011**

**SAT 3/5/2011**

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

2:00 pm-5:00 pm Liberty Tax Preparation

### GET YOUR HOT TAMALES TODAY!

TAMALES SALE AFTER  
ALL MASSES

VENTA DE TAMALES EL  
27 DE FEBRERO  
DESPUÉS DE TODAS



### EUCHARISTIC 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](mailto: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

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recent article in *America* magazine by John F. Kavanaugh, S.J., discussed the importance of St. Thomas Aquinas to the author ("Aquinas, Go with Me" Feb 21, 2011). Most



of us will never approach studying the Summa of St. Thomas and these little maxims touch only the surface of Aquinas's depths; but they are worthy of being Christian mantras. What is more, they are never contradicted in the mighty conceptual cathedral of Aquinas's writings; and they are rock-solid, based on the teachings of Christ, for whom all of his written words were offered in love, as

Aquinas said toward the end of his life. St. Thomas Aquinas was a courageous thinker: a philosopher, a poet, a mystic. He was also a trouble-maker condemned by the University of Paris and rejected by a number of bishops often for his daring embrace of the pagan Aristotle and his Muslim interpreters. But what do we Catholics call him now? A doctor of the church. Each is worth a day of meditation.

1. In the field of human science, the argument from authority is weakest.
2. There is nothing that does not share in goodness and beauty. Each thing is good and beautiful by its own proper form.
3. Evil does not exist, except in a good subject.
4. In every good, the supreme good is desired.
5. All desires presuppose love as their first root.
6. All fear springs from love. Ordered love is included in every virtue, disordered love in every

vice.

7. Malice consists in emptiness.
8. Love is absolutely stronger than hate.
9. No human truly has joy unless that person lives in love.
10. The human person has a natural urge toward complete goodness.
11. Sins are as preposterous in morals as monsters in nature.
12. Every judgment of conscience, be it right or wrong, be it about things evil in themselves or morally indifferent, is obligatory, in such wise that whoever acts against conscience always does moral evil.
13. It must be said flatly that the will that disobeys conscience as reason's dictate is always in the wrong.
14. It is against reason to be burdensome to others, showing no amusement and acting as a grouch. Those without a sense of fun, who never say anything ridiculous and are cantankerous with those who do, these are vicious and are called grumpy and rude.
15. Justice without mercy is cruelty; mercy without justice is a waste.
16. The main reasons why people fall short of justice—deference to the powerful and deference to the mob.
17. Person signifies what is noblest in the whole of nature.

## SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC FORUM

### WHY IS IT SO HARD TO PRAY?

Why, despite my sincere resolutions to begin a discipline of prayer and reflection, am I so easily distracted? Why is it that when I finally sit down to pray or read the Bible do I suddenly remember every pressing matter I must attend to immediately? Is it me? Is it the devil? Am I the only one with this issue?

The Sacramento Catholic Forum has invited Dr. Anthony Lilles, Professor of Spiritual Theology at the University of Sacramento and Academic Dean of St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, Colorado and an expert in Carmelite Spirituality, to address these questions and give practical advice and encouragement on living a more prayerful Christian life. Sharing the wisdom of Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and other doctors of the Church, Dr. Lilles will give "down to earth" real life examples of how the average Catholic can improve and enrich his daily communication and communion with God.

Come join fellow Catholics for this lively luncheon and enriching

discussion on March 18, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane in Sacramento. Registration begins at 11:30. Lunch is served at noon. Pre-register for a reduced-rate at [www.saccatholic.com](http://www.saccatholic.com). All are welcome.

### TAX PREPARATION FOR CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS

Next Saturday, March 5, from 2:00-5:00 pm, in the Mercy Hall, Liberty Tax Service will explain its tax preparation program for Cathedral Parishioners. Liberty will donate to Sr. Jenny's Youth Program \$100 for every tax return that it files for a Cathedral Parishioner. The Youth Program will use these donations to pay for some of our youth to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain. In addition, Liberty will give a \$50 Off coupon to our parishioners to lower the cost of Liberty's tax return preparation fee. Please come to hear about this generous program for our youth.

**TAXES**

**HELP CATHEDRAL YOUTH GO TO MADRID**

The Faith Formation Department would like to sponsor four teens from our youth group to participate in 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.



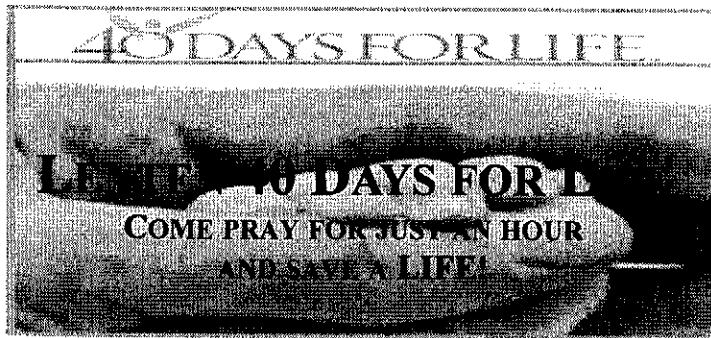
**AYUDE A LOS JOVENES DE LA CATEDRAL A VIAJAR A MADRID**

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.



Beginning Experience is offering a special weekend retreat of healing and hope for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths March 18—20, 2011, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center near Applegate, CA. For more information or to request an application, please call (916) 835-2282 or sit [www.sacramentobe.org](http://www.sacramentobe.org).



The Lenten 40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday, March 9 in hundreds of cities across the nation! This lifesaving, peaceful, prayerful ministry is endorsed by Bishop Soto and all Catholics are encouraged to participate! Our Lenten vigil will be located at the public sidewalk in front of one of our busiest local abortion businesses at 1750 Wright Street, near the corner of Wright Street and Alta Arden. Christians will be praying there and offering women assistance, Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, from March 9 to April 17. By God's grace and through the power of prayer, over 3,500 women have changed their mind, choosing LIFE for their children, rather than have their abortion, due to people just like you praying at the Sidewalk! Please join us in this life-saving, compassionate ministry! Please call Wynette Sills at 916-955-1577 and see our website [www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento) for more information!

**Our Opening Mass will be Tuesday, March 8, at St. Philomene's Parish, beginning with a Rosary at 5:30 pm, followed by Mass at 6:00 pm. Also that evening, a Candle-Light Prayer Vigil will be held at 1750 Wright Street, starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!**

**CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY  
THANK YOU

NAME #1: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME) (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)

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**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](http://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](mailto:BLESSED@CATHEDRALSACRAMENTO.ORG); 3) FAX TO: 916-443-2749; OR 4) MAIL TO: 1017 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

# WORRY DISTRACTS US

**A**dult leaders of a Catholic high school retreat program were listening to the student leaders give their retreat talks. The choosing of one leader was very controversial. He was a good student and a fabulous athlete, but he had been in trouble for drinking on weekends. Stories of his drunkenness circulated widely, and he had gotten into serious and public trouble.

The school worked with the boy's parents to get him into a program for teenage alcoholics. At the completion of the program, the student was readmitted to school; shortly afterwards, when he was discovered drinking at school, he was immediately dismissed.

After months in a treatment program, the student was readmitted for his senior year. Other parents were not pleased. The young man had created so much upheaval that, even though he was a good player, members of the football team were upset. So, to choose him to be a retreat leader was dumbfounding to many.

The adults listened very closely to the student as he gave his retreat talk. He was amazing. Hiding nothing, he recounted his problems. He spoke of his need to make amends and to seek forgiveness. Then he spoke of the courage he had needed to step back into the school. He related how he had been consumed with worry about how those he had hurt would react to him. He was even worried about his own reaction to other students who no longer wanted him back in school. It was then, he said, that he discovered a truth. It was none of his business what people thought of him. The only way he could defeat his worries and walk back into the school was to trust that this was what God wanted him to do.

The adults and students alike were impressed by his honesty and by the deep truths he had discovered. Worry defeats us. Trust moves us forward. Trust in God makes all good things possible. Jesus moved to the heart of the issue of worry. He preached at a time when almost none of the population had the luxury of thinking about the future. For most people day-to-day survival was all-consuming. Given the rampant poverty, people worried constantly about how they would find enough food, how they would keep their children

clothed and how they would manage to stay in their homes. They were preyed upon by Rome and corrupt leaders, and their taxes. These all-consuming worries—and they are very understandable—took up time that should have been devoted to praise and thanksgiving. Putting God first had been co-opted by worry. Thus Jesus warned them that misplaced priorities lead to the worst of our worries. What we must find is the willingness and faith to trust God.

We might recall the words of Jesus on the cross as given to us by Matthew: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" We see this in our first reading as Isaiah laments on behalf of the people who are in exile in Babylon. (Zion, the mountain upon which Jerusalem is built, is often used by the prophets to speak of the whole people of Israel.) "Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me.'"

When Jesus uttered His cry from the cross, He did not really feel abandoned. Like a religious, He was using one of the psalms to pray, in this case Psalm 22.

It is a psalm that reminds us that God is always present. At the end of Psalm 22 there is rejoicing that "God ...did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out." Any Jew hearing Jesus on that day would have known that Jesus had absolute trust that God was present. Isaiah tells us that even if a mother could forget her child, God will never forget us.



If today were not a Sunday, we would celebrate the memorial of St. Anne Line. In 16th century England, Catholicism was outlawed. Attending a Mass resulted in imprisonment. Harboring a priest was penalized by death, and this is what Anne did. When caught for hiding priests, the priest was hanged, drawn and quartered. Because she was a woman, Anne Line was merely hanged. If Anne Line had let worry about the possible consequences of hiding a priest control her, she would have never acted with so much courage.

We let far more trivial things worry us. Yes, we are going to worry in life, but Jesus tells us to trust God and not let worry distract us from our faith, our hope or our joy. A teenager with a drinking problem and Anne Line knew this. We should know it too.

*The Priest*

## ENRICHMENT APPEAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY MAR 5

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**

## CATHEDRAL ORGAN SCHOLAR IN CONCERT

On Saturday, March 26 at 7 pm, Cathedral Organ Scholar Alan



Montgomery will present an organ recital here at the Cathedral. Alan, a high school freshman from Vacaville, has been the Organ Scholar since August 2010. His duties here at the Cathedral include playing 2 Masses a month. The experience given to the Organ Scholar will help train him for a future as a professional church musician and organist. Also featured on the

program will be Rexphil Rallanka, Director of Music. Works by J.S. Bach, Johann Pachelbel, Cesar Franck and others to be presented. Donations to support the Organ Scholar Program will be accepted at the door. For more information, call (916)444-3070, ext. 38 or email [rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org](mailto:rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org).

**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.*