

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS

"In the great crises of poetry, what matters is not to denounce bad poets, nor worse still to hang them, but to write beautiful verses, to reopen the sacred sources." So wrote Georges Bernanos, reflecting on what the church needed to do in the time of Martin Luther. Today, as the church faces enormous worldwide challenges, Catholics are turning once more to the lifesprings of faith to write beautiful verse. The "living source," fons vivus, of the Christian life, as the chanting of the Veni Creator Spiritus reminds us each Pentecost, is God the Spirit dwelling in us and flowing out from us to fill the whole earth. It is the indwelling Spirit who prays with unutterable groaning when we do not know how to pray. It is the Spirit who pours out joy into our hearts and provides us with words of witness when the faith is under attack—from without and within. It is the same Spirit who will enable Catholics, especially in these difficult days, to sing new verses.

The first Pentecost is often described, poetically and theologically, as the birthday of the church. Almost 50 years ago, Pope John XXIII heralded the Second Vatican Council as a new Pentecost, and the Council fathers and later theologians looked on it as a unique work of the Spirit in our times. Pentecost, however, is an ongoing event; God's Spirit gives the church a new birth in every generation. With the Spirit working in us, we can be sure God will write new verses for the church to deliver. Pentecost is a time for the church to take note of the varieties of gifts through which the Spirit is already rebuilding the church in many ways. Among many we would note are: the retrieval by religious congregations of their founding charisms, lay pastoral associates, lay people ministering in hospitals and prisons, novel education programs for the poor and service by young people and seniors, and the new movements just to name a few.

The Council reminded us that the Spirit bestows gifts on each of us for the good of all. The Council celebrated these charisms as building up the church in conjunction with the gifts of office.

Pope Benedict XVI has been steady in his teaching that charisms bring vitality to the church. Addressing the clergy of Rome in 2007, he reminded his listeners that "new forms of life are being born in the church, just as they were born down the ages." With pastoral sensitivity, he understood the necessity of a multiplicity of charisms to enable the church to thrive in surprising ways. He also had the wisdom to anticipate how necessarily disruptive and challenging God's

gifts can be, especially for administrators. So he counseled his audience to gentleness and patience in exercising their pastoral responsibility for coordinating gifts in the local community. "The first rule," he told them, "is: do not extinguish Christian charisms; be grateful even if they are inconvenient."

For the church to flourish anew, there needs to be a reciprocity of gifts among believers and between believers and pastors. Gratitude for the gifts others bring to church life ought not be given reluctantly, but should come as a spontaneous and active response, the better to strengthen the bonds that unite the community. Men and women of faith, as the Council taught, "have a right and a duty" to exercise their specific gifts in the bonds of charity for the good of the whole church, and when they do so, they ought to "enjoy the freedom of the Holy Spirit." In this ongoing Pentecost, there should be neither passivity nor domination, but mutual appreciation in pastoral relationships. Neither a passive faith, nor a domineering one manifests the Spirit or truly does the Spirit's work. Only in reverent attention to and acceptance of the gifts of all is the Spirit not quenched (1 Thes 4:19).

MENSAJE DEL RECTOR

DONES DEL ESPÍRITU

"En las grandes crisis de la poesía, lo que importa no es denunciar malos poetas, ni peor todavía colgarlos, pero para escribir bellos versos, para volver a abrir las fuentes sagradas". Así que escribió Georges Bernanos, reflexionar sobre lo que la iglesia necesitaba hacer en el tiempo de Martín Lutero. Hoy, que la Iglesia enfrenta enormes desafíos en el mundo, los católicos están recurriendo una vez más a lo que brota de la vida y de la fe para escribir bellos versos. La "fuente de vida", fons vivus, de la vida cristiana, como el canto del Veni Creator Spiritus nos recuerda cada Pentecostés, es Dios el espíritu que se desemboca en nosotros para llenar toda la tierra. Es el espíritu de drenaje que reza con un gemido indecible cuando no sabemos cómo orar. Es el espíritu que derrama alegría en nuestros corazones y nos proporciona palabras de testigos cuando la fe es atacada, de sin y dentro. Es el mismo espíritu que permitirá a los católicos, sobre todo en estos días difíciles, a cantar versos nuevos.

A menudo se describe el primer Pentecostés, poéticamente y teológicamente, como el cumpleaños de la iglesia. Hace casi 50 años el Papa Juan XXIII inaugura el Concilio Vaticano II

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como un nuevo Pentecostés, y el Consejo de Padres y Teólogos más tarde buscaron en él como un trabajo único del espíritu de nuestros tiempos. Pentecostés, sin embargo, es un evento continuo; El espíritu de Dios le da a la iglesia un nuevo nacimiento en cada generación. Con el espíritu de trabajo en nosotros, podemos estar seguros de que Dios escribe nuevos versos para entregárselos a la iglesia. Pentecostés es un tiempo para que la iglesia tome nota de las variedades de regalos a través del cual el espíritu está reconstruyendo la Iglesia de muchas maneras. Entre los muchos que observamos son: la recuperación por congregaciones religiosas de sus fundadoras carismas, laicos pastorales asociados, laicos ministros en hospitales y cárceles, nuevos programas para los pobres y servicio de jóvenes y adultos mayores, y los nuevos movimientos sólo por nombrar algunos.

El Consejo nos ha recordado que el espíritu otorga regalos en cada uno de nosotros para el bien de todos. El Consejo celebra estos carismas como la construcción de la iglesia junto con los regalos de oficina.

El Papa Benedicto XVI ha sido constante en su enseñanza que la carisma traen vitalidad a la iglesia. Al abordar el clero de Roma en 2007, recordó a sus oyentes que “nuevas formas de vida haner nacido en la iglesia,”. igual que nacieron a lo largo de los siglos Con sensibilidad pastoral, entiende la necesidad de una multiplicidad de carismas para habilitar la Iglesia prosperar en formas sorprendentes. También tuvo la sabiduría para anticipar cómo necesariamente molestas y desafiante de Dios pueden ser regalos, especialmente para los administradores. Así que él aconsejaba su audiencia con suavidad y paciencia en el ejercicio de su responsabilidad pastoral de la coordinación de regalos en la comunidad local. “La primera regla”, les dijo, “es: no extinguir carismas cristianas; ser agradecido aunque sean incómodas”.

Para que la iglesia a florecer de nuevo, tiene que haber una reciprocidad de regalos entre los creyentes y entre los creyentes y pastores. Agradecimiento por los regalos que otros traen a la vida de la Iglesia no debería prestarse a regañadientes, pero debería ser una respuesta espontánea y activa, para fortalecer los lazos que unen a la comunidad mejor. Hombres y mujeres de fe, como enseña el Consejo, “tienen un derecho y un deber” a ejercer sus regalos específicos en los lazos de la caridad para el bien de toda la iglesia, y cuando lo hacen, deberían “disfrute de la libertad del Espíritu Santo”. En este curso Pentecostés, debería haber ni pasividad ni dominación, sino el reconocimiento mutuo en las relaciones de pastorales. Una fe pasiva, ni una dominante se manifiesta el espíritu o hace realmente el espíritu trabajo. Sólo en atención reverente y la aceptación de regalos de todos es el espíritu no apaga; (1 Thes 4: 19).



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN 7/24/2011

9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word

MON 7/25/2011

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

TUES 7/26/2011

WED 7/27/2011

7:00 pm Communion and Liberation

7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

THUR 7/28/2011

7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice

FRIDAY 7/29/2011

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME)

MON 7/25/2011

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

2 COR 4: 7-15; MT 20: 20-28

12:10 pm: Robert Jones, S.I.

5:10 pm: Joe Joel Martinez +

**TUES 7/26/2011 STS. JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

EX 33: 7-11; 34: 5B-9, 28; MT 13: 36-43

12:10 pm: Teodolfo Marpa Jr. +

5:10 pm: Kirk Jermain Torres +

WED 7/27/2011

EX 34: 29-35; MT 13: 44-46

12:10 pm: David Ionescu, S.I.

5:10 pm: **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

THU 7/28/2011

EX 40: 16-21, 34-38; MT 13: 47-53

12:10 pm: Henrietta Rial Amado +

5:10 pm: Kenny Kruckenberg +

FRI 7/29/2011

ST. MARTHA

LV 23: 1. 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34B-37; JN 11: 19-27

12:10 pm: Ron Nelson +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WED & THUR 12:40PM-4:45PM FRI 12:40PM-3:45PM
TO SIGN UP CALL TITI KALA (916) 206-7846 OR (707) 628-0340 OR E-MAIL
TO CATHEDRALADORATION@GMAIL.COM

CATHEDRAL TOURS

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

MONDAY-THURSDAY 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Pursue the Pearl?

What we pursue makes us who we are.

President William McKinley signed the Newlands Resolution that annexed Hawaii (many say illegally so) on July 7, 1898, making it the Territory of Hawaii, a possession of the United States.

In 1993, with the support of Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, Congress passed a joint resolution, called the "Apology Resolution," that was signed by President Bill Clinton on Nov. 23, 1993. The resolution apologized "to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the people of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii on Jan. 17, 1893 ... and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination."

The driving force behind the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands was monetary. Hawaii had massive sugar and fruit plantations that were owned by only five corporations. The plantations had been begun largely by missionaries who went to Hawaii in the mid-1800s to convert native Hawaiians to Christianity. Many of the missionary families became very wealthy.

Bishop Desmond Tutu was interviewed in the 1980s, the time of apartheid in South Africa. Responding to a question he said, "When the white people arrived, we had the land and they had the Bible. They said, 'Let us pray.' When we opened our eyes, they had the land and we had the Bible. And we got the better end of the deal."

For the past two weeks and, finally, today we have been reading from the 13th chapter of Matthew, often called "The Day of Parables." Jesus used these parables to teach about the kingdom of Heaven. On one level Matthew had to answer the early Christians' questions concerning the Church and the Kingdom. If Jesus really was the Son of God, why were not all people turning to Christ? Answer: "The Sower and the Seed." Why had not more people chosen to follow Christ? Why did some believers either become traitors or become a scandal for the rest of the community? Why cannot the community kick out someone who seems to be a problem? Answer: The parable of the "Wheat and the Weeds."

There were many problems in the early Church to make

members wonder whether pursuing the Kingdom was worth it. Today's first two parables give us our answer. Pursing the Kingdom is worthy of great sacrifice.

The difference in the first two parables—the buried treasure in the field and the pearl of great price—is interesting. In the first parable, an individual going about his work finds a great treasure while digging. Finding the treasure was entirely accidental. Though accidental, once the workman realized what he had found, he sacrificed everything to possess it. The parable is not at all concerned about the legal issues involved. (What the workman did was probably legal.) What the parable wants us to see is the great sacrifice that was made to possess the treasure.

In the second parable, the merchant's finding the beautiful pearl was not an accident. Pearls were the most highly regarded things of beauty, even more than gemstones. The merchant traveled the world seeking the most beautiful pearl ever, and he succeeded. Like the workman in the first parable, the merchant sacrificed everything he had to possess the pearl. The pearl would not put a roof over the man's head or food on his table, but the sacrifice of everything for an object of great beauty was worth it. It is easy to understand that Jesus is leading us to see that pursuing the Kingdom of Heaven is worth every sacrifice. Nothing should deter us. Are we pursuing Heaven, or are we pursuing something else?

What we pursue makes us who we are. What we pursue will either make

us or destroy us. The pursuit of land and its wealth in Hawaii eventually led to the overthrowing of a long-existing kingdom in Hawaii. President Grover Cleveland, who preceded President McKinley, saw the injustice and tried to restore the deposed Hawaiian queen to her throne, but those pursuing land and money won the day.

The dynamics in South Africa were not much different. Missionaries seeking to convert the native population discovered diamonds and other wealth. Corporations moved in, and apartheid was the result.

What do we pursue? Will it result in treasure or a pearl, or will our pursuit leave victims in its wake?

The Priest



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU
CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS**

Because of you, the parishioners and visitors of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, we are sending seven pilgrims (five youth and two chaperones) to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain in August. Sufficient funds and donations were collected these past four months from you to sufficiently meet the expenses of this trip. Our pilgrims are most appreciative of your generosity and wish to sincerely thank you for making it possible for them to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. We are most grateful for your continued support to our cathedral youth.

Our pilgrims will pray for you at all the Masses and prayer services they attend throughout World Youth Day. They will especially pray for you at the Mass celebrated by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and present your prayer intercession cards that many of you wrote. They will pray that your intercessions are answered. If you have not completed a prayer card and wish to do so, you will find them at the back of the church. Drop your completed card into the collection basket or at the rectory.

After the pilgrims return on August 25, they will begin preparing a video presentation to share at all the Masses the last weekend in September. At that time, they will personally thank you for allowing them to attend World Youth Day through your generous support. May God Bless you all.



**GRACIAS, GRACIAS
FELIGRESES CATEDRAL**

Gracias a las contribuciones de los feligreses y visitantes de la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento, estamos enviando siete peregrinos (cinco jóvenes y dos chaperones) a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Madrid, España en agosto. Suficientes fondos y donaciones se recolectaron durante estos últimos cuatro meses para cubrir los gastos de este viaje. Los peregrinos son los más agradecidos por su generosidad y desean agradecerles sinceramente por hacer posible para ellos participar en esta experiencia única en la vida. Estamos muy agradecidos por su continuo apoyo a los jóvenes de la Catedral.

Los peregrinos rezaran por usted en todas las Misas y servicios religiosos que asistan durante La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud. Sobre todo rezaran por usted en la Misa celebrada por Su Santidad el Papa Benedicto XVI y presentaran sus tarjetas de intercesión que muchos de ustedes escribieron. Se rezará para que sus intercesiones sean contestadas. Si usted no ha completado una tarjeta de oración y desea hacerlo, usted las encontrará en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Deje su tarjeta completa en la canasta de la colecta o en la casa parroquial.

Después de que vuelvan los peregrinos el 25 de agosto, comenzarán a preparar una presentación de video para compartir con usted en todas las Misas del último fin de semana en septiembre. En ese momento, ellos mismos le agradecerán que les permitiera asistir a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud a través de su generoso apoyo. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

RUMMAGE SALE

Bargain Hunters Wanted! Rummage Sale August 19 & 20, 7:00am-2:00pm. A Rummage Sale to benefit the Cathedral Choir's Pilgrimage to Spain & Portugal in December, 2011 will happen Friday and Saturday, August 19 & 20 at 1167 4th Avenue, Sacramento, 95818. [In Land Park, off Vallejo Way] Lots of household items, gently used men and women's clothing, some furniture, and more! Do you have items to donate? Please call Carli Zarzana at (916) 441-4924. Thank you for your support!

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 _____ 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.)

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ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO A ONE DAY MEN'S RETREAT

BE A MAN—ABIDE IN TRUTH AND LOVE!

RETREAT MASTER – FR. SANTAN PINTO, SOLT

Father gives retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the world and forms laity as Disciples of Jesus and Mary.

Join other men in spending a day with our Lord as He calls us to a deeper union with Him. He desires to give us all the graces we need to fulfill the specific plan He has for each of us. For you!

Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a man in the things that matter most in a world that can draw us away from God's eternal plan for our life.

WHEN: Saturday, July 30

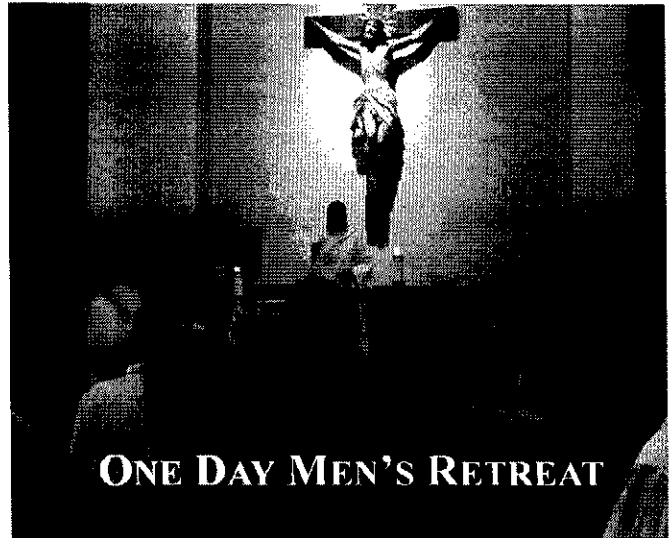
WHERE: St Mel's Catholic Church 4745 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

COST: \$35 each or \$60 for two

TO REGISTER CONTACT: Mike Allison (916)-834-6226
Registration forms also available in the vestibule of the Cathedral

- Check-in is from 7:45 - 8:15
- Holy Mass begins at 8:30

- Continental Breakfast
- Opportunities for Confession
- Inspiring Teachings - Including:
 - The New Missal & Mass
 - What it means and why it's important.
 - How to be a spiritual leader in your family - they are counting on you.
- Adoration
- Hearty lunch provided
- Concludes with Final Blessing at 3:15



Cathedral Ministry Conference

The New Roman Missal

Presented By:
Father Michael Hebda
Past Director of Clergy Education

Saturday, September 10th
 9:00 am to Noon

*Enrich Your Cathedral Ministry
 With A Richer Understanding
 The Mass.*

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided



Cathedral Stewardship Conference

Guided By: Msgr. James Kidder
Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish
(A Stewardship Parish)

August 13, 2011

9:00-Noon in the Cathedral Hall
 (Continental Breakfast Hosted By Pastoral Council)

A Wonderful Way To:

Become a Stewardship Parish
Serve Christ With Our Time, Talent & Treasure

**DIOCESE WILL WELCOME THREE NEW
PERMANENT DEACONS
TODAY SUNDAY, JULY 24 AT 3PM**



The Diocese of Sacramento will welcome three men into the permanent diaconate with their ordination by **Bishop Jaime Soto** TODAY Sunday, July 24. The ordination Mass will be held at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at Eleventh and K Streets in Sacramento. A more extensive conversation with the three new deacons will be published in the September-October issue of Catholic Herald Magazine. The men to be ordained are:

DEACON JOHN GISLA, 67

Family: Married to Celeste; seven children and 15 grandchildren

Home parish: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento

Occupation: Retired Assistant U.S. Attorney

"I've pondered over the past five years what service really means and the nature of service. For a deacon it is threefold: the ministry of charity, the ministry of the word, and the ministry of the liturgy. The joy has been in fully understanding the beauty of each and where my gifts exist. It also has been a joy to share this journey with Celeste."

DEACON BARRY JOHNSON, 55

Family: Married to Sharon; three children and four grandchildren

Home parish: St. Isidore, Yuba City

Occupation: Retired military, small business owner

"There have been a lot of 'mountain top' experiences on this journey. I have a deeper knowledge of the Catholic Church – the richness of its history and traditions. I also have a more complete understanding of my faith. Sharon and I have grown spiritually as a couple with renewed strength and purpose."

DEACON MARINKO KRALJEVICH, 66

Family: Married to Thelma; two children and six grandchildren

Home parish: St. Clare, Roseville

Occupation: Semi-retired, mechanical engineering

"The greatest joy has been seeing how love of God radiates through me and my colleagues and learning how to make that love radiate through the rest of God's people, especially through those that need that love the most."

A 2009 survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (at Georgetown University) for the U.S. Catholic bishops estimated that more than 16,000 permanent deacons serve in active ministry in dioceses across the United States. Nearly 150 deacons minister in the Diocese of Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC FORUM

MSGR. JAMES MURPHY

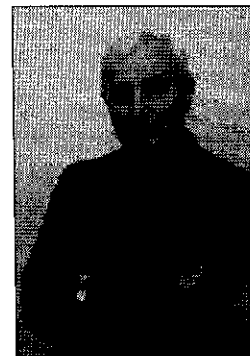
Topic: Mexico's Martyrs and the Secret War Against the Church

Date & Time: August 12, 2011 - 12:00pm

Check-in begins at: 11:30 am

Location: Sacramento Radisson Hotel (500 Leisure Ln.)

Few people realize how brutally the Catholic Church in Mexico was persecuted in the twentieth century. Just south of our borders in the 1920s and 1930s, priests were hunted down and shot, Church property was confiscated, and the teaching of religion was forbidden – even in the privacy of the home. In some places agents of the government burned statues and



religious works of art in the streets, then danced around the fire while wearing Mass vestments they found in the sacristy. All this happened in one of the greatest Catholic nations of Latin America.

Join us at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel at noon on August 12, 2011, as Msgr. James Murphy, vicar general of the Sacramento diocese, brings to light what life was like under President

Calles, described as a Mexican version of the brutal Emperor Diocletian. Msgr. Murphy has published a book on St. Toribio Romo, canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and whose relics lie in the main altar of our Cathedral. Currently, Msgr. Murphy is working on a book on the Mexican Martyrs of that epoch, which includes the martyrdom of St. Toribio.

COMING EVENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011
MORNING - TIMES TBD
REFLECTIONS ON THE MASS
FR. MICHAEL HEBDA