

NOVEMBER 28, 2010



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LET US GO REJOICING
TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD



A Message from the Rector

I should like to extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. We hope you enjoy our liturgies and that the Lord touches you in some personal way during your visit with us in Sacramento.

And if you are not a regular church participant, we hope you consider coming to this Cathedral Church, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Sacramento, more often. Research has shown that the main reason Catholics come back to church is a deep desire for the Eucharist. They feel an intense longing for the Mass they remember in their youth. Sometimes that longing hits them at a wedding, a First Communion, or a special occasion like this weekend. It is never too late to come home again, to become part of our weekly parish community.

And if you wish to register as a member of the parish you may use the registration form on page 5 of this bulletin. Put the completed form in any collection.

If you would like to get involved in doing more than just showing up on Sundays for Mass, we have over 40 ministries from which you can choose. Our ministries and organizations extend outreach to the poor of our community and to the vibrant life of our liturgies of the Cathedral Parish. The Cathedral Square Program assists the homeless on our streets. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, and ushers assist at liturgies. Cantors and choir provide our outstanding music. We have over 500 children in our Religious Education Classes that need teachers and assistants. RCIA participants need sponsors and mentors. And our youth groups need care and support from the whole community. To volunteer for any one of these and more call the Rectory at 444-3070 or Sister Jenny's office at 444-5364.

Fr. Michael F. Kiernan

Mensaje del Rector

Me gustaría dar una cálida bienvenida a quienes nos visitan hoy. Esperamos que disfrute de nuestras liturgias y que el Señor le toque de manera personal durante su visita con nosotros en Sacramento.

Y si usted no es un participante regular a la iglesia, esperamos que considere la posibilidad de visitar la parroquia de la Catedral, la Iglesia Madre de la Diócesis de Sacramento, con más frecuencia. La investigación ha demostrado que la principal razón católicos vuelven a la iglesia es un profundo deseo de la Eucaristía. Sienten un deseo intenso por la misa que recuerda en su juventud. A veces, ese anhelo les pega en una boda, una primera comunión, o una ocasión especial como este fin de semana. Nunca es demasiado tarde para volver a casa, para convertirse en parte de nuestra comunidad parroquial semanal.

Si a usted le gustaría involucrarse en hacer algo más que aparecer los domingos para la misa, tenemos más de 40 ministerios de los que puede elegir. Nuestros ministerios y las organizaciones extienden la ayuda a los pobres de nuestra comunidad y animan la vida de nuestras liturgias de la parroquia de la Catedral. El Programa de la Plaza de la Catedral ayuda a las personas sin hogar en nuestras calles. Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, monaguillos, ayudan en las liturgias. Cantores y coro ofrecen música de excelente calidad. Tenemos más de 500 niños en nuestras clases de Educación Religiosa que necesitan profesores y ayudantes. Participantes del programa de Iniciación Cristiana (RICA) necesitan patrocinadores y mentores. Y nuestros grupos de jóvenes necesitan cuidado y apoyo de toda la comunidad. Para ofrecerse como voluntario para cualquiera de estos y otros ministerios Y si usted desea registrarse como miembro de la parroquia puede utilizar el formulario de inscripción en la página 5 de este boletín. Coloque el formulario en la canasta de la colección. Llamar a la Rectoría al 444-3070 o a la oficina hermana de Jenny en el 444-5364.

Padre Michael F. Kiernan

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(1ST WEEK OF ADVENT)

MON 11/29/2010 ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Luis Cardona +
5:10 pm: Luis R. & Vicente Rodríguez +

TUES 11/30/2010 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE
12:10 pm: Alma Johnson +
5:10 pm: Mary Alice Schmidt +

WED 12/1/2010 ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Jessica Filippi, S.I.
5:10 pm: BENEDICTION & ADORATION

THUR 12/2/2010 ADVENT WEEKDAY
12:10 pm: Augustino Kande +
5:10 pm: Art Cardenas, S.I.

FRI 12/3/2010 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST
12:10 pm: Sandy Gowder & Thomas Hoover, S.I.
NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 2: 1-5 The Lord will gather the nations into the eternal peace of the kingdom of God.
ROMANS 13: 11-14 Our salvation is nearer.
MATTHEW 34: 37-44 Stay awake, that you may be prepared.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON 11/29/2010 Is 4: 2-6; Mt 8: 5-11
TUES 11/30/2010 Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22
WED 12/1/2010 Is 25: 6-10a; Mt 15: 29-37
THU 12/2/2010 Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7: 21, 24-27
FRI 12/3/2010 Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9: 27-31

~ BAPTISMS (OCTOBER) ~

Alexander Brown	Ana Roman
Camilia Connolly	Jacob Sanchez
Jayvian Head	Aiden Sandoval
Elijah Mender	Benjamin Shaw
Ezra Munoz	Melina Valencia-Correa
Natalie Navarro	Aaron Villasenor
Zeke Nguyen	

~ WEDDINGS (OCTOBER) ~

Tim Krebaum & Michelle Goedrich
Jack Baker & Jennifer McGovern
Michael Anderson & Alison Roderick
Sammy Dizon & Maria Bane
Tirso Carrillo & Rebecca Irizarry
Robert Castelle & Jasmin Garcia
Christopher Wong & Corina Borroel
Shawn Thompson & Janett Gonzalez

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN 11/28/2010
9:00 am RCIA Children and Teens
9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word
11:15 am Religious Education K-6th (Spanish)
1:00 pm Religious Education (Chinese)

MON 11/29/2010
6:30 pm Evening Prayer RCIA Team
7:00 pm RCIA classes
7:30 pm St. Vincent De Paul Group

TUES 11/30/2010
7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (English)

WED 12/1/2010
7:00 pm Communion and Liberation
7:15 pm Cathedral Choir practice (English)
7:30 pm St. Vincent De Paul Group

THUR 12/2/2010
7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (Spanish)
7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice
7:15 pm Liturgy and Environment Group

FRIDAY 12/3/2010
7:30 pm Young Adults Group

SAT 12/4/2010
11:00 am Religious Education (English)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

EVERY SUNDAY 10:00 AM--2:00 PM

~ WEDDINGS (NOVEMBER) ~

Steve Fong & Trang Huynh
Juan Arellano & Amanda Sanchez
Patrick Bradley & Amber Lugo
Mark Chesini & Valerie Kafkaves
David Casler & Maria Kang

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

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.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS ~

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY AND
SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

FOURTH ANNUAL

Festival of Trees and Lights

NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 4 & 5, 2010

**A BENEFIT FOR THE CATHEDRAL SQUARE
HOMELESS PROGRAM
DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE
CRAFTS - FOOD - FAMILY FUN**

This year's Festival of Trees and Lights will be held in the Lower Level of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Festival of Trees and Lights is the fundraiser that supports the Cathedral Square Homeless Program. Did you know that this program has been providing temporary housing to some of Sacramento's downtown homeless and assisting their transition into permanent housing? It is the purpose of the Cathedral Outreach to get the homeless off the streets. The Festival supports the Cathedral Square Program which has been operating since 2005. This year, the Festival will feature:

- VISIT WITH SANTA** and photos too (by Paul Gaviglio)
- CHILDREN'S AREA** to make Christmas Gifts for the family
- CHRISTMAS TREES** to buy for yourself or to give to a charity
- COOKBOOK** with Father Kiernan's and Monsignor Murphy's favorite recipes
- GIFT BOUTIQUE**
- FOOD-** BBQ sticks, lumpia, and tamales and more
- RAFFLE PRIZES:** Grand Prize - Hawaiian Vacation on the Beach at Waikiki;
Cash Prizes: \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$150, \$50; Lustrous Strand of pink pearls
- GIFT CARDS** and much more

For information or to volunteer: Contact Valerie Chun vwchun@gmail.com or 916-212-5355

COMPRE SUS BOLETOS PARA EL SORTEO Y APOYA A
LA CATEDRAL

CUARTO

Festival Anual de Árboles y Luces

**EL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA,
DICIEMBRE 4 Y 5 DE 2010**

**A BENEFICIO DEL PROGRAMA DE LA PLAZA DE LA
CATEDRAL PARA PERSONAS SIN HOGAR ÁRBOLES DE
NAVIDAD DECORADOS EN VENTA - DIVERSIÓN EN
FAMILIA - ANTOJITOS- MANUALIDADES**

El festival de este año de los Árboles y las Luces se llevará a cabo en el sótano de la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento. El Festival de los árboles y las luces es la recaudación de fondos que apoya al Programa de la Plaza de la Catedral para personas sin hogar. ¿Sabía usted que este programa proporciona alojamiento temporal a algunas personas desamparadas del centro de Sacramento y ayuda en su transición a vivienda permanente? Es el propósito de este esfuerzo ayudar a los desamparados a dejar las calles. El Festival apoya el Programa de la Plaza de la Catedral, que ha estado operando desde 2005. Este año, el Festival contará on:

- VISITA CON SANTA** y las fotos también (por Pablo Gaviglio)
- ESPACIO PARA LOS NIÑOS** para hacer regalos de Navidad para la familia
- ÁRBOLES DE NAVIDAD** para comprar para sí mismo o para dar a una organización benéfica
- LIBRO DE COCINA** con el padre Kiernan y recetas favoritas Monseñor Murphy
- TIENDA DE REGALOS**
- ANTOJITOS-CARNE A LA PARRILLA**, lumpia, y tamales y más
- RIFA DE PREMIOS:** Gran Premio - vacaciones de Hawaii en la playa de Waikiki, premios en efectivo: \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$150, \$50; collar de perlas de color rosa
- TARJETAS DE REGALO** y mucho más

Para más información o para ser voluntario:
Póngase en contacto con Valerie
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~ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS~

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8**

The Solemnity of the Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year and falls nine months before her birth on September 8. A summary of Church teaching on this solemnity may be found in today's Preface which reflects Vatican II's document *Lumen Gentium*. First, Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. Second, Mary, as a sign of the Church, is the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty (Eph 5: 27). Third, the purity of Mary emanates from the innocence of the Lamb. And fourth, Mary was predestined to be the advocate of grace and the model of sanctity for the People of God. We come to Mass today with the words of the angel Gabriel echoing in our hearts:

"Blessed are we among the people because we have been chosen to bring Him into the world anew today."

The Masses for the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral will be at 12:10 PM & 5:10 PM Wednesday December 8., 2010



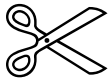
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

**DÍA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN
MIÉRCOLES 08 DE DICIEMBRE**

La solemnidad de la Concepción de María es un día de precepto este año y cae nueve meses antes de su nacimiento el 8 de septiembre. Un resumen de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia en esta solemnidad se pueden encontrar en el Prefacio de hoy, que refleja el documento del Vaticano II *Lumen Gentium*. En primer lugar, María estuvo libre del pecado desde el momento en que fue concebida. En segundo lugar, María, como un signo de la Iglesia, es la novia de Cristo, radiante de belleza (Ef 5, 27). En tercer lugar, la pureza de María emana de la inocencia del Cordero. Y en cuarto lugar, María estaba predestinada a ser la abogada de gracia y el modelo de santidad para el Pueblo de Dios. Llegamos a la Misa de hoy con las palabras del ángel Gabriel eco en nuestros corazones:

"Bienaventurados los que entre la gente porque hemos sido elegidos para traerlo al mundo de nuevo hoy."

Las misas de la Inmaculada Concepción en la Catedral será a las 12:10 pm y 5:10 pm Miércoles 8



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

NAME #1: _____ NAME #2: _____
(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME) (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)

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

PHONE: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
(HOME) (CELL) (WORK)

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.

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed-or cursed-with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be

turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

"The Spirit of Advent," Mark Searle, © Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Notre Dame, IN

Los seres humanos no pueden vivir sin esperanza. A diferencia de los animales, tenemos la bendición o maldición, de la capacidad de pensar sobre el futuro y el tener miedo a nuestras acciones para formarlo. Tan esencial es esto para la vida humana, que el ser humano no puede vivir sin esperanza, sin un motivo para vivir, sin algo que esperar. No tener esperanza, no tener nada por que vivir, es rendirse a la muerte en la desesperación. Sin embargo, podemos encontrar todo tipo de cosas para vivir y podemos esperar en casi cualquier cosa: por alguna medida de éxito o de seguridad o para la realización de alguna meta más o menos modesta, para nuestros hijos, para librarlos de nuestros errores y los sufrimientos, y encontrar una vida mejor de la que hemos tenido nosotros; por un mundo mejor, lanzarnos a la política o la medicina o la tecnología para que las generaciones futuras puedan tener una vida mejor. No todas estas formas de esperanza son egoístas y, de hecho, que le han dado dignidad y propósito a la vida de incontables generaciones.



Pero una de las razones por las que leemos el Antiguo Testamento durante el Adviento es para saber qué esperar. La gente del Antiguo Testamento tuvieron el coraje de esperar grandes cosas: que el

desierto se convirtiera en tierra fértil, que su pueblo disperso y dividido se reunieron nuevamente, que los ciegos vuelvan a ver, los sordos oír, los cojos andar, que no sólo su propio pueblo, sino todos los pueblos de la tierra, se unieran en las bendiciones de la paz eterna. Es evidente que sus esperanzas no eran diferentes de las nuestras o de cualquier ser humano: Una paz duradera, vivir tranquilo, la suficiencia de alimentos, fin al sufrimiento, el dolor y la miseria.

Así que esperamos, lo mismo que la gente del pueblo del Antiguo Testamento, que sus esperanzas aún no se realizan. Pero nos diferenciamos de ellos de dos maneras. En primer lugar, la venida de Jesús en la historia, como un cumplimiento parcial de las promesas de Dios, infinitamente confirma y fortalece nuestra esperanza. En segundo lugar, nos diferenciamos de la gente del Antiguo Testamento, porque Jesús nos ha revelado que Dios no está lejos, sino que ya está entre nosotros. De ahí la importancia en la liturgia de Adviento de Juan el Bautista y de María: porque ellos reconocen la nueva situación, sirven como modelos para la Iglesia en el discernimiento de la presencia de nuestro Salvador en el mundo.



HOT TAMALES TODAY!

Get your Hot Tamales! The Spanish Liturgy Group will sell tamales in the Lower Level today Sunday, November 28. Please support this worthy cause.

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.

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.

Christmas 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, 24 December

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)

5pm Mass (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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTS

On Saturday, January 22, 2011 all Sacramento Area Catholic High Schools will be holding their Placement Testing. You must register prior to the test date at the school of your choice. All contact information is below. Each student should bring two #2 pencils. Calculators are not permitted.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

Students are automatically registered when they apply online. Please arrive no later than **8:45a.m.** The test will end by **1:00p.m.** Kris Bird (916) 733-3690 kbird@cbhs-sacramento.org

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Register for the test online at www.stfrancishs.org Please arrive no later than **8:00a.m.** The test will end by **12:15p.m.** Moira O'Brien (916) 737-5095 mobrien@stfrancishs.org

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Registration begins online December 1, 2010 at www.jhssac.org Please arrive no later than **8:00a.m.** The test will end by **12:15p.m.** Debbie Case (916) 482-6060 ext.227 cased@jhssac.org

CRISTO REY

Register for the test by calling the Admissions Office at (916) 733-2660 Please arrive no later than **8:00a.m.** The test will end by **12:00p.m.** Ileana Oseguera (916) 733-2660 ext. 1016 iouseguera@crstoreysacramento.org