





# Mary Magdalene

Controversy over the identity of St. Mary Magdalene has continued since the early Church. In the Gospels, there are three particular "characters" involved in the controversy: Mary Magdalene, a follower of our Lord (Jn 20:11-18); the anonymous penitent woman (Lk 7:36-50); and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (Lk 10:38-42). In the West, particularly since the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great, the three characters have all been identified as St. Mary Magdalene. However, in the East, the three characters have remained separate, with St. Mary Magdalene and "St. Mary of Bethany" having separate feast days. St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine, St. Albert the Great and St. Thomas Aquinas all refrained from making a final decision.

So, why would Pope St. Gregory fuse the three "characters" together? First, we need to examine the specific references to the woman named "Mary Magdalene" recorded in the Gospels. She was one of the women who accompanied Jesus and the Apostles: "The Twelve accompanied Him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and maladies: Mary called the Magdalene, from whom seven devils had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who were assisting them out of their means" (Lk 8:1-3). (The Gospel of St. Mark confirms that our Lord had expelled seven demons from Mary Magdalene (16:9).)

Mary Magdalene also stood at the foot of the cross during the crucifixion (confer Mk 15:40, Mt 27:56 and Jn 19:25). She also witnessed Christ's burial, and on Easter was the first to discover the empty tomb and then the first to see the risen Lord (confer Jn 20:1-18).

Given the specific references to "Mary Magdalene," the second step is to examine whether Mary Magdalene may also be the penitent woman found in the Gospel of St. Luke (7:36-50). Remember the penitent woman entered the home of Simon the Pharisee. She wept, and her tears fell upon our Lord's feet. She anointed His feet with perfumed oil and dried them with her hair. Simon the Pharisee said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what sort of woman this is that touches Him — that she is a sinner," an obvious reference to her being "untouchable" because of such a serious sin as adultery, fornication, or promiscuity. In the end, Jesus forgives the penitent woman.

This scene is part of Jesus' ministry in the area of the Sea of Galilee. Also, right after the declaration of forgiveness in the seventh chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name as a follower of Jesus and identified as the one "from

whom seven devils had gone out" (Lk 9:1-3). Keep in mind that Magdalene is derived from Magdala. Magdala, located along the Sea of Galilee near Tiberias, was a wealthy city known for its prosperous fisheries. The Romans destroyed the town because of its moral depravity and its participation in the Jewish revolt. Interestingly, in the Talmud, from the word Magdalene is derived the expression "curling women's hair," which means "adulteress." Even though the penitent woman of Luke 7 is not specifically identified as the Mary Magdalene "from whom seven devils had gone out" of Luke 8, one could easily draw the conclusion, as did Pope St. Gregory. Moreover, the early Church tradition has also upheld this connection.

The third and more difficult step to the investigation is to see if Mary Magdalene could indeed be Mary of Bethany. Following Luke 8, the gospel in the 9th and 10th chapters relates such stories as the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, the Transfiguration, the exorcism of a possessed boy and teachings about discipleship. Our Lord then traveled to "a village" (i.e. Bethany, although not specified by Luke) to the home of Martha, who "had a sister named Mary" (confer Lk 10:38-42). There Martha prepared a meal for our Lord.

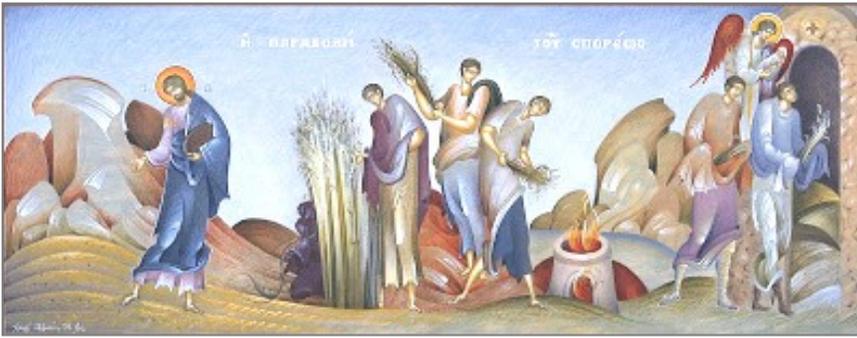
While the Gospel of St. Luke does not specifically identify Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany, the Gospel of St. John helps resolve the issue. In John 12:1-11, Jesus arrived at Bethany, "the village of Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead." Martha served a meal. Mary anointed our Lord's feet with perfume and dried his feet with her hair. Keep in mind this is a different scene than the anointing by the penitent woman in the home of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7; nevertheless, the same kind of action in both scenes helps suggest the same actor, namely Mary Magdalene.

Moreover, in John 11, the earlier scene where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Gospel reads, "There was a certain man named Lazarus who was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary whose brother Lazarus was sick was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and dried His feet with her hair" (Jn 11:1-2). Here Mary is identified as "the one who anointed the Lord." While some speculate that this identification in John 11 refers to the subsequent anointing in John 12, why would John need to make such a reference when the story of John 11 flows right into the story of John 12? More likely, the identification refers to a previous action, namely the story at the home of Simon the Pharisee.

If this argument holds, then Mary Magdalene, the penitent woman, and Mary of Bethany are the same. Granted, we are still left with a little mystery. Nevertheless, I personally agree with Pope St. Gregory, who concluded, "She whom Luke calls the sinful woman, whom John calls Mary [of Bethany], we believe to be the Mary from whom seven devils were ejected according to Mark" (*Homilies on the Gospels*). St. Mary Magdalene, the repentant sinner, who found both forgiveness and friendship with our Lord, who stood faithfully at the foot of the cross, and who saw the risen Lord, is a powerful example for each believer.

~Father William Saunders, CatholicCulture. Org~

"It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary [the mother] of James, and other [women that were] with them, which told these things unto the apostles." ~Luke 24:10~



When it comes to facing failures in life, the farmer in today's Gospel parable sounds a lot like many of us. We work hard, and only sometimes succeed. Most of the best things that we give to others are not by them well received. Most of what we want to plant in the lives of those around us doesn't "take"; it doesn't become rooted and permanently planted in their lives.

In His parable, Jesus went on to speak about a crop that yielded a harvest in successful amounts, some yields bringing spectacular success. Today's Gospel parable is not a dirge – it is a celebration; it is a story of hope, not of despair.

Any crisis has within it both danger and opportunity. True there are evils that surround us, but many of those evils are slowly being overcome. God is at work among us bringing good out of evil. We must remember that in the hands of God the slightest good can be multiplied to feed thousands if we would but hand our efforts into His care and providence.

You and I, like all good farmers who continually face floods and disasters of every sort, need to seriously engage ourselves in the enterprise of faith and hope, planting what we have, planting the best of what we have, and then letting God's sun, wind, and gentle rains do the rest. God's only-begotten Son, along with the gentle breath of His Holy Spirit, provide waters of grace to nourish and sustain what He has planted in the lives of those we love. The best years of our lives, and the best that we have given to others in them, or are giving right now, or will give in the future, will not be fruitless.

Many times, I am called upon to console distraught parents who poured out all of their love and faith into their children, taught them the Catholic faith, sent them to religious education classes, or to Catholic schools, only to have them, as adults, leave our Church and go elsewhere, many times to a type of religion that requires little if any faith but which gives good feelings. We must remember in such cases that the love and the faith that we've planted in the hearts of those around us, particularly in the hearts and souls of our children, will eventually blossom. The hopes and dreams that we've planted in others, even when they seem to be buried under too much dirt, will germinate, grow, and yield a harvest of some extent, even if our efforts do not now appear to be unqualified successes.

But that is life – and Jesus knew it. His parable could well have been autobiographical for it is truly a vignette of His life.

Sure, our world is a mess now, but it always has been. We need to see that there is also an amazing amount of goodness in it. The greatest miracle of all isn't found at Lourdes, or Fatima, or Medjugorje, it's found in those around us, in those who are, in spite of terrible odds, yielding up love, kindness, caring, and sensitivity thirty, sixty and a hundred-fold. We have our modern-day heroes among us who are leading us as never before in efforts to rid our world of oppression, racism, and injustice.

And so, O Christian, keep on planting God's good seeds in the lives of those near to you. For God Himself has said through His prophet Isaiah that His Word shall go forth from His mouth "... and it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

Faith and hope are what should be in our hearts, not defeat and despair.

~Father Charles Irvin, Senior Priest, Diocese of Lansing~

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"The seed that falls on the ground will yield a fruitful harvest."  
May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.**  
**Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9**

**MONDAY 17TH**

**The Israelites in Egypt encounter oppression and genocide.  
Disciples may encounter alienation, even rejection, by loved ones and friends.**  
**Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34 — 11:1**

**TUESDAY 18TH**

**~Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest~  
Rescued by God, Moses is called to deliver his own people.  
Jesus voices various maledictions on those who refuse to repent.**  
**Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH**

**God calls Moses to lead his people out of Egypt.  
It is to the lowly and the humble that God is revealed.**  
**Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27**

**THURSDAY 20TH**

**~Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr~  
God reveals to Moses his special mission.  
Jesus, humble of heart, is our refreshment and rest.**  
**Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30**

**FRIDAY 21ST**

**~Saint Lawrence of Brindini, Priest~  
The paschal meal, the Passover of the Lord, prefigures our sacrifice of thanksgiving done in memory of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.**  
**Ex 11:10 — 12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Mt 12:1-8**

**SATURDAY 22ND**

**~Saint Mary Magdalene~  
The exodus from slavery takes place in haste, in a night of vigil for the Lord.  
Having encountered the risen Lord, Mary Magdalene announces his resurrection to the disciples.**  
**Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 10-15, 23-24 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18**

# Parish News

## Parking on the Weekends — UPDATE

Cathedral parishioners are no longer able to park for free in the private parking structure next to the Cathedral Office. The Cathedral is therefore purchasing from the City of Sacramento, coupons to pay for the \$5 of parking charges in the City Hall parking lot located on 11th St. between I Street and J Street. Beginning this weekend, July 15-16th, you should park in the City Hall parking lot on 11th Street. **You can then pick up a coupon from an ACTS volunteer in a red shirt as you leave Mass.** To offset the cost of the coupons, please consider increasing your weekly donation to the Cathedral..



## The Carmelite Missionaries of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

will be selling religious articles the weekend of July 22 and 23, 2017 after all Masses. Please plan to buy some articles and support the Sisters who are in formation and their missions in very poor places of Mexico.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Cathedral ACTS Community SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER EVENT

# July 22

Del Toro Ranch, 10861 Walmort Road,  
Wilton 95693

### 4pm to 9pm



Buy your tickets after mass from ACTS members in the vestibule

Adult — \$15.00  
Child (10 & under) - \$5.00

Barbecue/Tacos/Games/Raffle/  
Horseshoes/Kid's Games

Picnic Seating—Bring your own chairs  
and blankets

Proceeds To benefit the upcoming  
ACTS Men's Retreat



## Cathedral Men's ACTS Retreat

Thursday, August 17 – Sunday, August 20, 2017

**Applications are available on a first-come first served basis to the first 34 men**

An ACTS retreat is designed to provide an opportunity for retreatants to enter a new and deeper relationship with OUR LORD and fellow parishioners.

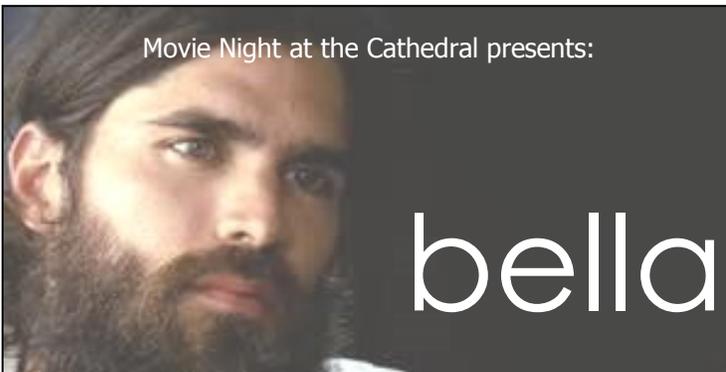
- The Cathedral ACTS retreat will be held at the beautiful Applegate Jesuit Retreat Center located 10 miles to the northeast of Auburn, off of Interstate 80.
- Please do not let financial difficulties discourage you from attending. Financial assistance may be available.
- Any Man age 19 years or older is welcome. Do not miss out; space is limited.

Let the **Holy Spirit** move you. We hope you will prayerfully consider attending this life changing retreat. *More information can be found in the application flyers located in the Church. After the July 15-16, 2017 Masses, Cathedral ACTS parishioners will be available to answer any questions you may have about the ACTS movement within our parish.*

**God, Family, and Everything Else!**

email: [cathedralsacramento@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralsacramento@gmail.com) [www.actsroseville.org](http://www.actsroseville.org)

Movie Night at the Cathedral presents:



# bella

"An international soccer star is on his way sign a multi-million dollar contract when a series of events unfold that brings his career to an abrupt end."

## Friday, July 28

### 6:30 pm

### Mercy Hall

A motion picture masterpiece,  
winning the Toronto Film Festival People's Choice Award,  
and Best Picture and Best Actor of the 2008 MovieGuide Awards.

~Free of Charge/Donations Welcome ~ Refreshments will be served~

"We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths." ~Saint Apollinaris~

	Mass / Intentions	Activities
<b>Saturday</b> <b>15th</b>	5:00 pm / Charles & Genevieve Fagan +	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16th</b>	7:30 am / Rogelio Dio + 9:00 am / Daniel S. Walker S.I. 11:00 am / Davif Tufts + 1:00 pm Spanish / Souls in Purgatory 3:00 pm Chinese 5:00 pm / Rosario R. Purugganan + 7:00 pm Spanish / Parish Intentions	9:30 am RCIA Breaking of the Word  11:00 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
<b>Monday</b> <b>17th</b>	12:10 pm / Manuel Guerrero S.I.  5:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory	6:30 pm RCIA Evening Prayer  7:00 pm RCIA Class
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18th</b>	12:10 pm / Perez Valdez Family S.I.  5:10 pm / Mercado Perez Family S.I.	6:00 pm Spanish Choir for the 7pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>19th</b>	12:10 pm / Ninfa & Francisco Barraza +  5:10 pm / Cathedral Youth Group	7:15 pm Spanish Choir for the 1pm Mass 7:15 pm Communion & Liberation 7:15 pm The Rosary Club
<b>Thursday</b> <b>20th</b>	12:10 pm / End of Abortion  5:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Friday</b> <b>21st</b>	12:10 pm / Parish Intentions	7:30 pm Rosary Recitation at St. Junipero's Statue in Capitol Park

# Cathedral Kids Corner

## July Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in bold print.

<b>Junipero</b> Serra	<b>Kateri</b> Tekakwitha	<b>Bridget</b> James
<b>Elizabeth</b> of Portugal	<b>Bonaventure</b>	<b>Joachim</b> and <b>Anne</b>
<b>Maria</b> Goretti	Our Lady of <b>Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Martha</b>
<b>Augustine Zhao</b> Rong	<b>Apollinaris</b>	<b>Peter</b> Chrysologus
<b>Benedict</b> Henry	<b>Lawrence</b> of Brindisi	
	<b>Mary</b> Magdalene	

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the rectory office for help with available dates and times. Intentions are \$10.00 donation per Mass request and are due the Tuesday before the publication weekend.

### ~Let Us Pray For One Another~ ~Oremos los unos por los otros~

Blanca Padilla	Nellie Medina	Emma Valdez
Michael Jose Mejia	Michael Hunsaker	Eugenia Roque
Eugenio Negrete	Juliana M.	Alfredo Rivera
Elizabeth Paul	Nora Washington	Adolfo Espinoza
Joseph	Ariana Garcia &	Raymundo Guerrero
Autumn's Grandfather	6 month old baby	Natalia Galan
Luis Gutierrez	Vicki Rene Elizabeth	Salomon Galan
Cynthia Belarma	Joel and Cesar	Tomasita Rodriguez
Taylor Don Bennett	The Brown Family	Rosa Carrillo
Kate and Family	Louis Metzinger	Felix Nunez Claver
Shelley and Family	Alfredo Gonzales Family	Alvin Sul
Selena (7 wks old)	Claudia Padilla	Anyrani Gonzalez
Mark McDougal	Debbie and Family	
Garren Bratcher & Family	Zamos Family	
Rosaline	Julie and Hansel	
John Amaro +	Ferry Family	
Kevin and Family	Veronica V.	
Stephen and Julie	Isabel	
Cynthia Matulia	Joshua Ray Sheets	
	Kathy Pardun	



The other women left, but Mary Magdalene remained. Jesus appeared to her.

Requests: [cathedralsacramento.org](http://cathedralsacramento.org) or email: [cbsprayer3@yahoo.com](mailto:cbsprayer3@yahoo.com)

# Noticias de la parroquia

**Los feligreses de la Catedral** ya no pueden estacionarse gratis en la estructura de estacionamiento privado junto a la Oficina de la Catedral. La Catedral comprara por lo tanto de la ciudad de Sacramento, cupones para pagar los \$5 de gastos de estacionamiento en el City Hall estacionamiento ubicado en la Calle 11 entre la Calle I y la Calle J. A partir de este fin de semana, del 15 al 16 de julio, deben estacionarse en el estacionamiento de City Hall en la calle 11. Pueden recoger un cupón de un voluntario de ACTS en camisa roja al salir de la misa. Para compensar el costo de los cupones, considere aumentar su donación semanal a la Catedral.

## 16 de julio, 2017 – El Poder de la Palabra

En la Primera Lectura, aprendemos sobre el poder de la Palabra. En la teología hebrea "*la palabra*" es una expresión de la voluntad de Dios. Las palabras no son sólo representaciones simbólicas, pero en alguna forma *hacen presente* el objeto presentado por la palabra. Las palabras producen realidad (e.g. *las palabras de consagración afectan la Eucaristía*). En la historia de la creación, oímos a Dios hablar palabras y todos las cosas son hechas. Así que, cuando la palabra de Dios es derramada en la tierra, hace de Su presencia una realidad, como en el caso de la Eucaristía. La Palabra de Dios es una semilla que produce una cosecha abundante. • El Responsorial, Salmo 65, conecta a la Primera Lectura con el Evangelio, refiriéndose a la fertilidad de la palabra de Dios como la semilla sembrada en los campos. Esta parte del Salmo 65 habla de la generosidad que Dios riega en la tierra. Los Israelitas están haciendo una valiente profesión de fe, diciendo Yavé no es sólo el único Dios, sino que Él es también el Dios de la cosecha, el Uno que provoca que todas las cosas buenas sucedan en la tierra (en completo contraste a las alabanzas páganas a los dioses de fertilidad y la previa creencia Judía de que Yavé era el Dios del desierto). • En la Segunda Lectura, vemos como el pecado cambió al mundo. Cuando Adán y Eva pecaron, la muerte y la enajenación entraron al mundo que Dios había creado bueno. Fueron desviados de: Dios (al esconderse de Él), el uno del otro (culpándose), y de la creación (la enemistad entre ellos y la serpiente). El pecado destruyó la unidad y corrompió lo bueno de la creación. Pero el Espíritu de Dios fue respirado en nosotros; nosotros y la creación hemos sido renovados. El Espíritu clama dentro de nosotros que ahora somos los hijos de Dios. • El Evangelio presenta la parábola de la semilla por ser sembrada. Jesús explica los misterios de la fe en manera en que podamos comprenderlos. Él quiere que nos demos cuenta de la responsabilidad solemne de cooperar con al gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas. No es lo suficiente el simple pensar cosas buenas de Dios, debemos dedicar nuestras mentes, nuestras vidas y todo lo que poseemos al servicio de Su Reino; otra cosa no producirá la paz verdadera en el Reino, que comienza aquí y ahora. Es Él quien cosecha la palabra de Dios en nuestros corazones. Podemos cuidadosa y amorosamente preparar la tierra interior por medio de hechos de bondad, penitencia y conversión; así tendremos una abundante cosecha para la vida perduradera.

**Las Misioneras Carmelitas de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús** estarán vendiendo artículos religiosos el fin de semana del 22 Y 23 de julio de 2017 después de todas las Misas. Por favor planeen comprar algunos artículos y ayuden a las hermanas que están en formación y ayuden también a sus Misiones que son realizadas en lugares muy pobres de México.

**¡Gracias por su generosidad!**



"Una estrella de fútbol internacional está en camino firmar un Contrato multimillonario cuando una serie de Acontecimientos que llevan a su carrera a un final abrupto".

**Viernes 28 de julio**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Mercy Hall**

Una obra maestra de cine,  
Ganando el premio del People's Choice Award del  
Festival de Cine de Toronto,  
Y Mejor Película y Mejor Actor de los Premios MovieGuide 2008.

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# Chinese Community News

## 華人團體消息



團體將於8月6日晚上六時在Broadway的新福臨海鮮酒家為何神父慶祝70大壽，有興趣參與的請在7月23日前向鄭陳秀玲報名。

Our community will celebrate with Fr. Ho his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at New Fortune House Restaurant at 6 pm on August 6. Please sign up with Gloria before July 23 if you are interested to join.



### Attention Parents!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming new school year.

CCD Classes for K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will begin on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 10:00am.

Confirmation Classes for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and up will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00pm.

For children over 7 years of age and teens, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and higher, who are not baptized, and teens who did not complete their sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 9:00am.

The registration fee for the 1<sup>st</sup> child is \$55.00 and each additional child is \$35.00. Please note that after August 31, 2017, the registration fee will increase to \$65.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$45.00 for each additional child.

Registration packets are available through the education office, or online at [cathedralsacramento.org/Education](http://cathedralsacramento.org/Education), or by calling 916-444-5364.

### CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE Actualización y registro de la parroquia de la Catedral

You can also register online at  
[cathedralsacramento.org/Visit Us/Register as a Parishioner](http://cathedralsacramento.org/Visit Us/Register as a Parishioner)

Name (*Nombre*): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (*Domicilio*): \_\_\_\_\_

City (*Ciudad*): \_\_\_\_\_

State (*Estado*): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (*Código postal*): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (*teléfono de casa*): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (*Celular*): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:  
New Parishioner/Individual  
New Parishioners/Family  
Change of Address  
Please send Offertory Envelopes

Por favor indique:  
Nuevo Parroquiano / Individuo  
Nuevo Parroco / Familia  
Cambio de Dirección  
Por favor envíe Sobres de Ofertorio

*Please return by (Regrese por favor):*

- 1) Put into collection basket at mass (deposite en la canasta de la colecta en misa)
- 2) Scan to pdf file and email to: [blessed@cathedralsacramento.org](mailto:blessed@cathedralsacramento.org) (escanear a pdf file y envía por correo electrónico)
- 3) Fax to: 916-443-2749
- 4) Mail to (correo): 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814