

Third Sunday of
ADVENT

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Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday we celebrated our annual Festival of Trees and Lights. It was another beautiful sign of Church community and the call to live a life of charity. We know that the actual proceeds of this event will only make a small dent in the needs of our downtown poor and homeless, but the Grace that overshadows us and our community from these important festivities will multiply throughout our downtown and in our own lives. I thank everyone who worked so hard to make the festival so enjoyable and filled with the promise of the joy of Christmas.

As we continue to pray for guidance in how we might make Christ more real for the poor and homeless, as well as our own families, we can use the image of John the Baptist, who gave his own life so that others would know Christ. John told his own disciples that he was not the Christ. It was an important message both for himself and others. There is only one Christ. We, however, can behave as though we are Christ. We can be judgmental and all-knowing, self-important and self-centered, expecting others to worship and obey us, and fill ourselves with an attitude of superiority and magnanimity.

Usually when we act like a God we are far from living the image of the one true God. It is the most beautiful irony that the Christ, deserving of all praise and glory, lived the most humble, human life. As we approach the Christmas season, the season of giving, the more godly we wish to become requires more sacrifices we need to make. After all, we may not be Christ, but we are His body. What a great gift He has given us on Christmas.

Father Michael

ONCE
I WAS
LIKE YOU

LAS POSADAS

Beginning on December 16 and ending nine days later, on December 24, *Las Posadas* commemorates the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. And so it begins: At dusk, a procession of the faithful takes to the streets with children often dressed as angels and shepherds. Religious figures, images and lighted candles are a part of the festivities.



The group representing the Holy Family stands outside a series of houses, singing songs, asking for lodging. They are refused time and again until the group reaches the designated house. Finally, the travelers are permitted to enter. Prayer and song continue in the home, and festive foods are shared. The evening ends with a *piñata* in the shape of star.

The tradition continues each evening with a different house as the chosen Posadas. The last night—Christmas Eve—usually features a midnight Mass. The nine days of *Las Posadas* is more than just a feel-good tradition: It deepens faith and strengthens ties within the community at a holy time.

To join the celebrations sponsored by the Cathedral community, see page 6 for the local addresses of hosting ministries.

When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.

~Psalm 94:19~

Question:

The Church teaches that, through our baptism, we are made priest, prophet, and king like Christ. What does it mean for us to be prophets in the world today?

Answer:

We are indeed sharers in the threefold mission of Christ. We live our "kingship" when we serve others in justice, work for the common good in society, and overcome sin in our own lives. Our "priestly" mission is lived when we unite our lives to Christ's sacrifice on the cross, offering them up as a gift of love. We are also called to be prophets. Our lives may not look like Isaiah and Jeremiah of old — and perhaps desert living and locust eating like St. John the Baptist might feel out of reach — but this doesn't nullify our invitation and obligation.

As baptized Christians, we have accepted the Gospel in faith. We're also called to proclaim the Gospel as well. This may mean by giving Christ-centered advice to another person or defending truth when it's threatened. It also means living our faith in deeds.

St. John Paul II writes that we are "called to allow the newness and the power of the Gospel to shine out every day in [our] family and social life" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 14). A prophet points to a higher truth beyond himself or herself. We live prophetically when we treat others as Christ treated people and when we arrange our schedule to prioritize those to whom we have the greatest obligation, including our families, as well as the poor and vulnerable around us. We live prophetically when we think critically about the culture around us and we allow our faith to inform our public life.

Gaudete Sunday

The season of Advent originated as a fast of 40 days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of Saint Martin (11 November), whence it was often called *Saint Martin's Lent*, a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks (a period starting four Sundays before Christmas), and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

The spirit of the liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: his first, his present, and his final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord — Christian joy — as well as the mission of John the Baptist and his connection with Advent. The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing — sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death — can take that love away." Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

On Gaudete Sunday rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of violet (or instead of deep blue, in some Anglican and Lutheran traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday".

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet (or blue) colored candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming. (Wikipedia.org)





ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” (Mt 11:10)



Advent

Our PARISH APP will have this special advent reflections button, to encourage Catholic Life every day with reflections from the church triumphant to help us each day as we await Christ's coming, from November 25 to December 24 2019.

A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 16 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for its seamless blend of twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass celebrate an age-old narrative with fresh eyes and ears, hearts and voices. Tickets at www.chanticleer.org

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday, December 20, 2019 7:30 - 9:00 pm featuring the Capella Antiqua Choir, Baroque Orchestra and the Cathedral Choir. Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4380736

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - The Parish Pastoral Council invites you for a fun evening of Christmas caroling on **Saturday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet at the Cathedral Square then walk down K Street to Downtown Commons and return to the cathedral. Practice is on Tuesday, December 17, 7 – 8:30 pm in the Manogue building. Don't worry if you miss the practice. You're still welcome to join the fun. For questions please call Aileen Rasmussen at (916) 215- 8616.



Help decorate the Cathedral with beautiful flowers for Christmas. We will be taking donations of potted **POINSETTIAS** on December 22nd, in Mary's Chapel. To make other arrangements, contact cathedralsacramento@gmail.com.

Christmas Mass Schedule

**December 24 5:00 pm Children's Mass
9:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass
11:30 pm Music Prelude followed by
Midnight Mass**

**December 25 8:00 am Christmas Mass in English
10:00 am Christmas Mass in English
12:00 pm Misa de Navidad en Español**

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 4? In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the youngest children form deep, lifelong relationships with God. Visit www.youngsheep.org to learn more, and call us at 916-834-6765 to schedule a visit.

OFFERTORY REPORT

November 16/17	\$10,175	-\$1,325	88%
November 23/24	\$8,314	-\$3,186	72%
Nov 30 / Dec 1	\$7,864	-\$3,636	68%

Catholic Viewpoint, Faith, Hope and Love, hosted by Fr. Michael Kiernan. Don't miss this week's show as Cheryl Tholcke from the Tribunal Office of the Diocese discusses marriage and the annulment process! View on Comcast 20, Consolidated 19 and AT&T 14, Times: Sun. 7:00 AM, Tues. 9:30 AM, Weds. 8:30 PM, and Thurs. 5:00 PM. All shows are also on **YouTube** and website CatholicviewpointFHL.com!

THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON JANUARY 9, 2020

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture.

The study will include a series of twenty-three videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. We will meet every Thursday from 7pm to 8:30 in the lower level of the Cathedral. After 23 sessions you will receive a certificate of completion.

Attendance is free. We will also provide materials. Although there are some helpful online materials that are made to go with this presentation that you may purchase to supplement your learning, it is not required. Please join us for a life-changing journey through the Bible! See you there!

16TH WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST • SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA •

Join thousands of fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we proclaim to the world the sanctity of life. Let's stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2020. Reserve your seat or buy your bus ticket today. The Respect Life ministry will be outside the church after masses to give you more information or contact Veronica Avina at (916) 205-0713. For complete information about the walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com



DID YOU KNOW...

The use of wrapping paper is first documented in ancient China, where paper was invented in the 2nd century BC. In the Southern Song dynasty, monetary gifts were enclosed in an envelope known as a chih pao. Early wrapping paper was likely to be strong and roughly textured, and created from hemp or rice straws and bamboo fibers.

In Chinese culture, red wrapping paper is particularly auspicious, signifying happiness and good health. The Japanese are famous for the beauty of their gift wrapping but there is now a strong return to the traditional cloth wrapping known as furoshiki, which has the advantage of being better for the environment.

In the West, commercial manufactured wrapping paper developed from fancy French papers used for lining envelopes and was particularly popular in the United States. (JacquieLawson.com)

Date	Mass / Intentions / Readings
Saturday December 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church 5:00 pm / John Bennyhoff S.I. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday December 15	3rd WEEK OF ADVENT / Gaudete Sunday 7:30 am / Rosario Purugganan + 9:00 am / Rosario Purugganan + 11:00 am / People of the Parish 1:00 pm (Spanish) / Ma D'Jesus Quezada + 3:00 pm (Chinese) 5:00 pm / Rosario Purugganan + 7:00 pm / Delia Gondar + Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11
Monday December 16	12:10 pm / Augustine & Moses Chang + 5:10 pm / Rosario Purugganan + Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21: 23-27
Tuesday December 17	12:10 pm / Nestor Purugganan + 5:10 pm / Deacon Don DeHaven + Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday December 18	12:10 pm / Nestor Purugganan + 5:10 pm / Graff Family + Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday December 19	12:10 pm / Nestor Purugganan + 5:10 pm / Corazon Millano + & Solomon Balingit + & Bonifacia Balingit + & Leonida Entea + Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday December 20	12:10 pm / William James Shorey + Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday December 21	5:00 pm / Felizardo Sanchez II + Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/ Lk 1:39-45

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3+,
visit youngsheep.org, or call 916-910-3435

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Cathedral Men's Group

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Cathedral Young Adults

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Chinese Community

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Choir (Spanish)

Jerry Vanoye in the choir annex after the 1pm Mass,
or Ricardo Savala in the choir annex after 7pm Mass.

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Reggie King, Brian Perez, thecatholicstore@gmail.com

Communion & Liberation

catechesis meets every Wednesday at 7:15pm

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Cathedral Kids

Sharing the Gospel - Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.

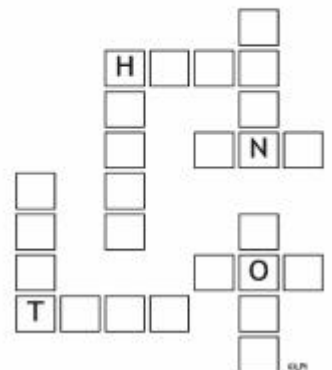
Prayer - Dear God, show me ways to help my friends follow God, too.

Mission for the Week - If you have any videos that tell Bible stories, watch one or two together with your family.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Tell John what you have heard and seen.





Esquina del Pastor

El domingo pasado celebramos nuestro festival anual de árboles y luces. Era otro hermoso signo de la comunidad de la Iglesia y el llamado a vivir una vida de caridad. Sabemos que las ganancias reales de este evento solo afectarán las necesidades de los pobres y las personas sin hogar del centro, pero la Gracia que nos eclipsa a nosotros y a nuestra comunidad de estas importantes festividades se multiplicará en todo el centro y en nuestras propias vidas. Agradezco a todos los que trabajaron tan duro para que el festival fuera tan agradable y lleno de la promesa de la alegría de la Navidad.

A medida que continuamos orando por orientación sobre cómo podemos hacer que Cristo sea más real para los pobres y las personas sin hogar, así como para nuestras propias familias, podemos usar la imagen de Juan el Bautista, quien dio su propia vida para que otros conozcan a Cristo. Juan les dijo a sus propios discípulos que él no era el Cristo. Fue un mensaje importante tanto para él como para los demás. Solo hay un Cristo. Nosotros, sin embargo, podemos comportarnos como si fuéramos Cristo. Podemos ser críticos y omniscientes, importantes y egocéntricos, esperando que otros nos adoren y nos obedezcan, y nos llenen de una actitud de superioridad y magnanimidad.

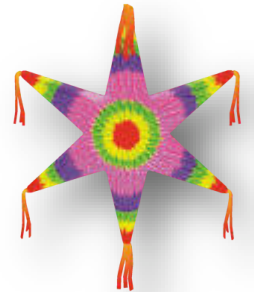
Por lo general, cuando actuamos como un Dios, estamos lejos de vivir la imagen del único Dios verdadero. Es la ironía más bella que Cristo, merecedor de toda alabanza y gloria, haya vivido la vida humana más humilde. A medida que nos acercamos a la temporada navideña, la temporada de donaciones, cuanto más piadosos deseamos ser, más sacrificios debemos hacer. Después de todo, puede que no seamos Cristo, pero somos su cuerpo. Qué gran regalo nos ha dado en Navidad.

Padre Michael

LAS POSADAS

Comenzando el 16 de diciembre y terminando nueve días después, el 24 de diciembre, Las Posadas conmemora los nueve meses del embarazo de Mary. Cada noche, una familia acepta alojar a los peregrinos. Y así comienza: al anochecer, una procesión de fieles sale a la calle con niños a menudo vestidos de ángeles y pastores. Figuras religiosas, imágenes y velas encendidas son parte de las festividades.

El grupo que representa a la Sagrada Familia se para afuera de una serie de casas, cantando canciones, pidiendo alojamiento. Se les rechaza una y otra vez hasta que el grupo llega a la casa designada. Finalmente, los viajeros pueden ingresar. La oración y la canción continúan en el hogar, y se comparten comidas festivas. La tarde termina con una piñata en forma de estrella.



La tradición continúa cada noche con una casa diferente como las Posadas elegidas. La última noche, la víspera de Navidad, generalmente presenta una misa de medianoche. Los nueve días de Las Posadas es más que una simple tradición de sentirse bien: profundiza la fe y fortalece los lazos dentro de la comunidad en un momento sagrado.

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| 12/16 | Ministerio Padres Lideres
Scheila Perez 916-692-4549
3939 Santa Fe Way
North Highlands, 95660 | 6:30pm |
| 12/17 | Ministerio Pro-Life
Virginia Aguilar 916-689-8443
7464 Citrus Ave
Sacramento, 95823 | 6:30pm |
| 12/18 | Ministerio Padres Lideres
Sandra Camarena 916-281-6101
210 Cafaro Cir.
Sacramento, 95834 | 6:30pm |
| 12/19 | Ministerio Padres Lideres
Roxana Lopez 916-600-7083
201 Orcutt Cir
Sacramento, 95834 | 6:30 pm |
| 12/20 | Caballeros de Colon /Knights of Columbus
Nayelli 916-617-1024
6310 24th St.
Rio Linda, 95673 | 5pm |
| 12/21 | Ministerio Liturgia 1pm/ Catecismo
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
1017 11th Street
Mercy Hall | 6pm |
| 12/22 | Ministerio Liturgia 7pm/ Search Youth
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
1017 11th Street
Church | 6pm |

Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de diciembre de 2019

Domingo: 3er Domingo de Adviento

Is 35, 1-6. 10/ Sal 146, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 [Is 35, 4]/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11

Lunes: Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 25, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9 [4]/Mt 21, 23-27

Martes: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 72, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17 [cfr. 7]/Mt 1, 1-17

Miércoles: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 72, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19 [cfr. 7]/Mt 1, 18-25

Jueves: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17 [cfr. 8]/Lc 1, 5-25

Viernes: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 7 y 10]/Lc 1, 26-38

Sábado: San Pedro Canisio, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia

Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 [1; 3]/Lc 1, 39-45

El Domingo 15 de diciembre:

Venta de comida desde las 8am y hasta las 3pm

Pozole, Tamales y Hamburguesas con variedad de refrescos y café.

La Misa de 1pm en español estará acompañada de Mariachi que continuará tocando después de Misa en el Mercy Hall. Disfrutemos en familia de una rica comida con música mexicana, celebrando a nuestra bella Paloma Blanca, la Virgen de Guadalupe. Para más información contacte a Miriam Romo: (916)796-6824

VILLANCICO DE NAVIDAD

El Sábado 21 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm

El Concilio Pastoral de Catedral invita a toda la comunidad de Catedral a una tarde de Canciones Navideñas por las calles cercanas a Catedral. Nos reuniremos frente a Catedral y caminaremos por la calle K hacia el centro y regresaremos a catedral. a práctica es el Martes 17 de Diciembre de 7 - 8:30 pm en el Salon Manogue. No se preocupe si no puede asistir a la práctica, aun son bienvenidos de unirse a los villancicos con nosotros. Para mas información contacte a Patricia Davila (916) 502 - 4854

16ª Caminata Por la Vida Costa Oeste • Sábado, 25 de Enero, 2020 • Plaza del Centro Cívico •

Únase a miles de católicos y Pro-vidas de todo California y más allá para proclamar al mundo la santidad de la vida. Luchemos por los más pequeños entre nosotros en la 16ª Caminata por La Vida de la Costa Oeste el 25 de Enero del 2020. Reserve su asiento o compre ya su boleto de autobús. El ministerio de Respeto a la Vida estará afuera de las misas para darles más información o contacte a Liliana Balderrama al (916) 912-8256. Para obtener más información sobre la caminata, visite www.walkforlifewc.com.



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

El tercer Domingo de Adviento recibe el nombre de Gaudet, que significa alegría. "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos" (Filipenses 4:4), dice la antífona de entrada. La oración colectiva también nos lleva a reflexionar en el significado permanente de esta alegría: "Mira, Señor, a tu pueblo que espera con fe la fiesta del nacimiento de tu Hijo, y concédele celebrar el gran misterio de nuestra salvación con un corazón nuevo y una inmensa alegría." El Profeta Isaías lo afirma con sus palabras de esperanza a su pueblo: "¡Animo! no teman. He aquí que su Dios, vengador y justiciero, viene ya para salvarlos."

La Navidad se acerca y su luz nos envuelve y llena de esplendor. Todo el ambiente es de fiesta y preparación. Las celebraciones Marianas nos han dejado ese gozo de albergue y acogida al que lo necesita. Ha, si comprendiéramos el motivo de alegría que decimos celebrar, entenderíamos perfectamente que se debe a que Dios y su salvación están cerca. La alegría y la salvación van juntas, no se pueden separar, nos dice la Liturgia. Por este motivo, Juan se

alegra desde la cárcel al escuchar la respuesta que Jesús le envía: "Los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de la lepra, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el evangelio. Dichoso aquel que no se siente defraudado por mí." Que la participación en la Eucaristía fomente actitudes que preparen a celebrar la Navidad en familia recordando y viviendo que Jesús nunca nos defraudará.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Alguna vez te has sentido interiormente seco y partido? ¿A dónde recurre para obtener un sentido renovado de tu ser y propósito? Así como a menudo no refrescamos nuestros cuerpos físicos con lo que es más saludable, cometemos el mismo error con nuestra alma. No siempre buscamos el alimento espiritual más saludable. Confundimos nuestra sequedad interna con algo más y buscamos lo incorrecto. No es de extrañar por qué tanta gente está perdida y confundida. Nunca estaremos completamente satisfechos ni completos en este lado de nuestro viaje. Se necesita una buena dosis de paciencia y espera mientras esperamos que la lluvia de agua de la presencia de Dios caiga sobre nosotros. ¿Cuándo nos daremos cuenta finalmente de que Jesús es el que ha venido a refrescarnos y ya no tenemos que buscar a otro? Nuestras almas encontrarán frescura y descanso solo cuando descansen en Dios.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Liderando el camino

Hay muchos ejemplos de falsos profetas en la historia. Algunos de estos talentosos charlatanes han alejado a las personas de sus familiares y amigos. Han llevado a las personas a hacer cosas malas como robar, torturar o incluso asesinar. Es sorprendente cómo aquellos dotados de carisma pueden guiar a otros por un camino tan destructivo. En el mundo moderno de hoy, lleno de tanta tecnología y plataformas de comunicación sofisticadas, uno debe tener cuidado de no caer en una mentira o estafa tan fácilmente.

Juan el Bautista no tenía ninguna tecnología moderna en su caja de herramientas mientras preparaba el camino para el Mesías, Jesús. El conmovió a las personas con un mensaje profundo y por la forma en que vivió su vida. La gente cuestiono si él era el que iba a venir, pero él les aseguró que no era él. En cambio, todo lo que hizo fue preparar a las personas para la venida de Jesús.

Tu y yo podemos guiar a las personas a Jesús con nuestras palabras y acciones, o podemos alejarlos de él. Nuestra corresponsabilidad puede ser un testigo poderoso de cómo Jesús ha cambiado nuestras vidas. Desafortunadamente, si no somos cambiados y actuamos de manera contraria a un discípulo maduro, podemos guiar a las personas por el camino equivocado. Durante la temporada de Adviento, hay mucho por hacer en nuestros hogares y con nuestras familias para prepararse para la celebración de la Navidad. Sin embargo, esto no se trata de un día; Se trata de Jesús. Que nuestras acciones y palabras den testimonio del poder transformador de Jesucristo en nuestras vidas, no solo durante esta temporada, sino durante todo el año.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





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MASSES

Monday to Friday	12:10 pm
Monday to Thursday	5:10 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
	1:00 pm en Español
	3:00 pm Chinese
	5:00 pm
	7:00 pm en Español
State Holidays	12:10 pm only

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday to Friday	11:30 am to 12:00 pm
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Wednesday	5:00 pm
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English - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The cathedral offers a complete faith formation program, including Catholic Faith Formation, Confirmation, The Rite of Christian Initiation Program, R.C.I.A., for adults, teens and children, Religious Education for Spanish Speaking Adults, and a Catechesis Formation Program.



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CONVALIDATION - If you would like to have your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, or if you have been together for a number of years and would like to be married in the Church, this can often be done in a small, private ceremony called a Convalidation, without any cost or fee. To explore this possibility, contact Deacon John at 444-3071 Ext. 11 or jgisla@cathedralsacramento.org.

WEDDINGS - If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral, contact Wedding Coordinator, Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org at least *six months* before your desired wedding date to arrange a meeting.

我日當責：在日常生活中體會天主 指引道路

歷史上有許多假先知的例子。其中有些有才能的騙子引導人們遠離家人和朋友，他們引導人們作惡，例如偷竊，折磨人甚至謀殺。這些有才能也有領導魅力的騙子，領人作惡的能力令人驚異！現代的社會充滿了大量尖端科技與發展成熟的社交平台，人們必須小心，不要輕易落入謊言或騙局中。洗者若翰在為主耶穌預備道路時，他的工具箱中並沒有任何現代的高科技技術。他以深刻的信念和他的生活方式來感動人們，人們問他是否是將來的那位？但他確定的說自己不是那將要來的，而只是幫助人們為耶穌的到來做好準備。你我既可以用言語和行動指引人們到耶穌跟前，也可以指引人們離開祂。我們忠信的行為，可以有力的見證耶穌如何改變了我們的生活。不幸的是，如果我們不改變，而是相反的做出與成熟門徒相反的行為，我們就會指引人們走上歧途。在這將臨期間，為了準備好慶祝聖誕節，在我們的家庭中與我們的家人之間，都有好多事情可以完成。然而這不只是為了過一天的聖誕節，而是關於耶穌。願我們的行為和言語，能在日常生活中，見證耶穌為我們帶來改變的力量。也不僅只是在這個聖誕季節，而是一整年！

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leading the Way

There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily. John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming. You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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