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JOY to the world...

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Pastor's Corner

Litany of Leaping

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit –
and we leaped for joy!

He was born into the world – and we leaped for joy!

He taught the teachers - and we leaped for joy!

He fed all of us - and we leaped for joy!

He challenged the law-makers - and we leaped for joy!

He visited the ill and imprisoned - and we leaped for joy!

He healed our crippledness - and we leaped for joy!

He brought us to our knees - and we leaped for joy!

He forgave us our sins - and we leaped for joy!

He embraced us with the Spirit - and we leaped for joy!

He poured His blood upon us - and we leaped for joy!

He broke down our offences - and we leaped for joy!

He pushed us beyond our limits - and we leaped for joy!

He cast out our egos - and we leaped for joy!

He calmed our storms - and we leaped for joy!

He pierced our flesh - and we leaped for joy!

He crucified us - and we leaped for joy!

He breathes life into us – and we leap for joy!

~Father Michael~

*“Fear not,” said the Angel, “for behold I bring you good tidings of great **joy**, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” And then, when he had finished his announcement, “suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.”*

*Such were the words which the blessed Spirits who minister to Christ and His Saints, spoke on that gracious night to the shepherds, to rouse them out of their cold and famished mood into great **joy**; to teach them that they were objects of God’s love as much as the greatest of men on earth; nay more so, for to them first He had imparted the news of what that night was happening. His Son was then born into the world. Such events are told to friends and intimates, to those whom we love, to those who will sympathize with us, not to strangers.*

*How could Almighty God be more gracious, and show His favor more impressively to the lowly and the friendless, than by hastening (if I may use the term) to confide the great, the **joyful** secret to the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep by night?*

~Blessed John Henry Newman~



The Little Drummer Boy

One of the joys of the Christmas season when I was growing up was the many animated specials made for TV, that brought to the small screen various stories, traditions and cultural reflections surrounding the Yuletide season. In many of the specials a story would be told surrounding a particular character or event of the Christmas season. Some examples include, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965), "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966), and "The Year Without a Santa Claus" (1974), just to name a few of the more popular specials.

"Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" (1964), turned into a popular classic. The Rudolph special popularized its animation style and sparked several spinoffs including the movie "Elf" (2003). Rudolph's special ran every Christmas season and continues currently.

The slightly less popular "The Little Drummer Boy" (1968), another Rankin Bass Christmas special also made for television, sits in contrast to virtually all the other Christmas specials of today. How is it contrasted from all the other specials? It actually retains the original Christmas story while ingeniously integrating A new telling of the Christmas story from the perspective of a little drummer boy who encounters Christ. Yes, it dares to keep "Christ" in Christmas.

The "Little Drummer Boy" tells the story of Aaron, a young boy who loses his parents when their home is ravaged by marauders. This embitters the boy towards all humanity. He and his surviving animal companions make their way through the desert. This begins the adventure

and profound experience of the true Christmas mystery.

Aaron, now on a journey, is confronted and kidnapped by a desert caravan showman named Ben Hared and his comedic sidekick Ali. The little drummer boy is then forced to perform as a player with his drum in Ben Hared's

show company. Aaron hates all people, especially as seen in the faces of his audience, which he holds responsible for the loss of his parents. After playing in Jerusalem the show caravan finds itself expelled from the cities playing venue after Aaron displays a flash of rage and is once again resorted to the desert.

The show caravan then crosses paths with a royal caravan of three kings (the three Wiseman), who are following the star of Bethlehem. It is in this encounter that Aaron's heart is changed as he follows the Wiseman to their destination.

At only 25 minutes runtime, this early entry in a series of Christmas specials by Rankin and Bass film productions, covers some excellent themes and lessons to be learned for children and adults alike.

One example is when the three wiseman are following the star of Bethlehem the narrator points out that neither Ben Hared or Aaron can recognize the beauty and significance of the star. One due to a heart filled greed and the other a heart hardened by hatred. For many today these can be the same robbers of true Christmas **joy**. But only as we refuse to see his star and follow it.

~Reggie King~

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Just Drop the Blanket: The Moment You Never Noticed in A Charlie Brown Christmas

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[...] I am a fan of all things nostalgic and all things Christmas, and so when the two are combined I am hooked, and the Charlie Brown Christmas special falls squarely into that category.

I was in the first grade back when they still performed Christmas pageants in schools (less than 50 years, but still a very long time ago), and our class performed a version of the Charlie Brown Christmas. Since I was kind of a bookworm and already had a blue blanket, I was chosen to play the part of Linus. As Linus, I memorized Luke 2:8-14, and that Scripture has been hidden in my heart ever since.

But while working so diligently to learn those lines, there is one important thing I didn't notice then, and didn't notice until now.

Right in the middle of speaking, Linus drops the blanket.

Charlie Brown is best known for his uniquely striped shirt, and Linus is most associated with his ever-present security blanket. Throughout the story of Peanuts, Lucy, Snoopy, Sally and others all work to no avail to separate Linus from his blanket. And even though his security blanket remains a major source of ridicule for the otherwise mature and thoughtful Linus, he simply refuses to give it up.

Until this moment. When he simply drops it.

In that climactic scene when Linus shares "what Christmas is all about," he drops his security blanket, and I am now convinced that this is intentional. Most telling is the specific moment he drops it: when he utters the words, "**fear not**" (at :39 seconds).

Looking at it now, it is pretty clear what Charles Schultz was saying, and it's so simple it's brilliant.

The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears.

The birth of Jesus frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves.

The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly and learn to trust and cling to Him instead.

[This world] can be a scary place, and most of us find ourselves grasping to something temporal for security, whatever that thing may be. Essentially, [this] is a world in which it is very difficult for us to "fear not."

But in the midst of fear and insecurity, this simple cartoon image from 1965 continues to live on as an inspiration for us to seek true peace and true security in the one place it has always been and can always still be found.

4th Sunday of Advent

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her joy was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people who cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with joy the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY** is getting ready to stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th annual **WALK FOR LIFE** in San Francisco on January 26th, 2019. We are looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of the trip for the confirmation students and families in need. You can make a donation online at cathedralsacramento.org/giving, "Walk for Life Sponsorship." To reserve your bus tickets, please call Liliana at (916) 912-8256 or Veronica at (916) 205-0713 or stop by the Cathedral's Office.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE: Revelation & Psalms BIBLE STUDY, BEGINS ON JANUARY 3, 2019

This is the fifth year of this popular bible study program. The study will include a series of twenty-two video sessions presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. We will meet every Thursday from 7pm to 8:30 at the lower level of the Cathedral. You will receive a certificate of completion for each series of 11 sessions.

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! Contact Sister Jenny at (916) 444-5364 or jenny@cathedralsacramento.org.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

Friday, December 28, presided by Bishop Soto. At 6:00pm, the procession begins on the steps of the cathedral, followed by Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 711 T Street.



New Year's Day & the Solemnity of Mary Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Blessings for the new year! Join us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary at the 10:00 am Bilingual Mass. Not a Holy Day of Obligation. Rectory closed.



Read the Gospel and Color

CATHEDRAL KIDS

Sharing the Gospel - Mary and Joseph put all their trust in God. Once they found out what God wanted, they did it. God wanted Mary to have a special baby, and she said "yes" to God. God wanted Joseph to be a good husband and father, and Joseph said "yes" to God. When that special baby from God was finally born, Joseph named him Jesus. One day God would ask Jesus to save the world from sin on the cross, and Jesus would say "yes" to God.

Prayer - God, help me to trust you and say "yes" to you.

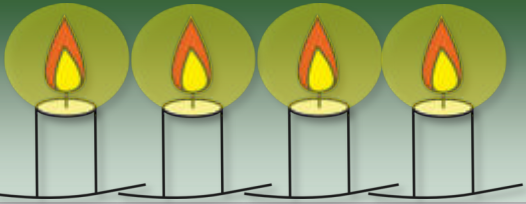
Mission for the Week - Saying "yes" to God takes practice. When your parents ask you to vacuum or set the table or take the garbage out, say "yes" to them.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

MARY	WEDDING	BABY
JOSEPH	ANGEL	JESUS
HOLY SPIRIT	DREAM	VIRGIN

V I R G I N T H W I S
 J C S H U J O S E P H
 D R E A M R W I D A O
 S O B Y A O N U D G W
 M E N G R W E A I S D
 T B A B Y B M O N A E
 R E N D R O I T G J O
 S P G O H F J E S U S
 K A E I V N A G M D L
 H O L Y S P I R I T Y
 S R H N E D L S E H A



"How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."
 ~Luke 1:43-44~

Date	Mass	Activities
Saturday December 22	5:00 pm	9:00 am Baptisms - Spanish No CCD Classes today
Sunday December 23	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm Spanish* 3:00 pm Chinese 5:00 pm 7:00 pm Spanish * Baptism Sunday - Spanish	9:00 am RCIA for Children & Teens 9:00 am Mass: RCIA - Breaking of the Word 11:00 am Mass: Liturgy of the Word for Children 6:00 pm Christmas Caroling and Potluck Dinner for the Chinese Community
Monday December 24	5:00 pm Children's Mass 9:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass (11:30 Music Prelude) Midnight Mass	Christmas Eve No RCIA tonight
Tuesday December 25	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am (including Chinese Comm.) 1:00 pm Spanish	Christmas Day
Wednesday December 26	12:10 pm 5:10 pm	7:00 pm English Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Communion & Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 1pm Mass
Thursday December 27	12:10 pm 5:10 pm	Today is National Fruitcake Day. Enough said. 🍪
Friday December 28	12:10 pm	6:00 pm Feast of the Holy Innocents
Saturday December 29	5:00 pm	No CCD Classes today Intentions not submitted

Readings & Observances

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
 Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Christmas Eve
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Prayer Corner



Please remember in your prayers:

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 Jaime Tangco +
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 Lukas Flucht +
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 Heriberto Concepcion Tadina+
 Kinda A
 Dubu+
 Lucia
 Benny Garces+
 Roman Q Paguio,+
 Damianus Aditya Christie
 Snjezana
 Matthew Mahoney
 Teddy Nguyen
 MEM
 Madeleine B. Vinluan
 Maricela Huidor
 Janine
 Anna Lanzona
 Alexa Novelo
 Mary
 Shelby Hogan
 Sepehr
 Gloria Sanchez
 Maria
 Tifini and her unborn child
 Josh
 ZEP Family
 Cathy & Kirk Laver S.I.
 Matthew Mahoney
 Sandra Mahoney
 MEM
 Maricela Huidor
 Alexa Novelo
 Brandon M. Novelo
 Anna Lanzona
 Shelby Hogan
 Roman Q Paguio +
 Carl Hagen
 Benny Garces +
 Sepehr
 Roman Q Paguio +
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 Betty, Noe, Waldo, Cesar, Carlos,
 Teresa and their families
 Gerald O'Reilly +
 Frank Vercillo
 Stephanie Pill
 Mary Margaret Reilly
 Asmitha and Abie Joseph
 Alroyd and Shaista and children
 Julian
 Jason and Resmi
 Nina Mordas and Mother
 Javier Maria Alonzo
 C.Marcela Bedoya
 Eva Hernandez





Esquina del Pastor

Letanía de salto

Fue concebido por el poder del Espíritu Santo -
¡Y saltamos de alegría!
Él nació en el mundo, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él enseñó a los maestros, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Nos alimentó a todos, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él reto a los legisladores, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Visitó a los enfermos y encarcelados, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él sanó nuestra incapacidad, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Nos puso de rodillas, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él nos perdonó nuestros pecados, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Nos abrazó con el Espíritu, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él derramó su sangre sobre nosotros, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
¡Rompió nuestras ofensas, y saltamos de alegría!
Nos empujó más allá de nuestros límites, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Echó fuera nuestros egos, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él calmó nuestras tormentas, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él perforó nuestra carne, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él nos crucificó, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él nos da vida a nosotros, ¡y saltamos de alegría!

~Padre Michael~

"No teman", dijo el ángel, "porque he aquí les traigo buenas nuevas de gran alegría, que serán para todos. Porque este día nace en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor ". Y luego, cuando terminó su anuncio, "de repente apareció con el ángel una multitud de la hueste celestial, alabando a Dios y diciendo: Gloria a Dios en lo más alto, y en la paz de la tierra, buena voluntad hacia los hombres".

Tales fueron las palabras que los benditos Espíritus que ministran a Cristo y Sus Santos, hablaron en esa noche de gracia a los pastores, para despertarlos de su humor frío y famélico con gran alegría; enseñarles que eran objetos del amor de Dios tanto como el más grande de los hombres en la tierra; más aún, pues a ellos primero les había dado la noticia de lo que estaba sucediendo esa noche. Su Hijo entonces nació en el mundo. Tales eventos se cuentan a amigos e íntimos, a aquellos a quienes amamos, a aquellos que simpatizan con nosotros, no a extraños.

¿Cómo podría Dios Todopoderoso ser más amable, y mostrar Su favor más impresionantemente a los humildes y sin amigos, que al apresurarse (si puedo usar el término) a confiar el gran y alegre secreto a los pastores cuidando a sus ovejas por la noche? ?

~ Beato John Henry Newman ~



LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES

Las lecturas de la semana del 23 de diciembre de 2018

Domingo: 4º Domingo de Adviento

Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 80, 2-3. 15-16. 18-18 [4]/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc1, 39-45

Lunes: Nochebuena

2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29 [2]/Lc1, 67-79
Vigilia, Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17.
22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25

Martes: La Natividad del Señor (día de precepto)

Medianoche, Is 9, 1-3, 5-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 [Lc2, 11]/
Tit 2, 11-14/ Lc2, 1-14

Matutina, Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc2, 15-20

Día, Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o
Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14

Miércoles: San Esteban, el primer mártir

Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22

Jueves: San Juan, apóstol y evangelista

1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 2-8

Viernes: Día de los Santos Inocentes, mártires

1 Jn 1, 5-2, 2/Sal 124, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18

Sábado: San Tomás Becket, obispo y mártir

1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 [11]/Lc2, 22-35

VERSO DEL EVANGELIO DE DOMINGO

"¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor".

Lc 1, 43-45

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Cuando María fue a visitar a Isabel, su alegría fue tan grande. Isabel reconoció que María estaba embarazada del Mesías. Se sentía honrada de recibir a María, no simplemente por quién era María, pero también por el que llevaba dentro de sí.

Conocemos a diferentes personas en nuestras vidas diarias. Algunas conocemos muy bien, otras son simplemente conocidas y otras apenas acabamos de conocer. Sin embargo, todas son hechas en imagen y semejanza a Dios y cargan, dentro de su ser, a Jesús. Si consideramos esto con más frecuencia, ¿cree que actuaríamos más generosamente el uno con el otro? María le dio vida al Hijo de Dios para que podamos ser hijos e hijas de Dios. Si pensáramos en esto con más frecuencia, ¿tendríamos tanto rechazo hacia los demás?

Esta temporada está llena de fiestas y reuniones. También es un tiempo de mucha prisa para prepararnos para la navidad. Hay tantas personas que vemos. ¿Permitiremos que el Jesús dentro de nosotros salude al Jesús dentro de ellas? ¿Ofreceremos una palabra de bondad? En vez de ver a los demás con ojos humanos, ¿intentaremos verlos con ojos de fe como Isabel? Si no, ¿de qué sirve todas sus preparativas y celebraciones?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

"Cuando María tiene noticia de la maternidad de su prima Isabel, ya anciana y estéril, se pone en camino. No por falta de fe en la profecía ni por dudar del anuncio, ni por dudar de los signos que le fueron dados, sino llena de alegría para cumplir un servicio entrañable. En la prontitud de la alegría, María se dirige hacia las montañas. Llena de Dios ¿podía no ir de prisa hacia las alturas? Los cálculos lentos no corresponden a la gracia del Espíritu Santo" (San Ambrosio). Este breve resumen que San Ambrosio nos da en su reflexión sobre la Visitación nos prepara para saber acoger las sorpresas de Dios, referente al servicio generoso que se debe tener hacia el que lo necesita.

Salga al encuentro del otro, como nos lo dice el Papa Francisco, "Salida de la Iglesia-que habla de los pobres hacia una Iglesia-que va a los pobres, conversa con ellos, los abraza y los defiende". Dios sale hacia las montañas de Judá y con alegría las dos mujeres se abrazan. El saludo de Isabel lleno del Espíritu Santo resuena en sus entrañas y al momento el niño saltó de alegría. "¡Dichosa tú por haber creído que se cumplirían las promesas del Señor!" (Lucas 1:45). María e Isabel son testigos del amor de Dios en el mundo. "Bendito el fruto de tu vientre" (Lucas 1:42). El Himno Litúrgico del Tiempo de Adviento es una oración hermosa que nos ayuda durante la semana a esperar al Mesías. "Ya la tierra reclama su fruto y de bodas se anuncia alegría, el Señor que en los cielos moraba se hizo carne en la Virgen María." ¿Está tu corazón listo para recibir al Señor?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Hay ocasiones en las que la vida es injusta. Tristemente, las injusticias típicamente ocurren a través de nuestras propias manos. Los sistemas del mundo -- económico, político y del medio ambiente -- no siempre sirven los mejores intereses de las personas. Nosotros creamos situaciones que benefician solamente a algunos cuantos afortunados y reducen la calidad de vida para muchos otros. Podemos llegar a observar las injusticias del mundo, el dolor de los demás y la explotación, y nos preguntamos por qué Dios nos ha abandonado o por qué Dios no arregla los problemas. La verdad es que Dios ya vino a arreglar los problemas. Mandó a su Hijo al mundo como el dirigente justo y el que traerá la paz. El problema está en nosotros porque dejamos de ver a Dios y pensamos que podemos lograr lo mejor sin Él. El Hijo de la Justicia ya ha llegado al mundo. Lo que nosotros podemos hacer es trabajar por un cambio y ser la voz de la justicia. Podemos soñar y hacer las cosas diferentes. Bendecidos ustedes que escuchan la voz del Señor y que creen Su palabra.



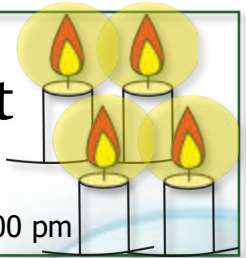
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24 5:00 pm Children's Mass
 9:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass
 Midnight Mass (11:30 Music Prelude)
 Tuesday, December 25 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
 11:00 am (including Chinese Comm.)
 1:00 pm Spanish

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
 Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
 Domingo en Español 12:30 pm a 12:45 pm
 6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

When attendants are available:
 Wednesday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
 Thursday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
 Friday 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - By appointment

BAPTISMS (Registration is required)
 English - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am
 Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00am

BAPTISM CLASSES (No registration required)

English - 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm
 Español - 2do jueves del mes, 7:00pm

TOURS

Tours are free and are led by trained Docents after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses, and at 12:40pm on Wednesday. Tours in Spanish are held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 1pm Mass. Tours begin at the Baptismal Font. Contact 916-444-3071 to arrange free private group tours.

GIFT SHOP on the Lower Level

Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Tuesdays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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To learn more about the ministries at the Cathedral,
 visit our website:

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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.



If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, or were baptized Catholic but never completed your faith formation classes, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions meet every Monday Evening at 7 PM in the lower level of the Cathedral. Feel free to come any Monday evening.

For more information on all of our faith formation programs, please call 916-444-5364 or email Sister Jenny Aldeghi FDCC, Director of Religious Education, jenny@cathedralsacramento.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Diocese of Sacramento requires an engaged couple to complete a marriage preparation program no later than two months before their wedding date. Contact: Janet & Omar Bardales at matrimonyprep@att.net, or 916-427-9160, or Sister Jenny at 916-444-5364. You do not have to have your wedding at the Cathedral in order to take this class.

GET MARRIED AT THE CATHEDRAL

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral, download the Cathedral Wedding Guidelines and Reservation Form on the cathedral website. Contact the parish office at least *six months* before your desired wedding date to arrange a meeting with Wedding Coordinator, Titi Kila, at the Cathedral Office, 916-444-3071 x13, tkila@cathedralsacramento.org.

HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED IN THE CHURCH

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

QUINCEAÑERA

This is the tradition of celebrating a young girl's coming of age on her 15th birthday with a Mass, and highlights the virtues of family and social responsibility, recognizing her journey from childhood to maturity. For more information on celebrating this beautiful tradition at the Cathedral, call Titi Kila, at 916-444-3071, or titikila@cathedralsacramento.org.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

For ages 5 to 10 years old, at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass (Check calendar for dates). Children return to their families before the Offertory. For more information, contact the education office or Dorothy Corgiat at dlcorgiat@yahoo.com.

CATHEDRAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend	Total Offering	Percent of Goal
November 10/11	\$9,076	79%
November 17/18	\$9,100	79%
November 24/25	\$7,504	65%
December 1/2	\$8,878	77%
Four-week average:	\$8,640	75%

The Parish's weekly expenses exceed \$20,000. To maintain fiscal integrity, the weekend offertory needs to cover more than half of Parish expenses. The Finance Council has set a weekly offertory goal of \$11,500.

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

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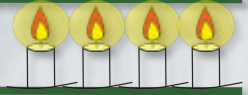
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Please indicate: Por favor indique:
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 Please send Offertory Envelopes Por favor envíe Sobres de Ofertorio

Please return by (Regrese por favor):

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



聖若望根地 (十二月二十三日)

聖若望原籍波蘭根地，生於主曆一三九七年。有一天，若望在克拉科大學的食堂吃飯，看見一個乞丐走過，面如菜色。若望連忙把自己的食物送給那乞丐。回到食堂，盆子裡的食物還是堆得滿滿的，一點也沒有缺少。為了紀念這靈蹟，克拉科大學每天提出一份食物送給貧人吃。

過了一個時期，若望調任堂區司鐸，擔任管理教友和講道的職務。最初成績平平，若望毫不灰心，加緊努力。數年後，若望調回克拉科大學執教，臨行時，教友依依不捨，送他上道，一路上唉聲嘆氣。

若望回到克拉科大學，擔任神學教授，聲譽日隆，後來該大學每年舉行畢業禮，授予博士學位時，主席將若望當年所穿的博士禮服穿在新畢業的學員身上。

若望把全部家產捐出，興辦慈善事業，救濟貧民。他夜間睡在地板上，終年不食肉，步行到羅馬去，自己背行李。

若望顯了許多靈蹟。他病重的消息一傳出，全城的人都非常震動，表示無限悲痛。聖若望於主曆一四七三年聖誕夜逝世，享壽八十三歲。主曆一七六七年榮列聖品。後世奉為波蘭主保。

St. John of Kanty (December 23)

John Cantius was born in 1397 at Kęty, a small town near Oświęcim, Poland. One day, when he was eating at the cafeteria of the University of Krakow, he saw a poor man walking through with a pale face. John immediately gave his food to the man. When he returned to the cafeteria, there are still a lot of foods left. To commemorate this miracle, the University of Krakow distributed foods to the poor every day.

After a while, John was appointed as the priest of the parish and served as a teacher and preacher. His performance was not satisfactory initially, but he was not discouraged and worked hard. A few years later, he was transferred back to the University of Krakow to teach. When he was leaving, the parishioners missed him very much.

John returned to the University of Krakow to be a professor of theology, and his reputation is building up. Later, when the university holds a graduation ceremony every year for the doctoral degree, the chairman will wear the doctoral gown that John wore.

John donated his entire asset for the charity of the poor. He slept on the floor at night, didn't eat meat the whole year, walked to Rome, and carried his own luggage.

John performed many miracles. When the news of his illness came out, the people in the city were very shocked and full of sorrow. He died on 24 December 1473. He was canonized in Rome by Pope Clement X in 1676 and named patron of Poland.

本週報告 (會長)

慕道班於每星期彌撒後以中文舉行。如果您認識的任何朋友或家人對天主教信仰有興趣，請邀請他參加。

我們的團體將於1月26日在Loaves and Fishes (1351 N C St, Sacramento, CA 95811)參加為「街友」提供食物的友誼午餐。有興趣為「街友」提供食物而服務的教友請跟我(Ken), Gloria,或Ida報名。

新春彌撒將於1月27日舉行，而新春晚宴將於同一天在海港酒家(5675 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822)晚上6時舉行。

Announcement this week (President)

- ◆ We have RCIA every week after mass in Chinese. If any friend or family member you know is interested in the Catholic faith, feel free to invite him/her to the RCIA.
- ◆ Our community will participate in serving foods to "the friends on the street" for the Friendship Lunch on January 26 at Loaves and Fishes (1351 N C St, Sacramento, CA 95811). Any parishioner who is interested in volunteering to serve the foods, please sign-up with me (Ken), Gloria, or Ida.

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- ◆ Chinese New Year mass will be on January 27, and the Chinese New Year Dinner will be on the same day at Hong Kong Islander (5675 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822) starting at 6pm.

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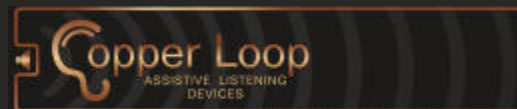
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