

ENGLISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 19, 2023

1. Today, we are taking up the **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

2. **CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFICES MOVE.** A building analysis team including the Diocese Finance and Construction, Structural Engineering, Environmental review, architectural, plumbing and general building contractor inspections have determined that the Rectory/Parish Office building is potentially unsafe for habitation, including work offices. To ensure the safety of the Parish staff and visitors the Cathedral offices are moving to a portion of the lower level of the Cathedral. Please access our new offices through the alley and use the stairs or ramp. Cathedral offices will be closed on Friday March 17 through and including Monday March 21 to facilitate this move. We have arranged for *less than 2-hour parking* in the Cathedral Garage in the alley for \$6.00. No parking validation required or provided. Telephone numbers for Cathedral offices will remain the same as published. Please check our website www.cathedralsacramento.org for current information. We appreciate your patience and support during this transition.

3. **DEACON RAUL LEON**, who was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Sacramento in 1988, died on March 7. He was 83. He served the Diocese of Sacramento for more than 25 years. Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a funeral Mass for Deacon Leon on Monday, March 27, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th St. in Sacramento. The rite of committal service will be held that same day at 2 p.m. at St. Mary Cemetery and Funeral Center, 6509 Fruitridge Road in Sacramento. A vigil service will be held at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

4. **THE ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE** runs from the First Sunday of Lent (today) through Palm Sunday, when winners will be drawn. This year, the raffle proceeds will benefit the Cathedral Parish's Family Faith Formation Program. The Easter Raffle has eleven baskets, two bicycles, and a hoverboard. Each item is a separate raffle. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and available in the vestibule after Mass today and every Sunday until Palm Sunday on April 2.

5. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held each Friday of Lent after the 12:10pm Mass in English and at 7:00pm in Spanish.

6. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE.** The Cathedral Children's Choir meets on Fridays in Mercy Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. until the end of May. Please contact Rex Rallanka,

Director of Music and Liturgy for more information (rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org).

7. **SUNDAY RESPECT FOR LIFE ROSARY 11:15 AM EVERY SUNDAY.** Please join your fellow Cathedral parishioners on Cathedral Square every Sunday, to pray a rosary for the intention of an end to abortion. The bilingual service will begin at 11:15 a.m., in between the 10 a.m. English Mass and noon Spanish Mass. Also **FRIDAY ROSARY IN CAPITOL PARK** at 7:45am (note time change) for the intention to an end to abortion.

8. **EVENING ROSARY GROUP** – Cathedral lower level classrooms, see signage. **FIRST** Wednesday of the month 7:10 pm (Adults: 18 years +) **THIRD** Wednesday of the month 7:10 pm (Children under 18 years) Contact Marlene Mejia 916-628-6775 OR Christina Callazo-Kelly, praytherosarywithus@yahoo.com

9. **KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE.** By popular demand, the Keeping the Flame Alive begins a new series on March 1 with topics on Christology and Lent via Zoom meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm. A new Gospel discussion will start after Easter on April 12. To join at any time, send an email request to Donna Pineda at flamealive22@gmail.com and indicate the Bible Study. She will send you a Flocknote with the meeting information and Zoom link each Wednesday.

10. **CATHEDRAL TOURS.** Docents are available to give tours on Sundays after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am English masses. Spanish language tours will be given following the noon Spanish mass.

11. **THE CATHEDRAL BOOK STORE.** The Cathedral Book Store is open every Sunday. At other times throughout the week, please contact Susan Moeller for an appointment at 510-734-4158.

12. **TEXT YOUR CATHEDRAL DONATION.** For those who would like to give their offertory donation to the Cathedral with a credit or debit card, we have set up a phone number to which you can text your donation. To register for this service, go to: www.is.gd/text2give OR use the QR code at left. Once you register, instead of placing your donation in the offertory basket, you can take out your phone and text your donation!

