Today is the second Sunday of Advent, and we hear from the great prophet John the Baptist in the Gospel of St. Luke. But December 9th also remembers a different John, one who lived many years after John the Baptist and thousands of miles from where John preached; St. Juan Diego. Like John the Baptist, Juan Diego lived a very simple life, caring for the needs of his family in central Mexico and learning about the newly arrived faith of Catholics. Eventually he will become the messenger of the great apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, being the humble servant who reveals Our Mother’s love and concern to know her Son. Both of these saints have an important message given to them from the divine, but perhaps the most significant message they share with us is in the way they lived their lives. As humble servants of Christ, putting God before all else, they remind us during Advent to live simply and not strive for power and glory. Our preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas are always about how to reveal Jesus and His glory. Have a blessed Advent.

Fr. Michael.

LESSONS ON THE LITURGY:

THRESHOLD OF HOPE

James Cavanagh, Director of Worship, Diocese of Sacramento

"To enter the house of God we must cross a threshold, which symbolizes passing from the world wounded by sin to the world of the new Life to which all men are called." [Catechism 1186].

One of the problems with modernism as an ideology and way of life is that we have almost completely lost touch with the symbolic value of things. Nowhere is this more evident than in our churches, which by and large have succumbed to modernism, at least architecturally.

Church architecture used to speak volumes in terms of symbolic language, so much so that even an ordinary, non-literate, uneducated peasant could easily "read" and understand the deepest mysteries of the Church represented in wood and stone, precious metals and colored glass, richly textured fabrics and colorful vestments and sublime music. But modernism has done away with all that, for modernism is characterized by pure utility, valuing only what’s practical, useful, most efficient and cost-effective.

Take, for example, the entrance of a typical modern church. Most of us probably don’t even think about walking through the doors when we go to Mass. From a practical point of view, doors are simply there to let people in and keep inclement weather and criminals out. Composed of aluminum and glass, doors of modern churches are no different than doors at Walmart or Target or Starbucks or any other commercial building. It’s only a matter of time before they slide open automatically. There’s no significance to them; they don’t mean anything. They’re just doors. There’s no sense of symbolically passing from one world, the world of fallen man, to another world, the world of God, or as the Catechism puts it: of "passing from a world wounded by sin to the new life to which all men are called." A consequence of this capitulation to modernism is that there is no longer any distinction between the sacred and profane. Is it any wonder therefore that young people are disaffiliating from the Church in such large numbers? When the distinction between the sacred and secular disappears, when there’s no real difference between the city of God and the city of man, when transcendence has been muted and the Church is barely distinguishable from the secular culture around it, is it any wonder that people, especially young people, say, "Why bother?"
THE CUSTOM OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The giving of gifts at Christmas-tide should have for Christians a deeper and nobler significance than the mere observance of a time-honored practice. The remembrance of friends and kinsfolk during this festal season is rooted in the spirit of good will symbolized by the Nativity. It should be, therefore, carried out in harmony with that event. Material tokens of friendship and appreciation when inspired by proper and worthy motives, express a beautiful idea. An inheritance from far-off ages of faith in which the practice originated, it should be maintained in the spirit which gave it birth. The purely spiritual character of Christmas, and attendant customs and traditions, gives to the occasion its highest and best meaning. This it is, also, that lends to the exchange of mementos of esteem and good will at this time its noblest significance. Gifts are a figurative profession of that kinship of the human race denoted by the humanity of the Divine Babe. The miracle of the first Christmas night under the Judean stars in loving testimony of the Fatherhood of God should find its reflection in a spirit of tender brotherhood among men. Thence is derived the real value of the gifts of Yuletide in the domestic circle and among friends. This fact should not be lost sight of by Christians in the distractions of a merely secular practice. It would tend to restore its older and better spirit were the Christian world to return to a simpler and less ostentatious observance of the custom.

No method of celebrating the natal day of our Divine Savior is so appropriate as the worthy reception of Holy Communion on Christmas morn. By this act we span the gulf of centuries, as it were, and stand in holy adoration with the simple shepherds about the crude crib of the Christ Child. For us the angelic choirs proclaim anew in rapturous melody the glad tidings of great joy. The meaning of Christmas is as potential and personal to each one of us individually today as it was to the shepherds of old watching their flocks in the Bethlehem hills on that eventful night. Do not forget the orphan, the friendless and the needy in the dispensation of your Christmas bounty. Grateful appreciation of these for the unexpected remembrance, is like unto the quality of mercy which blesseth alike him that gives and him that receives.

Christmas cheer does not consist entirely of good things to eat, of feasting and merry-making. A kindly word of greeting, a sympathetic handclasp is often a more welcome tribute. Few there are who can not find among neighbors and acquaintances fit subjects for such remembrance. Sorrow and distress are never strangers. They have all seasons for their own. Especially burdensome is their presence in the gladsome Christmas season. A cheery salutation, a word of encouragement and comfort opportunely spoken may lighten the weight of grief of the afflicted wayfarer more effectually then any gift we can bestow. It costs nothing to dispense such Christmas cheer and it is often the best that we have to give no matter how ample our earthly wealth.

How much better would be the world if we carried Christmas spirit through all the year. If we were kind in act and thought, charitable and tolerant in our attitude towards others; if we were considerate to those who need consideration, and gentle with those whom gentleness would win, then indeed would there be peace on earth to men of good will, as the Angels sang on the birthnight of the Infant Savior.

It is customary for Catholics to include a substantial offering to their parish church among other acts of Christmas bounty. Grateful devotion to the new-born Savior finds its most consistent expression in practical aid extended to the Church which He founded for the furtherance of the sacred mission begun in the stable at Bethlehem.

To every reader of The Cathedral Monthly Tidings best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas.
CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
The Spanish Liturgy ministry invites everyone to a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Sunday, December 9, in Mercy Hall all day. There will be a brief presentation of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe during 1pm Spanish Mass, which will also feature a mariachi band. The band will also play downstairs after Mass, followed by a folk dance presentation. Food will be sold until 5pm or as long as supplies last.

On Wednesday, December 12th, join us for Mañanitas a la Virgen (songs for Mary including happy birthday to wake her up) at 5:30 am, followed by a bilingual Mass at 6:00 am. A free breakfast of sweet Mexican bread and hot chocolate will be served after Mass in Mercy Hall. All are invited and encouraged to come and honor our Celestial Mother this day.

G.F. Handel's MESSIAH & Monteverdi's Magnificat
featuring Capella Antiqua and Cathedral Choir
with the Baroque Orchestra
Friday, December 14, 2018, 7:30 pm
General $20 | Student $10, www.capella-antiqua.org

FEAST OF 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.

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 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. If you would like to help or reserve your bus tickets, please call Liliana at (916) 912-8256 or Veronica at (916) 205-0713 or stop by the Cathedral's Office.

“Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.”
~Winston Churchill~
"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." ~Luke 3:5-6~

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**Readings & Observances**

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

- Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: St. Damasus I, Pope
  - Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
  - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38
  - or Lk 1:39-47
- Thursday: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
  - Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
  - Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [In 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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**Prayer Corner**

Please remember in your prayers:

- Charles Joseph Urrutia, Sr. + Patricio and Andrew Vargas
- John Keener + Jocoy
- Jaime Tanco + Sara Martinez
- Lukas Flucht + Marlyn Custodio
- Berherto Concepcion Tadina + Kinda A
- Dubu + Lucia
- Benny Garces + Roman Q Paguio +
- Damianus Aditya Christie
- Snejana
- Matthew Mahoney
- Teddy Nguyen
- MEM
- Madeleine B. Vinluan
- Maricela Huider
- 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 Huider
- Alexa Novelo
- Brandon M. Novelo
- Anna Lanzona
- Shelby Hogan
- Roman Q Paguio + Carl Hagen
- Benny Garces + Sepehr
- Roman Q Paguio +
- Rosa Garcia +
- Deacon Don DeHaven
- Miguel, Luz, Sonia, Joel, Jose, Oscar, Betty, Noe, Waldo, Cesar, Carlos, Teresa and their families
- Gerald O’Reilly + Frank Verillo
- Stephanie Pill
- Mary Margaret Reilly
- Asmita and Abie Joseph
- Alroyd and Shaista and children
- Julian
- Jason and Resmi
- Nina Mordas and Mother
- Javier Maria Alonso
- C. Marcela Bedoya
- Eva Hernandez
- Diane
Esquina del Pastor

Hoy es el segundo domingo de Adviento, y escuchamos al gran profeta Juan el Bautista en el Evangelio de San Lucas. Pero el 9 de diciembre también recuerda a un Juan diferente, uno que vivió muchos años después de Juan el Bautista y miles de millas de donde Juan predicó; San Juan Diego. Al igual que Juan el Bautista, Juan Diego vivió una vida muy simple, cuidando las necesidades de su familia en el centro de México y aprendiendo acerca de la fe recién llegada de los católicos. Eventualmente se convertirá en el mensajero de la gran aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, siendo el humilde servidor que revela el amor y la preocupación de Nuestra Madre por conocer a su Hijo. Ambos santos tienen un mensaje importante que les ha sido dado desde lo divino, pero quizás el mensaje más importante que comparten con nosotros es la forma en que vivieron sus vidas. Como humildes siervos de Cristo, poniendo a Dios por encima de todo lo demás, nos recuerdan que durante el Adviento debemos vivir simplemente y no luchar por el poder y la gloria. Nuestros preparativos para la venida de Cristo en Navidad son siempre sobre cómo revelar a Jesús y su gloria. Ten un bendito Adviento.

P. Michael

LECCIONES SOBRE LA LITURGIA:
UMBRAL DE LA ESPERANZA
James Cavanagh, Director de Culto, Diócesis de Sacramento

"Para entrar en la casa de Dios debemos cruzar un umbral, que simboliza el paso del mundo herido por el pecado al mundo de la nueva Vida a la que todos los hombres son llamados". [Catecismo 1186].

Uno de los problemas del modernismo como ideología y forma de vida es que casi hemos perdido el contacto con el valor simbólico de las cosas. En ninguna parte es esto más evidente que en nuestras iglesias, que en general han sucumbido al modernismo, al menos arquitectónicamente.

La arquitectura de la iglesia solía decir volúmenes en términos de lenguaje simbólico, tanto que incluso un campesino ordinario, sin alfabetización y sin educación podía "leer" y comprender fácilmente los misterios más profundos de la iglesia representados en madera y piedra, metales preciosos y vidrios de colores, telas ricamente texturizadas y vestimentas coloridas y música sublime. Pero el modernismo ha eliminado todo eso, ya que el modernismo se caracteriza por la utilidad pura, valorando solo lo que es práctico, útil, más eficiente y rentable.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la entrada de una iglesia moderna típica. Es probable que la mayoría de nosotros ni siquiera pensemos en caminar por las puertas cuando vamos a Misa. Desde un punto de vista práctico, las puertas simplemente están ahí para dejar entrar a la gente y mantener el clima inclemente y los criminales afuera. Comuestas de aluminio y vidrio, las puertas de las iglesias modernas no son diferentes a las puertas de Walmart o Target o Starbucks o cualquier otro edificio comercial. Es solo cuestión de tiempo que se abran automáticamente. No hay ningún significado para ellos; no significan nada. Solo son puertas. No hay la sensación de pasar simbólicamente de un mundo, el mundo del hombre caído, a otro mundo, el mundo de Dios, o como lo dice el Catecismo: de "pasar de un mundo herido por el pecado a la nueva vida a la que todos los hombres están llamado." Una consecuencia de esta capitulación al modernismo es que ya no hay distinción entre lo sagrado y lo profano. ¿Es de extrañar, por lo tanto, que los jóvenes se desvíncule de la Iglesia en un número tan grande? Cuando la distinción entre lo sagrado y lo secular desaparece, cuando no hay una diferencia real entre la ciudad de Dios y la ciudad del hombre, cuando la trascendencia se ha silenciado y la Iglesia es apenas distinguible de la cultura secular que la rodea, ¿es de extrañar que la gente, especialmente los jóvenes, dicen, "¿Por qué molestarse?"
CELEBRACIONES PARA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
El ministerio de liturgia en español invita a todos a una celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el domingo 9 de diciembre, en el Mercy Hall todo el día. Habrá una breve presentación de las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe durante la misa en español a la 1pm, que también contará con una banda de mariachi. La banda también tocará en la planta baja después de la misa, seguida de una presentación de danza folclórica. Los alimentos se venderán hasta las 5 pm o hasta que se agoten los suministros.

El miércoles 12 de diciembre, únase a nosotros para Mañanitas a la Virgen (canciones para María que incluyen un feliz cumpleaños para despertarla) a las 5:30 am, seguido de una misa bilingüe a las 6:00 am. Después de la misa en Mercy Hall se servirá un desayuno gratuito con pan dulce mexicano y chocolate caliente. Todos están invitados y son alentados a venir y honrar a nuestra Madre Celestial este día.

PROCESIÓN DEL ROSARIO ANUAL DE LA SANTA INOCENTES
Viernes, 28 de diciembre, presidido por el obispo Soto. A las 6:00 pm, la procesión comienza en los escenarios de la catedral, seguida de una misa en el Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, 711 T Street.

LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES
La semana del 9 de diciembre de 2018

Domingo: 2º Domingo de Adviento
Bar 5, 1-9/Sal 126, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 [3]/Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11/Lc 3, 1-6
Lunes: Is 35, 1-10/Sal 85, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14 [Is 35, 4f]/Lc 5, 17-26
Martes: San Dámaso I, papa
Is 40, 1-11/Sal 96, 1-2. 3 y 10. 11-12. 13 [Is 40, 10]/Mt 18, 12-14
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19 [15, 9]/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47
Jueves: Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir
Is 41, 13-20/Sal 145, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13 [8]/Mt 11, 11-15
Viernes: San Juan de la Cruz, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia
Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [Jn 8, 12]/Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 80, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19 [4]/Mt 17, 10-13

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - Adviento es vivir en la esperanza y en la escucha, siempre viendo hacia el futuro estando seguros de que Dios nunca abandona a su pueblo. Camine con Él y lo orientará hasta que sea libre y goce de esa libertad comprometiéndose con la justicia y el temor de Dios. Volver a Dios, dejar el pecado estar abiertos a sus sorpresas. Dejarse seducir por la bondad del recién nacido que viene. En nuestro tiempo difícilmente percibimos experiencias de bondad de encuentro con el otro porque nos ha faltado el don de escuchar.

Este es el tiempo de detenernos, de levantar la cabeza, de enderezar lo torcido tal como San Juan bautista lo grita en el desierto. "Preparen el camino de Cristo, enderecen sus senderos. Cultivar. Fijémonos en San Juan Bautista que nos invita a dejar lo viejo y aceptar lo nuevo. Dejarse seducir por la bondad del recién nacido que viene. En nuestro tiempo difícilmente percibimos experiencias de bondad de encuentro con el otro porque nos ha faltado el don de escuchar.

Todo esto puede suceder si el ser humano se hace presente en Jesús. No nos hagamos los de incertidumbre en que se vive. Existe mucho por hacer, por enderezar, por aplanar y por salvar. Las quebradas serán rellenadas y los montes y los cerros allanados. Lo torcido será enderezado a la mitad de los caminos que se hiciere nunca recibieron una cuarta llama. Esto era porque para ese entonces muchos niños de la primaria ya estaban celebrando la navidad. La navidad no era un solo día, era una experiencia de vacaciones de la escuela.

Quizás usted tiene una corona de adviento en su casa o su oficina; quizás no. Pero esas láminas son insignificantes comparadas con la llama que debe estar quemando en nuestros corazones durante esta temporada. ¿De qué maneras enciende su propio corazón? ¿Cómo está preparando el camino para que Cristo entre en su vida y la vida de los de su alrededor de una manera más profunda?

El ritual de tener una corona de adviento es buena idea. Pero no piense que sus preparativos terminan ahí. Está llamado a ser una llama para los demás durante esta temporada, recordándoles por qué celebramos este tiempo. Cada persona es una vela que debe encender, y usted tiene los dones, dados por Dios, para encenderlos. Durante la navidad, es importante que Dios vea toda la luz que usted ha generado por los que Él encendió a través de usted. Ahora es el tiempo. No espere hasta que se acabe el Adviento. Quizá no podrá encontrar su llama si se espera.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Monday to Friday
Monday to Thursday
Saturday Vigil
Sunday
State Holidays

12:10 pm
5:10 pm
5:00 pm
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
12:10 pm only

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday to Friday
Saturday
Domingo en Español

11:30 am to 12:00 pm
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
12:30 pm a 12:45 pm
6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

When attendants are available:

Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
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
Tuesdays

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

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CATHEDRAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekend
Total Offering Percent of Goal
November 3/4 $8,763 76%
November 10/11 $9,076 79%
November 17/18 $9,100 79%
November 24/25 $7,504 65%
Four-week average: $8,610 74%

The Parish’s weekly expenses exceed $20,000. To maintain fiscal integrity, the weekend of December 30/31 needs to cover more than half of Parish expenses. The Finance Council has set a weekly ofertory goal of $11,500.

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 Alderighi FDC, 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, titikila@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 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.
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8)

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX, with the support of the overwhelming majority of Roman Catholic bishops, promulgated the papal bull Ineffabilis Deus (Latin for "Ineffable God"): "We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and therefore should firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated in the East starting in the Eighth Century and the West starting in the Ninth Century. St. Anselmo and other Benedicts, Duns Gol and other Franciscans have unanimously emphasized that the only the Virgin receive the unique grace among humans. In 1708, Pope Clemems XI ordered the universal church to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Pope Asylum IX established this doctrine as the faith of Christianity in 1858.

Four years later, Virgin Mary seems to be willing to personally use miracles to prove this truth. In a cave near Lourdes, a small town in France, Mary appears to a girl (Bernadette Soubirous). The girl sincerely asked her name, and Mary raised her eyes to the sky, smiled and replied: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

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.
We are having Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 22, and the practices are on every Friday Night at 7pm in Sara/Catherina’s House (7827 River Village Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831).
We are having the Christmas Potluck Dinner at Mercy Hall downstairs of the Cathedral on Sunday, December 23. No donation ticket is necessary. Please RSVP with Ken, Gloria or Ida. You can also bring any food or drink you would like to share. If you do, please let Gloria know what you are bringing.
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