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Until He returns, Christ the King rules on this earth through the Church under the direction of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with Him and always in perfect continuity with the Sacred Tradition. Being the Vicar of Christ does not mean the Pope is the pastor of Christ (as some non-Catholic Christians have ridiculously claimed is what the Catholic Church teaches), rather it means that Christ rules the world as its true King, teaches all Christians as their true Pastor, and is the Guardian and Protector of Christian truth through the Authority He has bestowed on Peter and his successors. The Vicar of Christ is endowed with the supreme apostolic authority and, within very specific parameters, shares in the infallible and universal ministry of Christ on earth. That is why, according to some Catholic prophets and the Virgin Mary at La Salette, the anti-Christ will seek the Chair of Peter, because it is ultimately Christ's chair, and usurping that chair, he will claim to be Christ.

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The first Vatican Council, the Primacy of the Pope, and the Lordship of Christ the King

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary as a dogma of faith. The Pope stated unequivocally that this truth was a "divinely revealed" dogma that was "contained in the deposit of heavenly revelation", and that "this doctrine always existed in the Church as a doctrine that has been received from our ancestors, and that has been stamped with the character of revealed doctrine. For the Church of Christ . . . defender of the dogmas deposited with her, never changes anything, never diminishes anything, never adds anything to them; but with all diligence she treats the ancient documents faithfully and wisely . . . in such a way that the ancient dogmas of heavenly doctrine will be made evident and clear . . . in the same sense and the same meaning". From ancient times the Church has taught that the Bishop of Rome was the supreme authority and universal voice of the Church's apostolic teaching authority, prompting Pope Pius IX at one point to say, "I am the Sacred Tradition".

While the Pope described the unanimous agreement of the Bishops and Cardinals, not only with the substance of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, but with the decision to define it as a dogma of faith, there were, nevertheless, some discordant voices at the time that questioned whether or not a decision on such a momentous doctrine as this could be the sole prerogative of the Bishop of Rome. The question of the extent of Papal authority was on the docket when the Pope convoked the first Vatican Council in June of 1868. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Christ addressed and defined the issue of Papal infallibility and the primacy of the Bishop of Rome. This was not the beginning of the doctrine on the primacy of the Roman Pontiff, but only a clarification of what had been the teaching of the Church since ancient times.

Vatican I quoted the Council of Ephesus from A.D. 431, which, looking back over the first four centuries of the Church, stated that "no one has doubt, rather all ages have known that the holy and most blessed Peter, chief and head of the apostles and pillar of faith and foundation of the Catholic Church, received the keys of the kingdom from our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of the human race; and he up to this time and always lives and presides and exercises judgment in his successors, the bishops of the Holy See of Rome, which was founded by him and consecrated by his blood." Vatican I also quoted the Council of Florence from A.D. 1445 which stated quite clearly that "the Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff hold primacy over the whole world . . . and is the true Vicar of Christ and head of the whole Church and faith, and teacher of all Christians".

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It is Christ the King who rules His Church by the successors of St. Peter, and when He gave Peter the Keys of the Kingdom, He made the solemn promise that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

~John-David Black~

1 Apostolic Constitution Defining the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Ineffabilis deus.
Pastor’s Corner

This weekend on the great feast of Christ the King, we as a parish might spend time reflecting on the different ministries that respond to the commands of our loving King.

The good work of mission and evangelization is certainly active at the Cathedral. The great command to teach all nations is revealed through the hard work of our religious education office with Sister Jenny and her gentle team of volunteers. We consistently enjoy the presence of many children in our program with currently 554 students learning about our faith and moral teachings. In addition, we have 54 adults and youth preparing for baptism and full communion in the church through our RCIA and RCIC programs.

Teaching the sacraments also occurs in other areas of the parish. We have a very rich marriage preparation program which consists of six weeks of formation offered quarterly. We educate many of the couples preparing for weddings both in the Cathedral as well as in neighboring parishes. This year, we helped form 30 couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage. As well, we offer regular classes for those preparing to baptize their children as parents or godparents. This class is offered every month and is presented in both English and Spanish. Well over one thousand have learned about this beautiful Sacrament this past year in our parish.

Speaking about the Sacraments, they are, of course, at the center of our parish life here at the Cathedral. Our celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass) strives to reveal how much this Sacrament is truly the source and summit of our lives. This past year we have experienced more clearly the frustration of lack of parking spaces, but overall our Sunday worship continues to be a great sign of our King’s presence to the diocese and downtown Sacramento.

In addition, our beautiful Cathedral attracts many visitors as well as parishioners wishing to celebrate the great sacraments of our tradition. This past year we celebrated 306 baptisms of infants, children and adults. We brought into the fullness of the church 105 youth and 31 adults into the sacrament of confirmation and 125 children made their first communion. All of these celebrations continue to help reveal God’s kingdom in which Christ rules as our King.

Although education and sacraments are an important part of our parish, our Humble King always wants us to care for those who are the least of our brothers and sisters. This is a challenging task that requires courage and trust in our Savior. The Cathedral for over ten years continues to maintain our Cathedral House to help provide comfort and direction to our area homeless. It houses up to 10 people at any given time for up to 3 months to help them get back on their feet. Approximately 30 of God’s children have found His care through this program this past year. As well, our brown bag program and nightly visits to those bedding down at night have provided food and hospitality to the many who suffer the difficulties of homelessness. We conservatively help feed 150 people 4 times per week, 52 weeks a year. That is 31,200 meals this past year. In addition, our front door ministry helps with baskets during the holidays as well as assistance with rent and power bills. Untold numbers have shared their stories and received help through front doors, side doors, and back doors of our church and offices.

Of course, all these ministries are supported by the hard work of staff and many volunteers as well as the prayers and financial support of all of you. Still, none of these things are worth anything without love. It is hard to measure the amount of love present in our beautiful parish. Our love is most often expressed through prayer, patience, and kindness. Many of us quietly go about our ministries never fully aware of how God is building upon it. We do know that our love can always grow as we strive to echo the great community of angels and saints we aspire to be a part of. Our doors could be more open, are hands more giving, and our hearts more loving, not just to those we encounter, but to our King who serves us with His entire being. We humbly ask God’s mercy upon us and our mission and trust that He is the source of all our needs. God bless us all and Happy New Liturgical Year.

Fr. Michael

The Most Reverend Jaime Soto, D.D, M.S.W, Bishop of Sacramento

The Most Reverend Myron Cotta Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento

The Very Reverend Michael O’Reilly, Rector

Reverend Kieran M. McMahon, Priest in Residence

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SCHEDULE OF 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Thursday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Friday 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm

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

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

WEDDINGS — Contact 916-444-3071,
Six (6)months in advance

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"In trust of God's infinite goodness, we pray to lift up our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul. Almighty Father, hear our prayers for…

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Eugenia Roque
Alfredo Rivera
Adolfo Espinoza
Raymundo Guerrero
Natalia Galan
Salomon Galan
Tomasita Rodriguez
Rosa Carrillo
Felix Nunez Claver
Alvin Sul
Anyrani Gonzalez
Erin Nicole Tam
Riley Hana
Lee McClure
Noah Anthony
Hernandez
Giang Tran
Joel and Cesar
Miguel and Family
Marissa Mallani and Family
Michael Jose Mejia
Luis Gutierrez, Jr.
Luis Gutierrez, Sr.
Cynthia Belarma
Stephen and Julie
Miles Jedlinsky
Flanagan
Louis Metzinger
The Brown Family
Nora and Padilla
Family
Danny Velez
Guy Cliford Minter
Yenecia Gutierrez
Dennis Studebaker
S.I.
Lawrence Afamasanga
Vailoauta Lopa
Michelle Mirvin
Chris Kunkel
Guy Cook
Andrea
Anastasia Main & Family
The Valdez Family
Angela Dufour
Luis Fonseca

~The best vitamin for a Christian is B1~

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Lord is our shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will "judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats," between those who have lived lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

MONDAY 27TH

Daniel is faithful to the Law and trusts in God's power. Jesus praises a poor widow whose love is without measure.

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY 28TH

Earthly kingdoms and temples will pass away, but in Christ is a kingdom whose glory and praise are eternal.

Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY 29TH

Handwriting on the wall bespeaks the division and loss of Belshazzar's kingdom; persecution bespeaks our calling to patient endurance. Glory to God, our salvation and strength!

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY 30TH

~Saint Andrew, Apostle~

Called by the Lord, Andrew preaches the Lordship of Jesus. His message is heard throughout the world.

Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST

We give praise to God for evil is overcome by good, and his reign is everlasting. His reign is also near—it is at hand—it is in our midst.

Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY 2ND

Be watchful in prayer to endure the appearing of the Son of Man. His kingdom is eternal and worthy of all praise.

Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36
Noticias de la parroquia

Esquinal del Pastor

Este fin de semana es la gran fiesta de Cristo Rey, nosotros como parroquia, pasaremos un rato reflexionando en los variados ministerios que responden a las órdenes de nuestro amoroso Rey.

El buen trabajo de misión y evangelización es ciertamente activo en la Catedral. La gran comisión de enseñar a todas las naciones es revelado a través del duro trabajo de nuestra oficina de educación religiosa con Sister Jenny y su equipo de voluntarios. Disfrutamos constantemente de la presencia de muchos niños en nuestro programa que a la fecha tiene 554 estudiantes aprendiendo acerca de nuestra fe y enseñanzas morales.

Adicionalmente, tenemos 54 adultos y jóvenes preparándose para el bautismo y completa misión con la Iglesia a través de nuestros programas de RICA y RCIC.

El enseñar los sacramentos también ocurre en otras áreas de la parroquia. También tenemos un programa de preparación matrimonial muy abundante que consiste en seis semanas de formación ofrecida trimestralmente. Educamos a muchas parejas preparándose para casarse en la Catedral o en parroquias vecinas. Este año ayudamos en su formación a 30 parejas preparándose para el sacramento del matrimonio.

También, ofrecemos clases regulares a aquellos preparándose para bautizarse a sus niños como padres y padres. Esta clase se ofrece cada mes y se presenta tanto en Inglés como en Español. Más de mil personas han aprendido sobre este bello sacramento en este año en nuestra parroquia.

Hablando de Sacramentos, ellos están, por supuesto, al centro de nuestra vida parroquial aquí en la Catedral. Nuestra celebración de la Encarnación (la Misa) se esfuerza en revelar cuánto este Sacramento es realmente la fuente y la cumbre de nuestras vidas. Éste año hemos experimentado más claramente la frustración por falta de lugares para estacionarse, sin embargo nuestra culto dominical continua siendo un gran signo de la presencia de nuestro Rey en la diócesis y centro de Sacramento.

Adicionalmente, nuestra hermosa Catedral atrae a muchos visitantes como a parroquianos esperando celebrar los grandes sacramentos de nuestra tradición. Este año celebramos 306 bautizos de infantes, niños y adultos. Dimos la bienvenida a la plenitud de la Iglesia a 105 jóvenes y 31 adultos por el sacramento de la confirmación y 125 niños hicieron su primera comunión. Todas éstas celebraciones continúan ayudando a revelar el reino de Dios en donde Cristo reina como nuestro Rey.

Aunque, la educación y los sacramentos son una parte importante de nuestra parroquia, nuestro Humilde Rey siempre quiere que cuidemos de aquellos que son los “menos” de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Ésta es una tarea retante que requiere valentía y confianza en nuestro Salvador, La Catedral por más de diez años continua manteniendo nuestra Casa de Catedral para proveer consejo y dirección a los desamparados de nuestra área. Da casa a 10 personas por hasta 3 meses para ayudarlos a ponerse de pie nuevamente.

Aproximadamente 30 de los hijos de Dios han experimentado su cuidado a través de este programa. Al igual, nuestro programa de bolsitas de almuerzo (Brown Bag program) y visitas nocturnas a aquellos que duermen en las calles del centro han provisto de comida y fraternidad a tantos que sufren las dificultades de no tener hogar.

Conservadoramente hablando, ayudamos a alimentar a 150 personas, 4 veces a la semana, 52 semanas al año.

Eso es 31,200 comidas este año. Adicionalmente, nuestro ministerio de la Puerta de Enfrente ayuda con canastas de alimentos durante las fiestas como asistencia con renta y pago de servicios. Sin número de personas han compartido sus historias y recibido ayuda a través de puertas principales, puertas laterales y puertas de atrás de nuestra iglesia y oficina.

Aún así, nada de ésto valdría la pena sin amor. Es difícil medir la cantidad de amor presente en nuestra hermosa parroquia. Nuestro amor es más comúnmente expresado en oraciones, paciencia y amabilidad. Muchos de nosotros hacemos nuestros ministerios calladamente sin realmente estar conciente de cómo Dios está utilizandolo. Lo que sí sabemos es que nuestro amor puede siempre crecer al eforzarnos en imitar la gran comunidad de ángeles y santos a la que esperamos pertenecer. Nuestros puertas podrían estar más abiertas, nuestra manos más generosas, y nuestro corazón más amoroso, no solo por aquellos a los que encontramos pero por nuestro Rey que nos sirve a todos con su Ser completo. Humildemente pedimos la misericordia de Dios sobre nosotros y nuestra misión y confiamos que El es la fuente de todas nuestras necesidades. Que Dios nos bendiga a todos y Feliz Año Litúrgico Nuevo.

Padre Michael

Acción de Gracias—El Ministerio de la Puerta

Gracias a todas las almas generosas que trajeron los pavos y los ingredientes para los platos complementarios para que un familia de bajos recursos tuviera una bonita cena. El Ministerio de la Puerta repartió 50 canastas. Dios se los multiplique ciento por uno.

Misa de Inmaculada Concepción de María

El 8 de diciembre habrá una Misa en español a las 7pm aquí en catedral. Este día celebramos uno de los dogmas marianos importantísimos de nuestra fe. La Virgen María fue concebida sin la mancha del pecado original, como todos nosotros.

Leemos en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 491: A lo largo de los siglos, la Iglesia ha tomado conciencia de que María “llena de gracia” por Dios (Lc 1, 28) había sido redimida desde su concepción. Es lo que confiesa el dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción, proclamado en 1854 por el Papa Pío IX:

«... la bienaventurada Virgen María fue preservada inmune de toda la mancha de pecado original en el primer instante de su concepción por singular gracia y privilegio de Dios omnipotente, en atención a los méritos de Jesucristo Salvador del género humano (Pio IX, Bula Ineffabilis Deus: DS, 2803).

Esta es una Misa de obligación y esperamos que como comunidad todos vengamos a la catedral a las 7 de la tarde. Recuerde, el estacionamiento es gratis.

Las lecturas de la semana del 26 de noviembre

Domingo: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 23, 1-3. 5-6/1 Cor 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46
Lunes: Dt 1, 8-16/20-Dn 3, 52-56/Lc 21, 1-4
Martes: Dn 2, 31-45/Dn 3, 57-61/Lc 21, 5-11
Jueves: Rom 10, 9-18/Sal 19, 8-11/Mt 4, 18-22
Viernes: Dn 7, 1-14/Dn 3, 75-81/Lc 21, 29-33
Sábado: Dt 7, 15-27/Dn 3, 82-87/Lc 21, 34-36
Domingo siguiente: Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 80, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19/1 Cor 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 26 de noviembre

Domingo: Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo
Jueves: Andrés, apóstol

Domingo siguiente: 1er Domingo de Adviento
Cathedral Kids
Read the Gospel and Color

Sharing the Gospel — Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

Prayer — Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving king.

Mission for the Week — We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.

Puzzle

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Chinese Community News

感恩節晚餐 11.19.2017
Thanksgiving Dinner 11.19.2017

預留時間：
聖誕報佳音 12月16日(星期六) 上午九時至下午四時
聖誕節晚餐 12月17日(星期日) 下午六時至九時

Save the date:
Christmas Caroling
December 16 (Sat) 9 am - 4 pm
Christmas Dinner
December 17 (Sun) 6 - 9 pm