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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Monday to Friday
Monday to Thursday
Saturday Vigil
Sunday
State Holidays

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

BAPTISMS — Registration is required
English — 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00 am
Español - 4º 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

GIFT SHOP — Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mondays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

July 23, 2017
16th Week in Ordinary Time
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Mystagogy

Blessed Alexandrina da Costa, Pius XII, and "The Hinge of Fate" (Part 1 of III)

Blessed Alexandrina da Costa (1904-1955) was a pious young lady that lived in Balasar Portugal. When she was 14 years old a man broke into her house with the intent of raping her. Like Saint Maria Goretti, Alexandrina was prepared to die rather than surrender her virginity to the scoundrel and so she jumped out a second story window to escape. The fall irreparably damaged her spine, and for the next 37 years until her death she lived with incurable paralysis and excruciating pain. In her suffering she developed an intimate union with the Suffering Savior, and "To Jesus through Mary" became her motto.

In 1935, Our Lord entrusted her with the propagation of the message of Fatima, telling her, "Through the love which you have for my blessed Mother, tell your spiritual director that as I asked Saint Margaret Mary (Alacoque) for devotion to my divine Heart, so I ask you to urge the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of my Mother." Alexandrina's spiritual director forwarded the message to Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, the Vatican secretary of the state, who was said to be deeply moved by the young lady's certainty that the consecration would be effected by the Holy Father. Three years later, as the specter of another world war spread over Europe, Cardinal Pacelli was elected Pope as Pius XII. Alexandrina was then told by Our Lord, "This is the pope who will consecrate the world to my Mother", and "As a sign that it is my Will to see my Mother consecrated, tell your spiritual director that as I asked Margaret Mary Alacoque for devotion to my Heart, so I ask him to urge the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and that the world be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of my Mother". The remarkable role in the Pacific theater of operations; this combat operation finally drove the German from North Africa once and for all and set up the Allied invasion of Sicily and Italy.

These battles exacted a heavy toll, and of course the war was far from over; nevertheless, the Axis powers were thereafter in retreat and never again gained the ascendancy, suffering continuous reverses on every front until the war was over. Winston Churchill would later refer to the latter months of 1942 as "The Hinge of Fate". The remarkable turnaround of good and bad fortune in the war was not easy to account for naturally except to see it as "fate". However, Alexandrina and her spiritual directors knew that it was no mere stroke of luck that made the difference; the prayers of the Blessed Virgin for a world the Holy Father had recently consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart made all the difference. Though Alexandrina continued to suffer great pain after Good Friday 1942, she never again endured the Passion of Christ. At the request of Our Lord she began on that Good Friday a total fast from any food, receiving only Holy Communion daily until her death in 1955. Her last words were, "I am happy, because I am going to Heaven".

Next week in part II, we shall consider Mary's remarkable role in the Pacific theater of operations in bringing to a close the world's most destructive and costly conflict. The following week we shall consider what effect the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Saint John Paul II has had on this once militantly atheistic and communist regime. This one might surprise you!

~John-David Black~

Saint James

July 25 — This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemane.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink? They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

~From Franciscan Media~
Pastor’s Corner

I’ve done quite a bit of gardening in my life, especially when I was younger. Today, the common trend is to go to your local large hardware supplier or nursery and purchase plants in packs of six or so. These plants tend to do well and are much bigger than any weeds that sprout in the weeks ahead. These plants can also be costly and certainly not too effective if planting a whole field, although some plants are only grown through this method. The more cost effective and efficient method is to plant seeds directly in the ground. The drawback to this method is that the seeds and seedlings are easily damaged or eaten, which can be very frustrating. As well, the weeds that sprout with the good seed more easily compete for nutrients and water. Removing the weeds and voracious insects and other pests is necessary and time consuming, especially if you’re gardening without modern day herbicides or pesticides. However, very few things are more fulfilling than harvesting a bounty of fruits or flowers from plants you’ve grown from sowing your own seeds.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to be like a field in which good seed is planted. Weeds have also been planted by the enemy into the same field. The question is what should be done about those weeds? This is a complex question because it certainly implies that somebody knows the difference between the good plants and the weeds. Of course, these two types of plants are symbols for two types of people, good people and evil people. There are times in my life when I think I can identify which is which and there are times I’m not even sure which one I am. I have, at times, tried to uproot certain people who I believe are damaging the growth of other people and there are times when others have tried to uproot me to prevent me from causing damage. Usually these kinds of situations are difficult and seldom end with a feeling that the field (the Kingdom of Heaven) has been helped in any way. Jesus continually reminds us that the fruit we bear reveals who we are. Perhaps we can truly only see our fruit or other’s on the day we are harvested.

We must take for granted that there are weeds among us, trying to cause evil to the Kingdom. We seldom see ourselves as being those weeds. I don’t know if I’ve met any truly evil person, but most of the people I encounter I believe to be good plants who just need to let God help them grow. We plants in the Kingdom could do a lot better about helping others to grow. Too much time and energy is spent trying to uproot people. Too many comments reveal our lack of love for one another. Most criticisms and judgments are made to keep others from thinking we might be the problem. Every time we make detractive remarks about someone, we are the problem. The command for us is to love one another whether we or they are weeds or wheat.

I will try to leave the harvesting to angels. I have enough to do just trying to make sure I’m firmly planted in the Kingdom of Heaven. As well, I pray that the Father will be joyful on that day when the harvest is collected and that He can show off His bounty from plants He grew from seeds.

~Father Michael~

**Greek kerygma, from kerysein to proclaim, from keryx herald:** apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ.
Cathedral Men’s ACTS Retreat
Thursday, August 17 – Sunday, August 20, 2017

Applications are available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 34 men

An ACTS retreat is designed to provide an opportunity for retreatants to enter a new and deeper relationship with OUR LORD and fellow parishioners.

- The Cathedral ACTS retreat will be held at the beautiful Applegate Jesuit Retreat Center located 10 miles to the northeast of Auburn, off of Interstate 80.
- Please do not let financial difficulties discourage you from attending. Financial assistance may be available.
- Any Man age 19 years or older is welcome. Do not miss out; space is limited.

Let the Holy Spirit move you. We hope you will prayerfully consider attending this life changing retreat. More information can be found in the application flyers located in the Church. After the July 15-16, 2017 Masses, Cathedral ACTS parishioners will be available to answer any questions you may have about the ACTS movement within our parish.

God, Family, and Everything Else!

email: cathedralsacramento@gmail.com   www.actsroseville.org

Cathedral parishioners are no longer able to park for free in the private parking structure next to the Cathedral Office. The Cathedral is therefore purchasing from the City of Sacramento, coupons to pay for the $5 weekend parking charge in the City parking lots located on 11th St. between I Street and J Street; and on 10th St. between K St. and L St. After each weekend Mass, if you parked in a City parking lot, you may pick up a coupon as you leave the Cathedral. To offset the $500 per weekend cost of the coupons, please consider increasing your weekly donation to the Cathedral.

Movie Night at the Cathedral presents:

bella
Friday, July 28
6:30 pm
Mercy Hall

~Free of Charge/Donations Welcome ~ Refreshments will be served~

“Decide to love generously. This is what you are made for.” ~ Dr. Allen Hunt, from ‘Life’s Greatest Lesson’~
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Offering Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the rectory office for help with available dates and times. Intentions are $10.00 donation per Mass request and are due the Tuesday before the publication weekend.

~Let Us Pray For One Another~
~Oremos los unos por los otros~

Blanca Padilla
Michael Jose Mejia
Eugenio Negrete
Elizabeth Paul
Joseph
Autumn’s Grandfather
Luis Gutierrez
Cynthia Belarma
Taylor Don Bennett
Kate and Family
Shelley and Family
Selenia (7 wks old)
Mark McDougal
Garren Bratcher & Family
Rosaline
John Amaro +
Kevin and Family
Stephen and Julie
Cynthia Matulia

Nellie Medina
Michael Hunsaker
Juliana M.
Nora Washington
Ariana Garcia & 6 month old baby
Vicki Rene Elizabeth
Joel and Cesar
The Brown Family
Louis Metzinger
Alfredo Gonzales Family
Claudia Padilla
debbie and Family
Zamos Family
Julie and Hansel
Ferry Family
Veronica V.
Isabel
Joshua Ray Sheets
Kathy Pardun

Emma Valdez
Eugenia Roque
Alfredo Rivera
Adolfo Espinoza
Raymundo Guerrero
Natalia Galan
Salomon Galan
Tomasita Rodriguez
Rosa Carrillo
Felix Nunez Claver
Alvin Sul
Aryrani Gonzalez
Erin Nicole Tam
Riley Hana

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Esquina del Pastor

He hecho un poco de jardinería en mi vida, especialmente cuando era más joven. Hoy en día, lo más común es ir a la tienda a comprar plantas en paquetes de seis o menos. Estas plantas tienden a hacer bien y son mucho más grandes que cualquier cizaña que brote en las próximas semanas. Estas plantas también pueden ser costosas y ciertamente no demasiado eficaces si se siembra un campo entero, aunque algunas plantas sólo se cultivan a través de este método. El método más económico y eficiente es plantar semillas directamente en el suelo. El inconveniente de este método es que las semillas se dañan, lo que puede ser muy frustrante. Además, las cizañas que brotan con la buena semilla compiten más fácilmente por nutrientes y agua. Eliminación de las cizañas y los insectos y otras plagas es necesario y toma mucho tiempo, especialmente si usted está plantando sin pesticidas de hoy en día. Sin embargo, muy pocas cosas son más satisfactorias que la cosecha de una abundancia de frutas o flores de las plantas que ha crecido de la siembra de sus propias semillas.

Jesús compara el Reino de los Cielos como un campo en el cual se siembra buena semilla. Las malas hierbas también han sido plantadas por el enemigo en el mismo campo. La pregunta es ¿qué se debe hacer con esas cizañas? Esta es una pregunta compleja, porque ciertamente implica que alguien sabe la diferencia entre las buenas plantas y las cizañas. Por supuesto, estos dos tipos de plantas son símbolos para dos tipos de personas, gente buena y gente mala. Hay momentos en mi vida cuando creo que puedo identificar cuál es cuál y hay veces que ni siquiera estoy seguro de cuál soy yo. A veces he tratado de arrancar de la raíz a ciertas personas que creo están dañando el crecimiento de otras personas y hay veces que otros han tratado de arrancarme de la raíz para evitar que yo cause daño. Por lo general, este tipo de situaciones son difíciles y rara vez terminan con el sentimiento de que el campo (el Reino de los Cielos) ha sido ayudado de alguna manera. Jesús nos recuerda continuamente que el fruto que llevamos revela quiénes somos. Quizás podamos ver realmente sola mente nuestra fruta o otras en el día que nos cosechen.

Debemos aceptar que hay cizañas entre nosotros, tratando de causar mal al Reino. Rara vez nos vemos como esas cizañas. No sé si he conocido a alguna persona verdaderamente malvada, pero la mayoría de la gente que encuentro creo ser buenas plantas que solo necesitan dejar que Dios los ayude a crecer. Nosotros las plantas en el Reino podemos hacer mucho mejor sobre ayudar a otros a crecer. Demasiado tiempo y energía se gasta tratando de arrancar de la raíz a la gente. Demasiados comentarios revelan nuestra falta de amor por el otro. La mayoría de las críticas y los juicios se hacen para evitar que otros piensen que podría ser el problema. Cada vez que hacemos comentarios negativos sobre alguien, somos el problema. El mandamiento para nosotros es amarnos unos a otros si nosotros o ellos somos cizaña o trigo.

Trataré de dejar la cosecha a los ángeles. Tengo suficiente para tratar de asegurarme de que estoy firmemente plantado en el Reino de los Cielos. Además, rezo para que el Padre se alegre en el día en que la cosecha se recoja y que Él pueda mostrar su recompensa de las plantas que crecieron de las semillas.

~Padre Michael~
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3) Fax to: 916-443-2749
4) Mail to (correo): 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Attention Parents!
Mark your calendars for the upcoming new school year.

CCD Classes for K – 6th Grade will begin on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 10:00am.

Confirmation Classes for 7th Graders and up will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00pm.

For children over 7 years of age and teens, 7th Grade and higher, who are not baptized, and teens who did not complete their sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 9:00am.

The registration fee for the 1st child is $55.00 and each additional child is $35.00. Please note that after August 31, 2017, the registration fee will increase to $65.00 for the 1st child and $45.00 for each additional child.

Registration packets are available through the education office, or online at cathedralsacramento.org/Education, or by calling 916-444-5364.

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Chinese Community News
華人團體消息
下一次事務會議將於七月二十三日(星期日)彌撒後在聖體大教堂會議室舉行，歡迎大家踊躍參加。

團體的年度退省將於八月五日(星期六)早上九時至下午六時在Christ The King Passionist Retreat Center (6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621) 舉行，費用為每位$40，包括午餐。我們邀請了何神父作為我們的神司。請盡快聯絡陳紹強報名(916-272-9093)。

Our next business meeting will be held July 23, 2017 (Sun) after Mass at the meeting room of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend.

Our community retreat will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at Christ The King Passionist Retreat Center at 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. The cost for each participant is $40, which includes lunch. We have invited Father Ho as our spiritual director. If you are interested in attending the retreat, please contact Ellis Chan (916-272-9093).

團體將於8月6日晚上六時在Broadway的新福臨海鮮酒家為何神父慶祝70大壽，有興趣參與的請在7月23日前向鄺陳秀玲報名。916-442-7178

Our community will celebrate with Fr. Ho his 70th birthday at New Fortune House Restaurant at 6 pm on August 6. Please sign up with Gloria at 916-442-7178 before July 23 if you are interested to join.