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2nd Sunday of Lent
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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
En español 1:00 pm
Chinese 3:00 pm
5:00 pm
En español 7:00 pm
State Holidays
12:10 pm

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 - 12:45 pm
6:30 pm - 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
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,
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God asked Abraham to leave his land, take everything and everyone with him and move to a new land. Later God asked Moses to take the Hebrews from Egypt into a promised new land. And Jesus? Well, He too had to leave Joseph and Mary back in Nazareth and begin his mission out on the road. Jesus once remarked: “The foxes have their dens and the birds of the air their nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” And when He was crucified and died, He didn’t even have a tomb of His own.

Many of us feel like we are in a lot of ways strangers and exiles living in an alien and hostile culture, or environment, or world. Quite a few feel that it’s not possible to be a good Christian, or a total and complete Christian, or Catholic, and at the same time live in the sort of world in which we find ourselves. They feel like the standards of our culture are being “dumbed down,” that our laws and rules are being redefined so that people can do simply what they feel like doing. Many of us watch what we value as it is being de-valued in the world around us, a world in which we no longer feel at home, much less want to raise our children.

Nevertheless, God wants us to have roots, to have a place, to belong. We all need a place in which we can find ourselves and a family in which we can belong. If we don’t have that we become very angry, act out, and engage in what is called “anti-social” and hostile behavior. In other words, in our rage at not belonging we end up attacking everyone around us.

One of the remarkable things about the Catholic Church is the fact that in it you belong no matter where you find yourself on the face of the earth. I have entered churches in many other parts of the world, participated in Masses in them, and instantly felt at home even though the language wasn’t English (or Latin, for that matter). It’s a wonderful feeling to enter St. Peter’s basilica in the Vatican and be able to say: “This is my church!” I’ve entered great cathedrals all over Europe and been able to say: “I feel at home here. This is my church. Jesus is here in the Blessed Sacrament. These people represented in statues stained glass windows are a part of my family and I belong to them just as they belong to me.”

Likewise we need to be able to respond to God the way others have when He called them to be about His tasks, to be about His purposes, to accomplish His work. Could you leave everything in back of you if He called you to make a radical change in your life? Like Abraham, you would have to leave your security and your familiar surroundings behind you. Sometimes God calls you to empty yourself in order that He might fill you with what He wants to give you. Could you do it?

We speak of Lent as a journey, a moving from one place to a new and better place. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus from Bethlehem where He was born, to Nazareth where He was raised, out into the desert, then to Jerusalem where He was crucified and died, and into the tomb in which He was buried, and then into the Garden of the Resurrection, the new Garden of Eden. One day we will follow in His path by joining Him in His Ascension into heaven along with the Assumption of His mother Mary who was also taken up from this alien world into the home God has prepared for us.

The tomb of Jesus is empty because the things of this world are all destined to turn into dust. Inside of them, all of the things of this world are as empty as the tomb of Jesus. Why? Because reality is something spiritual, not material. We are dust, and unto dust we shall return, along with all of the glitter of this world. Our citizenship and our home are elsewhere and our hearts will not rest until they rest in the home God has prepared for us.

Our hearts can experience some of that peace, some of that rest, right here in this church, in God’s house, in His Presence here in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Why not stop in here to be at home for a little while with Jesus, here in His house? Why not give your heart the love it seeks, namely to be here at peace and in union, in love, with the One for whom your heart was made by God in the first place?

To whom do I belong? Where is my home? Here at least, here in God’s house in the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, you will be strangers and exiles no longer. This is God’s house, and therefore it is your house, your home. This is where your family shares its Sunday meal and where, whenever we come here, we know at last we belong.

~Fr. Charles Irvin, Senior Priest, Diocese of Lansing~
Night Fever     March 17—8 to midnight

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Holy Saturday Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Sacramento, in collaboration with Radio Santísimo Sacramento (RSS), is organizing the fourth annual pilgrimage to seven parishes within the City of Sacramento on Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

The pilgrimage begins at St. Elizabeth Church and continues to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Francis Church, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and the Sacramento Food Bank, concluding at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe. There will also be a brief stop at the Capitol.

This beautiful Hispanic tradition was adopted four years ago during the observance of the Year of Faith. It offers the faithful an opportunity to prepare their hearts for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. There were over 1200 participants last year. A Plenary Indulgence will be associated with participation in the pilgrimage along with the requisite Confession, Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The pilgrimage is conducted bilingually, but primarily in Spanish. We extend a special invitation to the youth and young adults.

Fr. Thomas Gaunt, SJ Ph.D.

Monday, March 13th at 9:30am or 7:00pm

Parish life has changed A LOT in the past 40 years. Most of us have lived that reality. Join us for a presentation on the latest research on parish life today and a discussion on what it means for the future of parish life in the United States.


This presentation is offered twice at the Newman Catholic Center, Sacramento, 5900 Newman Ct, Sacramento, CA. Monday, March 13 from 9:30am-11am OR 7-8:30pm Admission is Free. For more information, contact Kevin Staszkow at kstaszkow@scd.org or 916-733-0152.

Is divorce or separation an issue in your life?

Join Holy Trinity parishioners Teresa Greenman and Patrick Cummings for The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide ministry (for those divorced or facing divorce). Teresa and Pat will facilitate this seven week class at Holy Trinity Parish in El Dorado Hills starting Wednesday April 5 from 6-8 PM.

Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Experts in this DVD series include some of the best and brightest teachers, counselors and authors in Catholic media. Suggested $20 donation covers work book and snacks. RSVP to teresa.ann123@gmail.com or 916-833-9460.

Banns Of Marriage

Michele Radaelli and Yiwen Wang, members of the Cathedral Parish, announce their wedding on June 17, 2017 in the diocese of Milan, Italy. This Banns of Marriage will be published in the Cathedral Bulletin for three consecutive Sundays (3/12, 3/19, 3/26).
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CATHEDRAL KIDS

God’s Love and Glory

Can you find the examples of God’s love and glory hidden in the letters below?

S A C R A M E N T   P A D O P
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Look carefully for these words and circle the ones you find in the puzzle.

TRINITY

GOD

GRACE

MYSTERY

SACRAMENT

BAPTISM

PENANCE

COMMUNION

HOLY ORDERS

MATRIMONY

SANCTIFYING

APOSTLES

FAITH

LOVE

HOPE

LENTEN VESPERS

The Cathedral Choir will sing Vespers (Evening Prayer) each Wednesday during Lent beginning on Wednesday March 8 at 7:15 p.m. Evening prayer will be sung in the Cathedral Eucharistic Chapel. Parking after 7:00 p.m. is free in the parking lot adjacent to the Cathedral. This is a unique opportunity to enhance your Lenten journey to Easter for a relatively short (30 to 40 minutes) but intense service of prayer. RCIA and Confirmation classes in other parishes are encouraged to attend these services.

Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus’ command to “pray always” (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

In addition, the Cathedral Choir will be singing Tenebrae on Wednesday April 12 at 7:15 p.m, a service of psalms and hymns traditionally presented in Lent. Wednesday April 12 is the day before Holy Thursday, the beginning of the Easter Triduum.

The Cathedral choir also sings Morning Prayer at 9:00 am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday mornings.

SAINT PATRICK

This week we celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day on Friday, the 17th.

St. Patrick used the shamrock as a way to explain the Trinity. He would hold up a shamrock and challenge his hearers, “Is it one leaf or three?” “It is both one leaf and three,” was their reply. “And so it is with God,” he would conclude.

Make a shamrock out of a pipe cleaner by wrapping it around three of your fingers as seen in the picture above, and then wrap the ends together.

Try singing this Trinity Song to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star:

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.” ~2 Corinthians 13:14~

BIBLE QUIZ

1. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on water, what did they think he was?
2. When Jesus went to dinner at Simon the Pharisee’s house, what did a woman do for him?
3. What is the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus?
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**Pray For One Another**

Arthur Bailey
Ceciley Snook
Vickii Rene Elizabeth
Diana Weilde
Sunita Phillips
Cathy Hickman
Maricela Cortes
Dorothy Adams
Joel & Cesar
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Rosaline

Robyn Freeman
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Robert Freitag
Jeremy
Harry Gabo
Monica Gabo
Luis Gutierrez
Scott Hesper
Dayna Hurtado
Kati Jansen
Carol "CJ" Jenkins
Timothy Jimenez
Norma Katindoy

Cynthia Matulia
Lee McClure
Nellie Medina
Blanca Padilla
Nilda Medina
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Delia Melsness
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Hilda Plancarte

Let us pray for you or your loved ones. Submit your prayer request on cathedralsacramento.org or email: cbsprayer3@yahoo.com

Names will appear for one month.
Please contact us at cathedralsacramento@gmail.com to extend the time or remove.

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**The Season of Lent**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Every Friday during Lent
After 12:10 pm Mass in English
7:00 pm Estaciones de la Cruz en Español

**LENTEN VESPERS**
Every Wednesday at 7:15 pm in the Eucharistic Chapel

March 17- St. Patrick’s Day

**LENTEN DISPENSATION**
The feast of Saint Patrick, March 17, falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Since Saint Patrick is a co-patron of the diocese, Bishop Soto has granted a dispensation from the ordinary Lenten obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays this one day. It would be appropriate to substitute another form of penance (a work of charity or exercise of piety) on that day in lieu of abstinence from meat, in order to maintain the penitential character of the day.

March 21 Youth Advocacy Day

April 6 6:00 pm Chrism Mass (Bishop Soto)
April 8 5:00 pm Blessing of Palms at the Vigil Mass

April 9 **PALM SUNDAY**—Procession of Palms
April 13 **HOLY THURSDAY**
12:10 pm Communal Penance Service
7:00 pm Celebration of Lord’s Supper
April 14 **GOOD FRIDAY**
12:10 pm Celebration of Lord’s Passion

April 15 **HOLY SATURDAY**
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy

April 16 **EASTER SUNDAY**

**PRAYER**
In order to deepen one’s love for Christ, Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture; to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church; to participate in devotions offered by the parish; and to pray more fervently -- individually, as families, and in common with others. The faithful are exhorted to pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, world peace, and for an ongoing implementation of the pastoral initiatives of the Third Diocesan Synod.
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