EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, “Pass me the mashed potatoes, please.” This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day’s football games. That’s why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life. Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

Pastor’s Corner

Many of you are aware that my mother has been ill. She is currently in her own home and her children take turns looking after her. One of the things she enjoys is asking us to read out loud to her. She doesn’t care for anything too heavy or exhilarating. When I visited, we were reading from the “Little House on the Prairie” by Laura Ingalls Wilder. I read a chapter to her about Christmas Day approaching and the children’s concern that there would be no Christmas gifts because Santa wouldn’t be able to visit because of the bad weather. On Christmas morning, however, in the top of their stockings was a shiny tin cup. I remember thinking while I was reading out loud, how disappointed they were going to be when they realized Santa did come and yet they only got a tin cup. But the girls were so excited to get their own cup all to themselves that they felt it was the best Christmas ever. Clearly a different world and a different time in relationship to the world most of us live in.

So, the holidays are quickly approaching. There will be much planning of food, gifts, and entertainment. There will be time for prayer and the need to reflect on the gift of Thanksgiving and the love of Christ at Christmas. I think about all the food prepared and how little of it will really be appreciated. It is hard to be thankful for the great bounty on Thanksgiving Day when we go about our every-day lives eating big feasts. We have so much of everything that each toy, gadget and piece of jewelry fails to help us experience the love that they symbolize or our gratefulness for such great bounty.

Today I encourage all of us to eat more simply so as to appreciate the rare feasts that bring us together; to live more simply to appreciate more fully the gathering of family and friends; to spend more simply to appreciate the gifts that others give; and to offer more simply the things that others truly need to receive. The simplicity of less is the recipe for the Best Christmas Ever! Anything extra should go to the poor.

In addition, I would like to thank you all for your prayers for my mother. She is comfortable these days and continues her pilgrimage to our Risen Lord and Savior.

Fr. Michael
This description of Heaven reminds us who is waiting there

Philip Kosloski | Aleteia.org

At times Heaven can appear to be something abstract, a place in the clouds where God dwells. In reality Heaven is much different, full of people, many of whom held a special place in our hearts on earth.

St. Cyprian, a bishop in the 3rd century, wrote about one of the reasons we should long for Heaven.

There a large number of dear ones are waiting for us, of parents, brothers, children; a numerous and full crowd are longing for us; already secure of their own immortality, and still anxious for our safety. To come to the sight and the embrace of these, how great will be the mutual joy to them and to us! What a pleasure of the kingdom of heaven is there without the fear of dying, and with an eternity of living! How consummate and never-ending a happiness!

There is the glorious company of the apostles; there is the assembly of exulting prophets; there is the unnumbered family of martyrs crowned for the victory of their struggles and suffering; there are virgins triumphing, who, by the power of chastity, have subdued the lusts of the flesh and the body; there are the merciful recompensed, who with food and bounty to the poor have done the works of righteousness, who keeping the Lord’s commands have transferred their earthly inheritance into heavenly treasures.

To these, O most dearly beloved brethren, let us hasten with most eager longing; let us desire that our lot may be to be with these speedily; to come speedily to Christ.

Think about that scene for a minute. What joy would you experience to hug a spouse or child again? What if you saw your best friend, or your parents? Would you run at full speed to embrace them?

Let those thoughts stir up within you a great longing for Heaven, one that informs your daily activities. If we want to see that scene one day, should we not do all that we can during our short life to make it a reality?

May we go forward each day with this in mind, living the Gospel in every aspect so that we can one day hug our loved ones tightly, for all eternity.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL:

In an effort to create a better understanding of the financial challenges that we are facing at the Cathedral, and in compliance with Canon Law and statutes ratified by the Diocese of Sacramento, annual financial reports for the Cathedral will be published in the bulletin within a reasonable time after the completion of each fiscal year, which runs July 1st to June 30th. This past year and previous years dating back to 2016 are available for viewing on cathedralsacramento.org/about-us.

The Finance Council and I are currently reviewing expenses to find areas where spending can be reduced to be more in line with current revenues. While every effort will be made to maintain current standards for parish ministries, prayer and good counsel will lead us to make financial cuts. You will be made aware of any changes.

We all have made the cathedral our spiritual home. With that, comes a fiscal responsibility, both for the care of the cathedral, and to fulfill our moral obligations. I ask for your continued prayers. Please direct your comments and questions to cathedralsacramento@gmail.com.
Calling bakers, crafters and volunteers!

The Festival of Trees and Lights

is just around the corner and will be held December 7-8, 2019 in Mercy Hall at the Cathedral. We are in need of baked goods, Christmas ornaments, handmade crafts, knitted hats, etc. If you have items you would like to donate or you are able to bake cookies, brownies, breads, or sweet treats for the Sweet Shop, please contact Paula at trupaula@gmail.com or Susan at susandurand@gmail.com.

"SPREADING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AMONG CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES THROUGH A.C.T.S."

The Cathedral Men's ACTS Retreat is November 14-17. For more information visit, SacCathedralACTS.org or contact Rick Visineau, RickVisineau@icloud.com or 916-281-4676. The ACTS retreat begins Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OFFERTORY REPORT

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For whatever reason, if you can’t receive Holy Communion, you are encouraged to remain in your seat and devoutly pray the Act of Spiritual Communion below. Remember, Holy Communion is about communion with the Lord and his bride, the Church. The purpose of coming forward at Communion is to receive the Holy Eucharist, not to get a blessing from the priest or anyone else.

"O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I love you above all things and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I adore you with profound reverence and embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

(Excerpts from Lessons on the Liturgy, 07-10-19, by James Cavanaugh, Diocese of Sacramento Director of Worship)
### Ministry Directory

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| Saturday November 9 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
5:00 pm / No intentions in November  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22                                                                                     |
| Sunday November 10 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 am / No intentions in November  
9:00 am / 11:00 am / 1:00 pm (Spanish) / People of the Parish  
3:00 pm (Chinese)  
5:00 pm / 7:00 pm  
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38                                                                 |
| Monday November 11 | St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day  
12:10 pm / No intentions in November  
5:10 pm / Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6                                                                                               |
| Tuesday November 12 | St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr  
12:10 pm / No intentions in November  
5:10 pm / Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10                                                                                           |
| Wednesday November 13 | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
12:10 pm / No intentions in November  
5:10 pm / Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19                                                                                              |
| Thursday November 14 | ACTS MEN’S RETREAT BEGINS  
12:10 pm / No intentions in November  
5:10 pm / Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25                                                                     |
| Friday November 15 | St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
12:10 pm / No intentions in November  
Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37                                                                                                      |
| Saturday November 16 | St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin  
5:00 pm / No intentions in November  
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8                                                                                           |

### Cathedral Kids

**Sharing the Gospel** - In today’s Gospel Jesus talked about what you will be like one day in heaven. God made you to be his special child. There is no one else like you. If you truly love God with all of your heart, you will never be apart from him. Even when your body dies, you will still be alive with God. In heaven, God will give you a new body, like an angel. You will live forever. Even in your new body, you will still be God’s own special child.

**Prayer** - Dear God, thank you for promising that I can live with you forever.

**Mission for the Week** - Write on a piece of colored paper, "One day I will be like an angel in heaven." Decorate your picture with angels, and hang it up in your room.
LA ORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA
¡Se acerca el día de Acción de Gracias!

El Día de Acción de Gracias estará aquí antes de que te des cuenta, y pronto estarás diciendo:

“Pásame el puré de papas, por favor.”

Este día feriado de noviembre tiene sus raíces en la historia de los Estados Unidos y se ha convertido en un día en que recordamos todas las cosas por las cuales estamos agradecidos: país, familia, amigos, salud, etc. Desafortunadamente, podemos encontrarnos tan ocupados con los planes de viaje y comprando el pavo o jamón perfecto que dejamos pasar el día, y en lo único en lo que nos podemos enfocar es cuánto comimos y en quienes ganaron los partidos de fútbol del día. Por eso, AHORA es el momento de comenzar a reflexionar diariamente en todas las cosas, grandes y pequeñas, por las que estamos agradecidos.

La gratitud es una característica clave de un buen Corresponsable Diario, pero no se desarrolla en nosotros sin esfuerzo. En los días venideros, podemos contemplar todas esas cosas por las cuales estamos agradecidos: país, familia, amigos, salud, etc. Desafortunadamente, podemos encontrarnos tan ocupados con los planes de viaje y comprando el pavo o jamón perfecto que dejamos pasar el día, y en lo único en lo que nos podemos enfocar es cuánto comimos y en quienes ganaron los partidos de fútbol del día. Por eso, AHORA es el momento de comenzar a reflexionar diariamente en todas las cosas, grandes y pequeñas, por las que estamos agradecidos.

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Pr. Michael

LA ORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Muchos de ustedes saben que mi mamá ha estado enferma. Ella estaba en casa y sus hijos se turnan para cuidarla. Una de las cosas que ella disfruta mas es pedirnos que le leamos en voz alta. No le gusta nada muy complicado. Cuando la visité, estabamos leyendo “La casa en la Pradera” por Laura Ingalls Wilder. Le leí un capítulo acerca del Día de Navidad que se acercaba y los niños estaban preocupados que no habrían regalos de navidad porque Santa Clause no podría llegar a su casa por el mal clima. Sin embargo, la mañana de Navidad en su bota navideña estaba una brillosa taza de lata. Recuerdo que pensé mientras leía en voz alta, que desilusionados estarían cuando se dieran cuenta que Santa si había llegado y solo les dejó una taza. Pero las niñas estaban tan emocionadas de tener su propia taza que sintieron que había sido su mejor Navidad. Claramente un mundo y un tiempo muy diferente en relación con el mundo en que la mayoría de nosotros vive.

Pues, las fiestas de fin de año se aproximan rápidamente. Habrá mucha planeación de comida, regalos y entretenimiento. Habrá tiempo para oración y la necesidad de reflexionar en el regalo que es el día de Acción de Gracias y el amor de Cristo en Navidad. Pienso en toda la preparación de comida y lo poco que será apreciado. Es difícil sentirse agradecidos por la abundancia en el Día de Acción de Gracias cuando comemos grandes banquetes a diario. Tenemos tanto de todo que cada juguete, artefacto y pieza de joyería falla para ayudarnos a experimentar el amor que ello simboliza o nuestro agradecimiento por tanta abundancia.

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Pr. Michael
LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 10 DE NOVIEMBRE
Domingo: 2 Mac 7, 1-2. 9-14/Sal 17, 1. 5-6. 8. 15 [15]/2 Tes 2, 16—3, 5/
Lc 20, 27-38 o 20, 27. 34-38
Lunes: Sab 1, 1-7/Sal 139, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10 [24]/Lc 17, 1-6
Martes: Sab 2, 23—3, 9/Sal 34, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19 [2]/Lc 17, 7-10
Miércoles: Sab 6, 1-11/Sal 82, 3-4. 6-7 [8]/Lc 17, 11-19
Jueves: Sab 7, 22—8, 1/Sal 119, 89. 90. 91. 130. 175 [89]/Lc 17, 20
Viernes: Sab 13, 1-9/Sal 19, 2-3. 4-5 [2]/Lc 17, 26-37
Sábado: Sab 18, 14-16; 19, 6-9/Sal 105, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43 [5]/Lc 18, 1-8

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA
Domingo: 32o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Martín de Tours, obispo; Día de los veteranos
Martes: San Josafat, obispo y mártir
Miércoles: Santa Francisca Javiera Cabrini, virgen
Jueves: Viernes: San Alberto Magno, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Sábado: Santa Margarita de Escocia; Santa Gertrudis, virgen

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO
En este domingo, la Iglesia comienza a enfocarse en el final de los tiempos y en la segunda venida de Cristo. Las lecturas aseguran que la esperanza debe estar en la vida, que es Cristo. La muerte es inevitable; todos pasaremos por ella. El trauma de perder a un ser querido es palpable. El dolor nos hace sentir la presencia del ser amado más fuertemente. Esa sensación de presencia se siente en todo el corazón, no sólo del ser amado, sino de Jesús mismo que es la resurrección y la vida. La resurrección no es mera fantasía, es por seguro una divina presencia.

El Evangelio nos enseña que existe la vida después de la muerte. Jesús dijo a los sáduceos: “Él no es Dios de muertos, sino de vivos, y todos viven por él.” (Lucas 20:38). Ahora, ¿Qué piensa de la muerte? ¿Qué cree tú sobre la muerte en las circunstancias que vive la sociedad? El Papa Francisco nos ayuda con la siguiente reflexión:

Así es la esperanza cristiana: tener la certeza de que yo estoy en camino hacia algo que es, no que yo quiero que sea. Esta es la esperanza cristiana. La esperanza cristiana es la esperanza de algo que ya ha sido cumplido y que realmente se realizara para cada uno de nosotros. También nuestra resurrección y la de los seres queridos difuntos, por tanto, no es algo que podrá suceder o no, sino es una realidad cierta, en cuanto está enraizada en el estatuto de cada uno. Así esperamos en la segunda venida de Cristo. Esperar por tanto significa que no es mera fantasía, es por seguro una divina presencia.

Aprender a vivir en la espera y encontrar la vida.

UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE MICHAEL:
En un esfuerzo por crear una mejor comprensión de los desafíos financieros que enfrentamos en la Catedral, y de conformidad con la Ley Canónica y los estatutos ratificados por la Diócesis de Sacramento, los informes financieros anuales de la Catedral se publicarán en el boletín dentro de un plazo razonable. tiempo después de la finalización de cada año fiscal, que se extiende el 1 de julio al 30 de junio. El año pasado y los años anteriores que datan de 2016 están disponibles para ver en cathedralsacramento.org/about-us.

El Consejo de Finanzas y yo actualmente estamos revisando los gastos para encontrar áreas donde los gastos se puedan reducir para estar más en línea con los ingresos actuales. Si bien se hará todo lo posible para mantener los estándares actuales para los ministerios parroquiales, la oración y el buen consejo nos llevarán a hacer recortes financieros. Se le informará de cualquier cambio.

Todos hemos hecho de la catedral nuestro hogar espiritual. Con eso, viene una responsabilidad fiscal, tanto para el cuidado de la catedral como para cumplir con nuestras obligaciones morales. Les pido sus continuas oraciones. Dirija sus comentarios y preguntas a cathedralsacramento@gmail.com.
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ROMAN CATHOLIC
Catedral de Sacramento
TOURS

We love to share our Cathedral history! Tours are FREE, led by trained Docents, and held after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses, and at 12:40pm on Wednesday. Tours begin at the Baptismal Font. Contact 916-444-3071 to arrange free private group tours.

Los tours en español se llevan a cabo el 1er y 3er domingo del mes después de la misa de 1pm.

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 Lisa Marie Doty, Director of Religious Education, lmdoty@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: Deacon Omar & Janet Bardales at matrimonyprep@att.net, or 916-427-9160. You do not have to have your wedding at the Cathedral to take this class.

WEDDINGS - If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral, contact Wedding Coordinator, Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org at least six months before your desired wedding date to arrange a meeting.

CONVALIDATION - If you would like to have your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, or if you have been together for a number of years and would like to be married in the Church, this can often be done in a small, private ceremony called a Convalidation, without any cost or fee. To explore this possibility, contact Deacon John at 444-3071 Ext. 11 or jgisla@cathedralsacramento.org.

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

From this day forward...
聖瑪爾定 (十一月十一日)

聖瑪爾定原籍班諾尼省（今匈牙利境內），公元三一六年出生，父母都是外教人。

瑪爾定的父親是軍官，所以他十五歲的時候，父親就強迫他加入軍隊，駐屯法國的亞米央城。那時候，他雖然還是一個望教者，尚未正式領洗，生活方式，已與隱修士相同。

有一天，瑪爾定隨軍駐紮於高盧時遇上一名乞丐，他看到乞丐衣衫破爛在酷寒中發抖的樣子而心生憐憫，就將自身的袍子割下一半贈送給了該乞丐。當晚他夢見耶穌託夢，而耶穌身上穿着的正是他當日送給乞丐的半件袍子。

瑪爾定因這個夢受到啟發，因此立下志向想成為一名隱修士，他受洗後向上司請求退伍，並受業於波亞疊的主教希納略門下。後來希納略因為反對當時羅馬當局支持的亞流派，所以遭到流放。於是他就回到了童時居住的意大利，並度過幾年的獨居隱修生活。三六一年時因為恩師希納略回歸，他又回到了高盧，並且建立了當地第一個隱修院。

三七一年，瑪爾定當選都爾主教。人們知道他不肯擔任主教的職位。到了城裡，就擁他往聖堂，舉行祝聖禮。在場觀禮的人，一部份認為瑪爾定容貌猥瑣，不堪膺此重任，事實證明，他們的觀察完全錯誤。

瑪爾定於三九七年十一月八日逝世，葬於都爾城。教友到他墳墓致敬者，接踵不絕，後來成為法國重要的朝聖地點之一。

St. Martin of Tours (November 11)

Martin was born in 316 in Savaria in the Diocese of Pannonia (now Szombathely, Hungary). His parents are not Christian.

As the son of a veteran officer, Martin at fifteen was required to join a cavalry ala. At the age of 15, he was stationed at Amiens, France. At that time, although he was still a preacher, he had not officially been baptized, and his lifestyle was the same as that of the monk.

One day, when Martin was stationed in Gaul, he met a poor man. He saw the man shivering in the cold and felt pity. He gave half of his robes to the man. He saw Jesus in his dream that night, and Jesus was wearing half of his robes that he gave to man that day.

Martin was inspired by this dream, so he set his goal to become a monk. After he was baptized, he requested to be discharged from the army and became disciple of Hilary, the Bishop of Poitiers. He opposed the Arianism of the Imperial Court. When Hilary was forced into exile Poitiers, Martin returned to Italy. In 361, he returned to Gaul with the return of Hilary, and established the first local monastery.

In 371, Martin was acclaimed bishop of Tours. People knew that he refuses to serve as a bishop. When he arrived in the city, he went to a church and held a consecration ceremony. Some of the people who attended the ceremony thought that Martin’s looks were cumbersome and unbearable. It turned out that their observations were completely wrong.

Martin died on November 8, 397 and was buried in the city of Tour. Many parishioners visited his graves to pay respect to him, and his grave has continued to be one of the important pilgrimage sites in France.

本週報告 (會長)

在12月開始，每個月的第一個星期天，我們會有兒童中文班，好讓孩子們認識中國文化，是由楊慧文老師Ms.Teresa Yeung帶領的，詳情可與楊老師或Oliver聯絡。

Announcement this week (President)

Starting in December, we will have children's Chinese classes on the first Sunday of each month, so that children can understand Chinese culture. It is led by Ms. Teresa Yeung. For details, please contact Ms. Yang or Oliver.