JOY to the world...
Pastor’s Corner

Litany of Leaping

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit – and we leaped for joy!

He was born into the world – and we leaped for joy!

He taught the teachers - and we leaped for joy!

He fed all of us - and we leaped for joy!

He challenged the law-makers - and we leaped for joy!

He visited the ill and imprisoned - and we leaped for joy!

He healed our crippledness - and we leaped for joy!

He brought us to our knees - and we leaped for joy!

He forgave us our sins - and we leaped for joy!

He embraced us with the Spirit - and we leaped for joy!

He poured His blood upon us - and we leaped for joy!

He broke down our offences - and we leaped for joy!

He pushed us beyond our limits - and we leaped for joy!

He cast out our egos - and we leaped for joy!

He calmed our storms - and we leaped for joy!

He pierced our flesh - and we leaped for joy!

He crucified us - and we leaped for joy!

He breathes life into us – and we leap for joy!

~Father Michael~

“Fear not,” said the Angel, “for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” And then, when he had finished his announcement, “suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.”

Such were the words which the blessed Spirits who minister to Christ and His Saints, spoke on that gracious night to the shepherds, to rouse them out of their cold and famished mood into great joy; to teach them that they were objects of God’s love as much as the greatest of men on earth; nay more so, for to them first He had imparted the news of what that night was happening. His Son was then born into the world. Such events are told to friends and intimates, to those whom we love, to those who will sympathize with us, not to strangers.

How could Almighty God be more gracious, and show His favor more impressively to the lowly and the friendless, than by hastening (if I may use the term) to confide the great, the joyful secret to the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep by night?

~Blessed John Henry Newman~

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

~Romans 15:13~
One of the joys of the Christmas season when I was growing up was the many animated specials made for TV, that brought to the small screen various stories, traditions and cultural reflections surrounding the Yuletide season. In many of the specials a story would be told surrounding a particular character or event of the Christmas season. Some examples include, “A Charlie Brown Christmas” (1965), “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” (1966), and “The Year Without a Santa Claus” (1974), just to name a few of the more popular specials.

“Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer” (1964), turned into a popular classic. The Rudolph special popularized its animation style and sparked several spinoffs including the movie “Elf” (2003). Rudolph’s special ran every Christmas season and continues currently.

The slightly less popular “The Little Drummer Boy” (1968), another Rankin Bass Christmas special also made for television, sits in contrast to virtually all the other Christmas specials of today. How is it contrasted from all the other specials? It actually retains the original Christmas story while ingeniously integrating a new telling of the Christmas story from the perspective of a little drummer boy who encounters Christ. Yes, it dares to keep “Christ” in Christmas.

The “Little Drummer Boy” tells the story of Aaron, a young boy who loses his parents when their home is ravaged by marauders. This embitters the boy towards all humanity. He and his surviving animal companions make their way through the desert. This begins the adventure and profound experience of the true Christmas mystery.

Aaron, now on a journey, is confronted and kidnapped by a desert caravan showman named Ben Haramed and his comedic sidekick Ali. The little drummer boy is then forced to perform as a player with his drum in Ben Haramed’s show company. Aaron hates all people, especially as seen in the faces of his audience, which he holds responsible for the loss of his parents. After playing in Jerusalem the show caravan finds itself expelled from the cities playing venue after Aaron displays a flash of rage and is once again resorted to the desert.

The show caravan then crosses paths with a royal caravan of three kings (the three Wiseman), who are following the star of Bethlehem. It is in this encounter that Aaron’s heart is changed as he follows the Wiseman to their destination.

At only 25 minutes runtime, this early entry in a series of Christmas specials by Rankin and Bass film productions, covers some excellent themes and lessons to be learned for children and adults alike.

One example is when the three wise men are following the star of Bethlehem the narrator points out that neither Ben Haramed or Aaron can recognize the beauty and significance of the star. One due to a heart filled greed and the other a heart hardened by hatred. For many today these can be the same robbers of true Christmas joy. But only as we refuse to see his star and follow it.

~Reggie King~

I was in the first grade back when they still performed Christmas pageants in schools (less than 50 years, but still a very long time ago), and our class performed a version of the Charlie Brown Christmas. Since I was kind of a bookworm and already had a blue blanket, I was chosen to play the part of Linus. As Linus, I memorized Luke 2:8-14, and that Scripture has been hidden in my heart ever since.

But while working so diligently to learn those lines, there is one important thing I didn’t notice then, and didn’t notice until now.

Right in the middle of speaking, Linus drops the blanket.

Charlie Brown is best known for his uniquely striped shirt, and Linus is most associated with his ever-present security blanket. Throughout the story of Peanuts, Lucy, Snoopy, Sally and others all work to no avail to separate Linus from his blanket. And even though his security blanket remains a major source of ridicule for the otherwise mature and thoughtful Linus, he simply refuses to give it up.

Until this moment. When he simply drops it.

In that climactic scene when Linus shares “what Christmas is all about,” he drops his security blanket, and I am now convinced that this is intentional. Most telling is the specific moment he drops it: when he utters the words, “fear not” (at :39 seconds).

Looking at it now, it is pretty clear what Charles Schultz was saying, and it’s so simple it’s brilliant.

The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears.

The birth of Jesus frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves.

The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly and learn to trust and cling to Him instead.

[This world] can be a scary place, and most of us find ourselves grasping to something temporal for security, whatever that thing may be. Essentially, [this] is a world in which it is very difficult for us to “fear not.”

But in the midst of fear and insecurity, this simple cartoon image from 1965 continues to live on as an inspiration for us to seek true peace and true security in the one place it has always been and can always still be found.
**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her **joy** was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people who cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with **joy** the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**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.

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**THE HOLY INNOCENTS ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESION**

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.

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**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. You can make a donation online at cathedralsacramento.org/giving, “Walk for Life Sponsorship.” To reserve your bus tickets, please call Liliana at (916) 912-8256 or Veronica at (916) 205-0713 or stop by the Cathedral’s Office.

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**New Year's Day & the Solemnity of Mary**

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Blessings for the new year! Join us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary at the 10:00 am Bilingual Mass. Not a Holy Day of Obligation. Rectory closed.

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**Cathedral Kids**

**Read the Gospel and Color**

**Sharing the Gospel** - Mary and Joseph put all their trust in God. Once they found out what God wanted, they did it. God wanted Mary to have a special baby, and she said "yes" to God. God wanted Joseph to be a good husband and father, and Joseph said "yes" to God. When that special baby from God was finally born, Joseph named him Jesus. One day God would ask Jesus to save the world from sin on the cross, and Jesus would say "yes" to God.

**Prayer** - God, help me to trust you and say "yes" to you.

**Mission for the Week** - Saying "yes" to God takes practice. When your parents ask you to vacuum or set the table or take the garbage out, say "yes" to them.

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!
"How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

=Luke 1:43-44=

**Readings & Observances**

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Christmas Eve
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Wednesday:** St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Thursday:** St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Friday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Saturday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Prayer Corner**

Please remember in your prayers:

Charles Joseph Urrutia, Sr. +
Patricia and Andrew Vargas
John Keener+
Jocely
Jaime Tangco +
Sara Martinez
Lukas Flucht +
Marlyn Custodio
Herniberto Concepcion Tadina+
Kinda A
Dubu+
Lucia
Benny Garces+
Roman P. Paguio+
Damianus Aditya Christie
Smoleń
Matthew Mahoney
Teddy Nguyen
MEM
Madeleine B. Vinluan
Maricela Hudor
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 Hudor
Alexa Novelo
Brandon M. Novelo
Anna Lanzona
Shelby Hogan
Roman P. Paguio +
Carl Hagen
Benny Garces +
Sepehr
Roman P. Paguio +
Rosa G.
Deacon Don DeHaven
Miguel, Luz, Sonia, Joel, Jose, Oscar, Betty, Noe, Waldol, Cesar, Carlos, Teresa and their families
Gerald O'Reilly +
Frank Vercillo
Stephanie Pili
Mary Margaret Reilly
Asmitha and Abe Joseph
Alroyd and Shasta and children
Julian
Jason and Resmi
Nina Mordas and Mother
Javier Maria Alonso
C. Maricela Bedoya
Eva Hernandez

Please remember:

- Today is National Fruitcake Day. Enough said.
- Dinner for the Chinese Community
- Feast of the Holy Innocents
- English Choir Rehearsal
- Church Rehearsal for the 1pm Mass
- Today is National Fruitcake Day. Enough said.

No RCIA tonight

**Date** | **Mass** | **Activities**
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*Saturday December 22* | 5:00 pm | 9:00 am Baptisms - Spanish  
No CCD Classes today

*Sunday December 23* | 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am  
1:00 pm Spanish*  
3:00 pm Chinese  
5:00 pm  
7:00 pm Spanish | 9:00 am RCIA for Children & Teens  
9:00 am Mass: RCIA - Breaking of the Word  
11:00 am Mass: Liturgy of the Word for Children

*6:00 pm Christmas Caroling and Potluck Dinner for the Chinese Community*

*Monday December 24* | 5:00 pm Children's Mass  
9:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass (11:30 Music Prelude)  
Midnight Mass

*Christmas Eve*

No RCIA today

*Tuesday December 25* | 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am (including Chinese Comm.)  
1:00 pm Spanish

*Christmas Day*

*Wednesday December 26* | 12:10 pm  
5:10 pm

*Christmas Day*

*Thursday December 27* | 12:10 pm  
5:10 pm

Today is National Fruitcake Day. Enough said.

Saturday December 29 | 5:00 pm

Intention not submitted
Fue concebido por el poder del Espíritu Santo - ¡Y saltamos de alegría!
Él nació en el mundo, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él enseñó a los maestros, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Nos alimentó a todos, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él reto a los legisladores, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Visitó a los enfermos y encarcelados, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él sanó nuestra incapacidad, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Nos puso de rodillas, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él nos perdonó nuestros pecados, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Nos abrazó con el Espíritu, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él derramó su sangre sobre nosotros, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
¡Rompió nuestras ofensas, y saltamos de alegría!
Nos empujó más allá de nuestros límites, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Echó fuera nuestros egos, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él calmó nuestras tormentas, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él perforó nuestra carne, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él nos crucificó, ¡y saltamos de alegría!
Él nos da vida a nosotros, ¡y saltamos de alegría!

~Padre Michael~
LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Cuando María fue a visitar a Isabel, su alegría fue tan grande. Isabel reconoció que María estaba embarazada del Mesías. Se sentía honrada de recibir a María, no simplemente por quién era María, pero también por el que llevaba dentro de sí.

Conocemos a diferentes personas en nuestras vidas diarias. Algunas conocemos muy bien, otras son simplemente conocidas y otras apenas acabamos de conocer. Sin embargo, todas son hechas en imagen y semejanza a Dios y cargan, dentro de su ser, a Jesús. Si pensáramos en esto con más frecuencia, ¿cree que actuaríamos más generosamente el uno con el otro? ¿Permitiremos que el Jesús dentro de nosotros salude al Jesús dentro de ellas? ¿Ofreceremos nuestro fruto y de bodas se anuncia alegría, el Señor que en los cielos moraba se hizo de carne en la Virgen María.” ¿Está tu corazón listo para recibir al Señor?

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

“Cuando María tiene noticia de la maternidad de su prima Isabel, ya anciana y estéril, se pone en camino. No por falta de fe en la profecía ni por dudar del anuncio, ni por dudar de los signos que le fueron dados, sino llena de alegría para cumplir un servicio entrañable. En la prontitud de la alegría, María se dirige anuncio, ni por duda de los signos que le fueron dados, sino llena de alegría resuena en sus entrañas y al momento el niño saltó de alegría. “¡Dichosa tú por que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor”.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Hay ocasiones en las que la vida es injusta. Tristemente, las injusticias típicamente ocurren a través de nuestras propias manos. Los sistemas del mundo -- económico, político y del medio ambiente -- no siempre sirven los mejores intereses de las personas. Nosotros creamos situaciones que benefician solamente a algunos cuantos afortunados y reducen la calidad de vida para muchos otros. Podemos llegar a observar las injusticias del mundo, el dolor de los demás y la explotación, y nos preguntamos por qué Dios nos ha abandonado o por qué Dios no arregla los problemas. La verdad es que Dios ya vino a arreglar los problemas. Mandó a su Hijo al mundo como el dirigente justo y el que traerá la paz. El problema está en nosotros porque dejamos de ver a Dios y pensamos que podemos lograr lo mejor sin Él. El Hijo de la Justicia ya ha llegado al mundo. Lo que nosotros podemos hacer es trabajar por un cambio y ser la voz de la Justicia. Podemos soñar y hacer las cosas diferentes. Bendecidos ustedes que escuchan la voz del Señor y que creen Su palabra.
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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MASSES
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Saturday Vigil         5:00 pm
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                     1:00 pm en Español
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                     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
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                     6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
When attendants are available:
Wednesday               12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Thursday                12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Friday                  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 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesdays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

THE MOST REVEREND JAIME SOTO, D.D., M.S.W.
Bishop of Sacramento
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CATHEDRAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE

Actualización y registro de la parroquia de la Catedral

You can also register online at cathedralsacramento.org / Visit Us / Register as a Parishioner

Name (Nombre):
Street Address (Domicilio):
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For additional family members, please attach a separate sheet.

Please indicate:  Por favor indique:
New Parishioner/Individual  Nuevo Parroquiano / Individuo
New Parishioners/Family  Nuevo Parroquiano / Familia
Change of Address  Cambio de Dirección
Please send Offertory Envelopes  Por favor envíe Sobres de Ofertorio

Please return by (Regrese por favor):
1)  Put into collection basket at mass (deposite en la canasta de la colecta en masa)
2)  Scan to pdf file and email; blessed@cathedralsacramento.org (escanear a pdf file y envia por correo electrónico)
3)  Fax to:  916-443-2749
4)  Mail to:  1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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 Alderghy FDCC, 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 a 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, ttkila@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 CHILDREN

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.
St. John Cantius was born in 1397 at Kęty, a small town near Oświęcim, Poland. One day, when he was eating at the cafeteria of the University of Krakow, he saw a poor man walking through with a pale face. John immediately gave his food to the man. When he returned to the cafeteria, there are still a lot of foods left. To commemorate this miracle, the University of Krakow distributes foods to the poor every day.

After a while, John was appointed as the priest of the parish and served as a teacher and preacher. His performance was not satisfactory initially, but he was not discouraged and worked hard. A few years later, he was transferred back to the University of Krakow to teach. When he was leaving, the parishioners missed him very much.

John returned to the University of Krakow to be a professor of theology, and his reputation is building up. Later, when the university holds a graduation ceremony every year for the doctoral degree, the chairman will wear the doctoral gown that John wore.

John donated his entire asset for the charity of the poor. He slept on the floor at night, didn’t eat meat the whole year, walked to Rome, and carried his own luggage.

John performed many miracles. When the news of his illness came out, the people in the city were very shocked and full of sorrow. He died on 24 December 1473. He was canonized in Rome by Pope Clement X in 1676 and named patron of Poland.

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.
- Our community will participate in serving foods to “the friends on the street” for the Friendship Lunch on January 26 at Loaves and Fishes (1351 N C St, Sacramento, CA 95811). Any parishioner who is interested in volunteering to serve the foods, please sign-up with me (Ken), Gloria, or Ida.
- Chinese New Year mass will be on January 27, and the Chinese New Year Dinner will be on the same day at Hong Kong Islander (5675 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822) starting at 6pm.