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Monday to Friday
12:10 pm
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5:00 pm
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12:10 pm only

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Monday to Friday
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BAPTISMS (Registration is required)
English — 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00 am
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BAPTISM CLASSES
English — 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm
Español — 2do jueves del mes, 7:00 pm

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Six (6) months in advance

GIFT SHOP — Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mondays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Part III: The Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

One hundred years ago when the Blessed Virgin appeared to three Shepherd children in Fatima Portugal, She spoke of coming persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father that would emanate from Russia. "To prevent this, I shall come back to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart...if my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church...but in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me; it will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world".

The Church was cautious and delayed that consecration, and Russia, which at the end of World War I was a weakened and impoverished nation, became the Soviet Union and all Our Lady's predictions sadly came true. The Bolshevik revolution took place in October of that year (on the Julian calendar); the infamous "Red October" took place the same month as the "Miracle of the Sun" that concluded the Fatima apparitions.

At the end of World War II, the planned allied invasion of Japan included a two front offensive, both the Soviets and the Americans invading in tandem. The Soviets were to enter the war against Japan on August 15th. However, some historians have argued that the American government was alarmed at Soviet reluctance to withdraw from Eastern Europe after the defeat of Germany, and the administration did not want that to happen in Japan. Consequently, they argue, President Truman moved quickly to end the war with a nuclear strike prior to the planned Soviet declaration of war against Japan on August 15th. On August 6th the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The Soviets, it is further alleged, guessed the strategy and invaded Manchuria on August 8th; the next day the Americans dropped a second bomb on Nagasaki, and instead of the Soviets entering the war against Japan on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, the war came to an end that very day. The expansion of Communism to the Japanese Continent was thus averted. In the wake of the war, China fell to Communism as did North Korea. If this interpretation of final days of World War II is correct, one may well wonder whether the Soviet Union may have held parts of Japan after the war that might have become communist, and the Japanese continent might also have been partitioned much like Korea. As is now clear, the only enduring bastion of Communism in the Far East, North Korea and China, threaten world peace and persecute Christians to this day.

The Soviet Union continued to menace world peace and the Christian faith throughout the Cold War era. Certain overtures were made by various Popes toward a consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart, but it was Pope Saint John Paul II who made the most complete consecration on March 25th, 1984. On May 13th of the same year the largest crowd ever gathered at Fatima to pray the Rosary for world peace; on that very day a massive explosion at the Severomorsk Naval Base destroyed two-thirds of the missiles stockpiled for the Soviet Northern Fleet, crippling its offensive capabilities for months.

Thereafter, a slow but steady decline in the Soviet Union continued until the Berlin Wall fell in November 1989. On Christmas Day 1991, scarcely 7 years after the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics collapsed and passed into history. Those of us who lived through the Cold War era could hardly have believed that we would ever see a day when the Soviet Union did not exist.

Traditionally, Russia had always been a Christian nation before Communism, and the Russian Orthodox Church endured terrible persecution during the Soviet era. Thousands of churches were destroyed, but the Communists could not completely eradicate Christianity from its midst. After the fall of the Soviet Union, a resurgence of Orthodox Christian faith has flourished, and over twenty eight thousand churches have been rebuilt since 1991. The Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow, which is to the Russian Orthodox Church what the Vatican is to the Roman Catholic Church, was destroyed by the order of Joseph Stalin in 1931. Today it has been rebuilt, and over 65 thousand Russians attended its consecration.

While Christianity declines in the West and churches are being closed for lack of attendance, the faith flourishes in the East and churches are being restored. What bearing this has or will have on the confrontational rhetoric and hostile political posturing between East and West is hard to say. It could be argued that one of the greatest threats to world peace presently are the intransigent suspicions and Cold War ideologies that continue to influence foreign policy to this day.

Nevertheless, it is a fact that after the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart in 1984, the once mighty Soviet Union fell in only seven years; since then, Russia has recovered its Christian roots and is well on its way to developing a Christian culture once again. It seems a remarkable thing even to ponder the conversion of Russia because it runs so contrary to everything we have been taught to believe. But is it not precisely what Our Lady of Fatima promised would follow the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart? Sadly, the western media is just not predisposed to report favorably on positive Christian developments in any country, even our own.

This concludes our three part series. As an epilogue, and in anticipation of the approaching Feast of the Assumption of Mary, next week consider the extraordinary grace associated with Marian Consecration.

~John-David Black~
Sometimes when I don’t get my pastors corner completed before my day off, I end up having to type it out on my tablet. Unfortunately, my tablet does not keep as close an eye on me and my grammar as my computer does. As you can see, I’m writing this on my day off. I suppose I could get myself a laptop but I’m going to wait for the next gadget to come out where I won’t have to type at all. Pretty soon I won’t even have to think because some computer will do it for me. I certainly can see the beginning results of that phenomenon taking place in my life.

Nevertheless, I must say it is convenient that a computer can check my misspelled words and typos. My computer often cleans up words without my asking and and makes suggestions and shows concern when a sentence doesn’t seem to flow properly or runs on too long or stops abruptly without any clear. It makes me look smarter and more profound and sometimes I just sit in front of it and out comes a pastors corner without me having to think at all! What a miracle.

I wonder sometimes why God doesn’t do the same thing for me. Doesn’t He want me to look profound and deeply spiritual? Why doesn’t He just fix all my mistakes and the mistakes of the entire world? Certainly, if my computer can make my mistakes disappear and point in better directions, God could do the same. I suppose God just hasn’t been programmed to prevent us from making mistakes and sinning. He unfortunately believes that I can choose the correct path, that we humans are capable of perfectly divine acts. What an outmoded way of thinking and believing. Thank God I have my computer to keep me from making an absolute fool of myself.

With respect, Fr. Michael

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**Christian Symbols**

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The common usage of crossing fingers began in the infancy of the Church, when early Faithful suffered intense religious persecution for their beliefs. They would cross their fingers to invoke protection when faced with evil, the cross formed with the fingers representing the True Cross that Christ bore. During the Roman Persecutions, early Catholics would use it as a symbol to recognize each other and assemble to celebrate Mass without being detected. However, the early version of the gesture didn’t look the same as it does today. Two people would form an ‘L’ with their thumb and index finger, and touch their thumbs together while crossing their index fingers.

The origin of the single person form of crossing fingers is a debated topic. Some say that it began in early clandestine Church gatherings during persecution, where everyone would hold up their crossed fingers during assembly. Others say that the gesture originated in Hundred Years War during the 14th and 15th century. During intense battles when soldiers needed God’s favor, they would cross their fingers as a form of small prayer. Over time, the gesture became used for a general asking of God’s favor and for luck.

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**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory.

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19  Mt 17:1-9

**Monday 7th**

~Saint Sbtius II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs~
~Saint Caxton, Priest~
Moses grows impatient with the Lord when the Israelites grow hard of heart. Jesus feeds the hungry crowds with five loaves and two fish.

Nm 11:4b-15  Ps 81:12-17  Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday 8th**

~Saint Dominic, Priest~
Mirtām and Aaron sin by speaking against Moses. Beware of traditions which can blind us to the primacy of God’s law. Peter fails to place his trust and faith in Jesus.

Nm 12:1-13  Ps 51:3-7, 12-13  Mt 14:22-36

**Wednesday 9th**

~Saint Teresa Benedictus of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr~
The Israelites fail to trust in God. The Canaanite woman places faith in Jesus to heal her daughter.

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1,26-29a, 34-35
Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23  Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday 10th**

~Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr~
Lawrence followed the Lord and served him, especially in the poor whom he cared for as a deacon in Rome.

2 Cor 9:6-10  Ps 112:1-2, 5-9  Jn 12:24-26

**Friday 11th**

~Saint Claire, Virgin~
What God is like our God? God alone is to be worshipped. The condition of discipleship are revealed by Jesus.

Dt 4:32-40  Ps 77:12-16, 21  Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday 12th**

~Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious~
Love the Lord your God with all your heart. If your faith and trust are strong enough, nothing is impossible.

Dt 6:4-13  Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51  Mt 17:14-20

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Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Cathedral Men’s ACTS Retreat
Thursday, August 17 — Sunday, August 20, 2017

Applications are still available

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. For more information or to register, contact Paul Herman at cathedralsacramento@gmail.com

God, Family, and Everything Else!

Engaged and Married Couples: Natural Family Planning is a tool which facilitates responsible parenting. Join us for a 3-part class, September 16, October 21, November 18, from 4pm-6pm at the Sacramento Life Center. The cost is $135.00. For more information or to sign up, check online at ccli.org, or contact Meghan Bardin at megbardin@gmail.com

Job Opportunity: Office Manager — California Catholic Conference - Public Policy office for the Catholic Diocese of California located downtown Sacramento. Manage office operations: finances, HR and IT. Working knowledge of bookkeeping/personnel administration/office operations. Require 5+ years related experience and ability to maintain confidentiality and supervise others. Salary range $50-$60,000. Resume to bcaselli@catholic.org

Brown Bag Lunch Collection Weekend

This program was established in August 2013, in response to the growing numbers of downtown brothers and sisters needing food, nourishment, and a kind word. Now in its fourth year of operation, the program is operated completely by parishioners who volunteer their time, and donate food and money. Up to 200 “guests” come daily for lunch and the demand is great. For some of these men and women, the lunch is their main meal, so we make the lunch as nutritional as possible. We like to include non-perishables, such as:

- Tuna or Chicken lunch packs or Vienna Sausage tins
- Fruit cups or Applesauce
- Granola Bars, Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers or Chips
- Cookies
- 16 oz. Water
- Napkin and spoon or fork

Please pack in a paper lunch bag.

You may also donate money online at cathedralsacramento.org on our "Giving" page. 100% of your donation is used in feeding the homeless. All donations are tax deductible. To donate or volunteer, please contact jerrirush@comcast.net.

The Men’s Group meeting on Tuesday, August 8 is our yearly social. We are meeting at Cafe and Brew at 925 3rd Street, on the corner of 3rd and J Street, beginning at 7:15pm. There is free parking on site. This meeting is an opportunity for men interested in learning more about our group to meet members and ask questions.

Diocesan Respect Life Gathering is open to all (parish volunteers, teachers, youth & young adult leaders, etc.) who have a passion for pro-life work. Come for fellowship, networking, exhibitor tables, prayer, and more! Join us on August 26, 10am – 3pm at St. Mel Catholic Church in Fair Oaks. An optional Mass with Bishop Soto begins at 8:30am. Lunch is provided. The event is free, but registration is required prior to August 14th. Must be over 18 to attend. To register, visit scdlife.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Steve Patton at 916-733-0131.

Catechists Retreat!

Before the busyness of the year begins, join us for a Spiritual Retreat. First Love: A Spiritual Retreat for Catechists on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 9:00 am–1:00 pm at St. Robert Parish, 2243 Irvin Way, in Sacramento. The cost is only $5.00, which includes snacks, but not lunch. Register at www.bit.ly/catechists-retreat. Questions contact Martha Haig at mhaig@scd.org or 916-733-0131.

PARKING — 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 cost of the coupons, please consider increasing your weekly donation to the Cathedral.

“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.” — Proverbs 18:16 —
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.

Sharing the Gospel:
Imagine being one of Jesus’ disciples. One moment you see more than 5,000 hungry people. You don’t know what to do. The next moment you see Jesus turn a small lunch into a huge feast. Jesus gives you the food, and he asks you to share it with the hungry people. Jesus asks the same thing today. Share what he gives you with others, too.

Prayer:
Jesus, help me to share what you have given me.

Mission for the Week:
Donate to the Cathedral Brown Bag Lunch Program.

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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Send your prayer requests to cbsprayer3@yahoo.com or fill out the form on cathedralsacramento.org.

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.” ~ George Carlin~
Noticias de la parroquia

Esquina del Pastor

A veces cuando no consigo mi rincón de pastores completado antes de mi día libre, termino teniendo que escribirlo en mi tablet. Desafortunadamente, mi cuida bien mi gramática como lo hace mi computadora. Como pueden ver, estoy escribiendo esto en mi día libre. Supongo que podría conseguir yo mismo * portátil, pero voy a esperar a la próxima gadjet a salir donde yo no tendrá que escribir en absoluto. Muy pronto no voy a tener que pensar porque alguna computadora lo hará. Ciertamente puedo ver los primeros resultados de ese fenómeno que tiene lugar en mi vida.

Sin embargo, debo decir que es conveniente que una computadora pueda comprobar mis palabras mal escritas y errores tipográficos. Mi computadora a menudo limpia hasta palabras sin mi pregunar y y hace sugerencias y muestra preocupación cuando una frase no parece fluir correctamente o se ejecuta en demasiado tiempo o se detiene abruptamente sin ningún claro. Me hace parecer más inteligente y más profundo ya veces simplemente me siento delante de él y sale un rincón de pastores sin que tenga que pensar en él! Qué milagro.

A veces me pregunto por qué Dios no hace lo mismo por mi. ¿No quiere que me vea profusamente y profundamente espiritual? ¿Por qué él no acaba de arreglar todos mis errores y los errores del mundo entero? Ciertamente, si mi computadora puede hacer mis errores desaparecer y apuntar en mejores direcciones, Dios podría hacer lo mismo. Supongo que Dios simplemente no ha sido programado para evitar que cometamos errores y pecados. Por desgracia, él cree que pueda elegir el camino correcto, que los humanos somos capaces de actos perfectamente divinos. Qué modesta manera de pensar y creer. Gracias a Dios que tengo mi computadora para evitar que me haga un tonto absoluto.

Con respeto, el P. Michae #

Ofrecer a los participantes una formación inicial para la pastoral juvenil — adolescentes y jóvenes — y establecer los cimientos para el Programa de Certificación para Asesores y Líderes en la Pastoral Juvenil, el Seminario de Especialización en Pastoral con Adolescentes y/o para la implementación del modelo Profetas de Esperanza. Fechas: Octubre 7, Noviembre 11-12, Enero 13-14 y Febrero 3-4 de 9am-5pm en el Centro Pastoral (2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA).

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Por favor, en oración, considere apoyar esta colecta, la cual ayuda a programas que fortalecen la fe en América Latina y el Caribe. Sus donativos ayudan a compartir la fe por medio de programas de capacitación para laicos comprometidos, la catequesis, la formación de seminaristas y religiosas y varios otros proyectos. Para ver más información, por favor visite www.usccb.org/latin-america.

ESTACIONAMIENTO – Los feligreses de la Catedral ya no pueden estacionarse gratuitamente en la estructura privada al lado de la Oficina de la Catedral. La Catedral compra por lo tanto de la ciudad de Sacramento, cupones para pagar el cargo de estacionamiento de fin de semana de $ 5 en los estacionamientos de la ciudad ubicados en la calle 11 entre la calle I y la calle J; Y en la calle 10 entre las calles K y L. Después de cada misa del fin de semana, si usted se estaciono en un estacionamiento de la ciudad, usted puede recibir un cupón a la salida de la catedral. Para recompensar el costo de los cupones, considere aumentar su donación semanal a la Catedral.

Transfiguración del Señor

18º Domingo del Tiempo ordinario

Estamos en pleno verano. Algunos de nosotros planeamos salir de vacaciones y otros ya hemos regresado. En fin, este tiempo esperamos durante todo el año. Estas son las fásmosas vacaciones para escapar de la rutina, el cansancio, y los agobios de la vida cotidiana. Y pensamos que durante las vacaciones nos recuperaremos del trabajo y comemos y dormiremos hasta saciarnos. Pero las vacaciones suelen resultar todo lo contrario: regresamos a casa más cansados, sin dinero, y con sed y hambre.

Las lecturas de hoy se centran en la abundancia del don del Padre en Cristo: es Jesús quién da la comida a sus discípulos y estos a su vez al pueblo. Tal parece que desde todos los tiempos el ser humano ha padecido de hambre y sed y, por lo tanto, anda siempre en búsqueda de saciar estas necesidades. Es por esta razón que el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes causó tanto asombro y admiración: esta abundancia no se había visto jamás.

Ante todo esto debemos de reconocer nuestra pobreza y saber que todo lo que tenemos proviene de Dios: nosotros sólo lo trabajamos para que abunde. De ahí que aprendamos a gastar con medida lo que tenemos, no seamos consumistas al querer adquirir todo lo que vemos pero que no necesitamos. Jesús con su ejemplo de vida y de palabra nos dice que la abundancia consiste en dar. La abundancia en el reino de Dios está en que trabajemos los regalos que Dios nos ha dado y compartamos con los demás. ¿Qué experiencia de compartir tenemos? ¿Qué es lo que compartimos con los demás? Pidámosle al Señor que nos ayude a apreciar las cosas que realmente tienen valor.

Si usted no tiene todos sus Sacramentos aproveche esta oportunidad:

Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación de Adultos (18 años en adelante). Cuando: Todos los lunes de 7pm a 8:45pm en el sótano de Catedral. Primera clase: Agosto 7, 2017. Para apuntarse por favor asista el día 7 de agosto a las 6:30 en el sótano de catedral. Las clases se imparten en español. Si tiene preguntas por favor hable al Diácono Edgar, 916-444-3071 ext. 15.
Our community will celebrate with Fr. Ho his 70th birthday at New Fortune House Restaurant at 6 pm on August 6. Fr. O'Reilly and many parishioners from Bay Area Chinese Community will also join us.