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REGULATIONS

PARISH BOUNDARY.—All of the City west of Eighteenth Street forms the Cathedral Parish.

OFFICE HOURS OF CATHEDRAL CLERGY.—10:00 to 12:00 a.m., 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Office hours will not be kept on Saturday evenings or on Sunday.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 o’clock. Mass and Instruction for Children at 9:00, followed by classes in Christian Doctrine. The Brothers of Christian Schools have charge of boys and the Sisters of Mercy of girls.

High Mass and Sermon at 10:30 o’clock.

Vespers, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday evenings at 7:00 o’clock.

HOLIDAYS.—Masses at 6:00 and 8:00 o’clock; High Mass and Sermon at 9:00 o’clock. Rosary, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL SEASONS.—During Lent, Advent, on the first Friday

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of each month and at other times of special devotion, services begin at 7:30 p.m.

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BAPTISMS.—Every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Special appointments are necessary for baptisms at other hours. Practical Catholics only may act as sponsors.

SICK CALLS.—Sick calls should be sent by some reliable person to the Cathedral residence before 10:00 o'clock a.m. Only in cases of accident or sudden sickness will telephone calls be answered. Urgent calls are attended at any hour.

MARRIAGES.—Those who are about to marry should give three weeks' notice of their intention so that the Banns may be published. Catholic marriages are performed in the Church only, and where possible with a Nuptial Mass. Congratulations, etc., are not to be extended before leaving the Sacred Edifice. Rice, etc., must not be thrown in the Church, in the vestibule or on the outside steps.

FUNERALS.—Funerals are required to be at the church at the appointed time. Caskets are not to be opened in the Cathedral.
REGULATIONS—Continued.

Members of the Cathedral Choir only, may be employed to render sacred music.

The spirit of the Church is, that all its members be laid to rest with a Requiem Mass.

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PEW RENT IS PAYABLE QUARTERLY IN ADVANCE.—New pews may be rented each Sunday after High Mass at the office in the vestibule of the Cathedral, or by calling at the residence any other day during office hours.

CONVERSATION in the Church is not permitted at any time.
THE CUSTOM OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The giving of gifts at Christmas-tide should have for Christians a deeper and nobler significance than the mere observance of a time-honored practice. The remembrance of friends and kin-folk during this festal season is rooted in the spirit of good will symbolized by the Nativity. It should be, therefore, carried out in harmony with that event. Material tokens of friendship and appreciation when inspired by proper and worthy motives, express a beautiful idea. An inheritance from far-off ages of faith in which the practice originated, it should be maintained in the spirit which gave it birth. The purely spiritual character of Christmas, and attendant customs and traditions, gives to the occasion its highest and best meaning. This it is, also, that lends to the exchange of mementos of esteem and good will at this time its noblest significance. Gifts are a figurative profession of that kinship of the human race denoted by the humanity of the Divine Babe. The miracle of the first Christmas night under the Judean stars in loving testimony of the Fatherhood of God should find its reflection in a spirit of tender brotherhood among men. Thence is derived the real value of the gifts of Yuletide in the domestic circle and among friends. This fact should not be lost sight of by Christians in the
distractions of a merely secular practice. It would tend to restore its older and better spirit were the Christian world to return to a simpler and less ostentatious observance of the custom.

To every reader of The Cathedral Monthly Tidings best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas.

No method of celebrating the natal day of our Divine Savior is so appropriate as the worthy reception of Holy Communion on Christmas morn. By this act we span the gulf of centuries, as it were, and stand in holy adoration with the simple shepherds about the rude crib of the Christ Child. For us the angelic choirs proclaim anew in rapturous melody the glad tidings of great joy. The meaning of Christmas is as potential and personal to each one of us individually today as it was to the shepherds of old watching their flocks in the Bethlehem hills on that eventful night.

We give their final shape to our own characters.
ORDER OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Masses will begin at 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 o’clock.

Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 o’clock by Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace, assisted by the Rev. Father Van Schie as deacon, Rev. Father Hayes as sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Ellis as Master of Ceremonies. The sermon will be preached by Father Ellis. A special program of music will be rendered by an augmented choir under the direction of Miss E. Griffin, organist. The Papal Benediction will be imparted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop at the conclusion of the Mass.

Vesper Devotions and Benediction will be held at 7:30 Christmas evening.

At St. Stephen’s Church, Third and O streets, the Christmas Masses will begin at 7:30, 8:00 and 9:00 o’clock. The Rev. Father Hayes will officiate.

Msgr. Cappell will conclude his Advent course of sermons today at the last Mass and at Vespers.

Tuesday, the eve of Christmas, is a Fast Day.

The usual Christmas collection will be taken up at all the Masses on Christmas Day. It is needless to remind the faithful of the importance of this collection and the necessity of a generous response.

A mission conducted by the Paulist Fathers, McMillan and Carey, in progress at St. Stephen’s has attracted a large attendance at all the services. The closing exercises occur today.

High Mass will be celebrated in the presence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, on New Year’s Day.

The magnificent Christmas crib purchased for the Cathedral will be received in time for the great feast this week. The beautiful group of figures is wrought in fine hand wood-carving, the work of skilled Tyrolese artists. A high-class entertainment will be given in a short time by the members of the Angels’ Sodality to defray the cost of the crib.

The members of the Young Ladies’ Sodality of the Cathedral parish will give a whist party at Red Men’s Hall Friday evening next, December 27. Elaborate preparations are being made for the occasion, which promises to be one of the most charming social events held under the auspices of the Sodality.

YOUNG LADIES’ INSTITUTE

Grace Institute No. 17, Young Ladies’ Institute, gave a highly successful vaudeville entertainment for ladies only on the evening of the 11th. Vocal and instrumental numbers, sketches and fancy dancing were among the features of a varied and attractive program. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the members of the Institute and their guests.

Among the ladies taking part in the program were the Mesdames E. Lynch, J. Hickey, W. Morley, B. Rothwell and Hanford, and the Misses Gaffney, Ross, Kestler, Silva, King, Haggerty, Genis, Chenu, Sheehan, O’Leary, Flemming, McMorry, Scroggs, Ash, Quinn, Gradery and McCarthy. Another entertainment of a similar character will be given in the near future to which both ladies and gentlemen will be invited.
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THE GENTLEMEN'S SODALITY

An impressive service witnessed by a large congregation was that attending the consecration of aspirants to the Gentlemen's Sodality of the Cathedral on the afternoon of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Father Ellis officiated, assisted by Prefect James Riley and Secretary Alfred Readman. The exercises were of a solemn and interesting nature throughout, and were brought to a conclusion by the chanting of the Te Deum by the Sodalists. The following made the act of consecration: Messrs. G. F. Burke, James Shanahan, W. A. Mitchell, Chas. Waters, J. W. Mackenzie, G. P. Miller, C. F. Gilmore, E. J. Farley, J. P. Kelly, Alvin J. Henderson, J. J. Cippa, B. F. McLaughlin, M. P. Foley, Jas. Kerns, Ralph Strong, Jere O'Mara, Fred West, W. C. Jones and B. Seallan. Though the membership of the Sodality numbers seventy-four, the gentlemen composing the organization feel that it is yet in its infancy, and has a great and useful future in store. It is the expectation of these that the membership of the pious confraternity will be doubled within a short time. There is abundant material in the parish, and the spiritual advantages accruing to those devoutly affiliated are many and attractive.
THE LATE BROTHER WALTER

By the death of Brother Walter, formerly director of the Christian Brothers' College in this city, which occurred at San Rafael on the 6th inst., the cause of Christian education lost a valiant champion and brilliant leader. He was one of the most prominent educators on the Pacific Coast, and his long and fruitful career of thirty-seven years in his chosen profession entitles his memory to loving reverence among those who know how to value such service as his. Born in Missouri fifty-three years ago, deceased, while of tender age, accompanied his parents and family to California. He was educated in St. Mary’s College, then located at San Francisco, and entered the Order of Christian Brothers in 1870. During the subsequent years he followed his chosen work in many positions and places among the institutions of the Order in this State. He became director of the college in this city in 1894 and was transferred to the presidency of St. Mary’s College, Oakland, a year later. In 1900 Brother Walter returned to Sacramento as director of the local college and remained here in that capacity for six years. Last year he went abroad and was absent for a year, returning to San Rafael during the past summer where he devoted himself to certain literary tasks of an educational character. Here the final
summons reached him and he passed away lamented by hosts of friends among his brethren and former students in the several communities in which he had labored. The obsequies, which took place at St. Mary’s College, Oakland, on the 9th inst., were attended by a multitude of priests, religious and laymen, many of whom had received their training in part under his skillful and affectionate guidance. The services were deeply impressive, and the great assemblage brought together to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains, was in itself an eloquent testimony of the noble influence of the life just closed. A Memorial Mass, in honor of the late director of the Christian Brothers’ College, was celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday morning last in the presence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop and the present pupils and many...
former students of the college. Rev. Father Ellis was celebrant, and the occasion was a memorable event in the annals of the local institution.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The new officers of Sacramento Council, Knights of Columbus, chosen at the election held Wednesday night, December 11, are: Grand Knight, Frank J. O'Brien; deputy grand knight, Joseph E. Hobrecht; chancellor, Frank E. Michel, Jr.; recorder, Ed. P. Byrne; financial secretary, James Longshore, Jr.; treasurer, Daniel McLaughlin; lecturer, Andrew A. Killen; advocate, Richard M.

Clarken; warden, John M. Fitzgerald; inside guard, William M. Welch; outside guard, Frank Duane; trustees, William J. Hassett, William J. Hamm and Chas. V. Schneider. The Council is in a flourishing condition and contemplates a number of enterprises both of a practical, benevolent and social nature during the coming year.

Do not forget the orphan, the friendless and the needy in the dispensation of your Christmas bounty. Grateful appreciation of these for the unexpected remembrance, is like unto the quality of mercy which blesseth alike him that gives and him that receives.

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How much better would be the world if we carried the Christmas spirit through all the year. If we were kind in act and thought, charitable and tolerant in our attitude towards others; if we were considerate to those who need consideration, and gentle with those whom gentleness would win, then indeed would there be peace on earth to men of good will, as the Angels sang on the birthnight of the Infant Savior.

According to recent press dispatches from Rome, California will be the home of the next American cardinal. The presence of Archbishop Riordan in the Eternal City about the time the announcement was flashed across the wires may have been only a coincidence, or it may have been the inspiration of this interesting bit of ecclesiastical intelligence. The newspaper reporters who congregate in Rome need very little substance out of which to weave items of fanciful importance concerning religious affairs. Neither the prelates nor the people of Catholic
California are speculating about the identity of the prospective American cardinal foreshadowed with unfailing periodicity by alert press correspondents.

It is customary for zealous Catholics to include a substantial offering to their parish church among other acts of Christmas bounty. Grateful devotion to the new-born Savior finds its most consistent expression in practical aid extended to the Church which He founded for the furtherance of the sacred mission begun in the stable at Bethlehem.

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