Welcome 2018

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

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We’ve begun a new year.

Our Cathedral bulletin has a new look and perhaps we too are considering making changes this year. Part of the joy of a new year is experiencing the days that bring longer stretches of sunlight. The sun gets up a little earlier and goes down a little later. The light gives us the feeling that we too are stepping out of a winter slumber and into a greater embrace of life.

Today the Magi conclude their long journey to see and worship the Christ Child. They have had to let go of so much on this journey, which is only the beginning of a new life for each of them. God has blessed them with His presence and taught them something of His love. They will have many memories and stories to share and reflect upon. The holy exchange, their gifts offered and Christ the Gift received, delivers them to a whole new future. A new year stands before them, and they take what they’ve experienced and sacrificed from the past and bring it to prayer. Christ the Light, who has come into the world, will show them the way.

As we look back on the long journey of the year 2017, we, too, try to bring into clarity the lessons learned for us. For some, the year was filled with blessings and for others, great pain. Many experienced death and the weight that comes with loss. Others wonder where the year went and regret not having lived it more fully. Somewhere in the year, God has blessed us with His presence and taught us something of His love. The holy exchange, the gifts we offered God and Christ the Gift received, delivers us to a whole new future. A new year stands before us, and we take what we’ve experienced and sacrificed from the past and bring it to prayer. Christ the Light, who has come into the world, will show us the way.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Michael
Mystagogy

Imitatio Christi: Part I

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians that non-believers who, "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who being past feeling have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ" (Eph. 4:18-20). Saint Paul teaches us that avoiding the corruptions of the world is not so much a matter of learning about Christ and what Christians are expected to believe as it is about learning Christ.

Saint Jerome said that, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ", and the Second Vatican Council "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful . . . to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:8)". Learning Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an indispensable part of learning Christ. Our salvation is inextricably tied to our knowledge about Him, His life and His teachings; nonetheless, it is our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament that causes us to learn Christ and brings about our salvation: "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you have no life in you" (John 6:53). The true knowledge of Christ comes from Sacramental grace, and the superior and spiritual knowledge that grace imparts makes sense of what we learn about Him in the Gospels.

Learning Christ then is our principle objective as Catholics. Thomas à Kempis wrote that by the words of Christ "we are admonished to follow His teachings and His manner of living, if we would truly be enlightened and delivered from all blindness of heart. Let all the study of our heart be from now on to have our meditation fixed wholly on the life of Christ, for His holy teachings are of more virtue and strength than the words of all the angels and saints" (The Imitation of Christ, Book 1, Section 1).

Although contemporary scholarship and modern sensibilities may disparage the Gospels and even question whether or not Jesus ever said or did any of the things written in them, Catholics confess with a "supernatural instinct of faith" (CCC nos. 92-93) that the Gospels accurately reflect the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Apostles — who were eyewitnesses of what Jesus of Nazareth did and taught — handed on that sacred Gospel tradition to the Church, and through the Apostolic teaching authority of the Church the Holy Spirit has through the centuries confirmed and established the truth and accuracy of that tradition.

Restating and reiterating the long-standing teaching of the Church on this question, the Second Vatican Council affirmed the truth of the Gospel narrative that has come down to us in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: "Holy Mother Church has firmly and with absolute constancy maintained and continues to maintain, that the four Gospels just named, whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation until the day when he was taken up" (Dei Verbum, no. 19; CCC no. 126).

It is not possible to overstate the importance of being familiar with the Gospels, reading them with childlike faith, meditating upon their teaching, and striving daily to live by the example of Christ Jesus when He walked on this earth. We need much more than merely learning facts about the life of Christ; we need to learn Christ. Jesus said, "If a man loves me he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will make our home with him..." (John 14:23). If we are going to prove and declare our love for Christ by our obedience to Him, then we must know what it is that He expects us to do and how He expects us to live in this present world.

~John-David Black~

Baptism of the Lord

is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. It is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church as well as the Anglican and Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord. (Wikipedia.org)
You can still sign up for THE BIBLE TIMELINE: Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study which explores the story of the Early Church in light of the Holy Spirit and demonstrates how this story is important for all Disciples of Christ. The study will include a series of twenty videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. Each week participants can attend on Wednesday at Holy Family in Citrus Heights, or on Thursday at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament downtown. We will meet from 7pm to 8:30. Begins this January 4 and ends May 31, 2018. Attendance is free. We will also provide materials. Contact Sister Jenny at (916) 444-5364 or jenny@cathedralsacramento.org to register.

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January 7 through 14 is NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK. For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2018, “Many Journeys, One Family,” draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends. (From justiceforimmigrants.org)

CHOOSE LIFE MASS - Join Bishop Soto and hundreds of Catholic school students for our annual pro-life Mass at the Cathedral on January 22nd at noon. St. Francis High School choir will be singing.

Santo Niño - You’re invited to celebrate the Santo Niño Feast on Saturday, January 13, 2018 with the Filipino-American Community. There will be a Novena at 9:30 am, followed by Mass, celebrated by Father Cormac Lacre, Father Michael O’Reilly, and Father Nicolas Ho. at 10 am. Appropriate attire is a red and/or gold top with black pants or skirt.

The event supports the Cathedral’s education department and welcomes donations, either cash or checks payable to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, in support of our homeless brothers and sisters, please bring brown bag lunches to donate.

THANK YOU! - Thanks to the Saint Rose Parish Roseville Saint Vincent the Paul Society Chapter, to The Cathedral Front Door Ministry, the youth group SEARCH from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, and Cathedral’s Padres Líderes Ministry, thirty-five families of low income budgets were helped with Christmas baskets this last 24 of December. Toys for the kids and food for the Christmas dinner were given out. This was a beautiful testimony of God’s love and collaboration among groups and parishes of our diocese. Blessed be God for the generosity and hard work of all the involved volunteers.

Special thanks to Bloem Decor and Emerald City for helping set up our Christmas décor, and to Maria Balaskin, Audrey and John Ortega, and Thomas Resendez for their donation of poinsettias.
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Offering Mass for a special intention is considered to bring special graces to 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. A $10 donation per Mass is appreciated.

Pray For...

Carlos Palacios Family
Haylee Flory & Family
Alma Mosquera
Luis Romo
Deacon Don DeHaven
Emma Valdez
Eugenia Roque
Alfredo Rivera
Adolfo Espinoza
Raymundo Guerrero
Natalia Galan
Salomon Galan
Tomasita Rodriguez
Rosa Carrillo
Felix Nunez Claver
Alvin Sul
Anynani Gonzalez
Erin Nicole Tam
Riley Hana
Lee McClure
Noah Anthony Hernandez
Giang Tran
Joel and Cesar
Miguel and Family
Michael Jose Mejia
Luis Gutierrez, Jr.
Luis Gutierrez, Sr.
Cynthia Belarmin
Stephen and Julie
Miles Jedinsky Flanagan
Louis Metzinger
The Brown Family
Yeneca Gutierrez
Dennis Studebaker S.I.
Lawrence Afamasanga
Vailaota Lopa
Guy Cook
Andrea
Anastasia Main & Family

In 2018, pray for unity for the Parish, for the Church, and for people everywhere... John 17:20-23
Hemos empezado un año nuevo.

Nuestro boletín de la Catedral tiene una nueva apariencia y quizás nosotros también estamos considerando hacer cambios este año. Parte de la alegría de un nuevo año es disfrutar de días más largos. El sol sale un poco más temprano y se mete un poco más tarde. La luz nos da la sensación de que nosotros también estamos saliendo del adormecimiento del invierno y entrando en el gran abrazo de la vida.

Hoy los Reyes Magos concluyen su jornada para ver y adorar al Niño Dios. Ellos han tenido que dejar muchas cosas en este viaje, que solo es el principio de una vida nueva para ellos. Dios los ha bendecido con su presencia y les ha enseñado algo de su amor. Tendrán muchos recuerdos e historias que compartir y en que reflexionar. El sagrado intercambio, sus obsequios y Cristo, el Regalo recibido, los lleva a un futuro nuevo. Un nuevo año se presenta frente a ellos, y ellos llevan lo que experimentaron y sacrificaron del pasado y lo traen a la oración. Cristo la Luz, que ha venido al mundo, les mostrará el camino.

Miramos atrás a la larga jornada del año 2017, nosotros también, tratamos de traer a la claridad las lecciones aprendidas. Para algunos, este año estuvo lleno de bendiciones y para otros, gran pena. Muchos experimentaron la muerte y la pesadumbre que viene con la perdida. Otros se preguntan a donde se fue el año y se arrepienten de no haberlo vivido más intensamente. En algún momento del año, Dios nos ha bendecido con su presencia y nos ha enseñado algo de su amor. El intercambio sagrado, los obsequios que le ofrecimos a Dios y Cristo, el regalo recibido, nos llevan a un futuro completamente nuevo. Un nuevo año se presenta ante nosotros y tomamos nuestras experiencias y nuestros sacrificios y los traemos a la oración. Cristo la Luz, quien ha venido al mundo, nos mostrará el camino.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Fr. Michael

**El Bautismo del Señor**

El Bautismo del Señor es el día de la fiesta que conmemora el bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán por Juan el Bautista. Originalmente, el bautismo de Cristo se celebró en la Epifanía, que conmemora la venida de los Reyes Magos, el bautismo de Cristo y la boda en Caná. Sin embargo, con el tiempo en Occidente, la celebración del bautismo del Señor llegó a conmemorarse como una fiesta distinta de la Epifanía. Se celebra en la Iglesia Católica Romana, así como en las Iglesias Anglicana y Luterana el primer domingo siguiente a la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor. (Wikipedia.org)
"La persona más importante es siempre la persona
con la que estás, que está justo delante de ti". ~ Leo Tolstoy ~

Durante casi medio siglo, la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos ha celebrado la Semana Nacional de Migración, que es una oportunidad para la Iglesia a reflexionar sobre las circunstancias que enfrentan los migrantes, incluidos los inmigrantes, los refugiados, los niños y las víctimas y sobrevivientes de la trata de personas. El tema de la Semana Nacional de Migración 2018, “muchos viajes, una familia,” llama la atención sobre el hecho de que cada una de nuestras familias tienen una historia de migración, algunos recientes y otros en el pasado distante. Independientemente de dónde somos y de dónde venimos, seguimos siendo parte de la familia humana y estamos llamados a vivir en solidaridad unos con otros.

Por desgracia, en nuestra cultura contemporánea a menudo no encontramos con los migrantes como personas, y en lugar de verlos como otros desconocidos, incluso si los notamos en absoluto. No tomamos el tiempo para participar de una manera significativa, como compañeros de hijos de Dios, pero no se mezclan con su presencia y sospechosos o asustarse de ellos. Durante esta Semana Nacional de Migración, vamos todos a tomar la oportunidad de participar a los migrantes como miembros de la comunidad, vecinos y amigos. (De justiceforimmigrants.org)

**ELLIJA LA MISA DE VIDA:** únase al Obispo Soto y a cientos de estudiantes de escuelas católicas para nuestra Misa Pro Vida anual en la Catedral el 22 de enero al mediodía. El coro de St. Francis High School cantará.

**GRACIAS!** - Gracias a la organización de San Vicente de Paul de la Parroquia de Santa Rosa en Roseville, El Ministerio de la Puerta de la Catedral, el grupo de jóvenes SEARCH de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y el Ministerio de Padres Líderes de la Catedral, treinta y cinco familias de bajos ingresos fueron ayudados con canastas de Navidad este pasado 24 de diciembre. Juguetes para los niños e ingredientes para una cena de Navidad fueron entregados. Este fue un hermoso testimonio del amor de Dios y la colaboración entre grupos y parroquias de nuestra diócesis. Bendito sea Dios por la generosidad y arduo trabajo de los voluntarios involucrados.

**UN AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL** a Bloem Decor y Emerald City por ayudar a preparar nuestra decoración navideña, y a Maria Balaskin, Audrey y John Ortega, y Thomas Resendez por su donación de flores de Pascua.

**VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

Jesús vino para todos. Nadie tiene una llamada exclusiva para Cristo y su nacimiento no solamente transcien/de el tiempo y el espacio, sino también las fronteras de la tierra. Cada ser humano es un hijo de Dios. Los judíos y los gentiles al igual que todos los coherederos, compañeros y miembros del mismo cuerpo. Esta percepción o epifanía es lo que celebramos hoy. También expresa nuestra esperanza en que un día en todas las naciones de la tierra se reconozca y adore a Jesucristo. El mensaje de Jesús de paz, justicia, reconciliación y amor es para que todos lo oigan y lo comprendan.
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Deacon Don DeHaven
Deacon Edgar Hilbert
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Rex Rallanka, Director of Music
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Lyssa Black, Webmaster/Bulletin Editor

DEPARTMENT OF FAITH FORMATION

The cathedral offers a complete faith formation program, including Catholic Faith Formation, Confirmation, The Rite of Christian Initiation Program, R.C.I.A for teens and children, Religious Education for Spanish Speaking Adults, and a Catechesis Formation Program. For information on all of these programs, contact Sister Jenny and her staff at jenny@cathedralsacramento.org, or 916-444-5364

Liturgical of the Word for Children, ages 5 to 10 years old, every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. This program provides children with age appropriate explanations of the Sunday readings and gives parents with young children an opportunity to focus on the Scripture readings and the homily without distractions. For more information, contact the education office or Dorothy Corgiat at dlcorgiat@yahoo.com.

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BAPTISMS (Registration is required)

English - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am
Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00am

BAPTISM CLASSES

English - 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm
Español - 2do jueves del mes, 7:00pm

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 the rectory office at 916-444-3071 to arrange free private group tours.

GIFT SHOP - Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mondays 10:30 am to 12:00pm

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**Lectors** contact Fred Heacock at fheacock72@hotmail.com.

**Altar servers** contact Michael Ognisty at mfognisty@msn.com.

**The Choir (English)** contact Rex Rallanka, Music Director at rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org or 916-444-3071, x 38.

**The Choir (Spanish)** contact Jerry Vanoie in the choir annex after the 1pm Mass, or Ricardo Savala in the choir annex after the 7pm Mass.

**Greetings and Ushers** contact Parish Manager, Tom Waddock at 916-444-3071, x 36.

**Cathedral ACTS Missions** contact actscathedralsacto@gmail.com for more information. 2018 Retreats are Men’s Retreat Feb. 1-4 (St. Rose of Lima, Roseville), Women’s Retreat June 21-24 (Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento), Women’s Retreat Aug. 16-19 (St. Rose of Lima, Roseville), Men’s Retreat Nov. 15-18 (Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament).

**Brown Bag Lunch Program** — If you would like to donate lunches, go to cathedralsacramento.org/ministries for information, or you can donate funds online on our “Giving” page. 100% of your tax-deductible donation is used in feeding the homeless. To volunteer, please contact Jerri at jerrirush@comcast.com.

**Benedictus Youth Group** contact Victoria Ramos at 916-444-3071, or benedictusyg@gmail.com.

**Cathedral Young Adults** contact Titi Kila at cathedralsya@gmail.com.

**Cathedral Saint Vincent de Paul** contact the rectory office.

**Cathedral Knight of Columbus** contact the rectory office.

**Respect Life Ministry** contact Linda Walters, English Coordinator at 916-524-5885, or Patricia Davila, Spanish Coordinator at 916-502-4854, or email Veronicaavina@yahoo.com for meeting times and other information.

**The Rosary Club** (Rosary Beads and instructions are provided) meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm. You don’t need to sign up, just show up. For more information, contact Lolita Urrutia at lolita.urrutia@gmail.com.

**Email Prayer Chain** submit your email address, and you will be notified when prayers are needed by those who have made a special request, contact Joan Jedlnsky at cbsprayer3@yahoo.com.

**Communion & Liberation** catechesis meets every Wednesday at 7:15am in the Cathedral Lower Level.

**Spanish Parents Group Leaders** meets every Sunday, contact Leticia Hilbert at leticia_hilbert@hotmail.com.

**Cathedral Men’s Group** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:15 pm, Lower Level. Contact Bob Meyers at cynm1@yahoo.com.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** information, visit www.youngsheep.org, or call 916-910-3435.

**Cathedral House Program** - Administered by volunteers of the Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation online at cathedralsacramento.org/Giving.

**Front Door Ministry** contact ministries@cathedralsacramento.org for information about volunteering or donations.

**You can learn more about the ministries at the Cathedral on our website, cathedralsacramento.org.**

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**Get Married at the Cathedral**

In choosing to come to the Catholic Church for the celebration of your wedding, you have made a choice to begin and to live your marriage in a Christian manner; to see your wedding as more than just a wonderful social event, but as something which draws its deeper meaning from our Christian faith.

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.

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**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 your wedding at the Cathedral in order to take this class.

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**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 the Rectory Office at 916-444-3071.
牧者的話

決定性的一天

1月8日(星期一)為主受洗節。
耶穌受洗是一個決定性的時刻。30年來耶穌一直居於納匝肋城，並在家中虔誠地履行祂的工作，但祂心知將有一天祂要出外展開福傳的旅程，而祂必定要等待這一天來臨的徵兆。
若翰的出現就是這徵兆，耶穌見到祂展開使命的一刻。雖然耶穌當時身處在甜蜜的家庭中而納匝肋亦是一個平靜的城市，但祂需要回應上主的召叫，帶領祂的子民往天父那裡去。
今天回想我們的受洗，也必能聽到上主的召叫，因為祂的召叫帶給我們莫大信心去面對生活上各種挑戰。

願榮光歸於父，及子，及聖神。起初如何，今日亦然，直到永遠。亞孟！

Priest’s Corner - THE DAY of DECISION

Monday, January 8th is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

The Baptism of Jesus was the moment of Decision. For 30 years Jesus had stayed in Nazareth. Faithfully he had done his day's work and discharged his duties at home. For long he must have been conscious that the time for him to go out had to come. He must have waited for a sign.

The appearance of John was that sign. Jesus saw the moment for him to begin his Mission. Nazareth was peaceful and home was sweet but he had to answer the Call and Challenge of God to lead the people to His Father.

Today as we reflect on our own baptism, we must hear the Call of God for us too because his Call will give us the confidence to face whatever challenges that we will encounter in life.

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Glory to God, as it was in the beginning is now and forever. Amen.

預留時間：

友誼午餐服務街友  2018年1月27日(星期六)上午11時至下午2時
新春祭祖彌撒及晚宴  2018年2月4日(星期日)下午3時至8時

Save the date:   Friendship Lunch for the Homeless   2018.1.27 (Sat) 11 am - 2 pm
Chinese New Year Mass and Tribute to the Ancestors as well as Dinner 2018.2.4 (Sun) 3 – 8 pm