Pastor’s Corner

Last week’s Pastor’s Corner was originally from July of 2018 in which I asked for you to pray for a greater financial response to the needs of the Cathedral. I encourage you to continue to do so. We are still far from reaching our weekly goal of $11,500. Any financial savings we have will not last much longer.

I understand that the average household donation at the Cathedral is just under five dollars and hasn’t gone up even though the economy has improved over the last ten years. I, therefore, am sending a challenge that each household increase their weekly giving to twenty dollars. I agree that some might not sincerely be able to afford 20 dollars, but many can and it’s time to step up.

What $20.00 is worth today:

- 2 movies
- 2 drinks at a bar
- 2 times parking in the alley garage when we have free city parking
- 4 coffee lattes
- 1 cheap dinner in a restaurant
- 5 hotdogs from Cathedral plaza
- 6 gallons of unleaded gas
- 1 average bouquet of flowers
- 5 – 10 minutes at Thunder Valley casino
- 10 Powerball lotto tickets
- $ your own personal unnecessary expense

If every household simply gave 20 dollars per week, we would have no financial concerns and each family would be proud to know that their support of the Cathedral truly helped to glorify God in downtown Sacramento. I honestly believe there is no better use of twenty dollars.

Father Michael
The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal emphasizes what we do together as Catholics to help our sisters and brothers in Northern California. Bishop Soto reminds us that we are all saved by the mercy of our crucified Lord, who shared in our suffering and sacrificed himself for our sake. When we give ourselves through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we join Catholic Charities...and our own parish outreach...to bring the mercy of Christ to those who suffer in the margins.

Thank you for your heartfelt response in 2018. The results say a lot about God’s people in the Diocese of Sacramento. Nearly $3.8 million in commitments were received from close to 26,000 Catholics. You made the difference. 253,000 were helped last year.

Prayerfully consider a gift in 2019 with an online donation or through your parish. Your gift extends a helping hand and the love of Christ to thousands of our neighbors and friends in need.

EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM YOUR GIFT

The Poor and the Vulnerable - Your generosity enables Catholic charitable organizations and parish ministries in our neighborhoods to assist in desperate need. Funds raised by the Annual Catholic Appeal go directly to the organizations that need our support.

Seminarians and Catholic Education - The Appeal provides critical support to offset the rising cost of education for seminarians currently in formation to serve as priests in our diocese. The Appeal also provides funds for Catholic School tuition assistance in our most economically challenged communities.

Parish Social Service Ministries - 25% of funds contributed to the Appeal are returned to each parish for its own social service ministries. Your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal has enabled parishes to add new ministries, expand existing programs or support local Catholic community charities.

Each of Us - The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity for each of us to go forth and proclaim the Gospel in our lives by sharing our resources with others in need.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry

Cathedral Parishioners:

Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of our downtown Sacramento homeless by donating healthy lunches to our Cathedral Brown Bag Lunch ministry. For some, the brown bag lunch is their main meal, so we make the lunch as nutritional as possible. A good lunch would include:

- Tuna/Chicken lunch pack or Vienna Sausage tins
- Fruit cups or Applesauce
- Chips, Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers
- Cookies or Granola Bar
- Bottle of Water
- Napkin and spoon or fork

Packed in a paper lunch bag (Please do not staple or tape the bag, as every bag is checked for completeness and staples = scratches.)

You can also donate the above items and we will pack the lunches for you. Please we ask that you only donate items that can be put into a lunch. Other food items that require can openers, heating-up or cooking cannot be prepared by our homeless guests, should not be donated.

Lunches can be brought to Mass with you every weekend, not just Brown Bag Lunch weekend. If you have questions or would like to schedule a delivery during the week, please contact Jerri Rush at (916) 216-9702 or Jerrirush@comcast.net

We appreciate your help in joining the effort to provide at least a good lunch to those that are hungry in our local community.
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
From March 6 through April 14, 2019, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer, vigils, and fasting for an end to abortion.

Everyone is invited to join us for Opening Mass on March 5th, at 8:00am. Mass will be celebrated by Father Stanley Poltorak.

You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray with us during a 40-day vigil in front of FPA Abortion Clinic at 2322 Butano Dr., Sacramento, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. We will be a presence Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact: Liliana Balderrama at (916) 912-8256 or Veronica Avina at (916) 205-0713 or go to 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE – TV program – check your TV guide for times on Comcast Chan. 20, Con-sol.19 and AT&T 14 or find us on YouTube! Fr. Michael Kiernan’s guests for the week of March 03: Sr. Libby Fernandez RSM, inspires us with her Mercy Pedalers ministry to the homeless!

THE BIBLE TIMELINE:
Psalms BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON MARCH 21, 2019
Come study the Book of Psalms with us! Psalms: The School of Prayer reminds us why the Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

This is the fifth year of this popular bible study program. The study will include a series of eleven videos 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. After 11 sessions you will receive a certificate of completion. 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 to register. God bless.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"None of us is alone in this world. Each of us is a vital piece of the great mosaic." – St. John Paul II

Day Retreat at Mercy Center, 535 Sacramento St, Auburn
March 16, 9:00am - 3:00pm
$35, includes lunch

Do you find yourself spending too much energy on what you don't have, what you don't do, and who you're not? Spend time in reflection on cultivating a grateful heart. Reflect on the 'never enough' syndrome and begin embracing who you are as opposed to what you do. Be inspired by Brother David Steindl-Rast's invitation to practice gratitude with a 'stop, look, and go' practice. Be open to the beauty of God's grace in the most ordinary of moments so you can be ready to experience gratitude in times of stress.

Visit www.retreatreflectrenew.org/day-retreat for more information or contact Darlene Carlson at (916) 300-9848.

Read the Gospel and Color

Sharing the Gospel - Let’s pretend we’re looking through a "blind" eye with a log stuck in it. You see how good you are compared to everybody else. You see other people stuck in sin, and you avoid them or hurt them with your words. Now let’s take that log out and look through a good eye. You see your own sins, and you know you need God’s kindness and forgiveness. You see other people stuck in sin, and you show God’s kindness and forgiveness to them.

Prayer - God, keep my eyes open to see my sins and your kindness. Give me a good heart.

Mission for the Week - When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember your own sins, and show God’s forgiveness.

Mardi Gras /ˈmärdē ˈgrä/ noun, French meaning “Fat Tuesday” - a carnival held the day before fasting for Lent begins.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today’s Gospel:

blind heart good leads bad eye fruit

blind   b l i n d
leads
bad
eye
fruit

Mardi Gras /ˈmärdē ˈgrä/ noun, French meaning “Fat Tuesday” - a carnival held the day before fasting for Lent begins.
"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

~Luke 6:45~

**Prayer Corner**

For the Special Intentions of:
- Deacon Don DeHaven
- Ted Freitas
- Manuel Benjamin
- Lara Murillo
- Margarita Gonzalez
- M Cintron
- Mike
- Mary
- Maria
- Gabriel Valentin
- Patricia and Andrew Vargas
- Jocey
- Sara Martinez
- Marilyn Custodio
- Kinda A
- Lucia
- Damianus Aditya Christie
- Snježana
- Matthew Mahoney
- Teddy Nguyen
- MEM
- Madeleine B. Vinluan
- Maricela Huidor
- Janine
- Anna Lanzona
- Alexa Novelo
- Mary
- Shelby Hogan
- Sepehr
- Gloria Sanchez

For the Repose of the Soul of:
- Jimmy Jaimes +
- Patricia and Andrew Vargas +
- Jaime Tenajeros Caminos +
- Nellie Foronda Tumbaga +
- Armandina Guerrero +
- Charles Urrutia +
- John Keener +
- Jaime Tangco +
- Lukas Fuchtl +
- Heriberto Concepcion Tadina +
- Dubu +
- Benny Garces +
- Roman Q Paguio +

**Readings & Observances**

**Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday: St. Casimir
- Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
  - Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
  - Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: St. John of God, Religious
  - Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
- St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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El Rincón del Pastor de la semana pasada fue originalmente de julio del 2018, en el que le pedí que orara por una mayor respuesta financiera a las necesidades de la Catedral. Los animo a seguir haciéndolo. Todavía estamos lejos de alcanzar nuestra meta semanal de $11,500. Cualquier ahorro financiero que tengamos no durará mucho más.

Entiendo que la donación promedio de un hogar en la Catedral es de poco menos de cinco dólares y no ha aumentado a pesar de que la economía ha mejorado en los últimos diez años. Por lo tanto, estoy enviando un desafío para que cada hogar aumente sus donaciones semanales a veinte dólares. Estoy de acuerdo en que algunos pueden no ser capaces de pagar 20 dólares con sinceridad, pero muchos pueden y es hora de avanzar.

Lo que vale $20.00 hoy:

- 2 películas
- 2 bebidas en un bar
- 2 veces de aparcamiento en el garaje del callejón cuando tenemos aparcamiento gratuito
- 4 lattes de café
- 1 cena barata en un restaurante
- 5 perritos calientes de la plaza de la catedral
- 6 galones de gas sin plomo
- 1 ramo de flores promedio
- 5 - 10 minutos en el casino Thunder Valley
- 10 boletos de lotería powerball
- ? su propio gasto personal innecesario

Si cada hogar simplemente diera 20 dólares por semana, no tendríamos preocupaciones financieras y cada familia estaría orgullosa de saber que su apoyo a la Catedral realmente ayudó a glorificar a Dios en el centro de Sacramento. Sinceramente, creo que no hay un mejor uso de veinte dólares.

Padre Michael
falsedades, ni hipocresías. Si somos de parte del pueblo fiel, de los que conocemos que no es fácil hacer la vida; en general, la vida no es siempre fácil. Sin fe, esperanza y amor, el camino se nos importa cuando vengan con nosotros con su ceguera? ¿Qué tan rápidos somos para señalar las faltas de los demás? Es tan fácil ver lo que otros están haciendo mal y mucho más difícil vernos a nosotros mismos por lo que somos. Muchos quieren verse a sí mismos como uno de los privilegiados y salvados, y son rápidos para condenar a aquellos que eligen hacer las cosas de manera diferente. Podemos ser tan hipócritas al mismo tiempo que proclamamos ser tan espirituales. Lo que hablamos revela los verdaderos pensamientos de nuestras mentes y las intenciones de nuestros corazones. No engañamos a nadie más que a nosotros mismos. En vez de ser defensivo, crítico y exclusivo, ¿no tiene más sentido ayudarnos unos a otros y trabajar juntos por el reino de Dios? Puede que tengamos que dejar algo atrás, pero a su vez, ganaremos mucho más.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Hace poco viajé y vi cómo una esposa guiaba por el brazo a su esposo invidente al avión. Ella lo ayudó a sentarse con amor y se aseguró de que estuviera cómodo. Ella colocó sus maletas en el compartimiento de arriba y luego se sentó a su lado. Estaban listos para el vuelo. Mientras me sentaba en mi asiento a unas pocas filas de distancia, me pregunté qué haría él si ella alguna vez se apartara de él.

A veces, esos que amamos en nuestra vida pueden ser ciegos, y nosotros necesitamos ser sus ojos. No están físicamente ciegos, pero no pueden ver la verdad sobre su vida, situación o necesidades. Necesitamos prestarles nuestra vista y visión, o permanecer en su mundo de oscuridad.

Jesús preguntó a sus discípulos: "¿Podrá un ciego guiar a otro ciego?" Si no estamos trabajando activamente para asegurarnos de que podamos ver claramente, ¿qué podemos ofrecer a alguien que nos importa cuando vengan con nosotros con su ceguera? ¿Puedes guiar a alguien hacia Cristo si no estás viviendo tu misma vida con Él? ¿Puedes compartir con alguien más la verdad si no tienes más sentido ayudarnos unos a otros y trabajar juntos por el reino de Dios?

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la vida no es siempre fácil. Sin fe, esperanza y amor, el camino puede ser muy difícil de recorrer. No estamos creados para estar solos. En cambio, estamos creados para ser compañeros de viaje. Sin embargo, los ciegos no pueden guiar a los ciegos. Que la Luz de Cristo disuelva tu oscuridad y te dé la vista para que cuando llegue el llamado, puedas prestar un brazo para guiar a los ciegos.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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**MASSES**

**Monday to Friday**
12:10 pm

**Monday to Thursday**
5:10 pm

**Saturday Vigil**
5:00 pm

**Sunday**

7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
1:00 pm en Español
3:00 pm Chinese
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

**Domingo en Español**
12:30 pm a 12:45 pm
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.

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CATHEDRAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend Total Offering Percent of Goal
February 2/3 $8,148 71%
February 9/10 $8,943 78%
February 16/17 Not submitted
February 23/24 Not submitted

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 offering goal 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

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Street Address (Domicilio): ____________________________
City (Ciudad): ____________________________State (Estado): ____________________________Zip (Código postal): ____________________________
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For additional family members, please attach a separate sheet.

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1) Put into collection basket at mass (deponese en la canasta de la colecta en misa)
2) Scan to pdf file and email: blessed@cathedralsacramento.org (escanear a pdf file y envía por correo electrónico)
3) Fax to: 916-443-2749
4) Mail to (correo): 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 Aldegghi 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 your 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 tkila@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: 916-444-3071 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.

QUINCEAÑERAS

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 tkila@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 Corigliat at dlcorgiat@yahoo.com.
St. Casimir of Poland (March 4)

St. Casimir is the son of King Casimir IV. King Casimir IV had thirteen children, and St. Casimir was the third child. The Polish priest Jan Długosz who educated Casimir was very knowledgeable and faithful. St. Casimir was very enthusiastic at an early age, and he was very strict on himself. He slept on the ground at night, and most of the time, prayed and meditated. The main theme of meditation is the Passion of the Lord. The clothes he wears are very simple, and they are often dressed in hard clothes.

St. Casimir treated others kindly, seeing all the people as brothers of Christ, and give all his possessions to the poor. He especially adored the Virgin Mary, praying the Latin praise of the Virgin Mary daily. He wanted “Praise the Rosary” to be in his coffin upon his death. The piece is translated into various languages, and was names as “Praise of St. Casimir.”

In 1471, the Hungarians were dissatisfied with the tyranny of their monarch Gauvino, demanding that the Polish king send Casimir to rule their land. Casimir was only fifteen. Although he refused, he was forced to leave for Hungary with his father’s order. When he reached the border, he learned that Gauvino refused to step down from the throne. He did not want to provoke the Hungarian soldiers to start a war, and immediately returned to the Polish capital. His father was very angry and imprisoned him in the castle. St. Casimir continued to study and pray to strengthen his faith. His family forced him to marry William II’s daughter, but he refused with his vow for virginity.

He died in 1484 only at twenty three. There are many miracles after his death. His was canonized in 1521 by Pope Leo X. The Poles considered him as the patron saint of Poland.

本週報告（會長）

1. 慕道班於每星期彌撒後以中文舉行。如果您認識的任何朋友或家人對天主教信仰有興趣，請邀請他參加。

2. 三月的查經班將於三月十六日上午十時在Martin Luther King Jr. 的圖書館 (7340 24th St. Bypass Sacramento, CA 95822) 舉行。

3. 我們將於三月二十三日有四旬期的避靜和三語彌撒。而我們於三月二十四日沒有中文彌撒。

Announcement this week (President)

1. 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.

2. We will have the bible study on March 16, 2018 Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM at Martin Luther King Jr. Library (7340 24th St. Bypass Sacramento, CA 95822)

3. We will have Lent Retreat and trilingual Mass on March 23. There will be no Chinese Mass on March 24.