



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts

January 12, 2025 | Baptism of the Lord

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO

8:00 am	English
10:00 am	English*
12:00 pm	Español*
2:00 pm	Chinese*
4:00 pm	English
6:00 pm	Español

*Livestream available.

Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

12:10 pm

ADORATION

ADORACIÓN

Wednesday & Thursday

Miércoles y Jueves

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIACIÓN

Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

11:30 am—12:00 pm

Saturday | Sabado

4:00 pm—5:00 pm

CATHEDRAL HOURS

Monday—Friday

10:00 am—4:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9:00 am— noon & 1 pm—4 pm



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Holy Spirit descended upon him. - Lk 3:21-22a

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él. - Lc 3, 21-22

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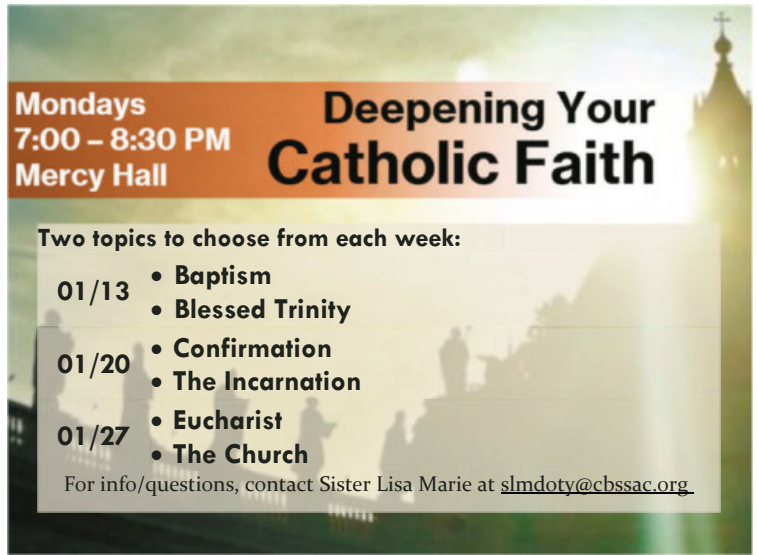
Want something in the bulletin and website? Just email communication@cathedralsac.org

Events and Information



Adult Confirmation

**Classes begin
February 6, 2025
Register now:
<https://is.gd/confirmation2025>
More information:
slmdoty@cbssac.org**



**Mondays
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Mercy Hall**

Deepening Your Catholic Faith

Two topics to choose from each week:

01/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baptism• Blessed Trinity
01/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation• The Incarnation
01/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eucharist• The Church

For info/questions, contact Sister Lisa Marie at slmdoty@cbssac.org



KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

With Father O'Reilly

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm via Zoom

New series the Gospel of Luke!

Contact Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com

MANTENGA LA LLAMA

Con Padre O'Reilly

Miércoles, 7:00 pm vía Zoom

¡Nueva serie el Evangelio de Lucas!

Contacto con Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com



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11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

THE HOLY ROSARY

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6pm

St. Josephine Bakhita Room, lower level.

praytherosarywithus@yahoo.com

EL SANTO ROSARIO

1er y 3er miércoles, 6:00 pm

Aula St. Josephine Bakhita, nivel inferior.

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HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

Friday, February 7 First Friday of each month immediately following the 12:10 Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

HORA SANTA DE LA REPARACIÓN

Viernes 7 de Febrero Primer viernes de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 12:10 en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento.

SUNDAY CATHEDRAL DOCENT TOURS

English at 9am and 11am & Spanish at 1pm

Meet by the Baptismal font. Docents share why the Cathedral is such an integral part of Early California history and how our beautiful and important works of art express symbolically spiritual beliefs that are intrinsic to our Catholic Faith.

VISITAS POR LA CATEDRAL LOS DOMINGOS

Español a la 1 pm e inglés a las 9am y 11am

Reunirse cerca de la fuente bautismal. Los docentes guían a los visitantes compartiendo con ellos por qué la catedral es una parte fundamental de la historia de la Temprana California y cómo nuestras hermosas e importantes obras de arte expresan simbólicamente creencias espirituales íntegras a nuestra Fe católica.

Eventos e información

El Ministerio de Respeto a la Dignidad Humana te invita a participar en la Caminata Anual de la Costa Oeste el **25 de enero** como una forma de protestar pacíficamente contra el aborto. Los billetes para el viaje en autobús a San Francisco están a la venta todos los domingos en el vestíbulo. También puedes reservar tus boletos y pagar una semana antes de la caminata comunicándote con Verónica Aviña 916-205-0713 y/o Liliana Balderrama 916-912-8256.

The Ministry of Respect for Human Dignity invites you to participate in the annual West Coast Walk on **January 25** as a way to peacefully protest against abortion. Tickets for the bus ride to San Francisco are on sale every Sunday in the lobby. You can also reserve your tickets and pay a week before the walk by contacting Verónica Aviña 916-205-0713 and/or Liliana Balderrama 916-912-8256.

Porque Las Mujeres Merecen Algo Mejor que el Aborto.*

CAMINATA por la VIDA

21 Caminata Anual COSTA DEL OESTE



SÁBADO, 25 DE ENERO 2025 • PLAZA DEL CENTRO CÍVICO • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
(Mesas informativas: 11:00AM)
Sábado, 25 de enero 2025



Rally da inicio en la Plaza del Centro Civico. Luego caminaremos por la calle Market (2 millas). Finaliza en Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building, BART en ambos lugares. Amplio estacionamiento.


Información: 415/658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

WalkforLifeWC.com

Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion.*


WALK for LIFE

21ST ANNUAL WEST COAST



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 25, 2025



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

Register and info: (415) 658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

WalkforLifeWC.com

CRAB FEED & SILENT AUCTION



Saturday, February 1 — Doors open at 6pm
\$70 - All You Can Eat!
Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St.

Tickets: <https://southsacrotary.org>



We are seeking good quality silent auction items.

Please contact Rich Zacaroli at rzacaroli@gmail.com.

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is teaming with the Rotary Club of South Sacramento for this fun event. Proceeds go toward serving the homeless and underserved communities in Sacramento.

Más información



GATHERING IN PRAYER

Beginning January 19, between the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses, you're invited to gather for prayer with fellow parishioners. Join us at the back of the church by the South Confessional, where Peggy Oakden will guide the prayer for the intentions of the group.

Anyone interested in being part of this prayer group can leave a message for Peggy at 916-716-0622.

Again, [amen] I say to you if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. *Matthew 18: 19-20*

REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Cheryl S.
Michelle S.
Rayn
Chris and Jennifer H.
Damian A.
Hyangcha K.
Maria B.
Fred W.
Joshua
Mary
Maria R.



*Cathedral Prayer
Chain*

Prayer.chain.sacramento@gmail.com

Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community

RECONCILIATION: 1st Sunday of the month before mass. Please contact Kenneth Ng or Fr. Chiu in advance.

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Email: sccc.contact@gmail.com

Facebook: [@sacchineseatholic](https://www.facebook.com/sacchineseatholic)

Instagram: <https://is.gd/>

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Website:

www.sacchineseatholic.org/



Chinese Portal:
Announcements/
Sunday Readings

A Glimpse of Spirituality 靈修一瞥 157 (Matt 瑪 12:1-8) Fr. Abraham Chiu 趙必成神父

耶穌問法利塞人：“你們在法律上沒有念過：安息日，司祭在聖殿內違犯了安息日，也不算為罪過嗎？”什麼意思？耶穌的話出自戶 28:9 的法律：“安息日，應獻兩隻一歲無瑕的公羔羊，十分之二「厄法」油調的細麵，當作素祭；還有同獻的奠祭。”看到司祭宰殺祭物，擺上供餅，這都需要大量勞動力；從這角度，可以說司祭在安息日所作的事，破壞安息日的法律；然而，沒有人責怪司祭，因為他們在聖殿裡舉行祭獻。

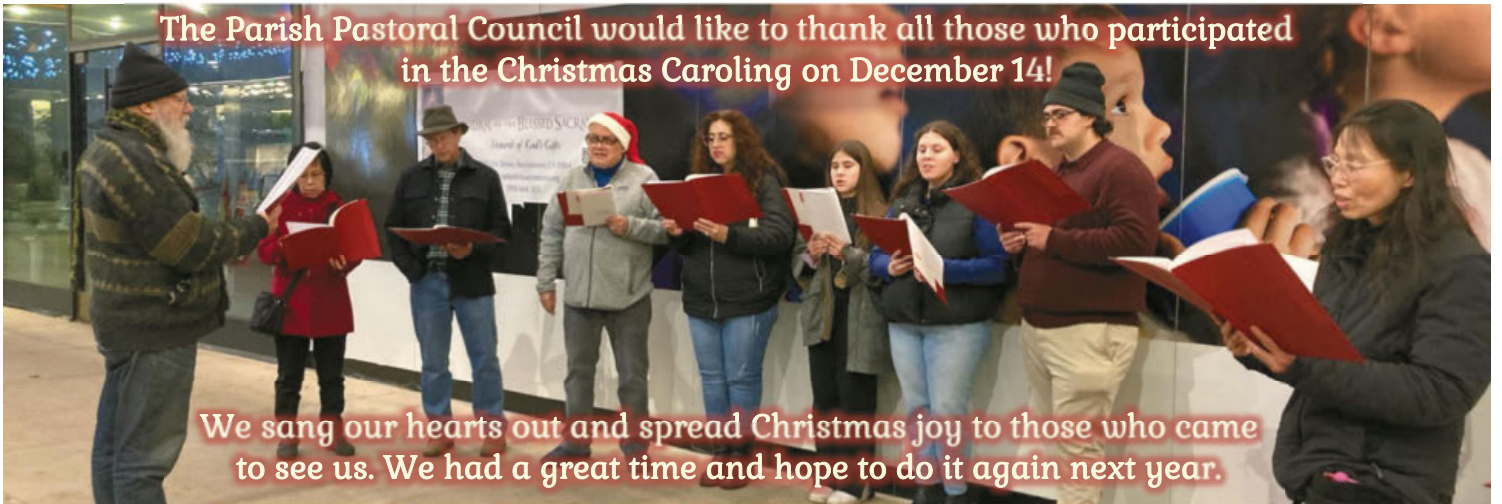
這法律揭露法利塞人對耶穌的錯誤指控：“看，你的門徒作安息日不許作的事。”對耶穌的誣告，同時也讓法利塞人自我指控在曲解法律，因為他們本意不是捍衛安息日法律，而是抹黑耶穌，說他是破壞梅瑟法律的大罪人。

耶穌回答：“這裡有比聖殿更大的。”這“比聖殿更大的”是人子，正如耶穌所闡述：“因為人子是安息日的主。”人子如此仁慈，他對門徒飢餓感同身受，讓他們“掐麥穗吃”。這是耶穌所強調：“我喜歡仁愛勝過祭獻。”名詞“仁愛”（*eleos*）指向隨時準備幫助陷入困境的人。天主是一位仁慈的主，他最喜歡人的慈悲大愛。

Christmas Season Celebration Fun



THE ABOVE ARE IMAGES FROM A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL OF TREES ON DECEMBER 7 & 8!!



The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who participated in the Christmas Caroling on December 14!

We sang our hearts out and spread Christmas joy to those who came to see us. We had a great time and hope to do it again next year.

Faith Formation & Education



FAMILY Formation

Transforming the *world*
one *family* at a time

Pilgrims of Hope: Living the Year of Hope in the Family

Pope Francis ceremonially began the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome on December 24th with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peters. Here at the Cathedral, we celebrated the beginning of the Jubilee—Pilgrims of Hope—on the eve of the Solemnity of the Holy Family. Our Family Faith Formation will be integrating themes of pilgrimage and hope throughout the year. We began our first week back looking at what it means to be a pilgrim (all of us are) with our goal as Heaven. Some Pilgrimages are meant to help us connect movement of the body to the interior movement of the soul toward God in our interior Life. Each month, our FFF families travel with different themes to help them integrate their spiritual life into their daily activities and home life. Our theme in January is the Family, and how we are to help one another journey and make it to Heaven. Our lessons this month help us appreciate the Sacrament of Marriage as the vehicle of grace to not only raising holy children (saints) but to also be a way of bringing others to God by the holiness of our lives. As we begin this Jubilee Year, let us ask God to help us and our families to grow in holiness as they seek to draw close to God and His divine grace, both in our souls and in our families (homes).



El Papa Francisco inauguró oficialmente el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza en Roma el 24 de diciembre con la apertura de la Puerta Santa en San Pedro. Aquí en la Catedral, celebramos el comienzo del Jubileo-Peregrinos de la Esperanza-en la víspera de la Solemnidad de la Sagrada Familia. Nuestra Formación Familiar en la Fe integrará temas de peregrinación y esperanza a lo largo del año. Iniciamos nuestra primera semana de regreso viendo lo que significa ser un peregrino (todos nosotros lo somos) con nuestra objetivo como el Cielo. Unas peregrinaciones tienen como objetivo ayudarnos a que el movimiento del cuerpo con el movimiento interior del alma hacia Dios en nuestra Vida interior. Cada mes, nuestras familias FFF viajan con diferentes temas para ayudarles a integrar su vida espiritual en sus actividades diarias y en su vida hogareña. Nuestro tema en enero es la Familia, y cómo debemos ayudarnos unos a otros a viajar y llegar al Cielo. Nuestras lecciones de este mes nos ayudan a apreciar el Sacramento del Matrimonio como el vehículo de gracia no sólo para criar hijos santos (santos) sino también para ser una forma de llevar a otros a Dios por la santidad de nuestras vidas. Al comenzar este Año Jubilar, pidamos a Dios que nos ayude a nosotros y a nuestras familias a crecer en santidad al buscar acercarnos a Dios y a su gracia divina, tanto en nuestras almas como en nuestras familias (hogares).

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God ... be glory and praise for ever. Amen

JANUARY Happy New Year!

Sat 11 JAN	FFF Sat Group 10 AM—Mercy Hall
Dom 12 JAN	FFF Grupo Espanol 10 AM—Mercy Hall
Tue 14 JAN	FFF Tuesday Group 6 PM—Mercy Hall
Sat 18 JAN	FFF Sat Group 10 AM—Mercy Hall
Dom 19 JAN	FFF Espanol 10:00 AM
Tue 21 JAN	FFF Tuesday Group Home Lesson
Sat 25 JAN	WALK for LIFE San Francisco Confirm 2 Families

Start the New Year in God's Holy Word.



**ACTS of the Apostles
Adult Bible Study
Begins in February.
Register Now!
<https://is.gd/bibleacts>**

**Are you at least 18
years old and
want to receive the
Sacrament of
Confirmation?
Register Now!
See details on
page 2 of Bulletin!**



For more information
about the
Diocese Pilgrimage Sites:
[www.scd.org/
Jubilee2025](http://www.scd.org/Jubilee2025)

Family Faith Formation and OCIA—Formation of Faith and of Sacraments for Children and Adults

Formación y Educación en la Fe

Sunday Mass Preparation
Sunday, 19 JAN 2025



Preparación para la Misa
Domingo, 19 Enero 2025

Prepare:
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Preparar:
II Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Isaías 62,1-5
Salmo 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 Corintios 12:4-11
Juan 2:1-11



Approaching the Rites in OCIA

At the beginning of the new liturgical year in ADVENT 2024, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) officially adopted a revised process of evangelization and preparation for people seeking entrance into the Catholic church. The term RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) has been changed to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). This change honors the journey of a seeker's preparation through a series of rites beginning a period of Inquiry (learning who Jesus is and understanding of what the Catholic Church believes and lives), through to the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Rites identify different passages in the faith journey.

The first rite, the passage from Inquiry to the Catechumenate is the Rite of Entrance. Those unbaptized adults seeking a life of faith in Christ and acceptance into the Catholic Church are welcomed into the Church community. They are now called Catechumens and will continue to study the life of Christ and the Sacraments. On **January 18 at 5:00pm**, a number of seekers will be welcomed into the Catechumenate through this rite. As a Parish community we are all encouraged to welcome them and to pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith.

A second group, the Candidates, those adults baptized as infants but never completing the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, or adults baptized in another Christian faith will be welcomed though a Rite of Welcoming on **Sunday, January 19 at the 8:00 am Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend** these rites to support and pray for these adults seeking a life of faith in the Catholic Church.

Focus of the Gospel:

Welcome back to Ordinary Time! Last Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord marked a close to the Christmas season, and began the 1st week of Ordinary Time. On this Sunday, in each liturgical year, the Gospel is taken from John rather than the respective synoptic Gospel read throughout the remainder of Ordinary Time. Today's reading completes the triad of "epiphany" texts (those revealing the nature of who Jesus is: first to the Magi; then at his Baptism, and this week, at the Wedding of Cana).

In the reading from John, we hear the miracle at Cana described as the "first" of Jesus' signs which 'revealed his glory' and as a result 'his disciples believed in him'. Everything John points to is for this purpose "so that you (the hearer of the Gospel) may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31). The miracle of Cana, then is about Jesus being revealed as the Messiah, the Holy One, in the midst of our ordinary human experience — such as at a wedding.

With Your Family

- ♦ Read John 2:1-11. Imagine in your mind the wedding feast. Who was there? What were they doing?
- ♦ Who intercedes for the wedding couple at the feast? How do they know Jesus will help?
- ♦ The Church uses this passage to help explain how in marriage, the action of Christ transforms the love of spouses into grace. What grace do you need in your relationships?
- ♦ Pray Psalm 96:1-10 together.

Enfoque del evangelio:

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo al Tiempo Ordinario! El domingo pasado, con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor, concluyó el tiempo de Navidad y comenzó la primera semana del Tiempo Ordinario. En este domingo, en cada año litúrgico, el Evangelio se toma de Juan en lugar del respectivo Evangelio sinóptico que se lee durante el resto del Tiempo Ordinario. La lectura de hoy completa la triada de textos «epifánicos» (los que revelan la naturaleza de Jesús: primero a los Magos, después en su Bautismo y, esta semana, en las Bodas de Caná). En la lectura de Juan, oímos describir el milagro de Caná como el «primero» de los signos de Jesús que «revelaron su gloria» y, como resultado, «sus discípulos creyeron en él». Todo lo que Juan señala tiene este propósito «para que vosotros (los oyentes del Evangelio) lleguéis a creer que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que creyendo tengáis vida en su nombre». (Juan 20:31). El milagro de Caná, pues, consiste en que Jesús se revela como el Mesías, el Santo, en medio de nuestra experiencia humana ordinaria, como en una boda.

Con tu familia

- ♦ Lee Juan 2:1-11. Imagina en tu mente el banquete de bodas. ¿Quiénes estaban allí? ¿Qué estaban haciendo?
- ♦ ¿Quién intercede por los novios en el banquete? ¿Cómo saben que Jesús les ayudará?
- ♦ La Iglesia utiliza este pasaje para ayudar a explicar cómo en el matrimonio, la acción de Cristo transforma el amor de los esposos en gracia. ¿qué gracia necesitas en tus relaciones?
- ♦ Rezad juntos el Salmo 96,1-10.

Mass preparation for families

Catholic Kids Media is back with their easy and fun video prep for Sunday Mass! Every Wednesday receive a Mass preparation guide in your email box for your family, still with downloadable coloring pages and worksheets for young saints.

Preparación de misas para familias

Catholic Kids Media está de vuelta con su fácil y divertido vídeo de preparación para la Misa dominical! Todos los miércoles recibirás en tu buzón de correo electrónico una guía de preparación para la Misa en familia, con páginas para colorear y hojas de trabajo para los pequeños santos.



<https://is.gd/massprep2025>

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Liturgy of the Word

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

READING 1 IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 104:1B-4, 24-25, 27-30

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all— the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them,

they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

READING 2 TITUS 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

ALLELUIA CF. MK 9:7

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL LK 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mass Intentions & Observances

SUN 1/12

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: MSGR. JAMES MURPHY S.I.

10:00 AM: FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH S.I.

12:00 PM: LUPE VALENCIA S.I.

4:00 PM: WILLIAM J. SHOREY +

6:00 PM: ZAYN MALIK S.I.

MON 1/13

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 PM: ROSARIO PURUGGANAN +;
MANUEL PURUGGANAN SR. +;
NESTOR PURUGGANAN +

TUE 1/14

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 PM: MOISES RAÑA +

WED 1/15

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 PM: DAMIANA TABANIAG +

THU 1/16

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

12:10 PM: LIAM PAYNE +

FRI 1/17

SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

12:10 PM: DANIELLE SALDANA +

*S.I. = for special intention
+ = for repose of the soul*

Mass Intentions

Please email:

vramos@cathedralsacramento.org

or call 916-444-3071, ext. 10

Liturgia de la Palabra

FIESTA DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR 12 de Enero de 2025

PRIMERA LECTURA IS 40, 1-5. 9-11

“Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya terminó el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados”.

Una voz clama: “Preparen el camino del Señor en el desierto, construyan en el páramo una calzada para nuestro Dios. Que todo valle se eleve, que todo monte y colina se rebajen; que lo torcido se enderece y lo escabroso se allane. Entonces se revelará la gloria del Señor y todos los hombres la verán”. Así ha hablado la boca del Señor.

Sube a lo alto del monte, mensajero de buenas nuevas para Sión; alza con fuerza la voz, tú que anuncias noticias alegres a Jerusalén. Alza la voz y no temas; anuncia a los ciudadanos de Judá: “Aquí está su Dios. Aquí llega el Señor, lleno de poder, el que con su brazo lo domina todo. El premio de su victoria lo acompaña y sus trofeos lo anteceden. Como pastor apacentará su rebaño; llevará en sus brazos a los corderitos recién nacidos y atenderá solícito a sus madres”.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

SALMO 103, 1-2^a. 2B-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

Bendice al Señor, alma mía: Señor y Dios mío, inmensa es tu grandeza. Te vistes de belleza y majestad, la luz te envuelve como un manto. R.

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

Por encima de las aguas construyes tu morada. Las nubes son tu carro; los vientos, tus alas y mensajeros; y tus servidoras, las ardientes llamas. R.

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

¡Que numerosas son tus obras, Señor, y todas las hiciste con maestría! La tierra está llena de tus creaturas. y tu mar, enorme a lo largo y a lo ancho, está lleno de animales pequeños y grandes. R.

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

Todos los vivientes aguardan que les des de comer a su tiempo: les das el alimento y lo recogen, abres tu mano y se sacian de bienes. R.

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

Se retiras tu aliento, toda creatura muere y vuelve al polvo. Pero envías tu espíritu, que da vida, y renueva el aspecto de la tierra. R.

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

SEGUNDA LECTURA TI 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7

Querido hermano: La gracia de Dios se ha manifestado para salvar a todos los hombres y nos ha enseñado a renunciar a la vida sin religión y a los deseos mundanos, para que vivamos, ya desde ahora, de una manera sobria, justa y fiel a Dios, en espera de la gloriosa venida del gran Dios y Salvador, Cristo Jesús, nuestra esperanza. Él se entregó por nosotros para redimirnos de todo pecado y purificarnos, a fin de convertirnos en pueblo suyo, fervorosamente entregado a practicar el bien.

Al manifestarse la bondad de Dios, nuestro salvador, y su amor a los hombres, él nos salvó, no porque nosotros hubiéramos hecho algo digno de merecerlo, sino por su misericordia. Lo hizo mediante el bautismo, que nos regenera y nos renueva, por la acción del Espíritu Santo, a quien Dios derramó abundantemente sobre nosotros, por Cristo, nuestro salvador. Así, justificados por su gracia, nos convertiremos en herederos, cuando se realice la esperanza de la vida eterna.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO CFR JN 1, 29

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, dijo Juan el Bautista; él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego.

R. Aleluya.

EVANGELIO LC 3, 15-16. 21-22

En aquel tiempo, como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan el Bautista era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: “Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego”.

Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco”.

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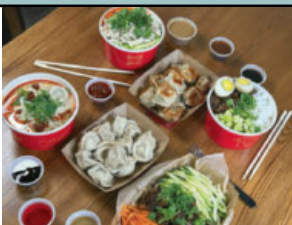
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