Last Sunday we celebrated our annual Festival of Trees and Lights. It was another beautiful sign of Church community and the call to live a life of charity. We know that the actual proceeds of this event will only make a small dent in the needs of our downtown poor and homeless, but the Grace that overshadows us and our community from these important festivities will multiply throughout our downtown and in our own lives. I thank everyone who worked so hard to make the festival so enjoyable and filled with the promise of the joy of Christmas.

As we continue to pray for guidance in how we might make Christ more real for the poor and homeless, as well as our own families, we can use the image of John the Baptist, who gave his own life so that others would know Christ. John told his own disciples that he was not the Christ. It was an important message both for himself and others. There is only one Christ. We, however, can behave as though we are Christ. We can be judgmental and all-knowing, self-important and self-centered, expecting others to worship and obey us, and fill ourselves with an attitude of superiority and magnanimity.

Usually when we act like a God we are far from living the image of the one true God. It is the most beautiful irony that the Christ, deserving of all praise and glory, lived the most humble, human life. As we approach the Christmas season, the season of giving, the more godly we wish to become requires more sacrifices we need to make. After all, we may not be Christ, but we are His body. What a great gift He has given us on Christmas.

Father Michael
The season of Advent originated as a fast of 40 days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of Saint Martin (11 November), whence it was often called *Saint Martin’s Lent*, a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks (a period starting four Sundays before Christmas), and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming.

The spirit of the liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: his first, his present, and his final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord – Christian joy – as well as the mission of John the Baptist and his connection with Advent. The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death – can take that love away." Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

On Gaudete Sunday rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of violet (or instead of deep blue, in some Anglican and Lutheran traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday".

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet (or blue) colored candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord’s coming. (Wikipedia.org)
A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS
Monday, December 16  8:00 - 10:00 pm
Known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for its seam-
less blend of twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass
celebrate an age-old narrative with fresh eyes and ears, hearts
and voices. Tickets at www.chanticleer.org

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - The Parish Pastoral
Council invites you for a fun evening of Christmas caroling on Sa-
aturday, December 21 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Cathed-
ral Square then walk down K Street to Downtown Commons and
return to the cathedral. Practice is on Tuesday, December 17, 7 –
8:30 pm in the Manogue building. Don’t worry if you miss the
practice. You’re still welcome to join the fun. For questions please
call Aileen Rasmussen at (916) 215-8616.

Help decorate the Cathedral with beautiful flowers for
Christmas. We will be taking donations of potted
POINSETTIAS on December 22nd, in Mary’s Chapel.
To make other arrangements, contact cathedralsacra-
mento@gmail.com.

Christmas Mass Schedule
December 24  5:00 pm Children’s Mass
         9:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass
         11:30 pm Music Prelude followed by
            Midnight Mass

December 25  8:00 am Christmas Mass in English
         10:00 am Christmas Mass in English
         12:00 pm Misa de Navidad en Español

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 4? In the Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd, the youngest children form deep, lifelong
relationships with God. Visit www.youngsheep.org to learn more,
and call us at 916-834-6765 to schedule a visit.

OFFERTORY REPORT

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THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION
BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON JANUARY 9, 2020
The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone
to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power
of God’s Word. The study takes you on a journey through the en-
tire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history
so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all
of Scripture.

The study will include a series of twenty-three videos presented by
Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discus-
sion. We will meet every Thursday from 7pm to 8:30 in the lower
level of the Cathedral. After 23 sessions you will receive a certifi-
cate 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! See you there!

Catholic Viewpoint, Faith, Hope and Love, hosted by Fr. Mi-

DID YOU KNOW...
The use of wrapping paper is first documented in ancient China,
where paper was invented in the 2nd century BC. In the Southern
Song dynasty, monetary gifts were enclosed in an envelope known
as a chih pao. Early wrapping paper was likely to be strong and
roughly textured, and created from hemp or rice straws and bam-
boo fibers.

In Chinese culture, red wrapping paper is particularly auspicious,
signifying happiness and good health. The Japanese are famous
for the beauty of their gift wrapping but there is now a strong
return to the traditional cloth wrapping known as furoshiki, which
has the advantage of being better for the environment.

In the West, commercial manufactured wrapping paper developed
from fancy French papers used for lining envelopes and was par-
ticularly popular in the United States. (JacquieLawson.com)
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### Cathedral Kids

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### Ministry Directory

- **Altarservers**
  - Michael Ogistwy, mfognisty@msn.com.
- **Benedictus Youth Group**
  - Victoria Ramos, benedictusy@gmail.com
- **Brown Bag Lunch Ministry**
  - Jerri Rush, jerrirush@comcast.net
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** for ages 3+
  - Visit youngsheep.org, or call 916-910-3435
- **Cathedral A.C.T.S.**
  - ActsCathedralSac@gmail.com, sccathedralacts.org
- **Cathedral Men’s Group**
  - Bob Meyers, cymn1@yahoo.com
- **Saint Vincent de Paul** contact the rectory office
- **Cathedral Young Adults**
  - Titi Kila, cathedraly@gmail.com
- **Chinese Community**
  - Oliver Wan, scoc.contact@gmail.com
- **Choir (English)**
  - Rex Rallanka, Music Director, rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org
- **Choir (Spanish)**
  - Jerry Vanoye in the choir annex after the 1pm Mass, or Ricardo Savala in the choir annex after 7pm Mass.
- **Cinema Divina Movies**
  - Reggie King, Brian Perez, thecatholicstore@gmail.com
- **Communion & Liberation**
  - Catechesis meets every Wednesday at 7:15pm
- **Docents**
  - Jill Pease, peasejill@gmail.com
- **Email Prayer Chain**
  - Lynne Amerson, obs1017pc@yahoo.com.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
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- **Festival of Trees and Lights**
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- **Front Door Ministry**
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  - Tom Waddock, 916-444-3071, x 36
- **Hospitality**
  - Celeste Gisla, jfgisla@surewest.net
- **Knights of Columbus**
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**Puzzle**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Tell John what you have heard and seen.
El domingo pasado celebramos nuestro festival anual de árboles y luces. Era otro hermoso signo de la comunidad de la Iglesia y el llamado a vivir una vida de caridad. Sabemos que las ganancias reales de este evento solo afectarán las necesidades de los pobres y las personas sin hogar del centro, pero la Gracia que nos eclipsa a nosotros y a nuestra comunidad de estas importantes festividades se multiplicará en todo el centro y en nuestras propias vidas. Agradezco a todos los que trabajaron tan duro para que el festival fuera tan agradable y lleno de la promesa de la alegría de la Navidad.

A medida que continuamos orando por orientación sobre cómo podemos hacer que Cristo sea más real para los pobres y las personas sin hogar, así como para nuestras propias familias, podemos usar la imagen de Juan el Bautista, quien dio su propia vida para que otros conozcan a Cristo. Juan les dijo a sus propios discípulos que él no era el Cristo. Fue un mensaje importante tanto para él como para los demás. Solo hay un Cristo. Nosotros, sin embargo, podemos comportarnos como si fuéramos Cristo. Podemos ser críticos y omniscientes, importantes y egocéntricos, esperando que otros nos adoren y nos obedezcan, y nos llenen de una actitud de superioridad y magnanimidad.

Por lo general, cuando actuamos como un Dios, estamos lejos de vivir la imagen del único Dios verdadero. Es la ironía más bella que Cristo, merecedor de toda alabanza y gloria, haya vivido la vida humana más humilde. A medida que nos acercamos a la temporada navideña, la temporada de donaciones, cuanto más piadosos deseamos ser, más sacrificios debemos hacer. Después de todo, puede que no seamos Cristo, pero somos su cuerpo. Qué gran regalo nos ha dado en Navidad.

Padre Michael

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LAS POSADAS
Comenzando el 16 de diciembre y terminando nueve días después, el 24 de diciembre, Las Posadas conmemora los nueve meses del embarazo de Mary. Cada noche, una familia acepta alojar a los peregrinos. Y así comienza: al anochecer, una procesión de fieles sale a la calle con niños a menudo vestidos de ángeles y pastores. Figuras religiosas, imágenes y velas encendidas son parte de las festividades.

El grupo que representa a la Sagrada Familia se para afuera de una serie de casas, cantando canciones, pidiendo alojamiento. Se les rechaza una y otra vez hasta que el grupo llega a la casa designada. Finalmente, los viajeros pueden ingresar. La oración y la canción continúan en el hogar, y se comparten comidas festivas. La tarde termina con una piñata en forma de estrella.

La tradición continúa cada noche con una casa diferente como las Posadas elegidas. La última noche, la víspera de Navidad, generalmente presenta una misa de medianoche.

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12/16  Ministerio Padres Lideres Scheila Perez  916-692-4549 3939 Santa Fe Way North Highlands, 95660 6:30pm
12/17  Ministerio Pro-Life Virginia Aguilar  916-689-8443 7464 Citrus Ave Sacramento, 95823 6:30pm
12/18  Ministerio Padres Lideres Sandra Camarena  916-281-6101 210 Cafaro Cir Sacramento, 95834 6:30pm
12/19  Ministerio Padres Lideres Roxana Lopez  916-600-7083 201 Orcutt Cir Sacramento, 95834 6:30 pm
12/20  Caballeros de Colon /Knights of Columbus Nayelli  916-617-1024 6310 24th St. Rio Linda, 95673 5pm
12/21  Ministerio Liturgia 1pm/ Catecismo Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th Street Mercy Hall 6pm
12/22  Ministerio Liturgia 7pm/ Search Youth Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th Street Church 6pm
Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de diciembre de 2019

Domingo: 3er Domingo de Adviento
Is 35, 1-6. 10/ Sal 146, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 [Is 35, 4]/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11
Lunes: Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 25, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9 [4]/Mt 21, 23-27
Martes: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 72, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17 [cfr. 7]/Mt 1, 1-17
Miércoles: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 72, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19 [cfr. 7]/Mt 1, 18-25
Jueves: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17 [cfr. 8]/Lc 1, 5-25
Viernes: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 7 y 10]/Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado: San Pedro Canisio, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia
Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 [1; 3]/Lc 1, 39-45

El Domingo 15 de diciembre:
Venta de comida desde las 8am y hasta las 3pm

El Concilio Pastoral de Catedral invita a toda la comunidad de Catedral a una tarde de Canciones Navideñas por las calles cercanas a Catedral. Nos reuniremos frente a Catedral y caminaremos por la calle K hacia el centro y regresaremos a catedral. a práctica es el Martes 17 de Diciembre de 7-8:30 pm en el Salon Manogué. No se preocupe si no puede asistir a la práctica, aun son bienvenidos de unirse a los villancicos con nosotros. Para mas información contacte a Patricia Davila (916) 502-4854

VILLANCICOS DE NAVIDAD
El Sábado 21 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm

Únase a miles de católicos y Pro-vidas de todo California y más allá para proclamar al mundo la santidad de la vida. Luchemos por los más pequeños entre nosotros en la 16ª Caminata por La Vida de la Costa Oeste el 25 de Enero del 2020. Reserve su asiento o compre ya su boleto de autobús. El ministerio de Respeto a la Vida estará afuera de los albergues en familia de una rica comida con música mexicana, celebrando a Jesús. Que la presencia de Dios caiga sobre nosotros. ¿Cuándo nos daremos cuenta finalmente de que Jesús es el que ha venido a refrescarnos y ya no tenemos que buscar a otro? Nuestras almas encontrarán frescura y descanso solo cuando descansen en Dios.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA
Liderando el camino

Hay muchos ejemplos de falsos profetas en la historia. Algunos de estos talentosos charlatanes han alejado a las personas de sus familiares y amigos. Han llevado a las personas a hacer cosas malas como robar, torturar o incluso asesinar. Es sorprendente cómo aquellos dotados de carisma pueden guiar a otros por un camino tan destructivo. En el mundo moderno de hoy, lleno de tanta tecnología y plataformas de comunicación sofisticadas, uno debe tener cuidado de no caer en una mentira o estafa tan fácilmente.

Jesús fue un profeta auténtico que no tuvo nada que ganar por su mensaje, excepto la satisfacción de que había alcanzado su objetivo. No buscó el dinero, la fama o la popularidad. Quería ver a las personas aceptar su mensaje y vivir de acuerdo con él. Jesús no buscó tener poder o influencia, sino que buscó servir a los demás. 

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO
El tercer Domingo de Adviento recibe el nombre de Gaudet, que significa alegría. “Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos” (Filipenses 4:4), dice la antífona de entrada. La oración colectiva también nos lleva a reflexionar en el significado permanente de esta alegría: “Mira, Señor, a tu pueblo que espera con fe la venida del Mesías, y concédele celebrar el gran misterio de nuestra salvación con un corazón nuevo y una inmensa alegría.” El Profeta Isaias lo afirma con sus palabras de esperanza a su pueblo: “¡Animo! no te miren. He aquí que su Dios, vengador y justiciero, viene ya para salvarlos.”

La Navidad se acerca y su luz nos envuelve y llena de esplendor. Todo el ambiente es de fiesta y preparación. Las celebraciones Marianas nos han dejado ese gozo de albergue y acogida al que lo necesita. Ha, si comprendiéramos el motivo de alegría que decimos celebrar, entenderíamos perfectamente que se debe a que Dios y su salvación están cerca. La alegría y la salvación van juntas, no se pueden separar, nos dice la Liturgia. Por este motivo, Juan se alegra desde la cárcel al escuchar la respuesta que Jesús le envía: “Los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de la lepra, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el evangelio. Dicho que no se siente defraudado por mí.” Que la participación en la Eucaristía fomente actitudes que preparen a celebrar la Navidad en familia recordando y viviendo lo que Jesús nunca nos dejara.
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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

DEVOTIONS: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:45 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday 12:45 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday 12:45 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm

BENEDICTION
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm
Friday 1:30 pm
(No Devotions, Adoration, or Benediction on feast days and holy days)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - By appointment only.
Call the rectory at 916-444-3071

BAPTISMS - Registration is required. Call Deacon John at the rectory at 916-444-3071
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

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Father Nicholas Ho, Chinese Mass
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others. In today’s modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily. John the Baptist didn’t have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus’ coming. You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

~華人團體活動~

*天主教沙加緬度華人團體將於12/25下午1:00舉行中文聖誕彌撒，並在彌撒之後有聚會。

地點在聖母聖寵堂, 西沙加緬度。(911 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA)

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