



Guardian Angel Cathedral

DECEMBER 2009

Volunteer and Staff Newsletter

Las Vegas, Nevada

Meetings and Committees

- **Television**
Wed 2/3/10 – 6:30pm
Michael La Rocca
GAC Ofc: 735-5241
- **Senior Club**
Tues. Dec 8 – 1:30pm
Call: 363-6820
- **Oktoberfest**
Edgar Velazquez/Chair
Call: 813-2657
Barbara Burke/Crafts
Call: 871-9065
Theresa Gagliano/
Bake Sale
Call: 658-3211
- **St. Joseph's Table**
Julie Andriaccio/Chair
Call: 735-1065
- **Meetings held in Anderson Hall**

Music

- **Cantors, Holiday & Men's Chorus**
Debbie Cenna/GAC
Music Dir.
Call: 612-4466
- **Diocesan/Cathedral Choir**
Mondays 7pm
Marek Rachelski/Dir.
Call: 565-5060

GAC Office Closed

Dec 24-27 and Dec 31-
Jan 3, 2010

Born to Be the Bread



Born to be the Bread, born to be the Bread of Life to my soul.

As we're partaking once again, of the Blessed bread from Heaven, giving life that never ends, we thank You Jesus, that you came to earth for us, and that in this bread, this cup, we know the depth of Your love. You were born to be the Bread, born to be the Bread, born to be the Bread of Life. Jesus you were born to be the Bread, born to be the Bread of Life to my soul. Born to be the Bread.

On behalf of Bishop Pepe, Fr. Lentz, CSV, myself and the entire Cathedral Staff, we wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas. You, our volunteers, are the backbone of GAC and we could not accomplish what we do without you. You are a continued blessing to our parishioners and our many visitors from around the world. Your service is greatly appreciated.

With Love and Continued Blessings...
Michael

Last month our Cathedral Music Director, Debbie Cenna told me about a new Christmas song that we will be using this year during Holy Communion. The song is entitled, "Born to Be the Bread." I fell in love with the title of the piece. A few days later she gave me a copy of the song and the lyrics were just spectacular. The song is written by Ruth Elaine Schram, and I wanted to share these beautiful lyrics with you. It really puts the true meaning of Christmas into perspective.

BORN TO BE THE BREAD by Ruth Elaine Schram

Thinking back upon your humble birth; such an unpretentious entrance, as your life began on earth. Growing in wisdom as You grew to be a man; knowing Calv'ry loomed ahead; this was God's plan. You were born to be the Bread.



2009 Christmas Mass Schedule

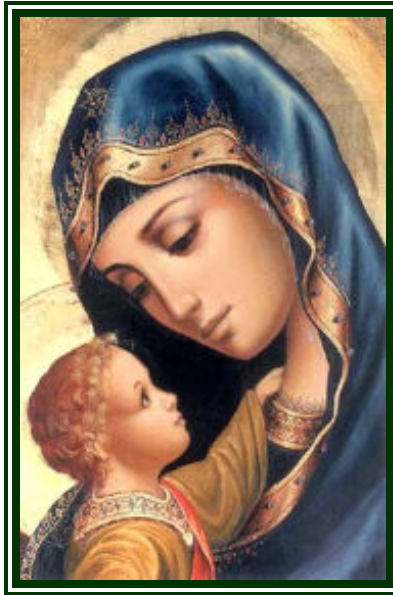
- **Christmas Eve**
4pm/2:30 Sat crew
5:30pm/4 Sat crew
7pm/5:30 Sat crew
- **Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast**
12mid to 1:30am on
KLAS TV Channel 8
- **Christmas Day**
8am/Sun crew
9:30am/Sun crew
11am/Sun crew
12:30pm/Sun crew
NO 5PM MASS

2010 Workshops

- **Liturgical Ministries**
EM's Tues Jan 19, May 18 & Sept 21 @ 6:30pm
Lectors Wed Jan 20, May 19 & Sept 22 @ 6:30pm
Servers Sat Jan 23 @ 9:00am / Thurs May 20 & Sept 23 @ 6:30pm
- You must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved. *All workshops in the Church & will not exceed 3hrs.*

- The Monthly Schedule & Newsletter can be found online at:
lasvegas-diocese.org
Go to Parishes, and click on the GAC page.
- Deadline for schedule conflicts 15th of the month.
- **Contact: Michael La Rocca, Dir. Liturgical Ministries**
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Her Holy and Immaculate Conception

It was not until 1854 that Pope Pius IX, with the support of the overwhelming majority of Roman Catholic bishops, whom he had consulted between 1851–1853, promulgated the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus* (Latin for "Ineffable God"), which defined *ex cathedra* the dogma of the Immaculate Conception:

“We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and therefore should firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful.”

—Pope Paul IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, December 8, 1854

MIDNIGHT MASS REHEARSAL The Midnight Mass rehearsal on Wednesday December 23, is broken down as follows: 3:00 pm – Acolytes & Deacon, 5:00 pm – Lectors, 5:30 pm – Knights of Columbus, 6:00 to 9:30 pm – Full Company (this means everyone) including Choir, Cantors, Instrumentalists, Ushers, EM's, Acolytes, Deacon, Lectors, Military Gift Bearers and Knights of Columbus. Pizza will be served in the Sacristy for the Acolytes and Deacon since they have to be here the longest.

FIRST FRIDAY JANUARY 1, 2010 New Years Day 2010 is also **First Friday** this year and the **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**. However, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation in our Region. This day is very busy at the Cathedral because for most of our visitors it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Additional EM's are scheduled for the **8:00 am** Mass and will follow regular **Daily Mass Procedures**. Additional EM's and two Lectors are scheduled for the **12:10 pm** Mass and will follow **Sunday Mass Procedures** including Cantor and Organ with one collection and the balcony will be open. The Mass will be followed by our regular Holy Hour and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**. Please see the additional schedule for New Years Day.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE to benefit our Christmas Midnight Mass Telecast is continuing successfully. Tickets are \$1 per chance and books of ten for \$10. First Prize is \$1,000 Cash. 2nd Prize is \$300, 3rd Prize is \$200, and 4th Prize is \$100. Drawing will be held Christmas Day at 12:00 Noon. Winner need not be present. Our Knights will be outside the Cathedral after all Masses from now until Christmas. **Purchase your Raffle Tickets Today!!!**

LECTOR REMINDER When there are readings for a Vigil and Mass of the Day we will always use the readings from the Mass of the Day, with the exception of **Christmas** when all of the readings are taken from the **Mass at Midnight**. When there is an A or B choice in readings, or a long and short version, always **check with the Celebrant** for the Mass. If you have not received a copy of the 2010 Year C lector Workbook, please see Michael.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER On the occasion of Bishop Pepe's Birthday his Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Masters of Ceremonies presented him with a statue of Our Lady of Grace. The statue is currently on display in the Blessed Mother's Chapel. Bishop Pepe will bless and dedicate the statue during the 12:10 pm Mass on Tuesday December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Flowers to adorn the statue of Our Lady for the dedication are most welcome.

DOUBLE CHECK THE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE Please be sure to **check the Christmas Mass Schedule very carefully** to see if you are scheduled to serve for **more than one Mass**. This is one of our busiest times of year and we want to accommodate **all** the faithful. Even the C & E Catholics.