



Guardian Angel Cathedral

SEPTEMBER 2009

Volunteer and Staff Newsletter

Las Vegas, Nevada

Meetings and Committees

- **Television**
Wed Sept 2 – 6:30pm
Michael La Rocca
GAC Ofc: 735-5241
- **Senior Club**
Tues. Oct 6 – 1pm
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
Chorus**
Debbie Cenna/GAC
Music Dir.
Call: 612-4466
- **Diocesan/Cathedral
Choir**
Mondays 7pm
Marek Rachelski/Dir.
Call: 565-5060

GAC Office Closed
Monday Sept 7
for Labor Day

Happy Birthday Blessed Mother



On September 8, the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In September alone there are three days devoted to the Holy Mother: September 8, September 12 (Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary), and September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows).

In addition, every month of the year has at least one special day devoted to the Blessed Mother. Three of them being Holy Days of Obligation: Mary Mother of God (January 1), Assumption (August 15), and Immaculate Conception (December 8). Mary is indeed a big contributor to Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family, plus every Saturday, when there

is not a required Memorial for a particular Saint, the Celebrant has the option of Celebrating Mass from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so do those who pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Praying the Rosary, Rosary Groups, and Novenas to Our Lady are also a big part of our Catholic traditions and devotions.

So why is it that, besides being the "Mother of God," this little Jewish woman from Nazareth holds such a special place in the Catholic Calendar?

Because, she said, "Yes."

We can debate the questions: Did Mary have a choice? Did God pick her from the beginning of time? Was free-will not an option for her? But, we will leave those questions for the theologians.

At Christmastime we have all seen the Frank Capra film "It's A Wonderful Life", starring Jimmy Stewart. It is the story of a man who is shown what the world would be like if he had never existed.

Close your eyes for a moment and just imagine what the world would be like without Mary's "Yes." Pretty incredible, right? One of the most important things is that you would not be reading this article right now.

Regardless of her titles, devotions and Holy Days, we must always remember, and she would agree, that she is only the vessel that leads us to Jesus.

Events

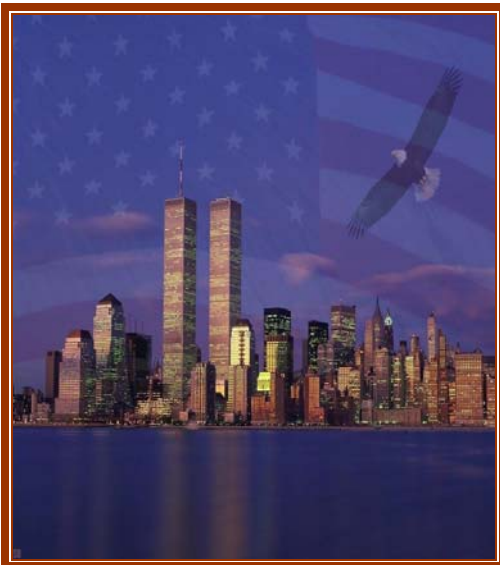
- **5th Annual 2009 Oktoberfest Craft & Bake Sale**
Sat & Sun Oct 3 & 4
- **St. Joseph's Table**
March 20, 2010
- **Our Lady/Fatima Day**
May 13, 2010
12:10 Mass
- **Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast**
Fri Dec 25
12mid to 1:30am on
KLAS TV Channel 8

2009 Workshops

- **Liturgical Ministries**
EM's Tues Sept 22
Lectors Wed Sept 23
Servers Thurs Sept 24
- You must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved.
All workshops in the Church at 6:30pm & will not exceed 3hrs.
The 2010 Ministry Workshops have been scheduled & will appear in the October Newsletter.

- 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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A View of the World Trade Center Twin Towers as they stood on the morning of 9.11.01.

9/11 - Always Remember

Acts

2:25-27

David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay..."

Announcements for September 2009

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BOOK ADS Memorial and Business ads for our Souvenir Christmas Program Book are now On Sale. You may purchase an ad from any of our TV Ministry Volunteers, from Michael in the Cathedral Office, or review the ad prices online at www.lasvegas-diocese.org. Individuals are also needed to sell advertising. You may receive an ad sales packet from Michael in the Vesting Room after weekend Masses.

OKTOBERFEST & TV MASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please sign up to volunteer at our 5th Annual GAC Oktoberfest, volunteers are also needed to assist on a committee for our Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast. Sign up Notebooks are in the Vesting Room., and committee chairs will be around in September to sign you up.

TALKING, TALKING & MORE TALKING! I guess it's time to send a talking reminder out to everyone, including myself. There is **No Unnecessary Talking** in the Sanctuary from the Acolytes, Choirs, Cantors, Musicians and EM's; in the first two pews from the EM's and Lectors; in the rear, front or middle of the Church from the Ushers; in the Procession line-up prior to Mass; and close to Mass time in the Vesting Room (weekends) and Sacristy (weekdays). Let us all remember these two phrases:

"Prayerful Preparation" before Mass and "Prayerful Participation" during Mass.

BREAST CANCER 3-DAY, 60 MILE WALK In November, Our very own Jan Hanson, (Usher Sunday 9:30 am), is participating in a 60 Mile Walk called, "Breast Cancer 3-Day." She needs to raise \$2,300 and is looking for people to sponsor her with a minimum \$25 donation. Please contact Jan at (702) 256-4431, if you are interested in helping her with this very worthwhile cause.

THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS AT GAC The award-winning and world renown Philippine Madrigal Singers will be giving a special Las Vegas Concert on Sunday October 11, 2009 at 2:30 pm right here at Guardian Angel Cathedral. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available in the GAC Gift Shop, from our Parish Representative, Jerry Mazo, or online at www.shotix4u.com. Proceeds from the Concert will benefit the Cathedral Television and Cathedral Music Ministries.

LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP This month is your last chance for 2009 to attend a workshop for the each ministries in which you are involved. See schedule in the left column or call Michael in the GAC office. The 2010 Workshop Schedule will appear in next month's newsletter.