

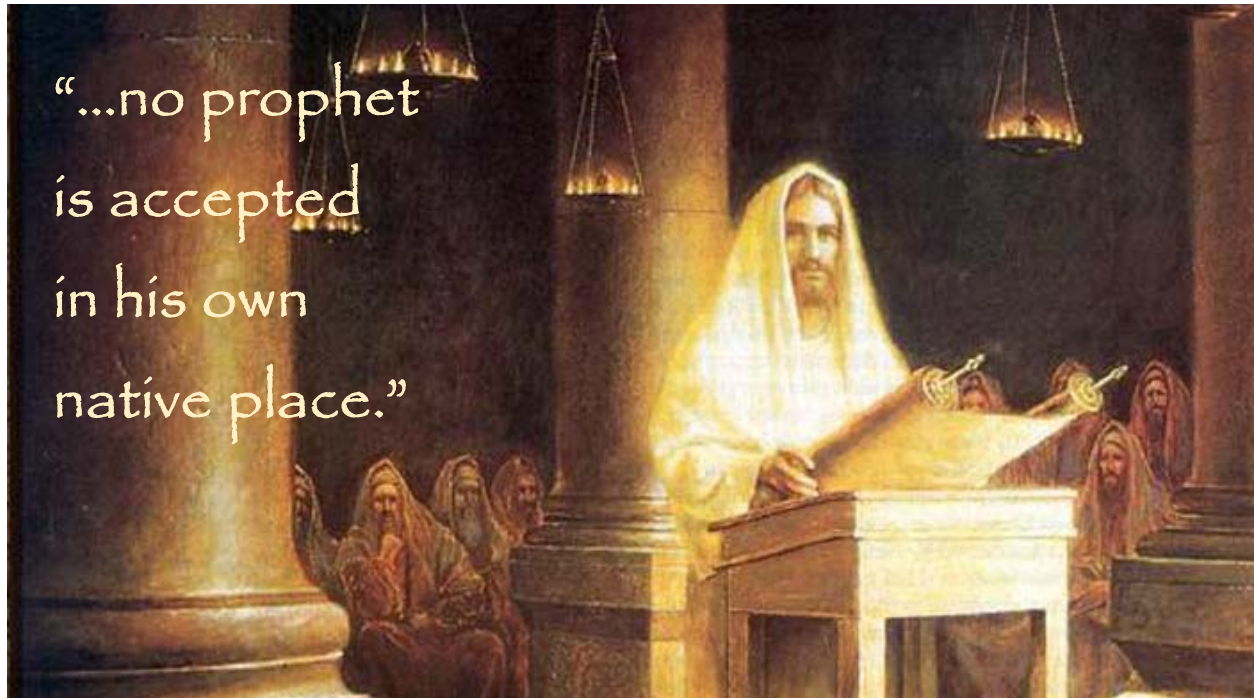
January 31, 2010: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are Catholic Christians striving to love beyond all boundaries and to continue the mission of Christ.



“...no prophet
is accepted
in his own
native place.”

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5 PM

Sunday 6:45 AM, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM *Español* 12:30 PM, 7 PM

Nursery care for small children 3 and under is offered during the 8 and 9:30 AM Sunday Masses

Monday—Friday 6:30, 8:15 AM, *Saturday* 8:15 AM only

First Friday 6:30, 8:15 AM, 7 PM (bilingual),

followed by all night adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday Marian Mass 7:30 PM followed by novena

Prayer Services

Rosary Monday—Friday 7 and 8:45 AM; Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM

Perpetual Help Novena Wednesday 7:30 PM (in Church)

Confessions Friday 5-5:30 PM; Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM, 7:30-8:30 PM

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Who is the Best Prophet?

Who is the best surgeon, the best doctor, the best pitcher, the best opera tenor, the best preacher, the best husband, the best wife, the best child, the best priest, the best bishop, the best president? We sometimes ask this kind of question, knowing in advance that our answer is based on our own set of preferences, arrived at without any real definition of the term “best.” “Best” may mean simply that those people do what they are called on to do so well and so consistently that we rate them among “the best” without affecting other people’s choices based on their experience. **The best** is of course God alone. Jeremiah, one of “the best” prophets speaks today in our first reading as a man who has come to think and feel so much like the Lord that he will proclaim the word of God, whether to tear down or to build up or to plant--whatever God says his people need. A great shift and discovery in our faith is when we come to believe that we are called not just to *listen* to God’s prophets, but in some sense to *be* God’s prophets by showing and telling others what God wants them to know. The best parents communicate what God intends for their families by their actions even more than by their words. “Stand up and tell them all that I command you,” is what Jeremiah heard God saying to him. So, all of us should ask ourselves, “Whose prophet am I, based on the way I act and the way I speak? Am I communicating Jesus Christ or someone else?” If I am not “the best” Catholic, am I sufficiently in tune with God that I do not write my own script for my life, but seek to fulfill the responsibility God has given me?

The Highest Spiritual Gift

In our second reading today St. Paul has no hesitation in telling us what is higher and more excellent than all other spiritual gifts. It is love; and he doesn’t try to define it. He tells us how love acts, and how worthless life is without love. His words from 1 Corinthians 13 are chosen by the vast majority of couples for their wedding Mass. I remember Ray from St. Anthony’s parish telling me one time that he really couldn’t get much

out of reading the bible, but that this one passage from Corinthians spoke clearly to him, guided him, helped him more than anything he had ever read. He said it really spoke the truth to him. Try it, and see if you will agree with Ray. “So, faith, hope, love remain; these three; but the greatest of these is love”(! Cor. 13:13).

Good News or Bad News?

Jesus’ hearers in today’s gospel passage went from amazement and attraction to fury and rejection of him. “And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth (Luke 4:22). But after he confronted them with how their prophets were rejected by them, and how God gave his grace to pagans, things changed. “When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong” (Luke 4:28-30). Jesus was trying to tell how the Father’s love was for everyone, but they wouldn’t listen to any criticism of their own behavior. For them, and for too many today, there was a clear divide between “them” and “us.” We are the good guys entitled to continual blessings, and the rest of people are—well, pretty messed up and hopeless. Two basic truths Jesus tries to get across to his listeners are the Fatherhood of God and the Kingdom of God, both of them including people beyond any earthly borders or limits. If we could really accept the truth of our being one family of God through Christ, and of being all called to the eternal Kingdom of God forever, our life would be radically changed. In the Mass each Sunday, we Catholics, traditionally non-bible-readers, have the holy Scriptures put together for us, so we can see what God among us is telling us, instead of buying the sound-byte psychologies and attitudes of people who know neither their Father nor his Kingdom.



¿Quién es el mejor Profeta?

¿Quién es el mejor cirujano, el mejor doctor, el mejor lanzador, el mejor tenor de opera, el mejor predicador, el mejor esposo, la mejor esposa, el mejor niño, el mejor sacerdote, el mejor obispo, el mejor presidente? Algunas veces nos hacemos esta clase de pregunta, sabiendo de antemano que nuestra respuesta esta basada en nuestro propio grupo de preferencias, sin llegar a ninguna definición verdadera del término “mejor”. “Mejor” podría significar simplemente esas gentes que hacen muy bien y muy consistentemente lo que están llamadas a hacer y los catalogamos entre “los mejores” sin afectar las otras opciones de las gentes basadas en su experiencia. **El mejor** por supuesto es solo Dios. Jeremías, uno de “los mejores” profetas habla hoy en nuestra primera lectura como un hombre que tiene que pensar y sentir mucho parecido al Señor él proclamara la palabra de Dios, ya sea para derribar o para construir o para plantar—Dios le dice a su pueblo lo que necesita. Un gran cambio y descubrimiento en nuestra fe es cuando llegamos a creer que no solo estamos llamados a *escuchar* a escuchar a los profetas de Dios, sino en algún sentido ser profetas de Dios enseñándoles y diciéndoles a los demás lo que Dios quiere que sepan. Los mejores papás comunican lo que Dios quiere para su familia con sus acciones incluso más que por sus palabras. “Ponte en pie y diles todo lo que yo te mando”, es lo que Jeremías oyó de Dios. Lo mismo deberíamos preguntarnos nosotros mismos “¿Qué profeta soy yo, basado en la manera que actúo y la manera que hablo? ¿Estoy comunicándome con Jesucristo o con alguien más?” Si yo no soy “el mejor” católico, ¿Estoy suficientemente en sintonía con Dios que no escribo mis propios caracteres de mi vida, sino que busco cumplir la responsabilidad que Dios me ha dado?

El don espiritual más alto.

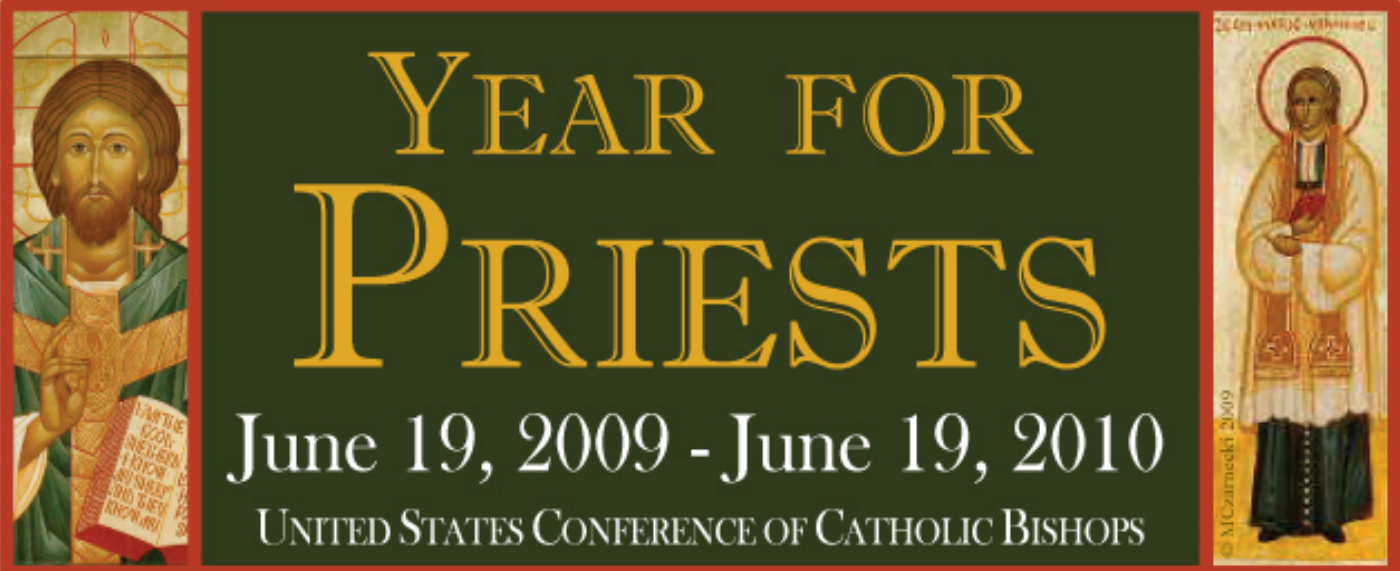
En nuestra segunda lectura de hoy San Pablo no ha dudado en decirnos que es más alto y más excelente que todos los demás dones espirituales. Es el amor; y él no trata de definirlo. Nos dice como actúa el amor, y como la vida no tiene valor sin amor. Sus palabras de primera de Corintios capítulo 13 son escogidas por una gran mayoría de parejas para las misas de su boda. Recuerdo a Ray de la iglesia de San Anthony que una vez me dijo que él realmente no podía conseguir muchas lecturas de la biblia, pero

este pasaje de Corintios le habla claramente, guiándolo, ayudándole más que cualquier otra cosa que haya leído. El dijo que realmente le habla la verdad. Inténtalo, y ve si tú estarás de acuerdo con Ray. “Ahora tenemos estas tres virtudes: fe, esperanza y amor; pero el amor es la mayor de las tres” (1Cor. 13:13)

¿Buenas noticias o malas noticias?

Los oyentes de Jesús en el pasaje del evangelio de hoy fueron del asombro y atracción a la furia y rechazó hacia él. “Y todos le daban su aprobación y admiración a la sabiduría de las palabras que salían de su boca (Lucas 4:22). Pero después que los confrontó de cómo sus profetas fueron rechazados por ellos, y como Dios les dio su gracia a los paganos, las cosas cambiaron. “Cuando la gente en la sinagoga oyó esto, se llenaron de furia. Se levantaron, lo sacaron fuera de la ciudad, y lo llevaron hasta un barranco del monte, sobre el que estaba construida la ciudad, para despeñarlo”. (Lucas 4:28-30). Jesús trato de decirles como el amor del Padre es para todos, pero ellos no escucharían ninguna crítica de su propia conducta. Para ellos, y para muchos de ahora, había una clara división entre “ellos” y “nosotros”. Somos los individuos buenos autorizados a incesantes bendiciones, y el resto de las personas lo están—bien, bonito desarreglado y desesperado.

Dos verdades básicas que Jesús trata conseguir para sus oyentes son la paternidad de Dios y el Reino de Dios, ambas perteneciendo a personas más allá de cualquier límite o frontera terrenal. Si pudiéramos realmente aceptar la verdad de la existencia de una sola familia de Dios a través de Cristo, y ser llamados al eterno Reino de Dios para siempre, nuestra vida podría cambiar radicalmente. En las misas de cada domingo, nosotros los católicos tradicionalista no lectores de la biblia, tenemos juntas las santas Escrituras, así podemos ver entre nosotros a Dios diciéndonos, en lugar de comprar el nuevo programa de psicología y actitudes de personas que no conocen a su Padre ni su Reino.



**YEAR FOR
PRIESTS**

June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Readings For The Week

Monday February 1

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday February 2

Malachi 3:1-4
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday, February 3

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4

Reading 1: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 5 Saint Agatha

Reading Sirach 47:2-11
Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and his companions

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 3:4-13
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Friday, February 5—
Saturday, February 6



Questions or to schedule an hour?
Scott at 310 831 5093 or
Rudy at 310 261 7748



LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Candlelight Dinner and Presentation
By Fr. Pat Brennan, CP
Time: 6:30—10:00 pm.
Cost \$40. per person, prepaid
Reservations: 626-355-7188 ext. 107

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
—YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!**

Happy New Year! The year has just gotten started and it's already time to plan for the next Eucharistic Ministry schedule (English Masses) which will run from February 27th through May 16th – including the special Easter Masses. To do a good job, we need your help in preparing the schedule.

So that we can distribute the next schedule in advance, we'll need your input no later than February 5th. Please let us know the following:

- a. Any dates that you can not serve between and including February 27th through May 16th
- b. Those special (English) Easter Masses at which you would like to serve and those at which you can not serve.

It's really important that your communication be clear. If you do not respond with your preferences and "can't serve" dates, the software will schedule you to fill open assignments as needed.

Please note that assignments to the Easter Masses will be first come, first served. So provide your preferences as soon as possible to Roy Hardinge (pmtroy@aol.com or 310-539-6027), but no later than February 5th!

Thanks to each of you for your service to our Lord and our Church.

B I B L E S T U D Y

Tuesdays

Morning (women)
9 AM in the Lounge
Mary Erlandson,
(310) 831-3082

Evening (all are invited)
7:30 to 9 PM,
Good Shepherd Room
Lee and Bob Boyles, (310) 519-9316



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

"The celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life, is intended to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and, at the same time, is intended to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." John Paul II.

Let's join together with the entire Church on this day to pray for and thank those who have consecrated their lives to Christ, and to us, His Church.

For any information on Vocations please contact Tom Reis at 310-325-6131 or talk with one of our Parish Priest's or Deacons.



**MUSIC MINISTRY
(For the Glory of God)**

Has God blessed you with the gift of music?

Do you **SING**, or **play a musical instrument**?

The Music Ministry at St. Margaret Mary, is looking for dedicated people willing to give of their time and talent.

If you would like to give back to God, and your church community, please contact our music director Twilla Lundeen, at (310) 326-3364 x 38 for more information.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY

Where: Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064

When: Sunday, February 7, 2010 from 9:00 am —2:30 pm

Call Sr. Fintan 310-216-8170 or Sr. Philomena 310-216-2361

EL AMOR

Por Humberto Beltrán

Una palabra tan pequeña tiene tanto poder en todos los seres, y hasta puede cambiar al mundo, cuando uno está recién nacidos los padres nos dan mucho amor aunque nosotros no respondamos, porque no sabemos lo que es, pero después cuando crecemos empezamos a expandir ese amor, porque fuimos enseñados a dar amor, como también puede pasar todo lo contrario, que no seamos amorosos, no sabemos lo que significa esa palabra, porque en nuestra casa nunca se escuchó.

También cuando nos casamos lo hacemos por amor, y por amor podemos tratar de mantener ese matrimonio, aunque algunas veces se nos hace difícil, porque tenemos que sacrificar algunas cosas o costumbres que siempre hemos tenido y que nos apasiona mucho.

“Aprendamos a dar y recibir amor”

En la segunda lectura de hoy San Pablo nos habla de ese amor, es una lectura que siempre me ha gustado y a veces en las clases de convalidación se las menciono.

San Pablo lo dice bien claro. Nada soy y de nada sirvo en el plan de Dios si pongo mi atención en cosas maravillosas como las lenguas, la profecía, incluso la fe, si me falta el amor.

No es que una cosa se pueda dar sin la otra, sino es cuestión de saber cual es el camino mejor que llega al corazón de la humanidad. Ese camino que disculpa todo, todo lo cree y no es desconfiado, todo lo espera y no se desanima y todo lo soporta. Esta es la palabra que puede sostener a los pobres en su pobreza y hacer descubrir a los cautivos una libertad nunca sospechada. A pesar de nuestras miserias. Dios hace maravillas con nosotros cuando nos dejamos guiar por el amor. Es una fuerza que no conoce los miedos y proclama lo que el mundo no puede soportar en sus oídos.

El mensaje de hoy es muy hermoso por lo que dice la lectura, pues no se dirige a nosotros como una multitud, sino como amigos que nos ha llevado aparte para reavivar algo muy íntimo y quizás olvidado. No es la impresión de sentirse importante sino de sentirse amado y considerado en el plan

de Dios, porque de que vale ser un personaje muy, pero muy importante si no es amado por nadie.

Aprendamos a dirigir con amor nuestra vida

Miremos a Jesús muriendo de amor por nosotros, no solamente por nuestros pecados, sino para demostrarnos que el amor no tiene límites y está dirigido como la cruz en todas direcciones. La comunidad de nuestra iglesia necesita ver nuestro amor, y sentirlo como fuego cuando hace frío y frescor cuando hace calor, no estoy hablando climatológicamente. Dios nos da muchas cualidades y dones, tal vez como tocar guitarra o cantar o cualquier otro don que de alguna manera podamos compartir con los demás de una forma altruista, por ejemplo llevar alegría a los ancianos, que están en los centros de convalecencia o en fin hay muchos otros lugares o cosas que podemos hacer. Podríamos dar más a Dios y a la humanidad, porque somos capaces de amar.

También en la primera lectura vemos como gracias a la experiencia del profeta Jeremías sabemos que Dios prepara amorosamente con anticipación el camino de nuestra vida, sin dejar de contar con nuestra libertad. Estando en el seno de nuestras madres, y aún antes, ya piensa en nosotros.

Reflexión

Cuando sentimos que no somos amados, acordémonos de ese ser que dio su vida por amarnos tanto. Y cuando nos sentimos abandonados y desanimados, que hasta llegamos a pensar que Dios ya nos abandono, acordémonos de la primera lectura de hoy cuando dice: “Estoy contigo para protegerte. Este día hago de ti una fortaleza, un pilar de hierro y una muralla de bronce frente a la nación entera”.



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TODAY

for parents interested in our school,
the parish and community.

Applications will be available and
staff members will give tours
through the school.

If questions, please call (310) 326-9494



**Winners of our
"Catholic School's Week Essay"**

- Grade 2 - Jamil Hines and Ainan Ferstadt
- Grade 3 - Donovan Edgley and Tyler Mozden
- Grade 4 - Francine Annunciacion and
Vincent Arredondo
- Grade 5 - Jayla Hines
- Grade 6 - Alyson Chun and Kyle Urban
- Grade 7 Samanta Eubanks and Parker Hall

**CONSIDERING THE DIACONATE?
JOIN US!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
1:30 to 4:00 PM

St. John Chrysostom Parish in Inglewood
Men must be between **30 and 60 years old.**

Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the diaconate formation program, and to answer questions that inquirers might have.

Inquirers' wives, as well as their pastors,
are strongly encouraged to attend.

To register, or for any questions, please contact Ms. Silvia Esmeralda Hernandez of the Office of Diaconate Formation at (213) 637-7383

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

LinC
Living in Christ

YOUTH DAY 2010

There are a few tickets left!
Be at St. Margaret Mary by 5:30 AM
TO REGISTER: Turn in Registrations/
Permission Slip and \$40 to the Front Desk
or the Youth Office ASAP.
Checks Payable to St. Margaret Mary Parish
With YOUTH DAY in the memo line.
Questions? Call Joe: 310 326 3364 x 13

Did you know

Is Your Family Prepared for a Natural Disaster?

News reports on the recent earthquake in Haiti have shown how easily families can become separated during the chaos of a natural disaster. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers the following recommendations to all families potentially impacted by a natural disaster:

- Know where your kids are at all times;
- Stay together;
- Take photos of your children with you when evacuated;
- Give children identification information to carry with them, including the child's name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, etc.;
- E-mail digital photos of all family members to extended relatives and/or friends;
- Photocopy important documents and mail to a friend/relative in a safe location;
- Make a plan with your children, so they know what to do if your family becomes separated during an evacuation.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637 7650.



El Año de los
Sacerdotes
19 Junio 2009 - 11 Junio 2010



RECUERDENSE DE ORAR POR NUESTROS SACERDOTES

Lecturas de las Semana

Lunes, Febrero 1

Lectura 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Evangelio: Marcos 5:1-20

Martes, Febrero 2

Lectura 1: Malachí 3:1-4
Evangelio: Lucas 2:22-40

Miércoles, Febrero 3

Lectura 1: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Evangelio: Marcos 6:1-6

Jueves, Febrero 4

Lectura 1: 1 Reyes 2:1-4, 10-12
Evangelio: Marcos 6:7-13

Viernes, Febrero 5

Lectura 1: Sirach 47:2-11
Evangelio: Marcos 6:14-29

Sábado, Febrero 6

Lectura 1: 1 Reyes 3:4-13
Evangelio: Marcos 6:30-34

Domingo, Febrero 7

Lectura 1: Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8
Lectura 2: 1 Corintios 15:1-11
Evangelio: Lucas 5:1-11

NOCHE DE ADORACION

Viernes Febrero 5—
Sábado Febrero 6



Preguntas del horario favor
de llamar a?

Scott at 310 831 5093 or
Rudy at 310 261 7748

GRUPO DE ORACION

Nuestro Grupo de Oración se reúne los
Lunes a las 7:00 PM en el Salón San José.
Si ustedes tienen alguna pregunta favor de
llamar a Gina Orozco al (424) 240-0633

St. Margaret Mary Church
Noches de Comunidad

Vamos en camino

A UNA **Diversión en Familia**

Todos los eventos empiezan a las 7:00 pm
Estos eventos son para toda la comunidad
(familias, solteros, ancianos, etc.)

Viernes, Febrero 12, 2010
NOCHE DE PELICULA
SALON SAN JOSE



Reserven sus Calendarios!!

Regalo de Fondos para el Retiro del Padre Pat

¿Como podemos darle las gracias a alguien quien diariamente nos comparte su energía, sus ideas, su vida y amor por nosotros? Por los últimos 16 años hemos sido bendecidos por los muchos regalos del Padre Pat así como a guiado a nuestra parroquia. Como una expresión de gratitud por Padre Pat por todo lo que es y a hecho por nosotros, una colección de fondos se empezara muy pronto para el Regalos de Fondos para el Retiro que será para realizar algunos de sus sueños cuando este retirado. Todos están invitados a participar.

En unas semanas encontraran unos sobres azules en las bancas. Durante los próximos meses ustedes pueden poner su contribución en estos sobres y ponerlos en las canastas de la colección en cualquiera de las misas. Ustedes pueden donar cualquier cantidad que deseen cuantas veces quieran. Todos los cheques deben de ser hechos a St. Margarita María y poner en la línea del memo que es para el Retiro del Padre Pat.

¿Sabia Usted?

¿Esta Preparada Su Familia Para Una Catástrofe Natural?

Noticias sobre el reciente terremoto en Haití han demostrado cómo fácilmente familias pueden ser separadas durante el caos de una catástrofe natural. El National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ofrece las siguientes recomendaciones a todas las familias potencialmente afectadas por un desastre natural:

- saber dónde están sus hijos en todo momento,
- mantenerse unidos,
- llevar fotos de sus hijos con usted cuando se- an evacuados,
- darle a los niños información de identificación para que lleven con ellos que incluya su nombre, fecha de nacimiento, domicilio, número de teléfono,
- enviar por correo electrónico fotografías digitales de todos los miembros de la familia a algún familiar o amigo,
- envíe fotocopias de documentos importantes por correo a un amigo o familias que se encuentre en una ubicación segura,
- haga un plan con sus hijos para que sepan que hacer si su familia se separa durante una evacuación.

Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al 213 637 7650.

ORIENTACION Y CONSEJERIA EN ESPAÑOL

Recuerden que tenemos este servicio aquí, en nuestra parroquia los días lunes, martes, jueves y sábado con cita previamente acordada.

Para solicitar este servicio, pueden pasar por la oficina de la parroquia para dejar el nombre y número de teléfono o dejar un mensaje en el teléfono: (310) 326-3364 ext. 40

Holy Name Society

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TOMORROW

Monday, February 1st

8:15 AM Memorial Mass Honoring
Gene Commander, Aramis Dandoy
and Larry DeFrance

THIS FRIDAY

February 5th/6th

All night adoration in the Chapel.
Midnight to 7 AM in one hour increments
To sign up call Scott McKechnie @ 310-831-5093

MATER DOLOROSA SILENT MEN'S RETREAT

April 30 to May 2, 2010

To inquire or register:

Lawrence Taylor at 310 539 4134

Scott McKechnie at 310 427 2758

'What We See and How We See It'

Featuring Father Pat Thompson

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

THIS THURSDAY!!

7:00 PM

Hegarty Hall

Using his photo experiences, and bringing his photo album and some other prints, Father Pat will open up some of his discoveries for us.

Some photos will be for sale, but not many are left.
Door prizes and raffles are also offered this evening.

Would you like to come?

For more information contact
Shirley Lavezzari 310 326 1184.



Knights of Columbus

Council no. 7864

February 5, Friday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the First Friday Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM.

February 7, Sunday

Council meeting tonight at 7:00 PM in Hegarty Hall. All members regardless of their council affiliation are welcome to attend and participate in all the service programs.

February 27, Saturday

7th Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at 7:00 PM in Alpine Village located at the corner of Vermont and Torrance Bl. For ticket information call (310) 326-3687, (310) 530-3058, (310) 749-7364.

For membership inquiries call
Armando Nava (310) 292-6761

FILIPINO COMMUNITY of SMM

General Meeting

St Joseph Center

Sunday, January 31 at 12:30 pm

For more information, call Susan Anunciacion at 310-326-3364.



FREE!

TODAY

UNTIL

11:00 AM

**JUICE, TEA & HOT CHOCOLATE
ALSO AVAILABLE**

Join friends and meet new ones.
Call Joy Mies at 310 408 3561.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2010
A Time for Reflection

This week you are asked to read and reflect upon the Together in Mission materials that you received today. Those of you who subscribe to the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Tidings, will receive more information about the campaign in this week's edition.

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those parishes and schools that receive your support.

Together in Mission provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual Together in Mission in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend, February 6-7, and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OUTREACH

By Deacon Rick

Last Sunday was the last of our winter clothes drive and it was extremely successful, both because of what you generously donated and for the deep gratitude with which it was accepted by the men and women that we met. The young children who came early in the morning to help organize the clothes were a great help. As I was helping to stack clothes I thought about all the children who have helped us get clothes sorted, packed and distributed out on the street. This last Sunday was a microcosm of the dynamics of our parish life. One youngster had their parent drop them off and ask us from their window what time they needed to come back to pick them up. A second child, when asked by a parishioner walking by where their folks were, laughed and said they were probably still in bed. A third child showed up right on time with her mom and they both worked together all day, sharing in the experience. It made me think of all the times when my sons were growing up that I dropped them off because I had other things to do and missed out on the opportunity to share life with them.

Sunday was the first time I was part of the team that brought clothes to Long Beach and the Harbor area. It was quite a different experience for me. I was struck by the number of people who only took what they needed. I was especially struck by the warmth and joy I experienced among the people who live along the LA River between Wilmington and Long Beach. We listen quietly as they shared their stories of their struggles with the recent storms; how they battled to secure their tents and tarp covered "homes". We also saw where some of their little "homes" had been destroyed by the winds and rain. I was struck when one woman pregnant and hiding from the "father" stopped to help another couple get supplies from us because they were new on the street and had lost what they had in the storm. She gently advised the young woman on the "best" type of clothes to take. I found out afterwards from the young girl that Priscilla had given her warm pair of boots to wear to help her weather the storm. I am always so humbled by the care and generosity I see shared out here. God bless you for everything you do to make our Christian Service so life giving.

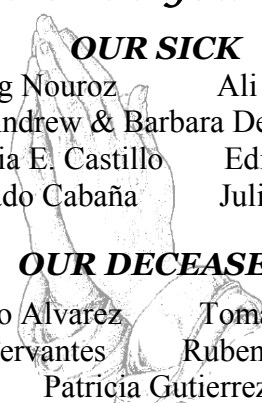
Remember in Your Prayers

OUR SICK

Tourag Nouroz Ali BroadBar
 Andrew & Barbara DeBoer
 Latoria E. Castillo Edith Obeso
 Salvado Cabaña Julie Vicelja

OUR DECEASED

Ricardo Alvarez Tomas Guzman
 Maria Cervantes Ruben Sanchez Jr.
 Patricia Gutierrez



Valentine's Day Gala Dinner Dance

Gran Cena Baile del Día de San Valentín

Saturday, February 13, 2010
Sábado, Febrero 13, 2010

Gourmet Dinner... 6-8pm

Prepared by a professional Chef. During dinner enjoy the Wonderful romantic music of the Famous Trio:

Cena Gourmet... 6-8pm

Preparada por un Chef profesional. Durante la cena disfrute de la música romántica del Famoso Tríó:

"Teo y su Tríó San Pedro"



Dance...

from 8pm to midnight

Come dance with:

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This band will make you dance the night away!!!

Baile

De 8pm a la media noche

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Teresa Carbajal (310) 326-3364

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25511 Eshelman Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717



FREE H1N1 Flu Shots



You must call Christian Service office to make an appointment 310-326-3364 Ext. 35

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

8:30am-3:30pm In the St. Joseph Center

If you have an allergy to eggs, or a serious illness, please see your doctor



GRATIS

Vacunas del H1N1

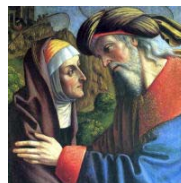
Tiene que llamar a la Oficina de Servicio Cristiano para una cita al 310-326-3364 Ext. 35

Miércoles, 10 de Febrero, 2010

8:30am-3:30pm en el Salón San José

Si tiene alguna alergia a blanquillos, o una enfermedad seria, favor de ver a su doctor.

Free H1N1 Shots Provided by:
Vacunas de H1N1 Proporcionadas por:
**County of Los Angeles Public
Health**



**San Joaquín
y Santa Ana,**
patrones de
los abuelos

ABUELOS

El Papa Benedicto XVI presenta a los abuelos como «garantes» de la ternura que todos necesitan.

El Papa reconoció que los abuelos «pueden ser -y son tantas veces- los garantes del afecto y la ternura que todo ser humano necesita dar y recibir».

«Ellos dan a los pequeños la perspectiva del tiempo, son memoria y riqueza de las familias»

«Ojalá que, bajo ningún concepto, sean excluidos del círculo familiar»

«Son un tesoro que no podemos arrebatarles a las nuevas generaciones, sobre todo cuando dan testimonio de fe ante la cercanía de la muerte».

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Monsignor
Patrick Thompson

Associate Pastors

Rev. Esteban Marquez
Rev. Raymond Decipeda MMHC

Deacons

Craig Siegman
Rick Soria
Dan Wallace

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(310) 326-3364, ext 42

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Contact Parish Office for:

- Sacrament of Baptism
- Sacrament of Marriage
- Quinceañeras
- Anointing of the Sick
- Funeral Arrangements
- Registrations
- Christian Service

PARISH OFFICE

(310) 326-3364

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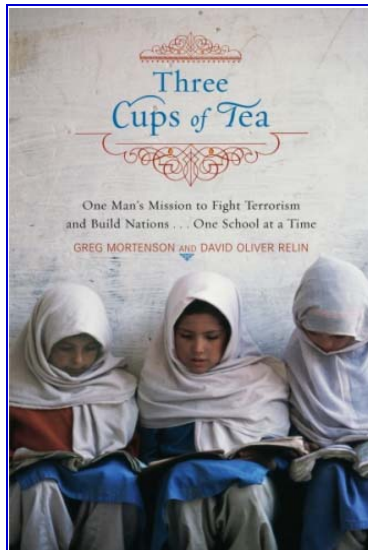
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Greg Mortenson, Co-author of "Three Cups of Tea,"

Tuesday, Feb. 2
7:15 p.m.

Gersten Pavilion

Loyola Marymount University

Free and open to the public,
although registrations are requested.
Mr. Mortenson is a humanitarian, inter-
national peacemaker, former mountaineer,
co-founder of the non-profit Central
Asia Institute, and founder of the non-
profit Pennies for Peace.

VALENTINE'S DAY COUPLES DINNER AND CELEBRATION

*The Journey of a Lifetime:
Growing Together in a Sacred Space*
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
MARY AND JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER
Mass followed by dinner
\$100 per couple by Feb. 5; After Feb. 5, \$110.
Overnight accommodations available.
Further information: Gerry at 310 377 4867, x 234

Aloha Night

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Torrance Doubletree Hotel

As we honor Bishop Joe, Becky Campadonia and Katy Ramos

Tickets \$40 and are on sale now!

Plan to enjoy dinner, silent and live auctions,
balloon raffle, dancing, casino night playing and

★ Fun for all!

Contact Mark Waronek at 310 326 5709 for more info.

Retirement Gift Fund for Father Pat

How do you thank someone who has daily shared his energy, his ideas, his life and love with us? For the past 16 years we have been blessed by Father Pat's many gifts as he has shepherded our parish. As an expression of gratitude to Fr. Pat for all that he has been and done for us, a collection will soon begin for a Retirement Gift Fund that will enable him to fulfill some of his retirement dreams. Everyone is invited to participate.

In a couple of weeks you will find blue envelopes in the pews. Over the next few months you may place your contribution in one of these envelopes and place it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. You may donate any amount you wish as many times as you wish. All checks should be made out to St. Margaret Mary with "Fr. Pat Retirement Gift" on the memo line.

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Mr. & Mrs. Dan and Catherine Strohm
Ms. Sharon Dragan
Mr. & Mrs. Roy and Esther Ontiveros
Mr. & Mrs. Jose and Betty Velasquez
Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto and Elva Nunez
Mrs. Eroma Fernando
Mr. & Mrs. Gregorio and Maria Huerta
Mr. & Mrs. Chris and Marijo Alberto
Mr. & Mrs. Reginald and Janet Soriano
Mr. & Mrs. Juan and Anabel Barajas
Mr. Charles Prendergast
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry and Pia Maria Fidello



Uniting children with their mothers and fathers in prison

GET ON THE BUS

Once again St. Margaret Mary Parish will sponsor a bus trip for children and families to visit family members in prison. This year we will be visiting the Central California Women's Facility and Valley State Prison for Women in Chowchilla to coincide with Mother's Day. Reuniting families is an important aspect in reducing recidivism and maintaining family unity.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate travel bags, supplies for the bus, stay connected bags and to contact the families to assure that paper work is completed correctly.

If you are interested in a rewarding experience please contact [Bob Lavallee at 310-325-5069](tel:310-325-5069) or [Laura Nieto at 310-326-3364](tel:310-326-3364). Multilingual speakers are welcome.