

JULY 26, 2009: 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs.

Psalm 145

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 Saturday: August 1 (Immaculate Heart of Mary) 8:15 AM

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

Prayer Services

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

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

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

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Father Pat's Message

WHO FED THE HUNGRY CROWD?

We know about Jesus' compassion for the large crowd who had walked around the shore of the lake of Galilee to hear his teaching and to hope for some miracles. Tired as he was, he thought first of the people, and turned to Phillip, who was from that area, and asked him where they might buy bread enough to feed them all. Philip's answer was despairing. He said that even if they could find enough food, it would take two hundred day's wages just to give them each a little to eat. There was nothing he could do! Then came Andrew on the scene, the practical man, the one who in the gospels is always bringing someone to Jesus. This time it was a little boy who had some common barley loaves and some small dried fishes. Andrew was the man who sized up the situation, and said, "I'll do what I can; and I'll trust Jesus to do the rest." Phillip saw the problem and tried a logical solution to it, as we often do. Andrew, on the other hand, used imagination and faith. He did as much as he could, and then he presented what he had to Jesus, to take over from there. His was the right approach, one we too often fail to follow. The right questions are, "What can I do? What can only the Lord do?"

DON'T GET CAUGHT IN "EITHER/OR" THINKING

Do you remember the old saying, "Pray as if everything depends on God; and work as if everything depends on you"? This is wisdom, because it avoids the separation of our own work and God's power. Jesus came to demonstrate that the human and the divine are bonded together. There is no true love of God without love for the brothers, and no love for sisters and brothers that is not also love for God. In the gospel account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus started with some loaves and some fishes. And these came as a result of Andrew's and the lit-

tle boy's efforts to help the people. They knew it wasn't *the solution*, but it was a positive step that brought them to Jesus who did have *the solution*. How do we approach our problems? Getting overwhelmed by great need or great evil or great failure, and then doing nothing is a very bad move. Hiding from the challenges of

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our life is a very bad move. Waiting for God to take care of it all is a very bad move. We need to follow Andrew and the little boy in presenting to Jesus confidently whatever we do have and whatever we can do. Don't all our friends and all who love us always try to get us to do these two things: (1) Do something; and (2) Take it to God with confidence? Re-

maining alone, frustrated and sad, will not help us. Throwing our troubles on God, as if we are not involved in what God does, will not help. Living and acting in Christ is what we are supposed to do. The ending of every Eucharistic prayer at Mass has it right: "*Through him, with him, in him*, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." AMEN.

BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

"Jesus needs what we can bring him. It may not be much but he needs it. It may well be that the world is denied miracle after miracle and triumph after triumph because we will not bring to Jesus what we have and what we are....We may be sorry and embarrassed that we have not more to bring—and rightly so; but that is no reason or failing to bring what we have. Little is always much in the hands of Christ" (Wm. Barclay). Here we have the reason why this miracle story was put into the gospels from the beginning. We must do what we can, and hand it over to Christ. And this is true whether we are trying to overcome some sinful habit, to live our life with meaning, to fulfill our obligations to our families and society, or any other thing. Don't wring your hands. Go find a few loaves and fishes and see what the Lord can do with them.

Mensaje del Padre Pat

¿Quién alimentara a la multitud hambrienta?

Nosotros sabemos acerca de la compasión de Jesús por la gran multitud que había caminado alrededor de la orilla del lago de Galilea para oír su enseñanza y la esperanza de algún milagro. Cansado como estaba, pensó primero en las personas, y se voltio a Felipe, que estaba en esa área, y le preguntó donde podrían comprar pan suficiente para alimentarlos a todos. La respuesta de Felipe fue desesperada. El dijo incluso si encontrarán suficiente comida, tomaría salarios de doscientos días solo para darles a cada uno un poquito para comer. ¡No había nada que él podría hacer! Entonces vino Andrés a la escena, el hombre práctico, el que en los evangelios siempre le trae algo a Jesús. Esta vez fue un niño que tenía algo común unos panes de cebada y unos pequeños peces secos. Andrés fue el hombre que evaluó la situación, y dijo, “hace lo que pueda, y confíame que Jesús hará el resto.” Felipe vio el problema y trato de hacer una solución lógica, como nosotros lo hacemos a menudo. Andrés, por otra parte, uso la imaginación y la fe. Hizo lo que podía, y le presentó a Jesús lo que él tenía, para tomarlo de allí. Ese fue su acercamiento correcto, algo que nosotros muy a menudo fallamos en seguirlo. Las preguntas correctas son, “¿Qué puedo hacer? ¿Qué puede hacer solo el Señor?”

No quede atrapado en “uno u otro” pensamiento

Recuerdas un viejo dicho, “Ora como si todo dependiera de Dios; y trabaja como si todo dependiera de ti?” Esta sapiencia, evita la separación de nuestro propio trabajo y el poder de Dios. Jesús vino a demostrar que lo humano y lo divino están atados juntos. No hay amor verdadero a Dios sin el amor por los hermanos, y no amar a las hermanas y hermanos es también no amar a Dios. El evangelio considera la multiplicación de los panes y los peces, Jesús empezó con algunos panes y algunos pescados. Y ese fue el resultado del esfuerzo de Andrés y el niño para ayudar a las personas. Ellos sabían que no era *la solución*, pero era un paso positivo que le trajeron a Jesús que tenía *la solución*. ¿Cómo nos acercamos a

nuestros problemas? Inundados con gran necesidad o gran mal o gran fracaso, y no hacer nada es un mal comportamiento. Escondernos de los retos de nuestra vida es una mala movida. Esperar que Dios se preocupe de todo es una mala movida. Necesitamos seguir a Andrés y al niño y presentar a Jesús confidencialmente lo que tengamos y con lo podamos hacer. ¿No todos nuestros amigos y todos los que nos aman siempre tratan que hagamos dos cosas: (1) hacer algo; y (2) tomar a Dios con confianza? Permanecer solo, frustrado y triste, no nos ayudará. Tirar nuestros problemas a Dios, como si nosotros no estamos envueltos en lo que Dios hace, no ayudará. Viviendo y actuando en Cristo es lo supuestamente debemos hacer. Al final de cada oración eucarística en la misa esta apropiada: “Por El, con El, y en El, a ti Dios Padre todopoderoso, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, todo honor y toda gloria por los siglos de los siglos.” Amén.

¿Pero yo que puedo hacer?

“**J**esús requiere que le traigamos lo que podamos. Tal vez no sea mucho pero El lo necesita. Estaría bien que se le negara al mundo el milagro después del milagro y el triunfo después del triunfo porque nosotros no le traemos a Jesús lo que tenemos ni lo que somos... Podríamos preocuparnos o avergonzarnos porque no tenemos nada más que traer—y así debidamente; pero no hay ninguna razón para dejar de traer lo que tenemos. Poquito siempre es mucho en las manos de Cristo” (Wm. Barclay). Aquí tenemos la razón porque este milagro fue puesto en los evangelios desde el principio. Debemos hacer lo que podemos, y ponerlo en las manos de Cristo. Y esta es una verdad si tratamos de superar algunos hábitos pecaminosos, vivir nuestra vida con significado, cumplir nuestras obligaciones a nuestras familias y la sociedad, o cualquier otra cosa. No retuerces tus manos. Ve y encuentra unos pocos panes y pescados y ve que puede hacer el Señor con ellos.

4 A REFLECTION ON THE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Today, **July 26**, we honor **Sts. Joachim** and **Anne**, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Although all information we have about them, even their names, comes from legendary sources written long after Jesus died, the strong, faithful and loving character of Mary indicates a close-knit, loving family. This is a good day to thank and honor our grandparents.

St. Martha

July 29

Friend and follower of Jesus, sister of Mary and Lazarus



“Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world” (John 11:25-27)

St. Ignatius Loyola

July 31

Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1534

“If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint.”



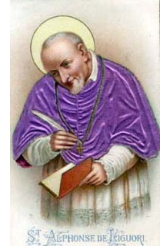
St. Alphonsus Ligouri

August 1

Founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer

(Ligourians, Redemptorists) in 1732

“He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things.”



Readings For The Week

Monday July 27

Reading 1: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28

Reading 1: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29

St. Martha

Reading 1: Exodus 34:29-35
Gospel: John 11:19-27

Thursday, July 30

Reading 1: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-48
Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Reading: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonus Liguori

Reading 1: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
Gospel: Mathew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2

Reading 1: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Reading 2: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

OUR WEEKLY MIRACLE

We have recently been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel. Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, where Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life."

Every time we attend Mass we witness a miracle. Our eyes of faith allow us to see the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord's body and blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you waiting for the right time, thinking someday you'll look into it?

Well, check out RCIA. It's the way adults come into the Church and receive their sacraments!

Next meeting: August 9

10:30 AM, Parish Lounge

RCIA Coordinator Sue (310) 618 -2004

Please Pray For

OUR SICK

Lucino Morales Julia Rogers

OUR DECEASED

Mrs. W. Juliet Fernando

Are YOU Being Called To Become A Deacon?



Information Day is **TODAY, July 26**

1:30 to 4 PM

St. John Chrysostom

546 E. Florence Ave., Inglewood

HELP STOP ABORTION & EUTHANASIA



Life is a sacred gift from God.
Every stage of life is precious and
holds unique meaning.

- Keep up to date on all pending legislation on these issues
- Contact your elected officials to let your feelings be known
- See <http://www.priestsforlife.org>
- Contact SMM "Respect Life" coordinator, Ed Hensley edwh1938@yahoo.com or call (310) 818-1387

MASS WITH FATHER JOHN HAMPSCH

Mass will include a brand new inspirational homily
"Oil on Troubled Waters—Oil of Gladness"

This Tuesday, July 28, 7 PM

St. Margaret Mary Church

sponsored by the Claretian Teaching Ministry
(310) 782-6408

Fr. Hampsch has been part of the Charismatic Renewal for nearly 40 years. He has produced the largest collection of Catholic teachings in the US: 17 books, over 100 booklets, and many CDs and DVDs on a variety of faith-based teachings.

Together In Mission

Goal ----- \$126,111

Current Pledges ----- \$116,868

Paid----- \$96,032

Pledges to go ----- \$9,243

As a parish we are doing pretty well but, we still need more pledges. If you have not made your 2009 pledge to this very important Archdiocese outreach ministry, please prayerfully consider doing so soon. Parishes and schools in our Archdiocese who are not as fortunate as we depend on us and others to help them be a Catholic presence in less fortunate communities.

We need to complete our commitment by the end of November. If not, the balance will have to be paid from our operating budget. We will have a second collection/pledge appeal at the Masses on August 9th so, if you have not been able to help yet, please consider if you will be able to at that time.

CONNECTIONS IN FAITH

an evening of shared faith and fellowship

Please join us at the next **Small Christian Communities Faith Sharing** meeting. In the Gospel of Mark, we see how Jesus sets an example for us to balance the business of our days with rest, silence and prayer. We'll use His example to share our own experiences and thoughts on practical applications. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with others and share and strengthen your faith.

Thursday, August 6, 7 to 9 PM

St. Margaret Mary

Parish Center

Room to be advised

with reservation



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Don't delay—RSVP today!
(TUESDAY, August 4 the latest)

Call or email

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CADA VEZ QUE COMPARTIMOS, REPETIMOS EL MILAGRO

Por Humberto Beltrán

Las veces que me ha tocado ir a algún retiro al centro San Joseph and Mary, que esta en lo alto de la montaña, y desde ahí se ve toda la ciudad de Los Angeles y sus alrededores. Se me viene a la mente una de las tentaciones que tuvo Jesús en el desierto, cuando el demonio le dice: “Todo esto que ves puede ser tuyo”.

También los días domingos cuando veo a todos los voluntarios preparando los almuerzos para los desamparados se me vienen dos versículos de la Biblia uno en Mateo en el que dice: “tenía hambre y me diste de comer” veo que Dios quiere que los cristianos hagamos milagros con nuestras manos el milagro de ayudar a los demás. Y el segundo versículo esta en el evangelio de hoy cuando Jesús tiene compasión de la muchedumbre y quiso emplear un signo maravilloso: multiplicar el pan y así saciarlos. Para toda la gente significa mucho el que ese hombre se interese por sus necesidades humanas. Y esa es precisamente la lección que Jesús nos quiere dar. La multiplicación de los panes no es una exhibición de magia para impresionar. Sino que es un signo del cuidado que Dios tiene por nosotros.

¿Con que actitud enfrentamos los problemas de nuestra vida diaria?

Pero cuando Jesús multiplica el pan para saciar el hambre de la multitud, no lo hace solo, sino que busca la colaboración de sus discípulos. Les pregunta su opinión, luego hace que ellos tomen los canastos y repartan el alimento. Esta es otra enseñanza del evangelio de hoy. Dios no actúa solo; se sirve de otras personas. Quiere que todas las cosas maravillosas que suceden en la tierra sean con la ayuda del hombre. Quiere que nazcan otros seres humanos, y se sirve del amor de los padres. Quiere que la tierra produzca flores y frutos, y cuenta con las manos humanas que trabajan. Quiere que los enfermos se sanen, pero depende de los doctores, la medicina y la ciencia. Quiere que seamos una sola familia, y nos deja que seamos nosotros los que hagamos el esfuerzo de acercarnos, de perdonar, de tolerarnos, de ayudarnos. Y ante cada problema el Señor nos hace las mismas preguntas que les hizo a sus apóstoles ante de la multiplicación ¿qué les parece? ¿Qué podemos hacer? Y espera que nosotros le demos una respuesta aunque él ya la sabe.

Y nosotros al igual que ellos tenemos dos respuestas, unas negativas y otras positivas. Las negativas de los apóstoles fueron: no hay nada que podamos hacer, no hay una tienda cerca, no hay dinero. Y las positivas son: Hay algo, unos pocos panes y peces. En el tiempo actual nosotros respondemos: Cuando viene la enfermedad y el dolor en el cuerpo, no hay nada que hacer. Cuando se busca trabajo, y no hay; cuando escasea el dinero para enfrentar los gastos, no hay nada que hacer. Cuando las tensiones entre esposos llegan a un punto, no tiene ningún sentido luchar. Cuando nos sentimos solos, no vale la pena vivir. Todos experimentamos ratos de desesperación. Pero esta actitud negativa es destructora. Hay otra respuesta que puede ser el comienzo de la solución, y es la que dan algunos apóstoles: aquí hay unos pocos panes. Cuando nosotros ponemos lo poco que tenemos, Dios pone lo demás.

¿Compartimos con los demás?

En la escuela nos enseñan a multiplicar y dicen que si hay diez personas en una mesa hay que servir diez platos de comida. Jesús invento otro sistema de multiplicar, Tomo cinco panes los compartió y los panes se multiplicaron. Esa es la forma de multiplicar: el compartir con los demás. Mientras más damos, más recibimos, dice San Francisco de Asís.

El evangelio de hoy nos da una lección: que todo lo que poseemos lo compartamos con los demás, los bienes que tenemos, los talentos, los conocimientos, la alegría, la experiencia, la fe, todos esos son valores para poner al servicio de otros. El ponernos en esta actitud ante los demás puede enriquecer la vida de muchos y nuestra propia vida.

Reflexión

Cada domingo Dios se hace pan para llegar a todos nosotros con su bondad y para darnos un ejemplo de entrega y generosidad. Pidámosle que esta misa nos ayude positivamente en nuestra respuesta al Señor.

Prayer to Discern God's Call to Share our Gifts

Heavenly Father Your call never comes to us in a vacuum; It comes to us in the circumstances of our ordinary lives. Therefore our response cannot be given only in the privacy of our own minds; it must overflow into our daily lives. You call us through our family, through our community of Church, and through the world.

Help me to see that when I say no to the legitimate requests of my family, my community, or my world, I say no to You. You have ordained that whatever I can do to better myself, the Church and the world, is my way of saying yes to your call. May I take advantage of the daily opportunities that You place at my disposal to answer your call affirmatively.

New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

From Deacon Rick Soria

At our first stop Sunday as we approached a group of 4 men we heard one of them colorfully cussing up a storm as he told this story of how he proved his toughness. When the others saw Rhonda approach they started to quiet him down. In his chagrin when he turned and saw us, he asked if we could pray. To my surprise he asked us to join hands and led us in a slightly incoherent but very definite prayer of thanksgiving.

A little while later we met Javier by the river bed. He was at first hesitant about joining us and then delighted in the food we gave him. He showed us his one year medallion from AA and in his broken English proudly shared that he had been sober for a year. You could just see he wanted to share and celebrate that good news even more than the cold water and lunch that we gave him.

Last Sunday we heard in the gospel how Jesus and the apostles went across the sea and upon arriving on the shore saw the masses that needed to be cared for. Today we hear in the gospel how Jesus cared for those in need. He fed them. Last Sunday, as we went out to feed those in need, I began to realize how much has changed. In the past we stopped at Harbor Park on our way into LA to pass out 15-20 lunches. Now this area is a route all its own.

Sunday by the time Rhonda and I had reached Figueroa and Lomita Blvd we had passed out 40 lunches. We started Sunday with 90 lunches for this area and before we had a chance to head to Harbor Park we had run out of food and water. Sue, Tom, Madeline & Rollie on their way into LA with 180 lunches, stopped off at Carson and Vermont and another 15 lunches were shared. On a daily basis we provide lunches for 4-5 people who come quietly to our Christian Service Center in need of food. On Wednesday anywhere from 280 to 350 families are cared for.

Like the multiplication of loaves our volunteers always seem to reorganize what we have so all are provided for. I often think that I live in a very affluent area and that people are struggling out there somewhere and I will go there to help them but the need to help is right here in our own community. Today an unknown child entrusted Jesus with a little bread and fish and 5000 were fed. Maybe the little extra we can contribute to Christian Service may seem like a sacrifice or the one time we volunteer to help may seem inconvenient but when we do maybe we are like that child in today's gospel and Jesus will bless what we give and make it fruitful. We need your help financially, or as a volunteer.

**But most importantly
we need your prayers.**

May God bless you for your continued generosity.

UNA REFLEXION DE LOS SANTOS DE LA SEMANA

Hoy, **Julio 26**, honoramos a los **Stos. Joaquín y Ana**, los padres de María y abuelos de Jesús. A pesar que es toda la información que tenemos de ellos, hasta sus nombres vienen de datos legendarios escritos mucho tiempo atrás después que Jesús murió, el fuerte, fiel y amoroso carácter de María indica que eran una familia llena de amor. Este es un día especial para darle gracias y honrar a nuestros abuelos.

Sta. Marta

Julio 29

Amigos y seguidores de Jesús, hermana de María y Lázaro.



“Si, Señor, yo creo que tu eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo.”
(Juan 11:25-27)

St. Ignacio de Loyola

Julio 31

Fundador de la Sociedad de Jesús (los Jesuitas) in 1534

“Si Dios te causa mucho sufrimiento, es señal que el tiene grandes cosas para ti, y que el esta intentando hacerte un santo”



St. Alfonso Ligouri

Agosto 1

Fundador de la Congregación del Mas Sagrado Redentor (Ligourians, Redemptorists) en 1732

“El que confiaba esta perdido. El que confía en Dios puede hacer todas las cosas.”



Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes, Julio 27

Lectura I: Éxodos 32:15-24, 30-34
Evangelio: Mateo 13:31-35

Martes, Julio 28

Lectura 1: Éxodos 33:7-11, 34:5-9
Evangelio: Mateo 13:36-43

Miércoles, Julio 29

Lectura 1: Éxodos 34:29-35
Evangelio: Juan 11:19-27

Jueves, Julio 30

Lectura 1: Éxodos 40:16-24, 34-48
Evangelio: Mateo 13:47-53

Viernes, Julio 31

Lectura 1: Éxodos 23:1, 4-11, 15-16
Evangelio: Mateo 13:54-58

Sábado, Agosto 1

Lectura 1: Levíticos 25:1, 8-17
Evangelio: Mateo 14:1-12

Domingo, Agosto 2

Lectura 1: Éxodos 16:2-4, 12-15
Lectura 2: Efesios 4:17, 20-24
Evangelio: Juan 6:24-35

RICA

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. ¿Te gustaría iniciarte en la fe Católica? ¿O conocer mas sobre ella? ¿Necesitas algún sacramento? Bautismo, Confirmación o Eucaristía. Este proceso es para ti,

Cuando: Todos los Domingos de 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Comenzando en Agosto (este programa es solamente para adultos).

Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial al (310) 326-3364 ext. 16 o a Carmen Soria al (310) 990-6527

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

PREPARACION PARA CASARSE

Para todas las parejas que viven en unión libre o están casadas por el civil solamente, les hacemos del conocimiento que, a partir del 19 de agosto empezara la preparación, para todos los que quieran convalidar su matrimonio. Si desea más información favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial al tel. (310) 326-3364.

PRESENTACION O CONSAGRACION

Para presentar ó consagrar a un niño se necesita hacer una cita previa en la oficina parroquial. En el día del bautismo no se pueden hacer, porque el tiempo se alarga mucho. Sí necesita más información acerca de cómo solicitar estos servicios por favor comuníquese al Tel. (310) 326-3364

VENTA DE PAN

Este domingo empezamos con la venta de pan mexicano. Recuerden que las ganancias de este pan es para las becas de nuestros jóvenes que tienen el deseo de seguir con sus estudios. Por favor apóyenos para nosotros poder apoyar.

PILGRIGE A TIERRA SANTA NOVEMBER 4—13, 2009

Escorted by Fr. Esteban Marquez
Para mas informacion favor de contactar al
Padre Esteban a
St. Margarita Maria
25511 Eshelman Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717
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LA POBREZA

"Cuanto menos poseemos, más podemos dar. Parece imposible, pero no lo es. Esa es la lógica del amor." -Madre Teresa, M.C.

Una vez un crítico le sugirió que haría mas para terminar con la pobreza si enseñara a pescar en vez de dar el pescado. Ella respondió: *"Las personas que yo ayudo no se valen por si mismas, no se pueden parar. No pueden sostener la caña. Yo les daré el alimento y después se los enviaré a usted para que usted les enseñe a pescar".*

REGISTRACIONES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

APARTE LA FECHA INSCRIPCIONES PARA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA (Doctrina) FORMACION CONTINUA.

Registros para Catequesis (Catecismo) para el año escolar 2009-2010 se llevaran a cabo en el salón San José de las 11:00 AM a 3:00 PM en los siguientes Domingos:

Domingo 9, 16, 23 de Agosto

Por favor de traer la fe de Bautismo del niño/a los honorarios son:

\$65.00 primer año, \$90.00 segundo año en el programa, \$45.00 continuación..

Si desea mas información puede llamar al (310) 326-3364 Ext. 14, 16, 28

LA FAMILIA

"La paz y la guerra empiezan en el hogar. Si de verdad queremos que haya paz en el mundo, empecemos por amarnos unos a otros en el seno de nuestras propias familias. Si queremos sembrar alegría en derredor nuestro precisamos que toda familia viva feliz." -Madre Teresa, M.C.

Tomorrow, Monday, July 27, 8:15 AM

Memorial Mass in honor of Joe Lawler
John Corcoran, and Tony Lauberth.

Tomorrow, Monday, July 27

General membership meeting.
6:30 PM Dinner, 7 PM Rosary,
7:30 PM Meeting.

Bring a guest or new member
and share in the excitement
and rewards of this great ministry.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BREAKFAST

If you haven't picked up your photos, they
are waiting for you in the parish office.
Please get them soon!

Thanks, Elaine

THIS WEEK AT S M M

Monday, July 27

7pm Spanish Prayer Group, Hegarty Hall
7pm Welcome Baptism Class, SMM Room
7pm Quinceañera, Music Room
7pm AA (Spanish), Room A

Tuesday, July 28

7pm Quinceañera, Hegarty Hall
7pm Baptism Catechism, St. Joseph Center
7pm Marriage orientation, SMM Room
7:30pm English prayer group, Room B

Wednesday, July 29

7pm Boy Scouts general meeting, Hegarty Hall
7pm Faith Formation, St. Joseph Center
7pm Fair Board, Good Shepherd Room
7pm Spanish Eucharistic Ministers, Lounge

Thursday, July 30

7pm Spanish Baptism Team, St. Joseph Center
7pm Spanish Altar servers, Good Shepherd Room

Friday, July 31

7pm VIDA, Good Shepherd Room
7pm Singles, Lounge

Saturday, August 1

9am-2pm Cub Scout Car Wash, parking lot
9am Legion of Mary, Lounge

Sunday, August 2

6pm Knights of Columbus, Hegarty Hall
7:30pm Youth Movie Night, field (Summer Fun)



Knights of Columbus

Council no. 7864

NEW ELECTED OFFICERS for 2009-2010

Grand Knight—**Sir Knight Virgin Rabe**
Deputy Grand Knight—**Ralph Barba**
Chancellor—**Robert McMahon**
Advocate—**Sir Knight Alex Cruz**
Recorder—**Luis Lomas**
Treasurer—

Sir Knight Richard Contreras

Warden—**Armando Nava**
Inside Guard—**Edward Recio**
Outside Guard—**Danny Isidro**
3 Year Trustee—

Sir Knight Ruben Hipolito

2 Year Trustee—**Sir Knight Rolly Morales**
1 Year Trustee—**Sir Knight Phil Talavera**
Financial Secretary—**Errol Viernes**
Community Director and Co-directors—
Bob McMahon, Aniceto (Jun) Calvario

Next Sunday, August 2, 6:30 PM
Council meeting. All K of C invited.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

LinC

Living in Christ

August 2

Movie under the Stars

7:30 to 10 PM

popcorn and a movie

(call Joe for title or just be surprised)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 9 will be Cyber Bowl Mania

Sign up by August 2nd

DRIVERS NEEDED, 25+ years old

**If any high school youth needs
service hours, contact**

Joe Voigt (310) 326-3364 x 17

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/smmcym>
to find out what opportunities
are available.

QUEEN CONTEST

LAST CHANCE to

Sign up as a contestant!

The rewards are endless—

It'll look great on your college application!

You'll make new friends!

You'll gain self-confidence!

All the while you'll be helping your church!

Contact Diane (310) 325-3038 or

dlmealie@sbcglobal.net or

<http://fair.stmargaretmarylomita.org>

**DON'T FORGET TO SELL
YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!
THAT HELPS YOUR PARISH
AND YOUR SCHOOL**

Dining For Dollars

Save The Date

August 13

El Torito, Torrance

More details later



All About The Fair Online!

fair.stmargaretmarylomita.org

Check out our web page or go to the Church Main page and click on Lomita Fair.

Information about Queen Contest, volunteer information and pictures. And how to become a Sponsor of the Lomita Fair.

We are now on Facebook! Many parishioners have already shared fond memories of the

Fair. Look us up—search for 'Lomita Fair' and become a fan!

LomitaFair@yahoo.com
or call (310) 908-2674

FAIR UPDATE

Because the fair is an all parish event, we thought you'd want to know what's new, changed or absent this year. Most of the changes were influenced directly or indirectly by the financial climate.

The Silent Auction was canceled this year because of the difficulty in procuring donations of large items to auction. We're sure that parishioners would once again be generous in giving, but we still need to rely on a combination of items to make it work. As a sort of substitute for the auction, we hope to be offering a "specialty raffle" for a few special and fun items. Tickets for that are likely to sell for \$1, although some items may be more. We're still working on the details.

We've also had to increase the fees for rental spaces in the Craft area in Hegarty Hall, although they are still lower than most craft fairs in the area. Without the Auction, we will have more spaces to rent.

You've all noticed by now that the raffle ticket prices have increased to \$2 each. That was a difficult decision for the Board to make, but it was the best solution when charging admission would have been the alternate choice. Hopefully with the top prize going up by 50% to a wonderful \$15,000, it'll be just as enticing. Odds are far better than the lottery! You don't have to buy them all yourself, sell them to your friends and neighbors!

Lastly—the good news is that food and ride tickets will be the same as last year.

Arts N' Crafts Spaces For Rent

During the Fair, Hegarty Hall

\$300 for 10x10 space inside

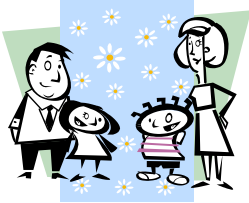
\$400 for 10x10 outside

\$50 optional table rental fee

Contact Doug Erhard

(310) 326-9494x21

lomitafair@yahoo.com



St. Margaret Mary Church Community Nights



Get On The Road



To Friday Fun

Join Us Every 2nd Friday Of The Month!!!

All evenings start at 7:00 pm
These events are for the whole community



August 14

Summer Activity Night

Fun summer night with family activities

**September
11, 12, 13**

Lomita Fair

Join us all weekend!!!



*Join us any
Friday*

October 9

Cultural Heritage Night

Share your culture and family dish

November 13

Community Talent Night

All the talents of SMM shine this night!!!

December 11

Christmas Carols and Sing-a-long

Come sing traditional and modern Christmas

songs



*FROM OUR FAMILY
TO YOURS*

Reserve The Dates!!

Bulletin Board 13

Happenings On And Beyond Our Parish Grounds

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

WITH FR. ESTEBAN

November 4 to 13, 2009

Highlights include

visits to Jerusalem, Nazareth,
Bethlehem and Tiberias

Renew Baptismal vows in the River Jordan

Boat trip on Sea of Galilee

Renew wedding vows at Cana

\$2,889 per person, double

More information in following weeks
or pick up a brochure in Parish Office



Saturday, August 1, 7 AM to 8 PM

Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall

"JESUS, OUR HEALER AND OUR STRENGTH"

Healing Mass, Confession, lectures, mini-concert

Keynote speaker:

world renowned healing priest, Fr. Fernando Suarez

Tickets are required for admission.

Adults, \$30, Children over 5, \$10

Online registration and ticket purchase:

www.hombrenuevo.net

Estrella, (714) 469-3161 or Beta, (310) 835-9396 or
email Josie, waflosangeles@aol.com

TAKE GOD WITH YOU WHEN YOU TRAVEL

find a schedule of Masses
for anywhere in the world:

<http://www.masstimes.org/dotNet/default.aspx>

SMM LOMITA FAIR September 11 - 13

The Biggest Fundraiser of the year for SMM!

This year your parish needs YOU more than ever to be a part of it in little or big ways. Please see p. 11 for more information.

DARRICK MARTIN'S 3rd ANNUAL BASKETBALL & BOOKS DAY CAMP

WHERE: St. Anthony High School, Long Beach

WHEN: August 3 through 7, 8 AM to 2:30 PM

WHO: students ages 7 through 17

WHAT: Basketball skills will be taught by
NBA professional Darrick Martin,
St. Anthony's Class of '88

Camp also includes instruction on life skills: goal setting,
nutrition, study, computers, and college readiness.

CAMP IS FREE Lunch included

Parents apply online
www.longbeachsaints.org,
or call (562) 435-4496.

Enrollment is limited.

Applications must be
received by Sunday, July 26



38th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention

September 4 through September 6
Anaheim Convention Center

Over 40 Workshops! • Daily Liturgies
Saturday Evening Healing Service!

Young Family Ministry • Children's Program
Teen Conference (including Teen Concert!)

Young Adult Conference
Vietnamese Conference

Register by August 17
for fees and information:

www.scr.org

(818) 771-1361 ; spirit@scr.org

SCRC is a commissioned ministry
of the LA Archdiocese

DIRECTORY

CLERGY

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Patrick Thompson

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Rick Soria
Dan Wallace

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Parish Administrator

Deacon Dan Wallace
(310) 326-3364, ext 42

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Joe Voigt, ext 17
Teresa Carbajal, ext 16

Youth Ministry

Joe Voigt, ext 17

Christian Service

Laura Nieto

Religious Vocations

Tom Reis (310) 325-6131

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
8AM—8 PM, Mon-Fri
(Closed Noon to 1 PM)
8 AM—5PM, Sat, Sun

PARISH SCHOOL

Douglas Erhard, Principal
(310) 326-9494, ext 21

BULLETIN

SMMCbulletin@yahoo.com

Deadline: Monday noon

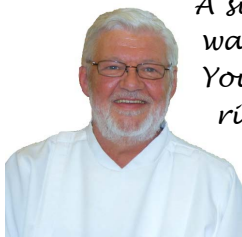
Parish website:

stmargaretmarylomita.org

Fair website:

fair.stmargaretmarylomita.org

A "THANK YOU" MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL



A sincere and warm "Thank You" to all parishioners of St.

Margaret Mary for the wonderful

sendoff on Sunday, June 28. A special thank you to all of you who gave me such wonderful cards, messages and gifts. I was deeply touched. I also express my appreciation to each one of you for all you did for me over the past five years.

Thank You especially to Fr.

Pat, the priests, deacons and staff. Please know that I will continue to pray for all of you!

St. Luke The Evangelist is a wonderful, friendly parish, even if a "little hot" and I am sure I will be very happy here. You are all invited to come visit for Mass at anytime. May God continue to bless all of you. I know I will miss you for a long time to come. Again, Thank you St. Margaret Mary.

*Fondly, with blessings,
Fr. Michael*

St. Luke Church, 5605 Cloverly Ave.,
Temple City, CA (626) 291-5900

Congratulations SMM, You've done it again!

Thank you to everyone for your contributions for Fr. Rodger's "wheels". You generously donated \$14,257 to this wonderful Priest who shared so much of himself with us. The Holy Spirit must have been listening, because Father should be able to purchase a good used vehicle for that!



DROP YOUR RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS INTO THE BIG RED BOX

in the patio after Sunday Masses OR in the parish office any time
smmraffle@gmail.com



CUB SCOUT PACK 388 CAR WASH

Support Saint Margaret Mary Cub Scouts

Saturday August 1st

9 AM to 2 PM, SMM Parking Lot

While our Cub Scouts get your car back to it's shiny self, browse our bake sale and enjoy a cold lemonade.

Standard Car \$5 • Standard Truck \$7
• Oversized \$10

Buy presale tickets TODAY after Mass in the patio

<http://cubscoutpack388.clubspaces.com>