

JUNE 28, 2009: 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Farewell to  
Fr. Michael*

*See back page  
for more information*



## OUR MISSION

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

## 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 AM and 9:30 AM Sunday Masses

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

**First Friday, July 3** 6:30, 8:15 AM, 7 PM (Bilingual)

**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)

**First Saturday, July 4**

7 AM Rosary, 7:20 AM Chaplet, 8 AM Benediction

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## Father Pat's Message

### "THE CHILD IS NOT DEAD BUT ASLEEP"

When Jesus said those words about the synagogue official's daughter, the people ridiculed him. Everyone knew that the child had died, and that Jesus' arrival was too late to save her. But it wasn't too late! He saved her by bringing her *through* death. This is true also of spiritually dead people who have come back to life by the power of the Lord. Haven't you ever given up on someone, or on some marriage, as dead, and then seen a wonderful, even miraculous, transformation to a new life? As a priest for forty-nine years, I have seen it many times. In fact, this is at the heart of Jesus' ministry. His purpose in coming into our world was to find the lost, to love the unloved, to reconcile enemies, to heal and bring peace to those full of anxiety and trouble. We have scientific and medical definitions of physical death, after which no more remedies will work. But what is the definition of personal spiritual death, after which we can just give up all attempts to resuscitate the spirit? Not so easy to say, is it? Who is dead to the power of God, and who is asleep to it?

### "DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU"

On the way to the little girl's house, a woman whose ongoing disease put her among the "untouchables," approached Jesus in a large crowd, thinking that if she just touched his cloak she would be healed. She was right! Healing power went out from him to her because her faith made the healing possible. The same kind of situation as with the little girl! An apparently hopeless situation is reversed by God's power working in Jesus Christ. When the gospels recount Jesus' miracles, they are telling us that he is the one to whom we must entrust our life. Whether we have a physical or spiritual need, it is to be put into his hands. But we can't use him as our servant and helper according to our own needs and demands. We have to turn our life over to him, starting anew each time we feel a need. "Father," Jesus himself said, "Let this chalice pass from me. Yet not my will but yours be done." This is the kind of faith Jesus is referring to as the condition of healing and conver-

sion and salvation. St. Paul's last verse of today's second reading says it this way: "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Have you seen this happen in your own life? Do you pray that it happens in the life of someone you love?

### "GIVE THANKS TO HIS HOLY NAME"

In my years as a priest, I have seen myself as a curious case of a thinker who delights in taking things from a new angle, and seeing what that leads to. I move very fast to imagining how that new idea might play out in a particular action or program. (I am now on step thirteen in my head; and most people are at step one or two, wondering what is going on.) This can create frustration for them and for me. But not to worry, because I and they come to know that this is only one possible scenario, which does not imply that we must act on it. "What did he just say? How did he get there? Oh, it is just his mind and his words racing on, and we don't have to change the whole way we normally do things." A key delight and balancing factor in my life as a person and a priest are the priests with whom I have served in ministry these last forty-nine years. I have lived with twenty-six priests in nine different parishes, and spent three years as a doctoral student in Rome. The variety of personalities and characters among us has been very diverse, but the spirit of community has been a constant grace for me. Coming to the present time, I tell you I will greatly miss the wonderful contribution of Father Michael Meyer and Father Rodger Fikwamo to my life and the parish community's life. These two men from South Africa and Zambia have brought so much joy and learning and fun and light into my life that I am thankful to God for every day they have been with us. Nothing less is implied for my former confrères. Michael and Rodger have enriched our life in so many seen and unseen ways! They have brought much light out of many kinds of darkness. Godspeed to Michael on July 1 and to Rodger on July 20. I love you. We love you.

## Mensaje del Padre Pat

### “La niña no esta muerta sino dormida”

Cuando Jesús dijo estas palabras acerca de la hija del oficial en la sinagoga, la gente lo ridiculizó. Todos sabían que la niña había muerto, y que Jesús llegó demasiado tarde para salvarla. ¡Pero no fue demasiado tarde! El la salvo trayéndola del otro lado de la muerte. Esto es cierto, también hay personas que han muerto espiritualmente y han regresado a la vida por el poder del Señor. ¿Alguna vez has abandonado a alguien, o un matrimonio, como una cosa muerta, y después has visto algo maravilloso, una transformación, hasta el milagro a una nueva vida? Como sacerdote por cuarenta años, lo he visto muchas veces. De hecho, esto esta en el corazón del ministerio de Jesús. Su propósito de venir a nuestro mundo fue para encontrar los perdidos, a amar a los sin amor, a reconciliar a los enemigos, a sanar y traer paz a esos llenos de ansiedad y problemas. Nosotros tenemos científicamente y médicamente definiciones de la muerte física, después de la cual no hay remedios que trabajen. Pero ¿cual es la definición de la muerte personal espiritual, después de la cual podemos abandonar todo intento para resucitar el espíritu? No es tan fácil decirlo, ¿no es cierto? ¿Quién esta muerto, y quien esta dormido al poder, de Dios?

### “Hija, tu fe te ha salvado”

En el camino a la casa de la niña, una mujer cuya enfermedad continuada la puso entre los” intocables,” se acerco a Jesús en medio de una gran muchedumbre, pensando que si solo pudiera tocar su túnica podría ser sanada. ¡Ella estaba en lo correcto! El poder de sanación venía de El, hacia ella porque su fe hizo posible que ella sanara. ¡La misma situación como la de la niña! Una situación aparentemente sin esperanza es invertida por el poder de Dios trabajando en Cristo Jesús. Cuando los evangelistas recuentan los milagros de Jesús, nos estan diciendo que El es el único en quien podemos confiar nuestra vida. Si tenemos una necesidad física o espiritual, esta la ponemos es sus manos. Pero no podemos usarlo como nuestro sirviente o ayudante de acuerdo a nuestras necesidades y demandas. Tenemos que virar nuestra vida hacia El, empezando nuevamente cada vez que sentimos una necesidad. “Padre” el mismo Jesús dijo, “Aparta de mi este cáliz. Pero que no sea mi voluntad sino la tuya.” Esta es la clase de fe a la que Jesús se esta refiriendo como una condición de sanación, conversión y salvación. En el último versículo de la segunda lectura de hoy San Pablo lo dice de este modo: “Toda persona que esta en

Cristo es una creación nueva, lo antiguo ha pasado, lo nuevo ha llegado” (2Cor.5:17). ¿Has visto que esto ha pasado en tu propia vida? ¿Rezas para que esto pase en la vida de alguien que tú amas?

### “Dale gracias a su santo nombre”

En mis años como sacerdote, yo mismo me he visto como un caso curioso de un pensador que se deleita tomando cosas desde un nuevo ángulo, y ver a que lado son llevadas. Me muevo muy rápido imaginando como esa nueva idea podría ponerse en acción en un programa en particular. (Ahora tengo trece pasos en mi cabeza, la mayoría de personas tienen uno o dos, deseando saber que sigue.) Esto puede crearles frustración a ellos y a mí. Pero no se preocupen, porque yo y ellos vienen a saber que este es solamente un posible escenario, el cual no implica que podamos actuar en el. “¿Qué es lo que El decía? ¿Cómo llego allí? Oh, eso esta solo en su mente y sus palabras en carrera, y no tenemos que cambiar todo el modo con que normalmente hacemos las cosas. Una clave de placer y un factor de balance en mi vida como una persona y como sacerdote son los sacerdotes con los que he servido en el ministerio estos cuarenta y nueve años. He vivido con veintiséis sacerdotes en nueve diferentes parroquias, y pase tres años como un estudiante doctoral en Roma. La variedad de personalidades y caracteres entre nosotros ha sido muy diversos, pero el espíritu de comunidad ha sido una constante gracia para mí. Regresando al tiempo presente, les digo que extrañaré mucho la maravillosa contribución del Padre Michael Meyer y el Padre Rodgers Fikwano para mi vida y la vida de la comunidad parroquial. Estos dos hombres de Sudáfrica y Zambia han traído mucha alegría, aprendizaje, diversión y luz a mi vida yo estoy muy agradecido a Dios por cada día que ellos han estado con nosotros. Nada menos se ha implicado con mis colegas anteriores. Michael y Rodger han enriquecido nuestra vida en muchas maneras visibles e invisibles. Ellos trajeron mucha luz a muchos tipos de oscuridad. Un exitoso viaje a Michael el primero (1) de julio y a Rodger el 20 de julio. Los amo. Los amamos.

## THE FIRST FRIDAY PROMISE OF JESUS TO SAINT MARGARET MARY

*“The all-powerful love of My Heart  
will grant to all those who shall receive Communion  
on the First Friday of nine consecutive months  
the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace,  
nor without receiving their Sacraments;  
My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.”*

**First Friday, July 3 Masses at 6:30 and 8:15 AM, and 7 PM (bilingual)  
followed by all night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel**

If you wish to sign up for an hour of adoration  
call Scott (310) 831-5093 for the schedule

**Devotions end Saturday morning (First Saturday) with  
Rosary (7 AM), Chaplet (7:20 AM) and Benediction (8 AM)**

### *Readings For The Week*

#### Monday June 29

##### **Sts. Peter and Paul**

Reading 1: Acts 12:1-11

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

#### Tuesday, June 30

Reading 1: Genesis 19:15-29

Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27

#### Wednesday, July 1

##### **Blessed Junipero Serra**

Reading 1: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

#### Thursday, July 2

Reading 1: Genesis 22:1b-19

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

#### Friday, July 3—First Friday

##### **St. Thomas the Apostle**

Reading 1: Ephesians 2:19-22

Gospel: John 20:24-29

#### Saturday, July 4

##### **First Saturday**

##### **Independence Day**

Reading 1: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29

Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17

#### Sunday, July 5

Reading 1: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6



### **MASS ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

9 AM

Come and give thanks for  
your faith, family, friends and—  
**FREEDOM**

### **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

### **ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Were you baptized in another Christian faith, but come to St Margaret Mary with a child or spouse?

Do you wonder how long would it take to be come part of the Catholic Church?

Were you baptized Catholic and have not received your First Communion and Confirmation?

Do you need to convalidate your Civil marriage to a Catholic Sacramental Marriage?

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

Well check out RCIA. It is the way adults come into the Church and receive their sacraments! We meet Sundays at 10:30 AM in the St. Margaret Mary Parish Center.

### **WHY NOT STOP BY JULY 12 TO SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT**

RCIA Coordinator Sue Ballotti  
(310) 618 -2004

## Children's Internet Safety Lectures Available

Because children can be the target of Internet predators, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office offers Internet Safety Lectures for community groups and parents and school age children from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. These presentations are approximately one hour in length and deal with issues including internet safety issues, social networking sites such as MySpace, Instant Messenger (AOL/AIM), internet predators, Megan's law, internet chat rooms and popular weblogs. For more information or to request an Internet Safety presentation, please contact the Child Abuse Policy Division (213) 978-8095.

For particular help, call Assistance Ministry (213) 637-7650

## Please Pray For

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### OUR SICK

<i>Ruth (Cuca) Medina</i>	<i>Socorro Johnson</i>
<i>Tiffany Rodriguez</i>	<i>Esther Poveda</i>
<i>Elta Yolanda Leon</i>	<i>Jose M. Dominguez</i>
<i>Esther Cordero</i>	<i>Teresita Tecson</i>
<i>Erminia Luna</i>	<i>Celia Sanchez</i>
<i>Megan Lind</i>	<i>Pete Weakland</i>

### OUR DECEASED

*Melvin Richardson*  
*James Loo*  
*Maria DeJesus Romero*  
*Rev. Miguel Amengua*  
*Lina Ergina*  
*Jose Garcia*  
*Antonio Garcia-Tiu*  
*Lorenzo Tiu*  
*Chela Hurtado*

### WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS DIED

No one can understand your pain as much as one who has walked the same path. You need not walk alone. There is a local support group for those who have experienced the trauma of losing a child of any age.

### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

next meeting July 1, 7 PM  
 Neighborhood Church  
 415 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes  
 (310) 953-5230 or [www.tcfbsbla.org](http://www.tcfbsbla.org)



## BIBLE STUDY

Every TUESDAY  
 PARISH LOUNGE

9 to 10:30 AM (for Women)

Mary Erlandson (310) 831-3082

7:30 to 9 PM (for all)

Bob or Lee Boyles (310) 529-9316

*No registration necessary*

*"Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone."*

—Pope Benedict XVI

In September of 2006, Pope Benedict XVI gave a homily in which he explained that those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone. The **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money—"pence" or pennies—from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.



**Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.**

## CONFIANZA EN JESUS

Por Humberto Beltrán

En una clase de formación nos preguntaron si sabíamos cuales eran los sacramentos de los muertos, por más que lo estuvimos pensando no dimos, la mayoría creíamos que era el ministerio de duelo, pero en realidad no era así. Y la respuesta es bien sencilla ya que se trata del bautismo, la reconciliación y la unción de los enfermos (antes conocido como extremaunción). Y es lógico ya que uno esta muerto (muerto espiritualmente) cuando le falta uno de esos sacramentos, ya que esta alejado de Dios.

Otro caso es cuando uno tiene una enfermedad recurrimos a doctores, especialistas y algunos hasta curanderos, pero no nos curamos al contrario a veces como que nos enfermamos más, además del dinero que gastamos. Y no buscamos al que en realidad nos puede curar y sin gastar nada.

### ¿Cómo está nuestra fe con Dios?

El evangelio de hoy nos habla acerca de estos dos casos que he mencionado arriba, el primero es un milagro que Jesús obro como quien dice, de paso, mientras iba de camino para dar la vida a la hija de Jairo. Una mujer que por mucho tiempo padecía de una hemorragia, había visitado muchos médicos y además había gastado mucho dinero y no la podían curar, pensó que con solo tocarla túnica de Jesús se curaría. Lo tocó y quedó sana. El detalle que impresiona es que Jesús sintió aquel toque de la mano de la mujer. A pesar de la muchedumbre que lo rodeaba, y muchos que lo tocaban, algunos lo tocaban inadvertidamente. Pero aquella mujer lo tocó con fe.

### ¿Estamos en contacto con Cristo?

Muchas veces, Cristo toco a la gente, tocó a los hombres en lo más íntimo de su corazón. La gente sintió el toque de Cristo. Jesús tocó y se dejó tocar hace veinte siglos, pero hoy día sigue tocando a mucha gente y dejándose tocar también de muchos.

Muchos nos hemos alegrado con oír acerca de Jesús, pero no nos hemos encontrado con El, no nos hemos dejado tocar por El. Construimos barreras entre Cristo y nuestras vidas. Pero hace falta invitar a Cristo a la casa de nuestra vida. Y esto quiere decir que hace falta orar como lo hizo Jairo: “por favor, ven y pon tus manos sobre mi hija para que se cure y viva”.

Dejarse tocar por Jesús, como Pablo en el camino de Damasco, es una experiencia definitiva para toda la vida, significa un cambio total. Esto hace que muchas veces tengamos miedo de entrar en contacto con Cristo. Tenemos miedo al cambio.

Por otra parte, nuestra vida puede ser fructífera entrando en contacto con Jesús. El dijo: “Yo soy la planta, y ustedes son las ramas. El que sigue unido a mí y yo a él, da mucho fruto; **pues no pueden ustedes hacer nada sin mí**”.

### ¿Estamos en contacto con los demás?

El cuerpo de Cristo fue un cuerpo sacramental. También nuestro cuerpo es, en cierta manera, un sacramento. Unidos a Cristo somos miembros de su cuerpo. Nuestro cuerpo es un regalo precioso de Dios. Lo recibimos para con él hacer el bien a los demás. Tocar a los demás con una sonrisa, con una mirada de comprensión o de perdón; tocar a los demás con una mano que levanta, sana, u ofrece algo; tocar a los demás con amistad, cuando estrechamos una mano o cuando damos un abrazo. Saber tocar para sanar y no para herir, para dar y no para quitar, para unir y no para separar, para respetar y no para profanar.

Que en este domingo aprendamos dos cosas: a ponernos en contacto con Cristo, a dejarnos tocar por El, y ver el valor sacramental de nuestro cuerpo, porque somos por el bautismo miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, Y segundo que aprendamos a tocar con amor el corazón y la vida de nuestros hermanos, en especial, a los pobres, a los enfermos, a los abandonados, a los que andan extraviados.

### Reflexión

En la comunión entramos en un real contacto con Cristo. Comulguemos de tal forma que Jesús sienta que el poder de sanar ha salido de su persona y nos ha curado (tal vez no físicamente, pero si espiritual). Ofrezcamos pues nuestro cuerpo, en la celebración eucarística, como víctima en unión con Cristo, para alabanza de Dios y para el servicio de nuestros hermanos.



## DEACON GUS AND ELENA CATIPON

*By Deacon Craig Siegman*

Last Sunday we had a wonderful celebration at the 11 AM Mass. We honored our fathers for Father's Day and we celebrated the ordination of Gus Catipon to the Sacred Order of Deacons. He was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral and on June 21<sup>st</sup>, he came back to our parish to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, thanking God and our community for his vocation.

Although Gus will be serving at the Cathedral, he continues to feel that St Margaret Mary is also his home. And it is. It was as a parishioner at St Margaret Mary that his vocation came to light and was nourished.

A deacon is called to be a servant and that certainly describes Gus. He has a heart for the poor which is why Fr. Pat and many members of our community encouraged Gus to pray about whether God was calling him to be a deacon.

Gus, who wants nothing more than to do what God asks, discerned that God was calling him to be a deacon. His wife Elena wasn't so sure that she was ready to take on the responsibility of joining him in the program, which is what was required of the wives of deacon candidates. But Elena and Gus are well matched and Elena, like Gus, wants nothing more than to do God's will. Trusting in God, and knowing that her husband would make a wonderful deacon, Elena stepped out of her comfort zone and said yes. They applied to the Diaconate Formation Program and were accepted and began their five years of training in August of 2004.

Gus lived out his calling of service in many ways. Perhaps the most direct way was when he started working on our parish's homeless ministry. Under his leadership many energetic and dedicated volunteers were recruited to prepare lunches to take to the homeless. The program grew, Gus, as a good leader, made sure that the success of the program wasn't dependent on one person alone. Thanks to him the program remains vital and continues to meet the needs of some of our poorest brothers and sisters.

It's funny how God works. It appears that Gus' involvement in our homeless ministry opened the door for him becoming the Director of the Cathedral Outreach Program. After becoming director, he became more and more involved at the Cathedral. He and Elena discerned that God was calling them to sell their home in Torrance, move to Los Angeles and, if ordained, to continue serving the poor of Los Angeles as a deacon of the Cathedral.

While Msgr. Kostelnik, the pastor of the Cathedral, claims Deacon Gus as the first vocation from the Cathedral, we the parishioners of St Margaret Mary know better. Gus is, and will always be, one of us.

Congratulations to Deacon Gus and Elena and the people of St. Margaret Mary. May we continue doing God's work and provide fertile soil from which vocations may grow.

## *Are YOU 7 Being Called To Become A Deacon?*

There will be an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program.

If you are married, the decision as to whether to apply to the program, is a joint decision. Wives therefore are expected to attend the information meeting. Please feel free to also invite your pastor.

The Information Day will be held on **Sunday, July 26** from 1:30 to 4 PM at **St. John Chrysostom**, 546 E. Florence Ave., Inglewood.

If you have any questions about these upcoming meetings, please call the Diaconate Formation Office.

*"If you want to be first  
make yourself servant of all."  
(Matthew 20:27)*



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## *Lecturas de la Semana*

### Lunes, Junio 29

Lectura I: Actos 12: 1-11  
Evangelio: Mateo 16: 13-19

### Martes, Junio 30

Lectura 1: Génesis 19:15-29  
Evangelio: Mateo 8:23-27

### Miércoles, Julio 1

Lectura 1: Génesis 21:5, 8-20  
Evangelio: Mateo 8: 28-34

### Jueves, Julio 2

Lectura 1: Génesis 22:1-19  
Evangelio: Mateo 9:1-8

### Viernes, Julio 3

Lectura 1: Efesios 2:19-22  
Evangelio: Juan 20:24-29

### Sábado, Julio 4

Lectura 1: Génesis 27:1-5, 15-29  
Evangelio: Mateo 9:14-17

### Domingo, Julio 5

Lectura 1: Ezequiel 2:2-5  
Lectura 2: 2 Corintios 12:7-10  
Evangelio: Marcos 6:1-6



## **MISA DEL 4 DE JULIO**

9 AM

Vengan y den gracias por su fe,  
familia, amigos y su LIBERTAD

**DIOS BENDIGA AMERICA**

## **GRUPO DE SOLTEROS BILINGUE COMPARTIENDO LAS ESCRITURAS**

Jueves, 7 PM, Cuarto C

Y cada otro Viernes, en el lounge

Lilia 310-326-8840 (Ingles)

Josefina 310-482-1591 (Español)

## **¿Esta Usted Llamado Para ser Diacono?**

Tendremos una junta para proveer información a todos los varones que estén interesados y deseen mas información acerca del diaconado permanente en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Los miembros de la Oficina de Formación Diaconal estarán allí para explicarle el papel que el diacono desempeña en la Iglesia, el programa de formación diaconal, así como para contestar sus preguntas que usted pudiera tener. La edad de los varones para aplicar al programa del diaconado oscila entre los 30 a los 60 años.

Si usted esta casado, la decisión de aplicar al programa o no, ha de ser considerada por los dos, por lo cual se espera que también su esposa asista y reciba la información. Por favor siéntase libre de invitar también a su pastor.

La junta se llevara a cabo **El Domingo 26 de Julio del 2009 de las 1:30 pm a las 4:00 pm** en la iglesia de St. Jon Chrysostom, 546 E. Florence Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de esta reunión, por favor llame a la Oficina de Formación Diaconal al (213) 637-7383

**“Quien quiere ser primero,  
que se haga sirviente  
de los demás”.**  
**(Mt. 20:27)**

Oficina de Formacion de Diaconos  
Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles  
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### 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.**

### BECAS

Todos los que tienen el deseo de continuar con sus estudios, ya sea en la universidad o en el colegio la comunidad hispana esta ofreciendo becas, pueden pasar a recoger su aplicación en la oficina parroquial. Para más información favor de llamar al Tel. (310) 326-3364.

### 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

### REGISTRACIONES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Registración para las clases de Educación Religiosa para los grados de Kínder al 8 grado. Comenzamos las registraciones para una nueva etapa de Catequesis (catecismo). Las registraciones se están llevando a cabo los Domingos 28 de Junio, 9, 16 & 23 de Agosto de las 11:00 am - 3:00pm en el Salón San José. Necesitan traer la fe de Bautismo para la registración, pueden pasar por la oficina a recoger la forma o pueden llamar para mas información al:

(310) 326-3364 ext. 28 o 16.

**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

### ¿Sabía Usted?

#### Ya Están Disponibles las Conferencias de la Seguridad del Internet

Los niños pueden ser objetos de obsesión para los perpetradores del Internet, y es por eso que la Oficina del Procurador de la Justicia de la Ciudad de Los Angeles ofrece charlas para los padres, los niños de quinto grado en adelante, y a los grupos comunitarios sobre la Seguridad del Internet. Estas presentaciones duran aproximadamente una hora e incluyen los siguientes temas: Seguridad del Internet, Sitios Sociales en la red como MySpace, Instant Messenger (AOL/AIM), los perpetradores del Internet, Megan's Law, salas de charla y Weblog en la red. Para más información o para solicitar una presentación sobre estos temas, por favor comuníquese con la oficina "Child Abuse Policy Division" del Procurador de la Justicia de la Ciudad de Los Angeles al 213 978 8095.

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

# Holy Name Society

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**TOMORROW Monday, June 29**

**8:15 AM**

Memorial Mass in honor of  
Freddie Castellano, Bill Jansen  
and Raul Revilla.

**TOMORROW, Monday, June 29,**

Membership meeting and board elections  
St. Joseph Center

6:30 PM Dinner, 7 PM Rosary,  
7:30 PM Meeting!

ALL men of the Parish are invited to attend.

**Friday and Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Chapel

Midnight to 7 AM

All night adoration in one hour increments.



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*



What better way to celebrate our  
Independence weekend  
than with prayer and meditation.  
Let's thank God for our great nation!  
Call Scott (310) 831-5093



## Knights of Columbus

Council no. 7864

**TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

7 PM, Hegarty Hall

Induction of Officers for fiscal year 2009-10

**Friday, July 3, 7 PM**

First Friday Adoration starts with Mass

**Next Sunday, July 5**

7 PM, Hegarty Hall

monthly council meeting (new schedule)

Inquiries on annuities, fraternal insurance  
and long term care, members only may call

Ernie Literte, (310) 346-1835

Membership inquiries:

Ralph Baba (310) 346-1835

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY DISMISSAL

There will be no dismissal during July and August. It  
will resume after the Lomita Fair. As you have read  
lately this is a very small group and in need of help.  
*During the summer there will be a meeting for  
anyone interested in helping.*

Contact Elaine (310) 835-0585  
or Maureen (310) 326-7718.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**LinC**  
*Living in Christ*

**July 12**

**CYBER BOWL MANIA PV BOWL**

Meet at SMM at 7 PM for pizza.

Caravan to PV Bowl

Return at 10:30 PM.

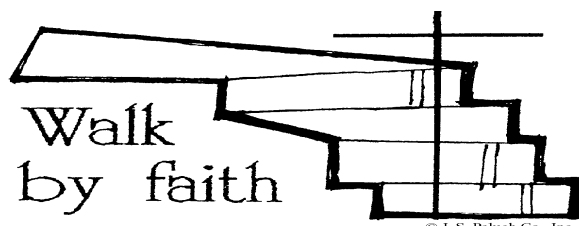
\$18 includes food, shoes and bowling

Sign up by July 5<sup>th</sup>

*Drivers needed—over age 25*

Joe Voigt (310) 326-3364 x 17

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/smmeym>



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### ENGLISH & SPANISH SINGLES GROUP

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Thursdays, 7 PM, Room C

Lilia (310) 408-1655 (Bilingual)

Josefina (310) 482-1591 (Spanish)

Virginia (310) 951-0629 (English)

## *Be the Queen of the Fair*

We are seeking young women  
15 or older as candidates for the

### *St. Margaret Mary Lomita Fair Queen Contest*

You'll need to have a great deal of enthusiasm  
and drive as well as a desire  
to play a key role in promoting our fair.

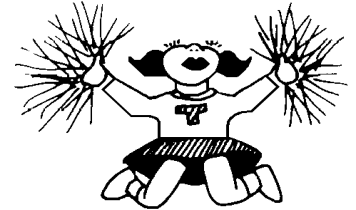
Contact Diane (310) 325-3038 or  
dlmealie@sbcglobal.net or

<http://www.fair.stmargaretmarylomita.org>

The cheer squad from St. Margaret Mary School, brought home the **first place trophy** in their division at the Sharp International Cheer Competition, West Covina High School, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The extra enthusiasm the girls showed also earned them a **spirit stick**.

The competition squad:

Autumn Sumruld  
Meagan Cuevas  
Emelia Santos  
Angelica Franko  
Kayci Richards  
Anizza Fuentes  
Jayla Hines  
Kaitlyn Edgley  
Mariana Traversa



**GO TEAM !**

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The Coach:  
Kari Richards

*Congratulations, girls. We are proud of you!*

## GET ON THE BUS ... UPDATE

*A journey to the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo, Friday, June 19*

**The day begins**—it's 4 AM—and we're ready  
16 families and caretakers plus  
Deacon Rick, Laura Nieto, Judy Garvey,  
Sandra Perez and Bob Lavallee.

**Time to go**—Father Pat leads us in prayer.

**The bus ride**—almost everybody naps.

**We arrive**—it's about 7:30 AM.

*The visit.... by Bob Lavallee*

**O**nce we were in the visiting room the fathers were allowed to come in and reunite with their families. We saw many heart warming greetings with kisses and hugs. As a volunteer we did not have much to do except to observe the families and be ready to assist if needed. Families sat and talked, played games, laughed and enjoyed one another.

**W**hen it came time to leave, the scene was more emotional. I watched one father in his mid to late 20s visit with his son, approximately four years old. He held on to his dad for the entire visit. I watched as the visit ended and the boy was handed to his caretaker. The visitors were exiting from the front of the building while the prisoners were walking to the back to return to the prison. The young father walked slowly, paused and turned every few steps to catch a last glimpse of his son. I could feel the

*emptiness in his heart. I saw another volunteer who had tears in her eyes. I had to walk outside.*

**A**fter the visit, we were welcomed at a reception by a wonderful group of volunteers from the United Methodist Church. As each family arrived, they were introduced. Everyone cheered and applauded. At the end of the reception, blankets were given out, a prayer was said and we received Subway dinners for the ride home.

**I**t was almost a perfect day, except for a flat tire in Ventura. But even that 2 1/2 hour delay became a blessing. While we waited for repairs in a CVS parking lot the kids were having a ball. They shared stories with each other about their visits, their schools and a lot more. Even the Moms were sharing. This is a sharing that would not have happened if not for the flat.

**T**his event was a big challenge for our parish and specially for the *Get on the Bus* team, but I know I speak for all of them—it was worth every penny, every sleepless night and I look forward to doing it again next year. Thank you SMM parish for your support and once again reaching out beyond our boundaries. **Thank you Team. You guys are the best!**

*Laura Nieto, Get On The Bus Coordinator*

# Movie Under The Stars

You are invited to come enjoy a movie with  
the whole family

When: **July 10, 2009 @ 7pm**

Where: St. Margaret Mary Grass Area

Bring Your Chair or Blanket

St. Margaret Mary Is located @ 25511 Eshelman Ave. Lomita CA 90710

Free Drinks

Games



# Pelicula bajo las Estrellas

Los Invitamos a disfrutar una pelicula con  
toda la Familia

Cuando: **10 de Julio a las 7pm**

Donde: Area de Pasto estacionamiento de Santa Mar-  
garita Maria

Los esperamos traiga su silla o cobija

Santa Margarita Maria esta localizada 25511 Eshelman Ave Lomita CA

Juegos



# Bulletin Board<sup>13</sup>

## THE FAIR IS COMING THE FAIR IS COMING

### The St. Margaret Mary Lomita Fair

**TODAY, JUNE 28, VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP  
after all morning Masses in the patio**

The Fair is the largest fundraiser  
for our church

**PLEASE STOP BY TO FIND OUT  
HOW YOU CAN HELP**

#### FAIR DATES

Friday Sept. 11 through Sunday Sept. 13

(310) 908-2674 or

[lomitafair@yahoo.com](mailto:lomitafair@yahoo.com) or

<http://www.fair.stmargaretmarylomita.org>

**PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED**



**FRIDAY JULY 3 AND  
SATURDAY JULY 4  
IN HONOR OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

#### WOMEN'S SOCIETY UPDATE

The photos taken at last month's  
Mother/Daughter breakfast  
are available for pickup today  
after the 8 and 9:30 AM Masses

If you are unable to pick them up,  
call Elaine, (310) 835-0585

### Music Lessons for Children

*Twilla Lundeen, SMM Music Director*

#### Group Lessons

Keyboard (piano) and voice  
Ages 5 and up  
July 7 until mid-September

#### Private Lessons

Piano and voice  
Year round



Fliers available after Mass in the patio  
or from the Parish Office

For more information, contact  
Twilla, (310) 266-2285.

### MEXICAN BREAD

The Hispanic Community  
is selling Mexican Bread  
after all Masses during June and July  
to fund scholarships.

If interested in a scholarship,  
applications are available  
in the Parish Office  
or call (310) 326-3364

### CASINO TURN-A-ROUND BUS TRIP

Saturday, July 11, 2009

\$16 Each (Roundtrip)—Handicap Access Available  
Coffee, Donuts, Water, Snacks  
and Fun on the Bus Included

**TO:** Harrah's Rincon Casino, San Diego  
**LEAVE:** St Margaret Mary Church Parking Lot 7 AM  
**RETURN:** To SMMC Parking Lot by 5 PM

Organized by the San Lorenzo Guild  
of St. Margaret Mary Women's Society

Proceeds benefit the Society and SMMC Parish

Please RSVP ASAP—first come, first served  
Evelyn: (310) 818-1378 or Susan (310) 326-3364

**Second Friday Family Night**

### MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

July 10, 7 PM

Popcorn, soft drinks fun and games  
Bring your own chair or blanket  
St. Margaret Mary Grass Area

## DIRECTORY

### CLERGY

#### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Pat Thompson

#### Associate Pastors

Rev. Michael Meyer

Rev. Esteban Marquez

#### In Residence

Rev. Rodger Fikwamo

#### Deacons

Craig Siegman

Rick Soria

Dan Wallace

### STAFF

#### Parish Administrator

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

#### Religious Education

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

**CLOSED: July 3 and 4**

#### PARISH SCHOOL

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

#### BULLETIN

[SMMCbuletin@yahoo.com](mailto:SMMCbuletin@yahoo.com)

**Deadline: Monday noon**

Parish website:

[stmargaretmarylomita.org](http://stmargaretmarylomita.org)

## Reception For Father Michael

*Alas, we must bid farewell  
to our beloved Fr. Michael  
as he moves on to his new parish.  
St. Luke the Evangelist, Temple City*

*June 27, After 5 PM Mass*

*June 28, After All Masses*

*Father Hegarty Hall*

*All parishioners are invited to spend some time  
and share a few memories with him.*



### A TRIBUTE AND FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

When you arrived in July of 2004, Fr. Michael, you, at first, didn't seem eager to get close to us. Well, that just wasn't going to fly at St. Margaret Mary. You were our priest now, and we were going to surround you with love and care.

The first thing that became evident was your close relationship with children. Comes from being a teacher we imagine. Soon your name and "favorite priest" were being used together by many young people. This was especially true when the second graders made their first reconciliation. What was a scary proposition for the kids became less frightening when they were going to you. You just stroked your beard and said, "Who would be afraid of Santa Claus?" One year when a Girl Scout troop asked you to be the presider at their girls' first Communion, you changed personal plans so you could celebrate their first experience with the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We learned how important family was to you. You often shared your experiences of visiting your family in Long Beach. We remember your excitement when your sister was com-

ing to visit from South Africa, the disappointment when it seemed she might not come, and the renewed excitement when she came after all. We hope you consider us part of your extended family now and after you are gone.

We discovered your culinary expertise. When you donated a multi-course dinner to the Lomita Fair silent auction, the lucky winners of the dinner declared it to be a gastronomical event that has not been equaled.

Your talent from the ambo is also one of your strengths. So often you started your homily, "These may seem like simple readings but they have very deep meaning." Then you went on to bring out ideas that most of us would never conceive. Often they were a challenge and made us uncomfortable, but always, they made us better followers of Christ.

We know you will bring strength to your new parish. To let you know how much you have meant to us, we can only paraphrase your own closing words from Mass, "Go forth to serve the Lord and as always to love and serve others."

—Jim Hill