

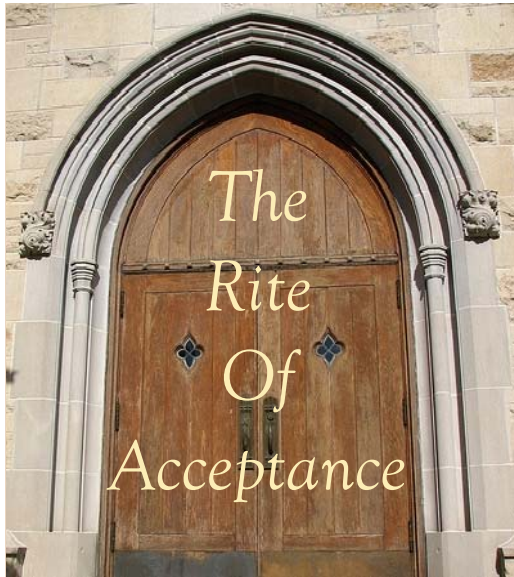
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009: 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



In the Rite of Acceptance, those wishing to answer God's call to baptism are met at the door of the Church by the baptized and welcomed to enter the Church's doors which symbolize transition and a new way of life in 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 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 (followed by 24 hour adoration)

Prayer Services

Rosary Monday—Friday 7 AM 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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Deacon Dan's Message

One of the things I hate to talk about is money! I don't think I am unique in this regard, in fact I think it is a tough subject for most of us.

'Money is the root of all evil', how many times have we heard that? In fact that quote is just plain wrong! We all need money to survive in this world, to pay for food, shelter, education, clothing, etc. We need money today in the same exact way people of the Old Testament and the time of Jesus did.

The correct quote is "The LOVE of money is the root of all evil." The word "love" places an emphasis on money before all other things. It has to do with where we place our energy and our priorities. I can say that I work hard to give my family the things they need but is that really true? In all honesty, when I think about all the times I spent working many hours, it was so that "I" could give them what "I" want, not just, what we need. It was about securing my own career and financial well being.

When I am trying to understand why things are just not working out the way I want them, these days I seem to be driven back to the greatest commandment that Jesus gave us, "Love God with your whole heart, with all your soul and with all your mind...and love your neighbor as yourself." This commandment can bring a balance to life if we just think about what it is we love and where God and neighbor fit in. While this commandment addresses all of life, I find that finances and possessions get in my way more often than not.

My attitude about money and possessions has to find a balance between meeting the needs of my family and helping to meet the needs of those who are not as fortunate. Our money and our possessions are a gift, a gift from God and all gifts from God are meant to be shared. Fr. Pat once said in a homily "In order to get into heaven, you need a letter of reference from the poor." Recently I read something that spoke to me in the same way, "the rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come."

The Bible tells us that we cannot serve God and

mammon (wealth as an idol). There is nothing wrong with making and having money, it is all about how we use this gift and what priority it has in our life.

It seems impossible to me, but it has been two years since I agreed to be the Parish Business Manager for our community and even though I have been a parishioner for over twenty six years, I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of the people who belong to this community. This generosity is shared in every aspect of our lives together, finances, caring for the sick and dying, teaching our youth, providing music for our celebrations, taking care of our facilities and in general, I cannot think of an area of life that the people of our St. Margaret Mary community don't share their gifts.

I think the parish finances are a lot like most families, certainly mine, on Friday, payday, we eat steak and potatoes (metaphorically) and by Thursday, after all the bills are paid, we eat macaroni and cheese! No matter what, God is present and meets our needs. The parish is the same way, on Monday we lay hands on the collections and give thanks for the faithfulness of this community and ask God to meet our needs and he does! By Saturday, we look forward to the blessings of the next collection.

As I come to the parish every day, I see the Gospel being answered by so many, you have chosen God and others before possessions and it is an example to all of us as we journey together in the Kingdom of God.

Mensaje del Diacono Dan

¡Una de las cosas de las que lamento hablar es el dinero! No pienso que soy único en este aspecto, de hecho pienso que esto es un tema duro para la mayor parte de nosotros.

¿El dinero la raíz de todo mal?, cuántas veces hemos oído esto? ¡De hecho esa frase solamente esta mal! Necesitamos el dinero para sobrevivir en este mundo, pagar para alimento, refugio, educación, ropa, etc. Necesitamos el dinero hoy del mismo modo exacto que la gente del Antiguo Testamento y el tiempo de Jesús hizo.

La frase correcta es “el AMOR al dinero es la raíz de todo el mal.” La palabra "amor" pone énfasis en el dinero antes de todas otras cosas. Esto tiene que ver donde colocamos nuestra energía y nuestras prioridades. ¿Puedo decir que trabajo mucho para dar a mi familia las cosas que ellos necesitan pero es realmente verdadero? En toda la honestidad, cuando pienso en todos los tiempos que gasté trabajando muchas horas, era de modo que “Yo” podía darles lo que “” quiero, no sólo, lo que necesitamos. Estaba sobre asegurando mi propia carrera y mis finanzas.

Cuando trato de entender por qué las cosas no trabajan de la manera que yo quiero, estos días parezco ser conducido atrás para el mayor mandamiento que Jesús nos dio, "Amen a Dios con todo su corazón, con toda su alma y con todo su mente...y amen a su vecino como usted mismo." Este mandamiento puede traer un equilibrio a la vida si sólo pensáramos que es lo que amamos y donde Dios y nuestro vecino caben. Mientras este mandamiento se dirige a toda vida, encuentro que las finanzas y las posesiones entran en mi camino más a menudo que no.

Mi actitud sobre el dinero y posesiones tiene que encontrar un equilibrio entre la reunión de las necesidades de mi familia y ayuda a encontrar las necesidades de aquellos que no son tan afortunados. Nuestro dinero y nuestras posesiones son un regalo, un regalo de Dios y todos los regalos de Dios se suponen ser compartidos. Padre Pat una vez dijo en su homilía “si queremos entrar en el cielo, usted necesita una carta de referencia del pobre.”

Recientemente leí algo que me habló del mismo modo, “el rico ayuda al pobre en este mundo, pero el pobre ayuda al rico en el mundo para venir.”

La Biblia nos dice que no podemos servir a Dios y mammon (riqueza como un ídolo). No hay nada incorrecto con que hagamos y tener el dinero, es todo sobre como usamos este regalo y que prioridad esto tiene en nuestra vida.

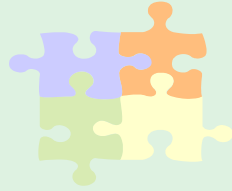
Me parece imposible, pero ya ha pasado dos años desde consentí en ser el Director Ejecutivo de la Parroquia para nuestra comunidad y aunque yo haya sido un feligrés durante más de veintiséis años, nunca dejo de estar asombrado en la generosidad de la gente que pertenece a esta comunidad. Esta generosidad es compartida en cada aspecto de nuestras vidas, finanzas, sintiendo cariño por el enfermo y moribundo, enseñando a nuestra juventud, proporcionando la música para nuestras celebraciones, teniendo cuidado de nuestras instalaciones y en general, no puedo pensar en un área de vida que la gente de nuestro St. Margarita María no comparte sus regalos.

¡Pienso que las finanzas de la parroquia se parecen mucho a las de la familia, ciertamente la mía, el Viernes, el día de paga, comemos filete y patatas (metafóricamente) y el Jueves, después de que todas las cuentas son pagadas, comemos macarrones y queso! Pase lo que pase, Dios está presente y encuentra nuestras necesidades. ¡La parroquia es el mismo camino, el lunes imponemos las manos en las colecciones y damos gracias por la fidelidad de esta comunidad y pedir a Dios encontrar nuestras necesidades y él hace! Antes del sábado, pensamos con mucha ilusión en las bendiciones de la siguiente colección.

Cuando vengo a la parroquia cada día, yo veo el Evangelio ser contestado por muchos, usted ha escogido a Dios y otros antes que posesiones y es un ejemplo a todos nosotros como nosotros viajamos junto en el Reino de Dios.

MINISTRY AWARENESS DAYS

SHARE, CARE AND GET INVOLVED



TODAY

At one time, like many Catholics I wasn't involved in the life of the parish. I came to Mass and left, without having any meaningful contact with another person. It wasn't until I become involved, that I realized just how much I was missing out on; for truly, it is by giving that we receive.

Ministry Awareness Days are held to provide information on the various ministry opportunities that are offered in our parish.

The Ministry Awareness Day that will take place TODAY, Sept. 27th will focus on Educational ministries.

Tables will be set-up in the patio area. Please stop by to learn more about the different ministry opportunities that our parish offers.

This is your opportunity to get involved, you'll be glad you did.

-Deacon Craig

Readings For The Week

Monday September 28

Reading 1: Zechariah 8:1-8
Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14
Gospel: John 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30

Reading 1: Nehemiah 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels
Reading 1: Baruch 1:15-22
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3

Reading 1: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
Gospel: Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 4

Reading 1: Genesis 2:18-24
Reading 2: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
1:00 PM on the grassy area of the parking lot.

Question of the Week

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."

What do I need to "cut off" in order to be a better sign of God's kingdom?

RCIA

What is the RCIA Rite of Acceptance ?

This Sunday our parish community will celebrate the first public ritual of the RCIA group who have expressed their desire to become a fully participating member of the Church. Some members of the group are **Inquirers**: people who have never been baptized in any faith and who now seek to become Catholics. Other members of the group are **Candidates**: baptized persons of another Christian faith who wish to join the Catholic Church, or baptized Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation).

At the 9:30 Sunday liturgy on September 27th, the group will knock on the door of the Church seeking admission. They will state their desire to become members of the Catholic Church, and will be invited in by Father in the name of the entire community. They will then be signed with the Cross of Christ to signify their new status as disciples and members of the household of faith.

The Mass will continue with the Scripture readings, the Gospel and the Homily, after which the new **Catechumens** will be dismissed to continue their study of the message of the Gospel. They will be given a Bible to help them walk this journey of faith in the light of God's Word. The Dismissal of the Catechumens will be at every 9:30 Mass from now until the Easter vigil.

Please welcome our new Catechumens and Candidates by your responses, prayers, singing and acclamations during this Mass and at the Dismissals on the following Sundays. Feel free to greet them and let them know you will be praying for them. Talk to them, and encourage them as they explore and learn what it is to be a Catholic!

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Will resume on the first Tuesday of November
7:30 PM in the Lounge

We will be exploring the Gospel of Luke

LAST CHANCE TODAY

Parent Commitment Meetings

A parent must attend 1 parent commitment meeting for their child registered in Religious Education (CCD) and/or Confirmation. The final offering is as follows:

Religious Education (K-8)

English @ 1:00 PM Spanish @ 2:00 PM

Meetings will be held in Hegarty Hall

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP

If only...

I could understand how to apply the scriptures to my daily living...

I could be more Christ-like...

I could find a way to strengthen and renew my faith...

I could find others looking for fellowship on our Christian journey...

YOU CAN! Please come join us (!!) at the next Small Christian Communities Faith Sharing meeting which will be held from 7 to 9pm on Thursday 8 October, 2009, at the Saint Margaret Mary Parish Center. We'll reflect upon and share our thoughts about the coming Sunday Scripture readings.

Please RSVP by 6 October. Call or email Roy and Carole Hardinge at 310-539-6027 or pmtroy@aol.com to confirm your attendance. The location of the meeting room will be provided when you RSVP.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with others and share and strengthen your faith! RSVP today!

¿POR QUÉ NOS PREOCUPAMOS?

Por Humberto Beltrán

Muchos de nosotros nos preocupamos por los problemas de la vida diaria, y por los acontecimientos que nos rodean si se dieron cuanta de hace más o menos un año una pareja en Wilmington mataron a sus hijos y después se mataron ellos, ¿por qué? Pues nada menos por la situación que estaban pasando. Muchos no tienen el coraje de enfrentar los problemas. Y optan según ellos por la salida más fácil.

Hay una lectura que dice: “Dios les da de comer a los pajaritos, viste las flores con los más bellos colores, y ellos no se preocupan de trabajar o de almacenar, cada día Dios les da lo que necesitan, y si nosotros somos sus hijos con mayor razón nos da todo lo que necesitamos”.

Otra cosa que nos desanima a seguir adelante es cuando algún proyecto se no viene abajo, lo que teníamos pensado no nos salió como pensábamos, y no solamente nos frustramos sino que nos enfermamos, agarramos enfermedades que el doctor no puede curar, como el colesterol, la diabetes, la alta presión, etc.

¡Aprendiendo a luchar frente a la adversidad!

Quiero compartir con ustedes un pensamiento muy bonito, que nos invita y alienta a seguir adelante, contra todas las adversidades y aunque sea difícil y doloroso hay que empezar desde cero, si es posible volver a intentarlo las veces que sea necesario, hay una lectura que dice si te dan una bofetada, pon la otra mejía, pero no hay que darle el significativo literal, sino que lo que nos quiere decir es que si fallamos una vez volvamos a empezar, que no haya ningún obstáculo que nos lo impida, bueno acerca del pensamiento aquí lo tiene.

¿Alguna vez se han puesto a observar a los pájaros ante las adversidades?

Están días y días haciendo su nido, recogiendo materiales a veces traídos desde muy lejos. Y cuando ya está terminado y están listos para poner los huevos, las inclemencias del tiempo o la obra del ser humano o de algún animal lo destruye y tira por el suelo lo que con tanto esfuerzo se logró. ¿Qué hace el pájaro? ¿Se amedrenta? ¿Se paraliza? ¿Abandona la tarea?

De ninguna manera. Vuelve a recomenzar, una y otra vez, hasta que logra que en el nido aparezcan los primeros huevos.

Muchas veces antes de que nazcan los pichones algún animal, un niño, una fuerte tormenta, vuelve a destruir el nido, pero esta vez con su precioso contenido.

Duele recomenzar desde cero. Pero aún así el pájaro jamás enmudece o retrocede, sigue cantando y construyendo, construyendo y cantando.

Algunas veces hemos sentido que nuestra vida, nuestro trabajo, nuestra familia, nuestros amigos no son los que soñábamos. Hemos querido decir o a veces lo hemos dicho ya basta, no vale la pena el esfuerzo, esto es demasiado para mí.

Nos sentimos cansados de recomenzar el desgaste de la lucha diaria, de la confianza traicionada, de las metas no alcanzadas cuando estamos a punto de lograrlo.

Por más que nos golpee la vida no debemos entregarnos nunca, oremos pongamos nuestra esperanza al frente y arremetemos. No hay que preocuparnos si en la batalla sufrimos alguna herida, es de esperar que algo así suceda. Juntemos los pedazos de nuestra esperanza, armémosla otra vez y adelante, como lo hace el pájaro.

Reflexión

No importa lo que pase, no nos desmayemos, sigamos adelante. La vida es un desafío constante pero vale la pena aceptarlo. Y sobre todo, cantemos, nunca dejemos de cantar y construir, aprendamos de los animales, todo lo que hay sobre la tierra nos lo puso Dios para que aprendiéramos de ellos, pongamos atención a todo y observemos con más atención.

Caminemos de la mano de Dios y todos nuestros problemas serán más livianos.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OUTREACH

Sunday was a full day for distributing lunches to our brothers and sisters. We made over 300 lunches this week and on each of our 3 routes we ran our before we are finished. Here in the Harbor area we passed out 135 lunches and we still did not have enough for our last stop. To put that number in perspective for you, a year ago we were distributing between 40-60 lunches locally.

On Wednesday our weekly distribution of food to families is also at an all time high. I share this with you because I was in a dilemma on Sunday when I met two different men locally who were living out of their motor homes. The first gentleman was a retired construction worker trying to live on a small social security check and pension. His small motor home was given to him by the fire department. He invited us in and just wanted to talk. He shared that no matter how frugal he was, he could not make his \$693 stretch out for the month. The second gentleman and his girlfriend were also living out of their mobile home; she worked a couple of days a week and he was a heavy machine driver and handyman and had been out of work for over 6 months. I wanted to invite both of them to come to our church to get help from our Christian Service Ministry but I knew we are close to maxed out with over 300 families that we provide for on a weekly basis.

It made me stop and think how fortunate we are for the support of markets and bakeries in our area. Without their donations we would never be able to provide the services that we do. Here is a list of the markets that help us when you go into their stores please thank them.

RALPHS #728 5035 PCH TORRANCE	RALPHS #88 2909 ROLLING HILLS RD TORRANCE	RALPHS #87 1050 N. WESTERN AVE SAN PEDRO	LOX OF BAGELS 24412 HAWTHORNE BLV. TORRANCE
VONS #3517 24325 CRENSHAW BLVD. TORRANCE	ALBERTSON'S 21035 HAWTHORNE BD TORRANCE	WHOLE FOODS MARKET 2655 PCH TORRANCE	JIMENEZ BAKERY 1111 PCH HARBOR CITY
SPROUTS 4230 PCH TORRANCE	TRADER JOES #243 28901 WESTERN BLVD RPV	PANERA 2733 PCH TORRANCE	TRADER JOES #121 19720 HAWTHORNE BLVD TORRANCE

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Did You Know?

Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children. Or please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213 637 7227

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October 4, 2009

October is Respect Life Month

This October is vitally important to the cause of "Respect Life."

The Tidings of 9-18-2009 has a Front Page Article "Obama's address on health care: Still mixed reaction." www.the-tidings.com/2009/091809/health.htm

Remember in Your Prayers

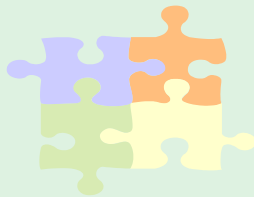
OUR SICK

Andrew De Boer

Linda Dingman

Bob Woodward

MINISTERIOS
DÍA DE CONOCER
 COMPARTA, INTERESESE Y ENVULVASE



HOY

En mi casa , como muchos otros Católicos no estaba envuelto en la vida de la parroquia. Vine a misa y me fui, sin tener ningún contacto significativo con otras personas. No fue hasta que no me envolví que me di cuenta cuanto me estaba perdiendo, por lo que damos nosotros recibimos.

Día de Conocer nuestros Ministerios provee información de los varias oportunidades que ofrecen los ministerios de nuestra parroquia.

Día de Conocer Nuestros Ministerios tendrá lugar HOY, Sept. 27 se enfocara en los Ministerios Educativos

Las mesas estarán el área del patio. Favor de para y aprender mas de los diferentes oportunidades que nuestra parroquia ofrece. Esta es una oportunidad para que ustedes se envuelvan, ustedes estará contento de hacerlo.

-Diacono Craig

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes, Septiembre 28

Lectura 1: Zacarías 8:1-8

Evangelio: Lucas 9:46-50

Martes, Septiembre 29

Lectura 1: Deuteronomio 7:9-10, 13-14

Evangelio: Juan 1:47-51

Miércoles, Septiembre 30

Lectura 1: Nehemías 2:1-8

Evangelio: Lucas 9: 57-62

Jueves, Octubre 1

Lectura 1: Nehemías 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12

Evangelio: Lucas 10:1-12

Viernes, Octubre 2

Lectura 1: Timoteo 1:15-22

Evangelio: Lucas 10:17-24

Sábado, Octubre 3

Lectura 1: Timoteo 4:5-12, 27-29

Evangelio: Lucas 10:17-24

Domingo, Octubre 4

Lectura 1: Génesis 2:18-24

Lectura 2: Hebreos 2:9-11

Evangelio: Marcos 10:2-16



BENDICION DE LOS ANIMALES

La Bendición anual de los Animales tendrá lugar el

SABADO, OCTUBRE 3

1:00 PM en el area del pasto.

Pregunta de la Semana

“ Si tu mano comete un pecado, córtatela.”

¿Porque necesito de “cortármela” para poder ser mejor signo del reino de Dios?

¿Sabía Usted?

Ayude a Reducir las Estadísticas del Abuso

Nacionalmente, más de 2 millones de informes sobre abuso o negligencia de menores de edad se hacen cada año. Entre 25%-50% de todos los niños tendrán una experiencia propia de alguna forma de abuso durante su niñez. Una de cada tres niñas será sexualmente abusada antes de cumplir la edad de 18 años y uno de cada cinco a siete niños será sexualmente abusado antes de cumplir los 18 años. Solamente un porcentaje pequeño del abuso de menores es reportado. Aprenda como identificar las sospechas de abuso o negligencia y como reportarlo a las autoridades apropiadas. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con el Comité Protegiendo a Los Niños de su parroquia.

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

CUIDADO CON LA GRIPE H1N1

Ahora que regresaron a la escuela, y entraron en contacto con otros niños, tienen que cuidarse del contagio de una gripe muy peligrosa, llamada **H1N1**, que estará haciendo de las suyas en el otoño e invierno. Así que para mantenerse alejados de ella tienen que lavarse las manos con jabón y agua muchas veces al día; no tocarte los ojos, oídos ni nariz con las manos sucias; limpiarte las manos con un gel desinfectante antes de comer, taparse la boca con el interior de tu codo cuando destornuden o tosan, y ausentarte de la escuela cuando estén con fiebre y muy agripados.

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

“EN EL MES DE LA CULTURA DE LA VIDA”

Harbor Pregnancy Help Center les hace una cordial invitación: Para la cadena de vida que se llevara a cabo el:

DOMINGO, 4 DE OCTUBRE, 2009

2:30 - 4:00 PM

En Avalon Blvd. & Pacific Coast Hwy

En Wilmington para mas información llamar

(310) 518-4135

Pueden invitar a toda la familia y amigos, también pueden traer sus propias sillas, sombrías y agua.

LA CADENA DE VIDA

Es una oración pacífica y piadosa donde la gente pro-vida esta orando de pie por una hora, para el aborto, esto es una señal que solidariza a toda la comunidad cristiana, ya que el aborto mata niños y la iglesia apoya la santidad de la vida humana desde el momento de la concepción.

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

Holy Name Society

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TODAY! RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Dracula and the American Red Cross Bloodmobile are in NEED of more volunteers to donate blood and save up to 3 lives! 5 donors from S.M.M.C. will win a set of 4 free tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

TOMORROW, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

8:15 AM MASS:

Holy Name Memorial Mass in honor of Mike Nieto, Martin Mosqueda & Lorence Gomez.

TOMORROW, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28th

Holy Name membership meeting.

DINNER 6:30 PM;

ROSARY 7 PM;

MEETING 7:30 PM!

PLEASE NOTE: Starting THIS month, our meetings will be held in HEGARTY HALL!!



Knights of Columbus

Council no. 7864

All insured and non-insured members who have not responded to the notices sent by Errol Viernes the current financial secretary, are asked contact him by September 30 2009 at (310) 749-7364;

Everyone is invited to pay a visit to the Parish Chapel for a moment of meditation this coming First Friday. The Chapel is open for all night adoration before the Blessed Sacrament starting at 8:00 PM..

For membership inquiries call Ralph Barba (310) 951-8762 , Robert Vazquez (877) 222-2821, and Armando Nava (310) 292-6761

For Insurance inquiries please call Ernie Literte 310 781 3048

COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY!

In Hegarty Hall until 11:00

This Morning -
Offered by the Filipino Community



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

First meeting Tuesday September 29th
St. Margaret Mary Room
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

For more information call Mary Erlandson
310-831-3082

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Join us Thursday Night
At 7:00 PM
Hegarty Hall

Enjoy an evening with other women
viewing a surprise video.
You may be the winner of a fabulous door prize
Or the 50/50 raffle.

See you there!!!

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Save the Date: November 7, 2009



ROSARY NOVENA FOR WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY

Holy Trinity Church
September 29-October 7
7:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Benediction every night



BOWLERS WANTED!

Thursday morning **FUN** at
Gable House Bowl from
9 AM to 11:30 AM

for any ladies, any age and no experience needed!!!

Join other ladies from SMM who take a break to chat. We're very low key - fun, fun, fun.

Call Molly Yanko (310)326-9212 for more information

THIS WEEK AT S M M

Monday, September 28

6pm Holy Name Meeting—St. Joseph Center
7pm Spanish Prayer Group - Hegarty Hall
7pm Welcome Baptism Class—SMM Room
7pm AA (Span) - Room B

Tuesday, September 29

7pm Fair Operation Meeting—Hegarty Hall
7pm Rel Ed Catechist Formation—St. Joseph Cntr
7pm Spanish Bible Study—SMM Room
7:30pm English Prayer Group—Room B

Wednesday, September 30

7pm Boy Scouts—St. Joseph Center
7pm Marriage Convalidation (Sp) - Good Shepherd
7pm Eucharistic Ministers (Span) - Lounge

Thursday, October 1

7pm Women's Society—Hegarty Hall
7pm English Welcome Baptism—SMM
7pm RICA Team—Room C

7pm Friday, October 2

7pm First Friday Mass—Hegarty Hall
7pm Sp. Welcome Baptism—SMM Room
7pm VIDA- Good Shepherd Room
7pm Singles—Lounge

Saturday, October 3

8am Spec. Ed Teacher Mtg—St. Joseph Center
9am Legion of Mary—Lounge

Sunday, October 4

9am Sp RE Parent Class—St. Joseph Center
9am RICA class—Youth Center
9am RICA class—Lounge
1:30pm AA(Eng) - Room C
2pm Confirmation Yr 2—Hegarty Hall

September 18, 2009

Deacon Dan Wallace,

I would like to thank you, your Church, and your parishioners for contributing to Fleming Middle School during the Lomita Fair. Please let everyone involved know that your support contributes to the success of our school. Once again, Fleming MS increased the API score to 737 points—a gain of 18 points this year alone. We here are proud to say we are Fleming Falcons and know our success is built on everyone involved including Saint Margaret Mary's Church.

Thank you again for your partnership and please feel free to let us know if we can be of assistance in your endeavors.

Sincerely,
Janice Hackett
Principal

SOUTH COAST INTERFAITH COUNCIL SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, November 1—SCIC 2009 Benefit Concert
November 15—Interfaith Unity Dinner

Watch this space for more information. These events are an opportunity to support the SCIC and to find out ways you can get involved in their many programs and activities.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Does your child love music?
Did you know research has shown that music enhances a child learning ability?

Twilla is teaching group keyboard and voice lessons after school in the music room. Keyboard classes are open to children ages 4yrs and up. (Keyboard classes are limited to 5 students per class.)

Voice classes are for ages 7yrs and up, however a singing class for younger children will be made available if enough people are interested.

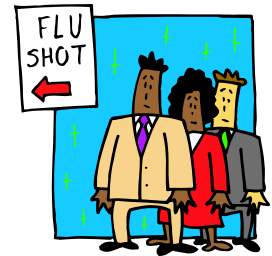
Private lessons are also open to a limited number of students.

For more information, please see Twilla after mass, or pick up a flyer for registration in the Parish Office.



FREE

Flu Shots for Seniors



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

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

7:30am-11:30am In the St. Joseph Center



Gratis



Vacunas de Gripe para Personas de la Tercera Edad

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

Miércoles, 7 de Octubre, 2009

7:30am-11:30am en el Salón San José

Free Flu Shots Provided by:

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19th Medjugorje Peace Conference

October 23-25—Bren Events Center, UC Irvine

*Medjugorje A message for the world:
"Persevere in faith...do not be afraid."*

Visionary Ivanka from Medjugorje will be present and speak of Our Lady's messages. The conference also offers beautiful liturgies, penance and healing services, Catholic teaching by renowned speakers, awe-inspiring testimonies and talented vocalist Mark Forrest in concert. See the entire program and registration form on www.Medjugorjeirvine.org or Phone 714-572-9779.

CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Catholic Bible Institute begins in December 2009. This is a 2 to 3 year course designed to prepare participants to lead Bible Study groups in their parishes. For more information about this program, co-sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese, and Loyola Marymount University, please contact Ms. Melinda Evangelista at the Office of Religious Education at (213) 637-7358

WORDNET TELEVISION: "The Power of Love"

This is a television program with Fr. Michael Manning, S.V.D., shown Wednesdays at 8:30 AM on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. People are invited to be in the studio audience for taping.

Wordnet announces its new Sunday Eucharist program to be shown on The Church Channel on Saturdays at 9:30 PM beginning Advent 2009. Taping will be Tues., Oct. 13 from 11—2:00. Call 888 496 7363 for Information about either taping. For schedule: www.wordnet.tv

"Beyond Crisis: From Panic to Possibility: An Empowerment Retreat" with Ms. Emma K. Lee.

Saturday, October 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

As many lose jobs, homes, and retirement funds, people are paralyzed by a crumbling world economy. By integrating spiritual practices and psychological principles, this retreat will empower participants to move beyond anxiety to action. Retreat includes lunch.

Cost if paid in full by Friday, October 2: \$60 per person. Cost after Friday, October 2: \$70 per person.

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center 377 4867 Ext. 234

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

There will be a South Bay / Lawndale Life Chain this year.

LOCATION: Lawndale, Intersection of Hawthorne Blvd. & 147th Street

DATE: SUNDAY, OCT 4TH

TIME: 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Your presence at the Life Chain will bear witness to the South Bay Community that Life Is Sacred.

Signs will be provided.

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life family event.

For more information call (310) 328-9220.

Archdiocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

A Spiritual Journey to the Holy Land

March 12-23, 2010

Led by Father Jack Stoeger, Spiritual Director of the House of Prayer for Priests. The group will visit the holy sites including Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Gethsemane and walk the via Dolorosa to Calvary. For information: Sister Mary Jean Meier, RSM (213) 637-7520.

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Contact Parish Office for:

- Sacrament of Baptism
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Deadline: Monday noon

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stmargaretmarylomita.org

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St. Margaret Mary Parish Retreat

Registrations will start next week for our annual Parish Retreats. The Men's Retreat will be held on October 24, 2009 and will be hosted by the Parish Deacons. The Women's Retreat will be held on November 14, 2009 and will be hosted by the Deacon Wives.

This will be an excellent opportunity to deepen and enrich your spiritual journey through reflection and sharing. Various topics will be presented by members of our parish family providing creative inspiration to help us recognize the Sacred in our everyday life.

The retreats will be from 8:30am – 4:30pm and held at The 103 Saints Korean Center in Torrance, our parish mission church.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES: Choose God's plan for you to be the most tender lovers you can be for the rest of your lives. Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend to keep your relationship a priority.

The next weekend is scheduled for November 6, 7 & 8, 2009. For more information and to register, call Jacob & Sarah Flores at (562) 923-7335 or go online at www.ilovemypouse.org.

WELCOME

New Parishioners

Teresa Bozeman

Karlos Arroyo

Matthew & Barbara Cuarenta

Joseph & Madhonna Stalin
Selvaraj

Jesus Arroyo & Laura Rogers

Scott & Jannette Griffiee

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