

Saint Raphael Church

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Masses

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes: 8:00 am
Wednesday and Friday/Miércoles y Viernes: 12:05 pm
Saturdays/Sábados: 5:30 pm Vigil
Sundays/Domingos: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm Español; 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass

Holy Days

Schedule of Holy Days varies.

Confessions

Saturdays/Sábados: 4:00-5:00 pm

Exposition

First Friday of every month, 24 Hours.
Primer viernes del mes, 24 horas.

LifeTeen & Confirmation

John Vasellina	Youth Minister	964-3466 x1
Claudia Renteria	Assoc Youth Minister	964-3466 x2

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your Servant is Listening

In today's first reading, Samuel hears the Lord's voice, but mistakes it for Eli's. Fortunately, Eli is familiar enough with the ways of the Lord to help Samuel make his response.

As we seek the Lord, it is good to have someone like Eli who is familiar with the Lord's voice. There are many voices that bid us "Follow this way," and the Lord's call is not always easy to discern. There are people, too, who would pretend to know the Lord and draw others to themselves rather than to God.

Eli could have taken advantage of Samuel's naïveté and claimed it was he who had summoned Samuel. But Eli claims neither to be God nor to speak for God. Instead, he encourages Samuel to listen for himself.

What Are You Looking For?

Perhaps the most profound line in all of today's readings is Jesus' question of the two disciples who begin to follow him. "What are you looking for?" he asks plainly and directly.

Finding the Messiah was partly a matter of what one was looking for. If one lived with the expectation of the Messiah's coming, there would be a certain alertness, a certain watchfulness to life, and a certain openness to God's movements. The two disciples had followed John the Baptizer, but as soon as John pointed to Jesus, they were ready to follow him.

It has been said that what we find in life is pretty much what we have sought. "What are you looking for?" is a challenging question for each of us to ask of ourselves. Our honest answer to this question can reveal much about our faith and our values. Those who, like Andrew and the other disciple, are looking for the Messiah will find the Messiah, dwelling now, as then, among the people. "Come and see!"

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Monday:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Orthodox Theophany (Epiphany)
Tuesday:	St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Inauguration Day
Wednesday:	St. Agnes
Thursday:	St. Vincent; Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person
Saturday:	St. Francis de Sales

The Lamb of God

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics would not know who in the Bible originally spoke this phrase. Some may be surprised that it appears in only one of the four Gospels, and after it is spoken two times, it never appears again. It is John the Baptist who twice utters this phrase in the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: We must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. Even though we do not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ (could Andrew have known the destiny of his brother?), that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church — one, holy, catholic, and apostolic — is to bring others to Christ. We do not seek attention, glory, or followers for ourselves, but only for the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (*1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19*).

Psalms — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (*Psalms 40*).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (*1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20*).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (*John 1:35-42*).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

Parish Community News

2008 Donation Statements

As the new year has begun, we realize many of you need your donation records for 2008 for tax purposes. We will be glad to help out. However, due to our current under-staffing, we will only be providing statements to those who request them. To request your statement, please call Maria in the Parish Office with your envelope number, if available. We will be printing and mailing statements during the last week of January, so it is important that you call **no later than Friday, January 23**.

Thank you for your patience, and Happy 2009 from all of us!

Information for Eucharistic Ministers

Plan to attend a General Meeting on Tuesday, **January 27** at 7:00 pm in the church.

Please contact Maureen **by February 1** with any changes to your availability for the MAR-APR-MAY schedule. If you are returning from an absence, please advise your availability to be scheduled again.

Please provide Maureen with your current contact information, such as email or mailing address if it has changed since July 2006. Ministers who have joined after July 2006, please provide your current mail and email addresses. Data lost on a computer is being rebuilt.

We thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous gift of the 2009 parish calendar.



This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, January 18

Life Teen Mass, Church, 5:30 pm, PC afterwards

Monday, January 19

Confirmation Year 1, PC, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 20

Spanish Bible Study, PC, Multipurp. Rm., 7:00 pm
Divine Mercy Group, Church, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 21

Religious Education (English), 6:00 pm
St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 22

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
The Edge, PC, Rm. A/B, 7:00 pm

Friday, January 23

Grupo de Oración, PC, Rm. A/B, 7:00 pm

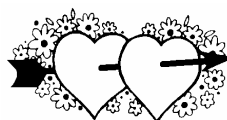
Saturday, January 24

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

Sunday, January 25

Life Teen Mass, Church, 5:30 pm, PC afterwards

PC=Parish Center



Hold the Date!

There will be a Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance for adults on Saturday, **February 14**, 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Check next week's bulletin for more information!

Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Bruce

This year we will spend the first night only on the Book of Revelation and then follow with a study of the Acts of the Apostles. **Begins** Wednesday, **March 4**, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15 to cover materials. Please pay when registering. The **deadline to register** is **February 15**. Make check payable to St. Raphael Church (with "Lenten Bible Study" in the memo line).

Fr. Bruce Lenten Bible Study Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Amount enclosed: _____ Check #: _____ Date: _____

Must be received into Parish Office by February 15, 2009 to ensure your materials and enrollment.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in every generation
you provide ministers of Christ and the Church.

We come before you now,
asking that you call forth more men
to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.
Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people
gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to
be a truly Eucharistic Church,
strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ,
your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are
generous in their service,
willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your
greater glory
and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the
Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord

Amen

Vocation Information

A Priesthood Discernment Retreat is offered twice a year for men with a college degree who are considering the diocesan priesthood. Call Fr. James Forsen at (213) 637-7515 or email: frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org.

Additionally, a network of 13 discernment groups throughout the Archdiocese has been established to give you support and guidance. For the location of the group meeting in your area, contact the Office for Vocations at (213) 637-7248. www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html

St. John's Seminary — Access the seminary website at www.stjohnsem.edu.



Adult Confirmation and Eucharist — An Adult Formation class led by Father Mark will take place on the following **Fridays: February 6, 13, 27, and March 6, 13, 20, 27** at 7:00 pm (until 8:30 pm) in the Parish Library. Anyone 21 or older in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to contact the Parish Office, **967-5641**, to pre-register. A confirmation letter of intent to enroll in the class will be sent this month. In order to prepare for your attendance please request a copy of your baptismal certificate from your church of baptism.

Mass Intentions

January 17, 2009 — January 23, 2009

Jan 17	Sat	Vigil	5:30 pm	Veronica DuKat (D)
Jan 18	Sun		7:30 am	Lupe Garcia (L)
			9:30 am	Our Parish Community
			11:00 am	In Thanksgiving to Baby Jesus
			12:30 pm	Adalberto & Maria Felicitas Gutierrez (D)
			5:30 pm	The Terry Sliger Family
Jan 19	Mon		8:00 am	Ed & Janet Page (L)
Jan 20	Tues		8:00 am	Michael McPhail (D)
Jan 21	Wed		8:00 am	Lucy McClintock (D)
			12:05 pm	Maria Jesusita Morales (D)
Jan 22	Thu		8:00 am	Isabel Skelcher (D)
Jan 23	Fri		8:00 am	Daniel Horta (D)
			12:05 pm	John Yee (D)

Devotions

Circle of St. Therese Women's Apostolate — Monthly fellowship and prayer. Contact Lisa at **967-2152**.

Disalced Carmelites Secular Order — Usually meets 2nd Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 9:30 am. Call Reid or Nancy at **681-7150**.

Divine Mercy Group — Meets monthly at 7:00 pm in the church. Next meeting is Tuesday, **January 20**. Contact Martha at **964-4945**.

Grupo de Oración — Fridays in the Parish Center, Rm. B, 7:00 pm.

"Intercessors of the Lamb" Prayer Group — Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Lounge.

Lay Apostle Prayer Group — Monthly "Hour of Holiness" (silence and rosary). Contact Cindy at **967-4511**.

Praise & Worship — Wednesdays in the Conference Room, 7:30 pm.

Rosary Group — Thursdays in the Crying Room, after 8:00 am Mass.

St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group — Wednesdays, in the church, 6:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to join us on **Friday, February 6** (and every first Friday of the month). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00 am on Friday, **February 6** until Solemn Benediction at 8:00 am on Saturday, February 7. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together at 3:00 pm on Friday. If you sign up for a Holy Hour, it is important that you come at your committed time. For more information, please call **967-7391**.

Saint Raphael School
"From The Principal's Desk"

Dear Parishioners,

Nationally, we celebrate Catholic Schools' Week, January 25 – January 30. Our school always celebrates with an "Open House" on Monday, **January 28** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We extend an invitation to families that are interested in providing their children with a Catholic education. Passing down the faith and spiritually forming children in our Catholic tradition, service to others, Gospel values, discipleship, family values, and call to ministry has been the mission entrusted to Catholic education for over a century! As we continue this mission, we also are committed to maintaining a quality education with high academic standards as evidenced by our high national test scores.

St. Raphael School is dedicated to the spiritual formation of each student. Our school community strives to nurture the growth of the whole child by instilling Catholic values that foster each student's unique spiritual, moral, intellectual, psychological, social, and physical growth. We achieve this goal through our school-wide learning expectations and the continued support of our clergy, principal, teachers, staff, parents, and parish community.

How blessed St. Raphael's Parish is to have a vibrant Parish School with Pre-School through 8th grade that ensures our traditions of faith are passed on daily to our students. We thank the parishioners who value an educational institution that nurtures the spiritual formation of every child. Thank you for supporting this gift to our parish and to society sorely in need of Christ's values and mission to the poor. Developing the whole child is expressed in our Mission statement which incorporates the parish community.

St. Raphael's School celebrates Catholic Schools' Week with wonderful activities that nurture the whole child. The theme "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service" reflects the students and parents at St. Raphael School as evidenced by their generosity to the Tea Fire Victims, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving/Christmas projects, and bi-monthly outreach programs to the needy demonstrated by every grade. We are proud to celebrate pride in our parish school.

Kindergarten and Pre-K KinderKlasse Evaluations

Please contact the School Office at **967-2115** and ask for the registrar. The School Office needs to have information for our appointment scheduling by **January 20**. You will need to bring State Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and Immunization Record to your appointment.

Sociable Seniors

There will be no meeting in January. Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, **February 18**. Check upcoming bulletins for details. Questions? Call Bea at **964-2431**.



~ The Senior Travelers ~

Check upcoming bulletins for information on trips.

Important! — Two waivers per person are required for all participants on trips. This is an Archdiocesan requirement. **These waivers must be submitted at the time of payment.** No checks or reservations will be accepted unless the two signed waivers are included.

It is the Sociable Seniors policy to offer these trips to active members. Additional space, when available, can be offered to family members and friends.

If you have suggestions for trips, need info, or to request a newsletter, please call Joan Magenheimer, **967-5444**. Leave your name **and** phone number; please speak slowly and clearly! Thank you.

Sister Mina's Bible Study

We are studying the Gospel According to John. New members welcome. Class usually meets on Wednesdays (except the third Wednesday of the month), 10:00 am to 11:30 am in Room A/B of the Parish Center.



Protecting Our Children

Take the Child Safety Quiz

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's website offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC Web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at **(213) 637-7650**.

Need help?

Call St. Vincent de Paul: **683-8535**.

Parish Office and Catholic Community News

Parish Staff and Office Hours — The Parish Staff is usually available to serve you during the following hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30-11:30 am/ 12:30-7:30 pm, Friday: 8:30-11:30 am/12:30-5:00 pm, Saturday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am-2:00 pm. After hours **emergency** pager: 897-6371.

Room Scheduling Procedure — Requests for room space at St. Raphael are accepted **in writing** on the forms available in the Parish Office. Requests are processed one day a week (on Mondays).

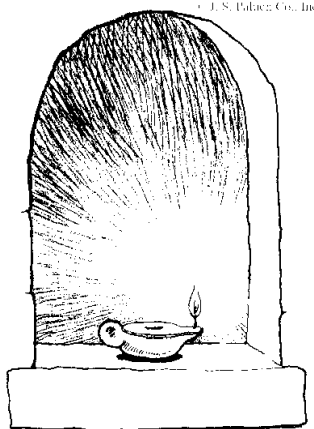
Building Fund for Saint Raphael Parish

A Building Fund was established in May 2008 to cover several parish improvement projects (new school roof, school fumigation, property line fence, and parking lot repairs), which will cost nearly \$300,000.

As of 11/30/08, we have collected \$137,681.00, which includes \$30,000 from the Saint Raphael School Development Committee. All money collected is considered restricted for these projects only and will remain at Saint Raphael's. In this economy, everything seems to be pulling at us from all directions. Please consider this important need and pray about how you may be able to help.

** Please remember to use a **yellow Building Fund envelope** available in the vestibule of the church and to **write "Building Fund"** on the **memo line** of your check. **

Thank you for your prayers and for your generosity.



We have found the Messiah

Catholic Community News

Annual Respect Life Mass — Saturday, **January 24**, 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles. Music: Shantigarh Requiem for the Unborn.

Bishop Garcia Diego High School Annual Open House — Sunday, **January 25**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Parents and students of all ages are welcome. Opening remarks begin at 1:00 pm, followed by faculty presentations of your choice. 4000 La Colina Rd. Visit www.bishopdiego.org.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner — **January 28** at Bishop Garcia Diego High School Gym. No-host cocktails at 6:00 pm; dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Ray Charpentier at **(805) 568-0123** or Dan Knauss at **(805) 964-2442**. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club.

Church Women United — Meeting **February 6**, at 10:30 am, Christ Lutheran Church, 6595 Covington Way (on the corner of Los Carneros) in Goleta. Mary Jo Durenberger will speak on the work of Catholic Charities. There will also be a Bible Study. Please bring a sandwich. Beverage, salad and dessert will be provided.

Marriage Encounter — The next weekend is **February 6-8** in Woodland Hills. For more info or to sign up, call **(805) 648-4244**, email info@wwme-la-north.org, or visit www.wwme-la-north.org.

Regional Anniversary Masses — World Marriage Day is February 8. Bishop Curry will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, **February 8**, 2:30 pm at St. Louis de Montfort Church in Santa Maria and Sunday, **February 15**, 3:30 pm at San Buenaventura Mission in Ventura.

Tea Party — Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host their annual "Elegant Valentine's Day Tea Party" on Friday, **February 13**, 2:00 pm at Serra Hall, 2210 Garden St. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. This event sells out fast! Call Yvonne Connolly at **687-6746** or **896-4783**, or call Judy Manriquez **687-5959** or **451-1717**.

Religious Education Congress — **February 28** (Youth Day), **through March 2** in Anaheim. For info or to register, call the R.E. Congress info line at **(213) 637-7348**. You can register online at www.RECongress.org.

Catholic Counseling — Sliding scale fee based on family income. For more information, call **965-7045 x102** (English) and **extension 114** for Bilingual-Spanish.

Life Network — Pregnancy options, parenting/adoption support. All info is free and confidential. Call **967-9096**.

Saint Raphael Youth Ministry

St. Raphael's "Teen" Confirmation Program

This program takes two years to complete. Both years, the candidates meet in small groups taught by adult and peer leaders. This approach teaches the candidates more about their faith while letting them explore their own spirituality. Classes meet monthly from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Candidates are also required to attend "Large Group Gathering" nights with their sponsor. These are held four times a year, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For information, call John, **964-3466 x1**, or email: srym12@yahoo.com.



The Edge — 7th and 8th Grade Youth Ministry — Junior High students are perched on the edge of many changes in their lives. We want every Junior High student to have the opportunity to be "plugged-in" to a solid Catholic Church program that supports and fosters their spiritual, social and emotional growth. The Edge usually meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. The EDGE starts in October and is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Call **964-3466 x1**.

The Youth Ministry is looking for adult and young adult leaders to help with our Jr. High (7th and 8th grade) program, "The EDGE" which meets twice a month, typically on the first and third Thursday of the month from October to May. To volunteer, call John at **964-3466 x1**.

XLT — We are all searching for truth. We are all searching for love. We are all searching for Jesus! **XLT** is a powerful "praise experience" attended by high school teens and adults from parishes all around Santa Barbara. Encounter the living Christ through praise, fellowship, inspiring talks, and His True Presence in Eucharistic Adoration. Parish Center, Rm. A/B, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, after 5:30 pm LIFE TEEN® Mass. **Dates will be announced in advance.**

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-26)

For info about the Young Adults Group, contact Phyllis at **692-1546**.



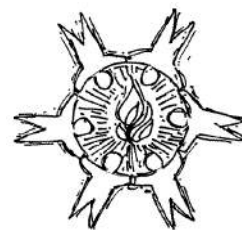
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

LIFE TEEN® Mass — All High School teens are invited to celebrate the Eucharist in this special Liturgy geared toward young people. The goal is to bring teens closer to Christ through Jesus in the Eucharist. People of all ages are invited to join us at 5:15 pm for Praise and Worship. LIFE TEEN® Mass is every Sunday evening, 5:30 pm. High School Life Night immediately follows.

Life Nights for High School Teens grades 9-12 — This group meets every Sunday evening, 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm after the LIFE TEEN® Mass. It gives teens an environment in which to explore their faith and nurture their relationship with God. A typical session includes ice-breaker games, activities, discussions centered on the night's topic, and prayer. For info, call John at the Youth Ministry Office, **964-3466 x1**, or email srym12@yahoo.com.

Please Pass the Mustard — The Sunday Night High School Life Night needs people to provide food for about 75 people. Please consider signing up for once a month or however often you can help! Food is eaten after the 5:30 pm LIFE TEEN® Mass, and meals can be very simple. Call John at **964-3466 x1** for more information. Thank you!

You Can Help Our Teens! — Friends of LIFE TEEN is a group of people who have become donors for the High School LIFE TEEN and Youth Ministry programs. These individuals have chosen our LIFE TEEN program as an organization worth donating to (above and beyond their regular contribution to the church). If you are interested in finding out more about Friends of LIFE TEEN or would like to become a donor, call Mike Murphy at **453-7242**.



Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Tu Siervo Escucha

En la primera lectura de hoy, Samuel escucha la voz del Señor, pero cree que es Helí. Afortunadamente, Helí está suficientemente familiarizado con los caminos del Señor y ayuda a Samuel a responder.

Cuando buscamos al Señor, es bueno tener a alguien como Helí que reconoce la voz del Señor. Hay muchas voces que nos invitan a "seguir el camino", y el llamado del Señor no es siempre fácil de discernir. Hay personas, también, que pretenden conocer al Señor y atraen a otros hacia ellos, no hacia Dios.

Helí pudo haberse aprovechado de la inocencia de Samuel y decirle que era él quien lo llamaba. Pero Helí ni dice ser Dios ni hablar por Dios. En cambio, anima a Samuel a escucharlo él mismo.

¿Que Buscan?

Quizás la línea más profunda en todas las lecturas de hoy es la pregunta de Jesús a los dos discípulos que comienzan a seguirlo. "¿Qué buscan?" les pregunta sencilla y directamente.

Encontrar al Mesías dependía parcialmente de lo que uno buscaba. Si uno vivía a la expectativa de la llegada del Mesías, habría cierto estado de alerta, cierta observación de la vida, y cierta apertura a las manifestaciones de Dios. Los dos discípulos habían seguido a Juan el Bautista, pero tan pronto Juan les mostró a Jesús, estuvieron listos para seguirlo.

Se ha dicho que lo que encontramos en la vida es casi siempre lo que buscamos. "¿Qué buscas?" es una pregunta retadora que debemos hacernos a nosotros mismos. Nuestra honesta respuesta a esta pregunta puede revelar mucho sobre nuestra fe y nuestros valores. Quienes, como Andrés y el otro discípulo, buscan al Mesías encontrarán al Mesías habitando ahora, como entonces, en medio de la gente. "¡Vengan y vean!"

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Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

- domingo:** Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
- lunes:** Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.;
Teofanía (Epifanía) Ortodoxa
- martes:** San Fabián; San Sebastián; Día de la
Instalación del Presidente
- miércoles:** Santa Inés
- jueves:** San Vicente; Día de penitencia por las
violaciones a la dignidad de la persona
- sábado:** San Francisco de Sales

Cordero de Dios

"Este es el Cordero de Dios". Escuchamos esta frase todos los domingos en la misa pero es muy probable que muchos católicos no sepan quién la pronunció originariamente en la Biblia. A algunos les puede sorprender ver que aparece solamente en uno de los cuatro Evangelios y, después de que se la dice dos veces, no vuelve a aparecer. Juan Bautista es quien dice dos veces esta frase en el Evangelio según san Juan. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Juan proclama que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios y entonces dos de los discípulos de Juan siguen a Cristo. Un poco más tarde Andrés, quien escuchó a Juan y siguió a Jesús, lleva a su hermano Simón para que reciba un nuevo nombre: Kefás, es decir Pedro. Si estudiamos a fondo estos versículos de la Biblia vemos la misión de todos los bautizados en el Cuerpo de Cristo: Siempre debemos proclamar nuestra fe en Cristo, para que otros lo sigan. Quizás no sepamos de qué manera la voluntad de Dios obrará en los que llevamos a Cristo (¿Podría Andrés conocer el destino de su hermano?), pero eso no es lo importante. Lo que importa es que nuestra misión constante como Iglesia (una, santa, católica y apostólica) es llevar a otras personas a Cristo. No buscamos recibir atención, gloria ni seguidores, toda la atención, la gloria y los seguidores son para el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — "Habla, Señor, tu siervo te escucha" (*1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19*).

Salmo — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (*Salmo 40 [39]*).

Segunda lectura — Tu cuerpo es un templo del Espíritu Santo (*1 Corintios 6:13-15, 17-20*).

Evangelio — Los primeros discípulos empiezan a seguir a Jesús y declaran que es el Mesías (*Juan 1:35-42*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Mc 2:18-22

martes: Heb 6:10-20; Mc 2:23-28

miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mc 3:1-6

jueves: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Mc 3:7-12, o cualquier lectura de la misa "Por la paz y la justicia," nos. 887-891

viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Mc 3:13-19

sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mc 3:20-21

domingo: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24); 1 Cor 7:29-31;

Mc 1:14-20 o para la Conversión de San Pablo: Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116); 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 16:15-18

Noticias de la Parroquia

Informe Anual de Donaciones 2008

Al comenzar este nuevo año, nos damos cuenta que muchos de ustedes necesitarán el Informe anual de sus donaciones del año 2008, para hacer su declaración de impuestos. Estaremos felices de ayudarlos. Sin embargo, debido a que actualmente estamos escasos de personal, proporcionaremos estos informes sólo a aquellas personas que lo soliciten. Para requerir dicho informe, deben llamar a María, en la Oficina de la Parroquia y darle su número de sobre. Estaremos imprimiendo los informes y enviándolos por correo, durante la última semana de enero. Es muy importante que usted llame el **viernes 23 de enero**.

Gracias por su paciencia y ¡Feliz Año 2009 para todos ustedes!

Adoración de la Eucaristía — Invitamos a todos ustedes a unirse a nosotros el **viernes 6 de febrero (y el Primer Viernes de cada Mes)** para la Adoración de la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto ese día viernes **6 de febrero**, desde las 8 de la mañana hasta la Bendición Solemne, a las 8 de la mañana del sábado 7 de febrero. El viernes 6 de febrero, a las tres de la tarde, rezaremos la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. Si usted se registró para una Hora Santa, es importante que esté presente a la hora señalada. Se requiere que por lo menos dos personas estén presentes en la Adoración. Si necesita más información, por favor llame al teléfono **967-7391**.

El Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa en Anaheim — Esta vez el Congreso se llevara a cabo los días **26 de febrero (Jornada Juvenil) al 1 de marzo del 2009**. ¡No se lo pierda! Inscríbase lo antes posible a este enriquecedor fin de semana. Para mas información o inscripción, comunicarse a nuestra línea de información del Congreso al **(213) 637-7346** o visitarnos en nuestro pagina de red www.RECongress.org.

Protegiendo a los Niños — Los padres, guardianes y los adultos que cuidan niños enfrentan retos constantes al intentar ayudar a mantener a los niños más seguros al paso rápido del mundo hoy en día. El National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) ofrece recursos fáciles de utilizar que le pueden ayudar a resolver estos retos. La página de Internet del NCMEC ofrece una gama de información práctica para los padres y guardianes que ayudara a mantener a los niños seguros de cualquier daño. Visite la página de Internet del NCMEC y haga clic en donde dice "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com. Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al **(213) 637-7650**.

Grupo de Oración — Se juntan todo los viernes en el Centro Parroquial, Salón B, a las 7:00 de la noche. Todos están bienvenidos.

Anuncio — Grupo de estudio de Biblia. Se reúne todos los martes de 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm en el salón de usos múltiples. Todos son bienvenidos.

Cambios en el Procedimiento para Requerir Salas Los requerimientos para el uso de las diferentes Salas en San Rafael, se aceptarán sólo por escrito utilizando los formularios (de color naranja), disponibles en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Las solicitudes serán procesadas los lunes de cada semana. Agradecemos de antemano su entendimiento y paciencia ya que tratamos de hacer de éste, un proceso menos complicado, con buena comunicación y con los menos errores posible.

Caridades Católicas — ¡Buenas Noticias! Los servicios de las Caridades Católicas permamanecen abiertas. Al oír que estos servicios se terminarían por falta de fondos, una persona anónima hizo una donación muy generosa para seguir con estos servicios. Los honorarios dependen de los ingresos de las familia. Para más información, llame al teléfono **(805) 965-7045 extensión 114**.

¿Es usted viudo/a, separado/a o divorciado/a? — Hay una pena especial para los que se encuentran solos otra vez. ¡Ahora hay ayuda! Para mas información llame a Arcelia Vargas **(909) 599-3662** (después de las 6 pm) o joyfulagv@juno.com.

Red de Vida — ¿Conoce a alguien que está en estado de preñez no planificada? Por favor sugiera llamar a Red de Vida, **967-9096**. Toda la información es libre y confidencial. Red de Vida ofrece: opciones para el embarazo, consejos, apoyo para crianza y adopción y grupos de apoyo posterior al aborto.

Vocaciones — Dos veces al año, se ofrece un Retiro de Discernimiento Sacerdotal para varones con grado universitario, que estén considerando el sacerdocio diocesano. Los interesados pueden llegar el día anterior y asistir a las clases y ver cómo se desarrolla un día normal en el Seminario. Para más información, póngase en contacto con Padre James Forsen, vía correo electrónico: frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org o telefónicamente al **(213) 637-7515**. Adicionalmente, se ha establecido una red de 13 grupos de discernimiento a través de la Arquidiócesis, para darles apoyo y orientación vocacional. Para saber dónde exactamente, en su área, estos grupos se reunirán, por favor visite: www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html o llame a la Oficina para Vocaciones: **(213) 637-7248**.

¿Necesita Ayuda? Recuerde llamar al **683-8535**, San Vicente de Paul.

Parish Directory

Directorio de la Parroquia

Adult Education (English):

Bible Study, Adult: Sr. Mina Riggs, 683-9090 x5
Confirmation: Fr. Mark Strader, 967-5641

Adult Education (Spanish):

Bible Study: Marina Rodriguez, 967-7432

Altar Servers: Deacon Wayne Rascati

Baptism: Register at the Parish Office.

Bautismos en Español: Regístrate en la oficina Parroquial.

Bereavement Committee: Noël Fuentes, 683-9090x7

Catecismo Bilingüe: Ana Cervantes, 967-1641 x4

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Nancy Panizzon, 964-5462

Comite de Liderazgo Hispano: Jesus Lopez, 685-9427

Confirmation, Youth: John Vasellina, 964-3466 x1

Early Childhood Education: Cecilia Marks, 968-6008

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration: First Friday of every month, 24 hours. Margaret Priest, 967-7391

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mass: Maureen Espinoza, 968-0915; email: 10s4menu@cox.net

To the Sick/Homebound: Sister Mina Riggs, 683-9090x5

Eucharistic Ministry (Spanish):

Mass: Carlos Sanchez, 570-1838, or Estela Santos, 683-6542

To the Sick/Homebound: Carlos Sanchez, 570-1838 or Anna Lopez, 689-5087

Evangelización: Maria Pacheco, 692-9220

Finance Council: Ron Cortez, Gordon Durenberger, Marie Mlodzik, Ralph Modugno, Glenn Scheel, Terry Strickler, Tony Vallejo

Grupo de Oración: Jesús Lopez, 685-9427

Guadalupanos: Gustavo Gutierrez, 964-9545

Jail Ministry (Restorative Justice): Marciano Avila, 898-7008

JustFaith: Melissa Colborn, 964-4570

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Dan Knauss
4th Degree: Jack Turney

Lectors: Charles Kriech, 967-8886

Life Network: 967-9096

Liturgia Dominical Para Niños: Arcelia Hinojosa, 696-6525

Liturgy Ministry Committee: Melissa Colborn, Maureen Espinoza, Arcelia Hinojosa, Charles Kriech, Nancy Kunze, Bernardo Lule, Jesús Lopez, Marie Lundfelt, Nancy Panizzon, John Vasellina, Ray Zaida

Liturgy Planning: Fr. Bruce Correio, Fr. Mark Strader, Melissa Colburn, Noël Fuentes, Marie Lundfelt, Dorothy Turner

Monaguillos: Jesús Lopez, 685-9427 y Diácono Wayne Rascati

Parish Council: Sam Alfano, Peter Devoy, Mell Hueston, Brian Klinge, Robert Marks, Manny Rey, Lars Schmidt, Terry Strickler, Carlos Valenzuela, Mark Vampola, Tad Varesio

Parish Office/Oficina de la Parroquia: 967-5641. M-Th 8:30-11:30 am/12:30-7:30 pm, Fri 8:30-11:30 am / 12:30-5 pm, Sat 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Sun 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Pastoral Care: Call the Parish Office, 967-5641

Praise & Worship: Ray Lyra, 684-5373

Presentación de Niños a los Tres Años de Edad: Los segundos domingo después de la Misa de 12:30 pm

Preschool: Jo Bittner, 967-4435

Quinceañeras: Lupe Luna Martinez, 637-9280 (cell)

Religious Education (CCD):

English Coordinator: Karen Froelicher, 967-1641 x3
Bilingual Coordinator: Ana Cervantes, 967-1641 x4

Respect for Life: Rita Duley, 964-0121

RCIA: Parish Office, 967-5641

Rosary Makers: Janet Fanucchi, 964-7288

Military Rosary Makers: Janet Fanucchi, 964-7288

Safeguard the Children: Lupe Luna Martinez, 637-9280

School: Principal, Ellen Manning, 967-2115,
school email: sraph@sbceo.org.

School of Religion (CCD): See *Religious Education*

St. Raphael Bowling League: Eleanor Paulazzo, 968-5240

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 683-8535

Scouting:

Boy Scouts: Glenn Schiferl, 964-6013,
www.goleta105.com

Girl Scouts/Brownies: Rebecca Aasted, 683-1064
Brownie Troop 204: Liz Ruelman, 740-1578

Cub Scouts: Mark Vampola, 968-9815

Venture Crew: Joe Bauer, 967-2211

Sociable Seniors: Bea Scheel, 964-2431

Spanish Liturgy Coordinator: Dr. Roberto Pacheco, 687-1106

Ujieres/Hospitalidad: Bernardo Lule, 964-9194

Ushers/Hospitality: Ray Zaida, 968-4895

Women's Auxiliary: Parish Office, 967-5641

Word and Life: Alice MacDonald, 967-4013,
www.wordandlife.us

Youth Ministry: John Vasellina, 964-3466x1,
email: srym12@yahoo.com

Changes? Incorrect? Add a number? Contact the Parish Office: **967-5641**

Parish Registration

Name (Mr., Mr. & Mrs., Mrs., Miss): _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Names and birth dates of children residing at home: _____

Would you like church envelopes? _____