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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
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Time is Short

A sense of urgency is reflected in all of today's readings. Jonah warns the Ninevites, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Paul reminds the Corinthians that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims that "this is the time of fulfillment." There is no denying that we humans tend to respond more readily to an urgent request; we seem to be much more motivated by something that must be done right now. This tendency makes it all too easy to put off less urgent things: "Oh, we've got time for that later."

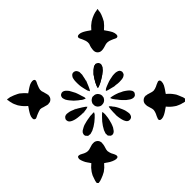
For the people in Jonah's day, for the people of Jesus' time and Paul's time, the end was believed to be imminent. The words of the prophets and reformers frequently tried to evoke a sense of urgency.

We don't know, of course, how much time we have as individuals or as nations to reform our ways, but it's safe to say that there's less time left today than there was yesterday. Today's readings may be inviting us to revise our priorities.

Believe in the Good News

Jesus' urgent message to the people of Galilee contains two important declarative statements. The command to "repent" is commonly heard. Far less common is a command that requires the hearer to have faith. Yet Jesus says, "Believe in the gospel" (*Mark 1:15*). This is not a request or a suggestion. He does not say, "I hope you can believe" or "Would you consider believing?" Baptized Christians, believers by definition, are to live their lives as if their beliefs mattered. That is why we must repent as well as believe. Whatever our calling in life, our families, neighbors, friends, and co-workers should all be able to tell that we believe in the gospel by the way we live the gospel. Time is too short to do otherwise.

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Timothy and St. Titus

Tuesday: St. Angela Merici

Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: St. John Bosco

The Demands of Discipleship

Christmas is less than a month behind us, but today we are encountering readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus calls out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. Even though it is easy to misunderstand these Sundays called "Ordinary Time" as being commonplace, they are anything but that. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we will first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully in order to live out whatever vocation Christ has called us to. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested and imprisoned. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (*Psalms 25*).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (*Mark 1:14-20*).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Need help?

Call St. Vincent de Paul: 683-8535.

Parish Community News

Information for Eucharistic Ministers — Plan to attend a General Meeting on Tuesday, **January 27** at 7:00 pm in the church. Also, 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.

St. Raphael's Youth Ministry Presents

A Valentines Dinner Dance
For Adults

Saturday, February 14
St. Raphael's Parish Hall

No-Host Cocktails and Salad Bar: 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

Gourmet Dinner: 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm

Dancing: 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Music By D.J. Esteban Plascencia

Free Child Care Available

\$25 Per Person Donation

Tickets Available at the Parish Office or the
Youth Ministry Office, **964-3466 x1**

This is a fundraiser for the LIFE TEEN Summer Camp



The Annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance — An affordable and fun way to spend Valentine's Day and help the teens pay for LIFE TEEN Summer Camp!

This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, January 25

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

Monday, January 26

Confirmation Year 2, PC, 7:00 pm

School Open House, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 27

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting, Church, 7:00 pm

Spanish Bible Study, PC, Multipurp. Rm., 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 28

Adult Bible Study, PC, Rm. A/B, 10:00 am

Religious Education (English), 6:00 pm

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 29

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

Sunday, February 1

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

PC=Parish Center

Scout Sunday — All Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend the 7:30 am Mass at St. Raphael's on Sunday, **February 8**. Please attend in uniform. Scouts earning religious emblems this year will be recognized. The Knights of Columbus will be foregoing their usual "Second Sunday of the Month" Parish Breakfast so that the Boy Scouts can put on a **free** pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 7:30 am Mass.

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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.

Parish Community News

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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.

Very Important Information:

Collections at Fundraisers, Meetings or Gatherings

Any time money is collected by a St. Raphael organization or by **any organization** on St. Raphael property, the monies collected must be turned in to the Parish Office (to our Finance Manager Jacqui Leicht). In the past, some groups “pass the hat,” or take up a “free will offering,” or a “love offering.” These are fine to do, but the monies collected must be turned in to the Parish Office no later than the next business day after the event. This is an Archdiocese of Los Angeles policy and we must comply with it or we and the Archdiocese could lose its 501(c)(3) tax status. This is a serious issue and it must be complied with. Jacqui will work with each group to help with checks for speakers, sending the proceeds to the right places, and for reimbursements for those who contributed as needed. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your compliance with this.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for worrying about me and my family during our time of sorrow in the loss of my wife. Thank you for your cards, prayers, food, flowers and many acts of kindness. Your support is so appreciated. There are no words to express the love and gratitude that we feel. God bless you all.

Teo and Luis Nungaray
Maintenance Crew

Mass Intentions

January 24, 2009 — January 30, 2009

Jan 24	Sat	Vigil	5:30 pm	Bob Nilsson (D)
Jan 25	Sun		7:30 am	Karr Brothers: Roman, Ted & Gordon (D)
			9:30 am	Arwin & Adela Ward (L)
			11:00 am	Our Parish Community
			12:30 pm	Jose Rodriguez (D)
			5:30 pm	Veronica DuKat (D)
Jan 26	Mon		8:00 am	Maria A. Martinez (D)
Jan 27	Tues		8:00 am	Pray to end abortion
Jan 28	Wed		8:00 am	Louis de Ponce (D)
			12:05 pm	For all military servicemen and women
Jan 29	Thu		8:00 am	For Peace — especially in the Middle East
Jan 30	Fri		8:00 am	Susan Velasco
			12:05 pm	Belen Sanchez (D)

Devotions

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

Discalced 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 **Monday, February 16**. Please note: the meetings will be on Monday instead of Tuesday in February, March, and May. 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.

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

— *John Henry Newman*

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". Join us on Monday, **January 26**, 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.



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.

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**.

Protecting Our Children

A person assaulted as a child may wait years or decades before telling someone. The reasons for this are numerous: victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may want to just put it behind them; they may believe the myth that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react to the truth. For more information on learning how you can help ensure the safety of children, please visit: www.archdiocese.la/protecting. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at **(213) 637-7650**.

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 12/31/08, 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.

Food Items Needed by Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides supplemental food all year long to those in need. You can help by donating items that will provide "Healthy Staple Foods":

Canned peas, corn, string beans, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, peaches. Rice, dried pinto beans, canned pinto beans, boxed macaroni and cheese, bran cereal, bran flake cereal, oatmeal, low-sugar juices i.e. apple, cranberry etc., peanut butter (creamy), light tuna (in water), Top Ramen™, Cup of Noodles™, pasta, pasta sauce.

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. Tickets available at the Parish Office, or contact Ray Charpentier at **(805) 568-0123** or Dan Knauss at **(805) 964-2442**. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club.

Respect Life Committee Workshop — **January 31**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, St. John Neumann's "Luke Room", 966 W. Orchard (behind St. John's Church), Santa Maria.

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

Bishop Garcia Diego High School Placement Exam for the Class of 2013 — **January 31** (Saturday) or February 7 (Saturday) from 8:45 am to Noon at 4000 La Colina Rd. All freshman applicants must take the 2009 High School Placement Test. Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for the placement exam, contact Debbie Herrera, Director of Admissions, **967.1266 x118**; email: dherrera@bishopdiego.org. Visit www.bishopdiego.org.

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 annual "Elegant Valentine's Day Tea Party", Friday, **February 13**, 2:00 pm at Serra Hall, 2210 Garden St. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Call Yvonne Connolly at **687-6746** or **896-4783**.

Religious Education Congress — **February 26** (Youth Day), **through March 1** 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.

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**.



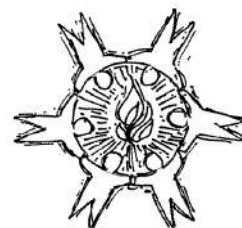
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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**.



Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Tiempo es Corto

Un sentimiento de urgencia se refleja en todas las lecturas de hoy. Jonás advierte a los ninivitas: "Cuarenta días más y Nínive será destruida". Pablo recuerda a los corintios que "el tiempo se hace corto". Jesús proclama que "el plazo está vencido". No hay duda que los humanos tendemos a responder más prontamente a una petición urgente, parece estamos mucho más motivados cuando hay que hacer algo enseguida. Esta tendencia hace fácil posponer lo que no consideramos urgente: "Oh, ya habrá tiempo para eso más tarde".

Para la gente en los días de Jonás, para la gente en tiempos de Jesús y de Pablo, el fin se consideraba inminente. Las palabras de los profetas y de los reformadores frecuentemente trataban de evocar un sentimiento de urgencia.

No sabemos, por supuesto, cuánto tiempo tenemos como individuos o como nación para reformar nuestros caminos, pero sabemos por seguro que hoy nos queda menos tiempo que ayer. Las lecturas de hoy pueden ser una invitación para que revisemos nuestras prioridades.

Cree en la Buena Nueva

El urgente mensaje de Jesús al pueblo de Galilea contiene dos importantes declaraciones. El mandato a "arrepentirse" se escucha comúnmente. Mucho menos común es un mandato que exige que quien lo escucha tenga fe. Pero Jesús dice, "Cree en la Buena Nueva". Esta no es una petición o una sugerencia. Él no dice: "Espero que puedas creer" o "¿Considerarías creer?" Los cristianos bautizados, creyentes por definición, han de vivir como si sus creencias importaran. Por eso debemos tanto arrepentirnos como creer. Cualquiera sea nuestro llamado en la vida, nuestros familiares, vecinos, amigos y compañeros de trabajo, deben todos poder decir que somos creyentes en la Buena Nueva por la forma en que vivimos el Evangelio. El tiempo es demasiado corto para obrar de otra manera.

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Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

domingo: Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Semana de las Escuelas Católicas
lunes: San Timoteo y San Tito;
martes: Santa Ángela de Meríci
miércoles: Santo Tomás de Aquino
sábado: San Juan Bosco

Las Exigencias de ser Discípulo

Hace tan solo un mes fue Navidad, pero hoy ya encontramos lecturas con el tono penitencia de Cuaresma. Nínive ayuna durante cuarenta días, el salmista nos recuerda que sólo Dios puede indicarles el camino a los pecadores, san Pablo nos muestra que todas las cosas y los acontecimientos de este mundo son transitorios y Jesús nos dice: "Arrepiéntanse" antes de llamar a sus nuevos seguidores. Si bien es fácil malinterpretar estos domingos del "Tiempo Ordinario" pensando que son corrientes, distan mucho de serlo. "Sígueme", dice Jesús, pero si realmente vivimos los mandamientos y las exigencias de ser discípulos por el Bautismo, nos daremos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de conversión, de nuestro arrepentimiento, nuestra necesidad de creer plenamente en el Evangelio para poder vivir la vocación a la que Jesús nos ha llamado. El Evangelio de hoy comienza recordándonos lo que le sucedió a Juan Bautista por vivir plenamente su vocación como heraldo de Cristo y del Evangelio: fue arrestado, encarcelado y martirizado. Si bien pocos de nosotros sufriremos consecuencias tan extremas, todos debemos estar preparados para enfrentar algún tipo de rechazo por hacerle caso al llamado de Jesús, vivir el Reino de Dios que está próximo, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y creer en la buena nueva de salvación.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — Con los avisos de Jonás los ninivitas se arrepienten de su maldad y Dios los castiga (*Jonás 3:1-5, 10*).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor tus caminos (*Salmo 25 [24]*).

Segunda lectura — El mundo que conocemos está pasando (*1 Corintios 7:29-31*).

Evangelio — El reino de Dios ha llegado. Tomen otro camino y crean en la Buena Nueva (*Marcos 1:14-20*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Mc 3:22-30

martes: Heb 10:1-10; Mc 3:31-35

miércoles: Heb 10:11-18; Mc 4:1-20

jueves: Heb 10:19-25; Mc 4:21-25

viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Mc 4:26-34

sábado: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mc 4:35-41

domingo: Dt 18:15-20; Sal 95 (94); 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28

¿Necesita Ayuda?

Recuerde llamar al **683-8535**, San Vicente de Paul.

Noticias de la Parroquia

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! Inscribise 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 — Cuando la persona es violada de niño, el o ella puede esperar anos o décadas. La razones de esto son numerosas: las victimas pueden negar el hecho de que alguien de confianza pudo haberles hecho daño; pueden desear ponerlo detrás de ellos; pueden creer el mito de que ellos causaron el asalto debido a su comportamiento; o pueden temer de cómo la gente reaccionara a la verdad. Para obtener más información sobre aprender como usted puede ayudar a asegurar la seguridad de niños, visite por favor la página de Internet: www.archdiocese.la/protecting/espanol. Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al **(213) 637-7650**.

Agradecimientos

Deseo agradecer a cada uno de ustedes por su preocupación por mi y por mi familia durante este tiempo de dolor por el fallecimiento de mi esposa. Mis agradecimientos muy sinceros por las tarjetas y notas de condolencias, por sus oraciones y por muchos otros actos de bondad recibidos de parte de ustedes y sobretodo por su leal apoyo. No existen palabras que puedan expresar el amor y gratitud que sentimos hacia ustedes. Que Dios les bendiga siempre,

Teo y Luis Nungaray
Personal de Mantenimiento
Iglesia de San Rafael

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**.

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? _____