

# Saint Raphael Church

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## Parish Office

Jacqui Leicht	Finance Manager
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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

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Jesus Taught "With Authority"

That Jesus didn't teach like the scribes was very significant. After all, it was the scribes who taught the scriptures. They were the ones who knew the religious doctrine and taught it to the people. And though frequently criticized in the Gospels, they weren't bad people by definition. Many of them were probably generous, decent, truthful people.

But Jesus was a teacher of a different sort altogether. It was as though he didn't need to refer to the scriptures or to the teaching of anyone else at all. He had the authority himself. Imagine the unusual impression he must have made on his listeners!

It has been suggested that Jesus was reputed to teach "with authority" because the crowds instantly recognized the truth of what he said. Why? Because he spoke the truth that was already in their hearts.

### God's Word is Always Being Spoken

Centuries earlier, God had promised through Jeremiah that "the days are coming...when...I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts" (*Jeremiah 31:31, 33*). Of course, "the days to come" are always here and now. The reign of God is always "at hand." So God's word is always being spoken.

Usually, though, we miss God's word, as available as it always is. It's as if a movie, filled with wonder and excitement, were always playing away for our enjoyment; meanwhile, we manage to busy ourselves with other things-and eventually wander off-not willing to give our full attention.

What Jesus did was stir up a message that had been placed deep within his listeners before they were born, etched in their hearts by God. "Wake up!" he urged, and some people didn't wander off. They listened, "spellbound."

And what of us? Must we wait for a charismatic teacher to come and wake us up? Well, we may wait a long time. Let's not give in to the old "homilies are stale" and "church is boring" excuses. God's word is always being spoken. If only we can learn to pay attention, we will be spellbound.

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### Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord;  
 Blessing of Candles  
**Tuesday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats  
**Thursday:** St. Agatha  
**Friday:** St. Paul Miki and his companions; First Friday  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## True Prophets

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. There are, no doubt, both false and true prophets around us today. The whole history of our church is filled with both. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of church authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*).

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (*Psalms 95*).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (*1 Corinthians 7:32-35*).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (*Mark 1:21-28*).

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Need help?** Call St. Vincent de Paul: 683-8535.

## Parish Community News

**Information for Eucharistic Ministers** — 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. Also, 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, February 1**

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

**Monday, February 2**

Confirmation Year 1, PC, 7:00 pm

Guadalupanos Meeting, PC, Rm. A/B, 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 3**

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

**Wednesday, February 4**

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, February 5**

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

The Edge, PC, 7:00 pm

**Friday, February 6**

24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
begins at 8:00 am

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

Adult Confirmation, Parish Library, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, February 7**

Benediction, Church, 8:00 am

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

**Sunday, February 8**

Scout Sunday, free pancake breakfast in Parish  
Hall after 7:30 am Mass

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

PC=Parish Center

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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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**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.

### *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.

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#### **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](http://www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html)



## Mass Intentions

### January 31, 2009 — February 6, 2009

Jan 31	Sat	Vigil 5:30 pm	Catalina Jimenez (D)
Feb 1	Sun	7:30 am	Charlotte Baggao-Colton (D)
		9:30 am	Dick Hopper (D)
		11:00 am	Rudy Gutierrez (D)
		12:30 pm	Our Parish Community
		5:30 pm	Domenica Ciuffini (D)
Feb 2	Mon	8:00 am	My Brother (L)
Feb 3	Tues	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Feb 4	Wed	8:00 am	All the Unemployed
		12:05 pm	Peter Mai (D)
Feb 5	Thu	8:00 am	Ronald Bivens (D)
Feb 6	Fri	8:00 am	Betty Ward (D)
		12:05 pm	Daniel Horta (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 **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.

### **Newly Baptized!**

**Welcome Into the Family of God:**

*Eder Soriano*

*Maria Celeste Araiza Vazquez*

**Saint Raphael School**  
*"From The Principal's Desk"*

**eScrip Program** — Parishioners can help St. Raphael Parish School by joining our eScrip Program. If you shop at Vons, Albertson's or Ralph's, these companies are willing to contribute thousands of dollars to our school. These monies can then be used at St. Raphael's School to fund programs that directly benefit our children. Register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Please enter our Group Number #137105283 when you register. Thank you!

**Macy's Department Store** — We earn up to 6% funding when you shop with your Macy's Card. You can register online with Macy's Shop for Education Program by calling 1-800-254-5404 or visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Our group number is #137105283.

**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**

**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**.



**Sociable Seniors**

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. We will **meet only twice** during **February**: on the **4th** and the **25th**. There will be **no class** on February 11 because another group will be using Room A/B that day and **no class** on the third Wednesday, February 18, because of Sociable Seniors.

**Protecting Our Children**

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location. You may call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, **(213) 637 7227**, for info. 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.

**Day of Recollection** — Wednesday, **February 4**, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at Old Mission Santa Barbara Renewal Center. Includes liturgy and lunch.

**Bishop Garcia Diego High School Placement Exam for the Class of 2013** — **February 7** (Saturday), 8:45 am to Noon at 4000 La Colina Rd. All freshman applicants must take the 2009 High School Placement Test. Reservations 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](http://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](mailto:info@wwme-la-north.org), or visit [www.wwme-la-north.org](http://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**.

**Retreat for Married Couples** — Old Mission Santa Barbara Renewal Center, **February 13 - 15**. To register, call **(805) 682-4713, x133**, email: [retreats@sboldmission.org](mailto:retreats@sboldmission.org), or visit the website [www.santabarbaramission.org](http://www.santabarbaramission.org) for online registration and for information about other retreats.

**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](http://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, counseling, post-abortion support groups, parenting and adoption support. All information 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](mailto: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**.



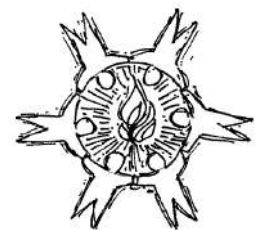
### Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**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](mailto: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**.



## Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### Jesús Enseñaba “Con Autoridad”

Que Jesús no haya enseñado como los escribas es muy importante. Después de todo, fueron los escribas los que enseñaban las escrituras. Ellos eran los que sabían la doctrina religiosa y los que la enseñaban a la gente. Y aunque frecuentemente en los Evangelios eran criticados, no eran por lo general malas personas. Muchos de ellos eran probablemente generosos, decentes y sinceros.

Pero Jesús era un maestro muy distinto. No necesitaba citar las escrituras ni las enseñanzas de los demás. Él tenía la autoridad. ¡Imagina la inusual impresión que debe haber causado en sus oyentes!

Se dice que Jesús enseñaba “con autoridad” porque las multitudes reconocían de inmediato la verdad de lo que decía. ¿Por qué? Porque hablaba la verdad que ya se encontraba en sus corazones.

### La Palabra de Dios Siempre Esta Siendo Proclamada

Siglos antes, Dios había prometido por boca de Jeremías “ya llega el día...en que...yo pondré mi Ley en su interior, la escribiré en sus corazones” (*Jeremías 31:31, 33*). Por supuesto, “el día que llega” siempre es aquí y ahora. El Reino de Dios está siempre “cerca”. Así que la palabra de Dios siempre está siendo pronunciada.

Generalmente, sin embargo, nos perdemos la palabra de Dios, aunque siempre está disponible. Es como si una película, llena de sorpresas y suspenso, estuviese exhibiéndose siempre para nuestra diversión; mientras tanto, nos ocupamos de otras cosas — y finalmente nos alejamos — porque no estamos dispuestos a prestar toda nuestra atención.

Lo que Jesús hizo fue traer a la memoria un mensaje que había sido depositado en lo profundo de sus oyentes antes de haber nacido, grabado en sus corazones por Dios. “¡Despierta!” exhortó, y algunas personas no se alejaron. Ellos escucharon, “estupefactos”.

Y ¿qué hay de nosotros? ¿Debemos esperar que venga a despertarnos un maestro carismático? Bueno, podríamos estar esperando mucho tiempo. No usemos viejas excusas del tipo “las homilías no están actualizadas” y “la iglesia es aburrida”. La palabra de Dios siempre está siendo proclamada. Si tan solo aprendemos a prestar atención, nos quedaremos estupefactos.

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### ¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

## Profetas Verdaderos

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios. Sin duda, hoy existen profetas falsos y verdaderos a nuestro alrededor. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura para sus propósitos, incluso si estos van en contra de los de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca.

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## Lecturas De Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: "El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo" (*Deuteronomio 18:15-20*).

**Salmo** — Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (*Salmo 95 [94]*).

**Segunda lectura** — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (*1 Corintios 7:32-35*).

**Evangelio** — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (*Marcos 1:21-28*).

## Lecturas De La Semana

**lunes:** Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23); Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]

**martes:** Heb 12:1-4; Mc 5:21-43

**miércoles:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mc 6:1-6

**jueves:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mc 6:7-13

**viernes:** Heb 13:1-8; Mc 6:14-29

**sábado:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mc 6:30-34

**domingo:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146); 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

## 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**.

*¡Información Muy Importante!*

### Colectas en Reuniones para Recaudar Fondos

Cada vez que una organización de San Rafael o *una organización en la propiedad de San Rafael*, colecta dinero, los fondos recaudados deben ser entregados en la Oficina de la Parroquia (a nuestra Directora de Finanzas, Jacqui Leicht). En el pasado, algunos grupos "pasaron el sombrero" o tomaron "ofrendas voluntarias" o "ofrendas de amor". Este modo de coleccionar dinero esta bien, pero los dineros reunidos deben ser entregados en la Oficina de la Parroquia, a más tardar, al día siguiente del evento. Esta es una política de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, que todos debemos cumplir o nosotros y la Arquidiócesis podemos perder el status de impuestos 501(c)(3). Este es un asunto serio y debe ser respetado. Jacqui trabajará con cada grupo para ayudar con los cheques para los oradores, para enviar lo reunido a los lugares correctos y para rembolsar a aquellos que contribuyeron. Si tienen preguntas que formular, por favor llame a la Oficina de la Parroquia. Gracias por cumplir con las normas establecidas.

**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! Inscríbese 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](http://www.RECongress.org).

**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.

**Caridades Católicas** — 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](mailto: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.

**Protegiendo a los Niños** — El Internet se ha convertido en el nuevo jardín de juego para los molestadores que buscan a los niños y niñas para hacerlos sus victimas. Los "cuartos de charla" del Internet proveen a los jóvenes la oportunidad de participar en conversaciones en "vivo" con grupos de la escuela o de iglesias, o con otros adolescentes alrededor del mundo. Las autoridades han encontrado que los molestadores usan los cuartos de charla como acceso fácil a los adolescentes. Debido al talento seductivo de los molestadores de niños, los adolescentes deben ser advertidos que cuando estén en un cuarto de la charla, nunca deben proveer a cualquier persona sus datos privados, información personal, y especialmente su localización física.

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

### Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

**domingo:** Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
**lunes:** La Presentación del Señor;  
 Bendición de las Candelas  
**martes:** San Blas; San Oscar;  
 Bendición de las gargantas  
**jueves:** Santa Águeda  
**viernes:** San Pablo Miki y compañeros;  
 Primer viernes  
**sábado:** Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado

**¡Bienvenidos a la Familia de Dios  
 Por el Bautismo!**

*Eder Soriano*

*María Celeste Araiza Vazquez*

## 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? \_\_\_\_\_