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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Woe Is Me

Often we think about the troubles in our lives and cry out, "Woe is me!" Like Job we might look around in despair at the misery in the world. Like Job's friends we might look backward for something or someone on which to blame our suffering. We may decide that God — or we ourselves — must be to blame.

The Gospel today offers a different perspective from which to view earthly suffering. Jesus realized that there was nothing to be gained from looking around in despair or backward in blame. Instead, he looked forward in hope. He did not blame the sick and the possessed for their suffering, as many others did. And he did not give up hope, even though he knew he couldn't cure all the sickness in the world. Jesus tried neither to eliminate human suffering nor to explain it. He simply did what good he could do in the time that he had.

Woe To Me If I Do Not Preach It!

Above all, Jesus kept preaching the good news of the reign of God, a spiritual reality that triumphs over every form of suffering. This was his purpose. When we believe in this good news we may not be healed of physical illness or understand the reason for human suffering, but we do receive something much more valuable. We are healed of the sickness of despair and freed from the demons of guilt and blame. The Spirit energizes us to do what good we can do in the time that we have. With Paul we will want everyone to know about the healing, liberating reign of God. We might even begin to say, "Woe to me if I do not preach" the gospel!

Today's Scriptures encourage us to look forward in hope, to do what we can, and to preach the good news of the reign of God.

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Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
World Marriage Day;
Boy Scout Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Scholastica
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
- Thursday:** Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Saturday:** St. Cyril and St. Methodius;
Valentine's Day

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

Tireless Discipleship

The Gospel of Mark, unlike those of Matthew and Luke, has no infancy narrative, nor does it have a lengthy prologue to introduce it, as John's Gospel does. In Mark's account, one could say, Jesus hits the ground running. The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (*Job 7:1-4, 6-7*).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (*Psalms 147*).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (*Mark 1:29-39*).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Please check next week's bulletin for important information about the FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) postcard campaign.

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 name and envelope number, if available. We will only be printing and mailing statements once a week, so it is important that you call as soon as possible.

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

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

This Week at St. Raphael Church

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

Monday, February 9

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Conf. Rm., 2:00 pm
Confirmation Year 2, PC, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

Religious Education (English), 6:00 pm

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm
Praise & Worship Group, Conf. Rm., 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

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

Adult Confirmation, Parish Library, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 14

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

Valentine's Dinner/Dance, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 15

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

PC=Parish Center

More Parish Community News on Page Four!

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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Attention: Eucharistic Ministers — You are invited to spend a morning of reflection, "Into the Desert..." with Fr. Mark on Saturday, **February 21**, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Together In Mission 2009 A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the Together in Mission materials that you received today. Those of you who subscribe to the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Tidings*, will receive more information about the campaign in this week's edition.

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme of the campaign is "I turn to you, Lord" (*Psalm 32 (7)*). Together in Mission provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual Together in Mission in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Our 2009 goal for Together In Mission is \$84,097.69.

Protecting Our Children

Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as all the children in the parish community. Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children. Contact the Parish Office for more information on how you can become actively involved in the safe environment training programs in our parish.

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

Mass Intentions

February 7, 2009 — February 13, 2009

Feb 7	Sat	Vigil	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Feb 8	Sun		7:30 am	Lynn Spear (D)
			9:30 am	Our Parish Community
			11:00 am	Rodney Shull (D)
			12:30 pm	Omar Cordova (D)
			5:30 pm	Charlotte Baggao-Colton (D)
Feb 9	Mon		8:00 am	Maggie Moon (D)
Feb 10	Tues		8:00 am	Margaret Hansen (L)
Feb 11	Wed		8:00 am	Lucy McClintock (D)
			12:05 pm	Manuel Barrera Garcia (D)
Feb 12	Thu		8:00 am	Ray Manning (D)
Feb 13	Fri		8:00 am	For Peace—especially in the Middle East
			12:05 pm	Dena Vieri (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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us on **Friday, March 6** (and every first Friday of the month). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00 am on Friday, **March 6** until Solemn Benediction at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 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 info, please call **967-7391**.

Saint Raphael School
"From The Principal's Desk"

DENIM & *Diamonds*

21st Annual Auction  **Saint Raphael School**

You are invited to the
 2009 Saint Raphael School Auction
 to benefit the children of Saint Raphael School

February 28, 2009

Fess Parker's DoubleTree Resort • Santa Barbara
 Doors Open at 4:30 pm • Silent Auction from
 4:30 pm to 6:45 pm • Dinner and Live Auction begin
 at 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$100 Per Person • Reservations Required

For further information, please contact
 Steffanie Carty at (805) 450-8998

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

Praise the Lord, who heals the
 brokenhearted (*Psalms 147*).



Sociable Seniors

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, **February 18** to hear our own Associate Pastor, Father Mark Strader's talk, "The Father and the Father's Mother". We encourage attendance at 12:05 pm Mass before our meeting in the Parish Hall. Bring your own sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be furnished. Questions? Call Bea at **964-2431**.

The Senior Travelers

Travel News — The anticipated Holy Land Cruise has been cancelled due to "unrest" in that area.

Upcoming Trips

PCPA Santa Maria:

April 22: Les Miserables. Bus/show/dinner. \$69 pp, pay in full by March 10.

July 29: Music Man. Pay in full by June 10.

Make checks payable to *St. Raphael Sociable Seniors*.

Alaska Cruise/Land Tour. 12 days. **May 27, 2009.** Call Joan for more information.

Washington D.C. April 20-27. Minimum 25 people required. Call Joan for more information.

Branson. September 1-9. 25 people required. Call Joan for more information.

These trips will be discussed at the February 18 meeting. See you there!

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. The next meeting is **February 25**. 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.

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.

Regional Anniversary Masses — World Marriage Day is February 8. Bishop Curry will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, **February 15**, 3:30 pm at San Buenaventura Mission in Ventura.

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

Principal Search — Holy Cross School at San Buenaventura Mission is accepting applications for the position of Principal for the 2009-10 school year. For more information, including qualifications and application, visit www.archdiocese.la (Employment, Forms for School Jobs). Send application to 211 E. Main St, Ventura, CA, 93001. Deadline is Monday, **February 23**.

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.

Day of Recollection

Sponsored by St. Raphael's Praise and Worship Prayer Group and the Santa Barbara Area Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Community. Saturday, **February 28**, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saint Raphael Parish Hall. Presented by Father John Hampsch, C.M.F., the topic will be "The Healing Power of the Eucharist." Mass will be also be celebrated. Bring a sack lunch. Snacks/beverages provided. For more information contact Ray Lyra, **(805) 684-5373** or Phil/Chris Luna, **(805) 962-1438**.

Prayer Breakfast for Catholic Women — Hosted by Santa Maria Magnificat Chapter. Saturday, **February 28**, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Santa Maria Inn. Maureen Scanlon, mother of 11, will tell her "Lazarus" story. \$20 pp. Reservations: **878-0420** or **934-1857** — leave a message.

Marriage Encounter — For more info or to sign up, call **(805) 648-4244**, email info@wwme-la-north.org, or visit www.wwme-la-north.org.

Life Network — Pregnancy options, parenting/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.



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**.



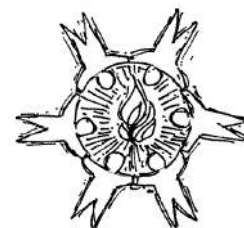
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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**.



Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡Ay De Mí!

Con frecuencia pensamos en los problemas en nuestra vida y clamamos: “¡Ay de mí!” Como Job podemos *mirar a nuestro alrededor* con desesperación al contemplar la miseria del mundo. Como los amigos de Job, podemos *mirar hacia atrás* buscando algo o a alguien a quien culpar por nuestros sufrimientos. Podemos decidir que Dios, o nosotros mismos, somos los culpables.

El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece una perspectiva diferente de nuestros sufrimientos terrenales. Jesús comprendió que no ganaba nada mirando a su alrededor en desesperación o hacia el pasado buscando a quien culpar. En cambio, *miró hacia adelante* lleno de esperanza. Él no culpó al enfermo ni al poseído por sus sufrimientos, como hicieron muchos otros. Y él no perdió la esperanza, aunque sabía que no podía curar todas las enfermedades del mundo. Jesús ni trató de eliminar el sufrimiento humano ni de explicarlo. Simplemente hizo el bien que pudo en el tiempo que tuvo.

¡Ay De Mí Si No Lo Predico!

Por sobre todo, Jesús se mantuvo predicando la Buena Nueva del Reino de Dios, una realidad espiritual que triunfa sobre cualquier sufrimiento. Éste fue su propósito. Cuando creemos en esta buena noticia podemos no ser curados de una enfermedad física o no entender la razón del sufrimiento humano, pero recibimos algo mucho más valioso. Somos sanados de la enfermedad de la desesperación y liberados de los demonios de la culpabilidad y del remordimiento. El Espíritu nos da la energía para hacer tanto bien como podemos en el tiempo que tenemos. Como Pablo queremos que todos conozcan el poder sanador y liberador del Reino de Dios. Hasta podríamos comenzar a decir “¡Ay de mí si no predico” el Evangelio!

Las Sagradas Escrituras hoy nos animan a mirar hacia adelante con esperanza, a hacer lo que podemos, y a predicar la buena nueva del reino de Dios.

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Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

- domingo:** Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada;
Jornada Mundial del Matrimonio;
Domingo de los Niños Escuchas;
- martes:** Santa Escolástica
- miércoles:** Nuestra Señora de Lourdes;
Jornada Mundial de los Enfermos
- jueves:** Nacimiento de Abraham Lincoln
- sábado:** San Cirilo y San Metodios;
Día de San Valentín

Discípulos Incansables

El Evangelio según san Marcos, a diferencia del de Mateo y Lucas, no tiene un relato sobre el nacimiento de Jesús, ni tiene un extenso prólogo a modo de introducción, a diferencia del Evangelio según san Juan. En el relato según san Marcos, se podría decir que Jesús nace adulto. Los relatos que hemos oído estas semanas provienen del primer capítulo de san Marcos y nos muestran el ministerio público de Jesús en sus comienzos. El relato de hoy muestra parte de la tensión y los cambios de su nueva vida que consistía en predicar el Reino de Dios, curar a los enfermos y expulsar a los demonios. Observa que después del atardecer, cuando caía el sol y terminaba la jornada laboral, las personas llevaban a los enfermos y poseídos a Jesús. Al día siguiente se levantó antes del amanecer para retirarse sólo a rezar, pero no tuvo suerte. Simón Pedro y los demás no solo lo buscan sino que lo persiguen con el fervor que su ministerio ha incitado. Con la misma entrega ejemplar que demostró hasta el final de su vida en la tierra, les dice a sus seguidores que éste es su propósito. Por medio de Marcos, también le dice a la nueva iglesia y nos dice a nosotros que éste es nuestro propósito, nuestra vocación: ser incansables en nuestra lucha por proclamar la Buena Nueva y llevar el toque curador y reconciliador de Cristo al mundo.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — Job declara que la vida en la tierra es monótona, miserable y triste (*Job 7:1-4, 6-7*).

Salmo — Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados (*Salmo 147 [146]*).

Segunda lectura — Pablo dice que no tienen otra alternativa sino la de predicar el Evangelio (*1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23*).

Evangelio — Después de sanar a muchos enfermos y de expulsar a los demonios, Jesús predica la Buena Nueva (*Marcos 1:29-39*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Mc 6:53-56

martes: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Mc 7:1-13

miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mc 7:14-23

jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Mc 7:24-30

viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Mc 7:31-37

sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Mc 8:1-10

domingo: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31); 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mc 1:40-45

¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

Noticias de la Parroquia

Informe de Donaciones 2008

Al empezar este nuevo año 2009, nos damos cuenta que muchos de ustedes necesitarán el Informe de sus donaciones para la declaración de impuestos por el año 2008. Estaremos felices de ayudarlos. Sin embargo, debido a que actualmente no contamos con todo el personal que necesitamos, prepararemos los informes solamente para las personas que los soliciten. Para requerir su informe, por favor llame a Maria en la Oficina de la Parroquia y de su nombre y número de sobre. Los informes serán preparados y enviados por correo, una vez por semana, de tal manera que es muy importante que usted llame lo más pronto posible. Gracias por su paciencia y les deseamos un ¡Feliz Año 2009!

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.

Adoración de la Eucaristía — Invitamos a todos ustedes a unirse a nosotros **el viernes 6 de marzo (y el Primer Viernes de cada Mes)** para la Adoración de la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto ese día viernes **6 de marzo**, desde las 8 de la mañana hasta la Bendición Solemne, a las 8 de la mañana del sábado 7 de marzo. El viernes 6 de marzo, 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**.

Unidos en Misión 2009 Un Tiempo de Reflexión

Esta semana, se les pide que lean los materiales que rebieron hoy. Quienes están suscritos al periódico arquidiocesano, *The Tidings*, recibirán en la edición de esta semana más información acerca de la campaña.

Unidos en Misión provee un apoyo económico muy importante a 35 parroquias y 48 escuelas parroquiales en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Estas parroquias y escuelas proporcionan educación, ministerios y una presencia católica para decenas de miles de personas.

Algunas veces es difícil visualizar como su contribución puede ayudar a tanta gente. Pero así es. Para ver cómo, revise los materiales y lea los testimonios de aquellos cuyas parroquias y escuelas han recibido esta ayuda.

El lema de la campaña es "Señor, Tú eres mi refugio" (*Salmo 32 (7)*). Unidos en Misión da una oportunidad para mostrar nuestro interés por quienes reciben los servicios de las parroquias y escuelas que necesitan ayuda económica.

Si usted recibió su tarjeta de compromiso en el correo, por favor llénela y envíele por correo o tráigala a la misa el próximo fin de semana. También estaremos conduciendo el proceso de solicitud en la parroquia durante todas las misas el próximo fin de semana y el fin de semana subsiguiente.

Como siempre, lo que usted dé debe ser dado en agradecimiento por lo que Dios le ha dado a usted. Gracias por su consideración en oración a esta petición y por su generosa respuesta.

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**. Inscribse 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 www.RECongress.org.

Protegiendo a los Niños — Los padres y los guardianes desempeñan un papel importante para asegurar el éxito de los programas en la parroquia para los jóvenes. Los padres y los guardianes involucrados en los programas y eventos de la parroquia están en la mejor posición para proteger a sus propios niños, así como a los demás niños de la comunidad en la parroquia. La participación y la comunicación son factores importantes que ayudan en asegurar un ambiente sano para todos nuestros niños.

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

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? _____