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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

Freedom of Choice Act Postcard Campaign

Our new President and Congress face serious national challenges at this time, requiring all Americans to unite for the common good of all. This is no time to divide our nation by attacking the weakest and most powerless among us, or ignoring the pro-life values of millions of Catholics and other Americans.

A bill in Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act," or FOCA, represents the most serious legislative threat to unborn children ever. FOCA would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would be required to fund and support. It would overturn a broad range of pro-life policies currently allowed under the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision: laws protecting parental involvement in an underage daughter's abortion decision, laws upholding conscience rights, limits on abortion funding, bans on partial-birth abortion, and so on. FOCA itself may become law, or the harmful policies it represents may become law one step at a time. In either case, we must oppose FOCA and all that it stands for.

Today parishioners have an opportunity to sign and send postcards to their U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. The message on the cards urges our federal elected officials to oppose FOCA and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. If each of us takes just a few moments to sign the postcards, together we can send an important message to our nation's Capitol to uphold the sanctity of human life. Please complete the cards before leaving church today. A small donation of \$1.00 will help pay for postage and program materials. Please feel free to add a short personal note on each postcard to increase the effectiveness of your message. Thank you for making your voice heard on this important matter.

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday: St. Peter Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary



Give God the Glory

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God — not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in *Philippians* that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in *Corinth* to do, still serves us well today.



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Today's Readings

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (*Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (*Psalms 32*).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (*1 Corinthians 10:31 -- 11:1*).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (*Mark 1:40-45*).

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday is February 25

Check next week's bulletin for a complete schedule.

Fast and Abstinence

During Lent, Catholics in the United States abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of the season. We also fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On a day of fasting, eat only one full meal; you may also eat two partial meals and should not snack between any of them.

Everyone age 14 and older is bound by the law of abstinence. Fasting binds from after one's 18th birthday until after the 59th. Catholics younger and older than that need not fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy practice, even when it is not required.

This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

Confirmation Year 1, PC, 7:00 pm

Divine Mercy Group, Church, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

Sociable Seniors, Parish Hall, after 12:05 pm Mass

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 19

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

Friday, February 20

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

Adult Confirmation, Parish Library, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 21

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister "Morning of Reflection",
Parish Hall, 9:00 am

Sunday, February 22

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

PC=Parish Center

Need help?

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

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 today**. 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.

Together In Mission 2009

A Time for Reflection

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.

The theme of the campaign is "I turn to you, Lord" (*Psalms 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.

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

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

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

We come before you now,
asking that you call forth more men
to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.
Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people
gathered by Word and Sacrament.
Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to
be a truly Eucharistic Church,
strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ,
your Only Son.

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

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

Amen

Vocation Information

A Priesthood Discernment Retreat is offered twice a year for men with a college degree who are considering the diocesan priesthood. For information, 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

Mass Intentions

February 14, 2009 — February 20, 2009

Feb 14	Sat Vigil	5:30 pm	Jim Pentecost (D)
Feb 15	Sun	7:30 am	Joe & Dora Wargo (D)
		9:30 am	Shirley Giordano (D)
		11:00 am	David Grassell (D)
		12:30 pm	Maria C. Rojas (D)
		5:30 pm	Our Parish Community
Feb 16	Mon	8:00 am	Pedro Quiroz (D)
Feb 17	Tues	8:00 am	Harold Pope (D)
Feb 18	Wed	8:00 am	Pray to end Abortion
		12:05 pm	Maggie Moon (D)
Feb 19	Thu	8:00 am	Ray Manning (D)
Feb 20	Fri	8:00 am	Jim Bartkowiak (D)
		12:05 pm	Fran Diani (L)

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. Contact Cecilia Marks at **968-6008** for more information.

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"

Dear Parishioners,

We invite you to our 21st Annual Dinner and Auction:

DENIM & Diamonds

21st Annual Auction  Saint Raphael School

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

We look forward to seeing you at this special event and enjoying the atmosphere of "Denim and Diamonds." For more **information** and **tickets**, please call the School Office at **967-2115**. If the recorder is on, please be sure and leave us a message with your requests or questions. We will return your call. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Protecting Our Children

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other government agencies all work together to fight Internet crimes against children. They've established a "CyberTipline," a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, molestation of children outside the family, sex tourism of children, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made—24 hours per day, seven days per week—online at www.cybertipline.com or by calling (800) 843-5678.

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

Everyone thinks of changing humanity;
 nobody thinks of changing themselves.

— Leo Tolstoy

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 25 to May 2. 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 was February 8. Bishop Curry will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, **February 15**, 3:30 pm at San Buenaventura Mission in Ventura.

Retreats — Old Mission Santa Barbara Renewal Center has retreats throughout the year. For more information, email: retreats@sboldmission.org, call **(805) 682-4713, x133**, or visit the website www.santabarbaramission.org.

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.

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.

Lenten Retreat for Catholic Lawyers — The Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Associate (LACLA) will hold a one day Lenten Retreat on **March 14**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Immaculate Heart Retreat House, 3134 Waverly Dr., Los Angeles. For more information or registration, call Antoinette Marino, **(310) 445-4165** or email amarino@fleitmanlaw.com.

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.

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

Life Network — Pregnancy options, parenting/adoption support. All 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**.

XL T — We are all searching for truth. We are all searching for love. We are all searching for Jesus! **XL T** 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**.



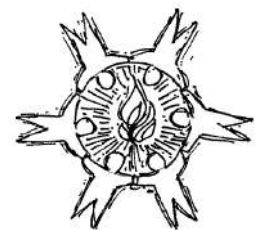
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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**.



Campaña de Lucha Nacional contra F.O.C.A.

Nuestro nuevo Presidente y Congreso se enfrentan a muchos retos en estos momentos que requieren que los estadounidenses se unan para servir el bien de todos. No es el momento para dividir nuestra nación atacando a los más débiles e impotentes entre nosotros, ni para ignorar los valores de millones de católicos y otros estadounidenses que son pro vida.

Hay un proyecto en el Congreso llamado "Ley de libre elección" (F.O.C.A. sigla en inglés), que representa la amenaza legislativa más grave contra los niños no nacidos que jamás se haya visto. F.O.C.A. crearía un "derecho fundamental" al aborto que el gobierno no podría limitar sino más bien apoyar y hasta financiar. Anularía muchas políticas existentes que son permitidas bajo la decisión referente al aborto de la Corte Suprema en *Roe v. Wade*: leyes que protegen la participación de los padres en la decisión de una hija menor de edad que quiere abortar, los derechos de objeción de conciencia, límites al financiamiento de abortos; y las que impiden el aborto por nacimiento parcial y otras. F.O.C.A. se convertiría en ley o las políticas que representa se podrían convertir en ley paso a paso. No importa cuál sea el caso, tenemos que oponernos a F.O.C.A. y todo lo que significa.

Todos los fieles tienen la oportunidad de firmar y enviar tarjetas postales a su representante en el Congreso nacional y a sus dos senadores. El mensaje en las tarjetas suplica a los congresistas elegidos que se opongan a F.O.C.A. y a retener las leyes existentes contra el financiamiento y la promoción del aborto por parte del gobierno.

Si cada uno de nosotros dedica un minuto a firmar una tarjeta postal, juntos podemos enviar un mensaje importante al Congreso de nuestra nación a favor de la defensa de la inviolabilidad de la vida humana. Por favor llene la tarjeta antes de retirarse de la iglesia hoy. Una pequeña donación de \$1.00 ayudará a pagar los gastos de envío y los materiales del programa. Si lo desea, por favor agregue una nota personal en cada tarjeta postal para aumentar la eficacia de su mensaje.

Muchas gracias por expresar su opinión en este tema tan importante.

Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

domingo: Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

lunes: Día de los Presidentes

martes: Los Siete Fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de María

sábado: San Pedro Damiani; Santa María Virgen

A Dios Toda La Gloria

Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran "secreto" que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesarea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que Jesús "se rebajó a sí mismo" para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (*Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46*).

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados (*Salmo 32 [31]*).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (*1 Corintios 10:31 -- 11:1*).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (*Marcos 1:40-45*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mc 8:11-13

martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mc 8:14-21

miércoles: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mc 8:22-26

jueves: Gn 9:1-13; Mc 8:27-33

viernes: Gn 11:1-9; Mc 8:34 -- 9:1

sábado: Heb 11:1-7; Mc 9:2-13

domingo: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Sal 41 (40); 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mc 2:1-12

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.

Miércoles de Cenizas: 25 de febrero de 2009

Ayuno y Abstinencia

Durante la Cuaresma, los católicos de los Estados Unidos se abstienen de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los Viernes de la estación. También ayunamos el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. En un día de ayuno, coma solamente una comida completa, al día, también puede comer 2 comidas parciales y ningún refrigerio entre comidas.

Todas las personas de 14 años de edad y mayores, deben cumplir con la ley de abstinencia. El ayuno empieza a regir después de cumplir los 18 años hasta después de los 59 años. Los católicos menores de 18 mayores de 59 años, no necesitan ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. De todas maneras, ayunar es una practica loable, aun cuando no es requerida.

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**.

¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

Unidos en Misión 2009

Un Tiempo de Reflexión

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.

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.

Nuestra meta para el Programa "Unidos en Misión" es \$84, 097.69. 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.

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.

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**. 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 www.RECongress.org.

Protegiendo a los Niños

El Centro Nacional Para Niños Perdidos y Explotados, la Oficina Federal de Investigación, y otras agencias gubernamentales trabajan y luchan juntos en derrotar el crimen del Internet contra niños. Han establecido un "CyberTipline," un mecanismo para reportar los casos de explotación sexual de niños y pornografía infantil, incentivos de tentación para los niños por actos del sexo, molestación sexual de niños fuera de la familia, niños víctimas de prostitución, y del material obsceno no solicitado enviado a un niño por medio de Internet. Los denuncias se pueden hacer las 24 horas al día, siete días a la semana en línea en www.cybertipline.com o llamando al (800) 843-5678.

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:** Carlos Valenzuela, 967-6377**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? _____