

# Saint Raphael Church

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## Masses

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

## Holy Days/Special Observances

Schedule of Holy Days varies.

## Confessions

Saturdays/Sábados: 4:00-5:00 pm

## Exposition

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

## LifeTeen & Confirmation

John Vasellina	Youth Minister	964-3466 x1
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### Third Sunday of Lent

#### "I, The Lord, Am Your God"

The Ten Commandments are "apodictic" laws, imposing a command directly. What if today we were to consider the words of Paul and Jesus in today's readings not merely as guidance, but as apodictic laws?

Paul wants to dispel dissension among the Christians at Corinth and point out the difference between lukewarm believers and "those who are called." His "laws" from today's second reading would read:

1. Thou shalt not put human wisdom above God's wisdom.
2. Thou shalt not demand signs.
3. Thou shalt not put human strength above God's strength.
4. Thou shalt accept the paradox of the cross.

Can a people who grew up singing "I Did It My Way" embrace the painful paradox of the cross, which demands we "do it his way?" Paul's "commandments" demand submission, sacrifice, and service. If they were written in stone, would they create more committed Christians or fewer folks in the pews on Sunday? Would they bring us to our knees or send us out the door?

#### Cleansing The Temple

The Gospel adds one more commandment to today's short list: Thou shalt not use religion for personal gain.

We are to keep our business separate from God's business. Jesus' whip of cords leaves no doubt that he means business, and he offers his body on the cross to prove it: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (*John 2:19*).

But can we accept the paradox of the cross or are we often subtly serving ourselves in the name of Christ? Do we honor human achievement, material success, and personal power more than humility, simplicity, and compassion?

This Lent, as we prepare to welcome new members into our communities, let's show them that we also "mean business" — that we are a community of people who do it his way, not our way. Let's live our lives according to all fifteen "commandments," so that others will say of us, "And they (finally) came to (really) believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken."

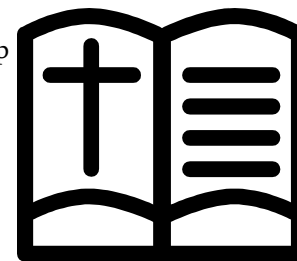
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#### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Tuesday:	St. Patrick
Wednesday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday:	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	Spring begins; Abstinence

### Keep Holy the Sabbath

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments (not the movie, the book). The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.



If we take this commandment literally, babies will go

un-diapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe **real** Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (*19:8*). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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#### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (*Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]*) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (*Psalm 19*) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (*John 2:13-25*) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

#### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

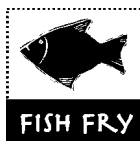
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

## Parish Community News

**Lenten Fish Fry's** — Knights of Columbus Council 5300 will be hosting Lenten Fish Fry's on **each** of the six **Friday** evenings during Lent (no Fish Fry on Good Friday). Serving begins at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Take-out meals are available. Cost is only \$9. Children under 12 only \$3. Enjoy one of the best fish dinners you can get in Southern California! Proceeds support the charitable works of the Council.



**Blood Drive Today** — The Knights of Columbus Council 5300 will be sponsoring a 'United Blood Services' blood donation drive today at St. Raphael's Parish Hall from 8:00 am until Noon. All community members are welcome. The Knights will provide free fruit juice, donuts, coffee and snacks to all blood donors.

**St. Raphael Preschool: Fall 2009** — We are welcoming parishioners with children ages 2.9 to 5 years of age for Fall of 2009. Our preschool registration will be Wednesday, **March 18**, in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in hearing about our program, please call Jo Bittner at **967-4435**.

**Stations of the Cross** — Every Friday during Lent. English (5:30 pm) and Spanish at 7:00 pm, in the church.

**Fast and Abstinence** — During Lent, Catholics in the United States abstain from meat on all the Fridays of the season. We also fast on 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 Good Friday. Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy practice, even when it is not required.

### Lay Preaching

We have finally received clarification regarding lay preaching regulations (Canon Law 766) for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from Cardinal Roger Mahony. In the Cardinal's memo addressed to Pastors, Administrators, Parish Life Directors, Pastoral Associates, and University Chaplains, Cardinal Mahony clearly stated, "...the lay person may offer words of reflection on the Scripture readings at a time other than the time reserved for the homily, most probably after Communion." We regret any confusion in the past that lay preaching may have caused and are very happy to have this clear guideline going forward.

### This Week at St. Raphael Church

#### Sunday, March 15

Blood Drive, Parish Hall, 8:00 am to Noon  
Life Teen Mass, Church, 5:30 pm, PC afterwards

#### Monday, March 16

Divine Mercy Group, Church, 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, March 17

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

#### Wednesday, March 18

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  
Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, March 19

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Church,  
8:30 am  
The Edge, PC, 7:00 pm

#### Friday, March 20

Stations of the Cross, Church, 5:30 pm (English)  
and 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Fish Fry, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm  
Grupo de Oración, PC, Rm. A/B, 7:00 pm  
Adult Confirmation, Parish Library, 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, March 21

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

#### Sunday, March 22

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

PC=Parish Center

### Together In Mission 2009

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.

### Parish Community News

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**Bereavement** — We have been wanting to begin anew with a bereavement group. And a very special thank you to several people who came forward with materials, helpful and constructive discussions, guidance, and history as we made our way through the ideas and planning stages. We are now ready to begin!

We are very happy to announce a new bereavement workshop beginning this month. The workshop will be 9 meetings happening over a span of 12 weeks. Our first series of workshops will be co-facilitated by Gabriela Dodson from Hospice of Santa Barbara and Noël Fuentes, who will continue the program with new workshops thereafter.

The dynamic format of these workshops will be prayerful, filled with the rich traditions of our Catholic faith, and the wisdom of the Archdiocesan Bereavement program along with some other very fine resources. Activities, sharing, and support will provide an atmosphere where people can learn about their grief and hopefully gain some tools to take with them into their future.

This **first series** of workshops will be on **Fridays** from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Parish Center, Room B. We will meet on **March 27, April 3, April 10, May 1, May 8, May 15, June 5, June 12, and June 19**. The ideal number of people per workshop will be 8 to 12 participants. Please contact Noël at **683-9090 x7** to hold your place.

#### 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.

### Mass Intentions

**March 14, 2009 — March 20, 2009**

Mar 14 Sat	Vigil 5:30 pm	Dolores Nungaray (D)
Mar 15 Sun	7:30 am	Simone Duperry (D)
	9:30 am	Florentino Velasquez (D)
	11:00 am	Juan & Maria Gutierrez (D)
	12:30 pm	Rodolfo Santiago (D)
	5:30 pm	Our Parish Community
Mar 16 Mon	8:00 am	Theresa Cota (L)
Mar 17 Tues	8:00 am	Shirley Giordano (D)
Mar 18 Wed	8:00 am	Albert O'Meara (D)
	12:05 pm	Victoria & Domingo Mercado (D)
Mar 19 Thu	8:00 am	Salvador Torres (D)
Mar 20 Fri	8:00 am	Ric Jones (D)
	12:05 pm	Emiteria & Emiliano Navarrete (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, March 16**. Please note: the meetings will be on Monday instead of Tuesday in 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.

### Sister Mina's Bible Study

We are studying the Gospel According to John. 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 **March 25**. New members welcome.

## Saint Raphael School

*"From The Principal's Desk"*

**School Registration** — **Wednesday, March 18** in the Parish Hall for our school families. If any of our parishioners are interested in enrolling in our school, please call **967-2115** and ask for the registrar.

### Lenten Activities

Students sacrifice with monetary donations to Holy Childhood Association for underprivileged children.

Live Stations of the Cross narrated and performed by the 8th grade in the Church at 1:15 pm on the following Fridays: **March 20, March 27, and April 3.**

On Thursday, **April 9**, at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall, our 7th grade students will reenact the Last Supper

**Outdoor Camp** — Our 6th graders will be attending Outdoor Camp **March 30.**

**Science Fair** — Our school science fair will take place on Monday, **April 6** in the Parish Hall and the KK-3 classrooms. The event begins at 6:00 pm. All grades will be participating.

**Sunday, April 29 is "Pastor Appreciation Day"** — Father Bruce will be honored by the staff and students Monday, **April 30**, at school salutes. Our school community is grateful for Father Bruce and his support for our Parish School.

### Protecting Our Children

Picture this: A good photo could save a child's life. One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, please visit: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

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



## Sociable Seniors

There will be no Sociable Seniors meeting in March. Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, **April 15**. Check upcoming bulletins for details. Questions? Call Bea at **964-2431**.

## The Senior Travelers

### Upcoming Trips

#### PCPA Santa Maria:

**April 22: Les Miserables.** Bus/show/dinner. \$69 pp, (needed to be paid in full by March 10).

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

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

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

**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.

## Eucharistic Adoration

~Please Note Changes During Lent~

Please join us on **Friday, April 3** (and every first Friday of the month). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at **9:00 pm** on Friday, **April 3** (later start time due to Stations of the Cross scheduled during Lent), until Solemn Benediction at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 4. 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**.



Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

—Psalm 19

## 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).

### 2008 Donation Statements

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.

### 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 2/28/09**, we have collected **\$144,847.01**, 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.

### Need help?

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

**Lenten Days of Recollection** — "The Challenge to Love". **Wednesdays of Lent**, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at Old Mission Santa Barbara Renewal Center. Includes liturgy and lunch. For information call the MRC Office at **(805) 682-4713 x133**. Get information about retreats and register online at [www.santabarbaramission.com](http://www.santabarbaramission.com).

**"Praise and Worship Celebration"** — Monday, **March 23**, 7:00 pm, at Holy Cross Parish Hall. St. Raphael's Praise and Worship Prayer Group and the Santa Barbara Area Catholic Prayer Groups invite you to this area-wide Charismatic Prayer Meeting. Guest speaker will be Sister Pauline of the Immaculate Heart Community. For more information contact, Phil/Chris Luna at **962-1438**. Love offering will be taken. Refreshments will be provided.

**Transition House Auxiliary's Mad Hatter Luncheon** "Hattitude on Parade". Wednesday, **April 22**, 11:30 am at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, 633 E. Cabrillo Blvd. Fashion show, prizes (including a \$1,000 Nordstrom's Shopping Spree), silent auction, and more. Cost: \$90. For information, call Gayla at **682-6516**.

**"Paul": A Musical on the Life of St. Paul** — Two performances remaining: Sunday, **April 26**, 7:30 pm at St Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills, and Sunday, **May 17**, 7:30 pm at St Bonaventure Church in Huntington Beach. Suggested free will offering is \$15. Reception to follow each performance. For more information, call Wordnet Productions at **(909) 383-4333**.

**Sacred Heart Retreat Camp** — Family Camp : **June 25-28** or **July 2-5**. Girl's Camp: **July 12-19** or **July 26-August 2**. Staffed by the Sacred Heart Sisters in Big Bear Lake. Call **(909) 866-5696** for brochure and registration forms. Spaces are limited! You can also sponsor a child or family.

**Marriage Encounter** — 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).

**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 info is free and confidential. Call **967-9096**.

**Bishop Garcia Diego High School** — Learn more about your Catholic High School. Call Debbie Herrera at **967-1266 x118** or visit the website [www.bishopdiego.org](http://www.bishopdiego.org).

**Beginning Experience** — A weekend program for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Call Brenda Mikhail, **(818) 352-5265** or email [brendamikhail@msn.com](mailto:brendamikhail@msn.com).

## 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.**

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### 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**.



### Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

#### “Yo Soy Yavé, Tu Dios”

Los Diez Mandamientos son leyes “apodícticas”, que imponen directamente una orden, de manera indiscutible.

¿Que pasaría si en este momento consideráramos las palabras de Pablo y Jesús en las lecturas de hoy no simplemente como una guía, sino como leyes apodícticas?

Pablo quiere disipar el desacuerdo entre los cristianos en Corinto y señala la diferencia entre los creyentes tibios y “los que Dios ha llamado”. Sus “leyes” basadas en la segunda lectura serían:

1. No pondrás la sabiduría humana por encima de la sabiduría de Dios.
2. No exigirás señales.
3. No pondrás la fuerza humana por encima de la fuerza de Dios.
4. Aceptarás la paradoja de la cruz.

¿Puede un pueblo que ha cantando “Hago siempre lo que quiero” aceptar la dolorosa paradoja de la cruz, que exige que hagamos lo que “Él quiera”? Los “mandamientos” de Pablo exigen sumisión, sacrificio y servicio. Si estuviesen escritos sobre piedra, ¿crearían cristianos más comprometidos o menos gente en la iglesia los domingos? ¿Nos pondrían de rodillas o nos alejarían de la iglesia?

#### Purificación Del Templo

El Evangelio agrega un mandamiento más a la lista corta de hoy: No usarás la religión como ganancia personal.

Debemos mantener nuestros negocios separados de las cosas de Dios. El látigo de cuerdas de Jesús no deja dudas de su misión, y prueba de ello es su sacrificio en la cruz. “Destruyan este templo y en tres días lo reconstruiré”.

Sin embargo, ¿podemos aceptar la paradoja de la cruz o constantemente estamos sirviéndonos a nosotros mismos en el nombre de Cristo? ¿Apreciamos más el éxito, los logros materiales y el poder personal que la humildad, la simplicidad y la compasión?

En esta Cuaresma, al prepararnos para dar la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros en nuestras comunidades, mostrémosles que nosotros también tenemos una misión — que somos una comunidad de personas que hacemos lo que *Él* quiere, y no lo que *nosotros* queremos. Vivamos nuestra vida de acuerdo a los quince “mandamientos”, para que así otros digan de nosotros, y ellos (*finalmente*) “creyeron (*en realidad*) en la Escritura y en las palabras que Jesús había dicho”.

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#### ¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

### Santifica el Sábado

No hay mejor forma de profundizar nuestras devociones de Cuaresma que repasar los Diez Mandamientos (no la película, el libro). Los primeros tres, los cuales se refieren a una buena relación con Dios, son más extensos. Quizás el que más nos cueste a nosotros, que siempre estamos tan ocupados, es santificar las fiestas refiriéndose al día del Señor.

Si tomáramos este mandamiento literalmente, no cambiaríamos a los bebés, los platos quedarían en la mesa y quizás ni siquiera serviríamos las comidas. Los enfermos no serían atendidos y no se haría nada que estuviera relacionado con el trabajo físico. ¿Se considera trabajo al trabajo mental? ¿Y qué hay de cambiarle el pañal al bebé (¡pobrecito!)?

Debemos depender de Dios para discernir de qué **manera debemos** respetar y santificar el día del Señor en nuestras vidas. La clave de este mandamiento es que Dios nos ha dado un gran regalo: un día entero por semana en el cual somos libres para descansar, rendirle culto a Dios, cantar, celebrar, amar y alegrarnos. Como proclama el Salmo 19: “Los mandatos del Señor son rectos / y alegran el corazón” (19:8). Nuestro descanso del domingo es un gran regalo que debemos recibir de Dios con alegría, no poniendo peros.

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### Lecturas De Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (*Éxodo 20:1-7 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]*) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

**Salmo** — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (*Salmo 19 [18]*) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

**Segunda lectura** — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (*1 Corintios 1:22-25*) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Evangelio** — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (*Juan 2:13-25*) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 40-42]*.

### Lecturas De La Semana

**lunes:** 2 Re 5:1-15b; Lc 4:24-30

**martes:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**miércoles:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**jueves:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88); Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a

**viernes:** Os 14:2-10; Mc 12:28-34

**sábado:** Os 6:1-6; Lc 18:9-14

**domingo:** 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136); Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

## Noticias de la Parroquia

**Pescado Frito en Cuaresma** — Los Caballeros de Colón, Consejo 5300, estarán ofreciendo "Pescado Frito" cada Viernes durante los seis viernes de Cuaresma (no habrá pescado frito el Viernes Santo). Se comenzará a servir a las 6:00 pm en el Salón de la Parroquia. También se ofrecerán porciones para llevar a casa. El costo es de \$9 y sólo \$3 para niños menores de 12 años. ¡Disfrute uno de los mejores platos de pescado frito que puede encontrar en el Sur de California!. Las ganancias irán en ayuda de los trabajos de caridad del Consejo.

**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 3 de abril (y el Primer Viernes** de cada Mes) para la Adoración de la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto ese día viernes **3 de abril**, empezando a las **9 de la noche** hasta la Bendición Solemne, a las 8 de la mañana del sábado 4 de abril.

**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. Nuevo curso incluye apologética, evangelización, consejería, compromiso y espiritualidad. 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**.

### Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

domingo:	Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma; Primer Escrutinio
martes:	San Patricio
miércoles:	San Cirilo de Jerusalén
jueves:	San José, Esposo de la Virgen María
viernes:	Inicio de Primavera; Abstinencia

**Unidos en Misión 2009** — 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.

**Red de Vida** — Red de Vida ofrece: opciones para el embarazo, consejos, apoyo para crianza y adopción y grupos de apoyo posterior al aborto. **967-9096**. Toda la información es libre y confidencial.

**Vocaciones** — Para información, póngase en contacto con Padre James Forsen, vía correo electrónico: frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org o telefónicamente al **(213) 637-7515**. Adicionalmente, se ha establecido una red de 13 grupos de discernimiento a través de la Arquidiócesis, para darles apoyo y orientación vocacional. Para saber dónde exactamente, en su área, estos grupos se reunirán, por favor visite: [www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html](http://www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html) o llame a la Oficina para Vocaciones: **(213) 637-7248**.

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### Protegiendo a los Niños

Una fotografía actualizada y en buenas condiciones es una de las herramientas más importantes que las autoridades pueden utilizar en el caso de un niño perdido. La fotografía del niño debe ser reciente, de cabeza a hombros, la cara bien visible y a color. Debe tener la calidad de un "retrato escolar", y el fondo debe ser claro o de color oscuro para que no distraiga del sujeto. Si es posible, la fotografía debería estar disponible no solamente en papel, sino también en forma digital y en un disco compacto (CD). Esto disminuirá considerablemente el tiempo necesario para cambiar el tamaño, copiar, y corregir el color de la fotografía antes de entregarla a las autoridades. La fotografía debe ser actualizada por lo menos cada seis meses para los niños menores de 6 años, y después una vez al año o cada vez que los niños cambian de aspecto.

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? \_\_\_\_\_