

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
Claudia Renteria	Assoc Youth Minister	964-3466 x2

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Not For My Sake...

We struggle with the meaning of losing our life in order to find it, of dying in order to live. In the covenant of our world, these contradictory concepts make no sense. But Jesus came to establish a new covenant, one of service and of love. "He learned obedience from what he suffered" (*Hebrews 5:8*). "Obedience" and "suffering" are two much-misunderstood concepts. To obey means to listen and take to heart. Jeremiah speaks of God's law being written in our hearts, and that we will come to know our God. Psalm 51 cries out to God for "a clean heart," for it is with a clear conscience and clear vision that we will see God's will for us.

But For Yours

Just as the prophets and the psalms proclaimed the true way to know and follow God, Jesus shows us in his teaching and in his life how we are to love and serve God and each other. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus' reverence for God that manifested itself in obedience and suffering, not for its own sake, but for ours and for the glory of God. This mutual love of God and humanity is made perfect in Jesus, and we begin to see how our suffering can serve others and give glory to God. Our work and our prayer are to be for the good of all, not just for our own benefit: "I will draw everyone to myself" (*John 12:32*). Jesus' goodness and his sacrifice attract us to him and show us the enormity of his love and care for us. He held nothing back that could help us find God.

"Where I am, there also will my servant be" (*John 12:26*). We look to Jesus for our help in loving God and each other, in giving glory to God and service to others. Our glory and honor lie in serving God and our neighbor with love and reverence.

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
 Thursday: St. Francis of Paola
 Friday: First Friday; Abstinence
 Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

Stations of the Cross

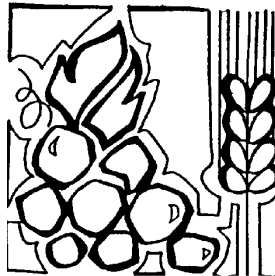
Every Friday during Lent.
 English (5:30 pm) and
 Spanish at 7:00 pm, in the
 church.



Saved By God's Love

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other

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animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (*Jeremiah 31:31-34*) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (*Psalms 51*) or *Psalms 130*.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (*Hebrews 5:7-9*) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (*John 12:20-33*) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

Parish Community News

Fifth Sunday Collection This Weekend — St. Vincent de Paul Society members will be accepting your donations at the Fifth Sunday Collection after all Masses this weekend. All of your contributions will help the needy in our community. Thank you!

Lenten Fish Fry — Knights of Columbus Council 5300 will be hosting the **final** Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, April 3** (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. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their patronage. Proceeds support the charitable works of the Council.



Decorate for Easter — Please join us to decorate the church with Easter lilies on Saturday, **April 11**, at 9:00 am.

St. Raphael Preschool: Fall 2009 — We welcome parishioners with children ages 2.9 to 5 years of age for Fall of 2009. For more information about this program, please call Jo Bittner at **967-4435**.

Donation Envelopes — When you make a donation (even if the donation is monthly), we need you to use the donation envelopes that were sent in the mail. Loose checks require additional time and recordkeeping for parish staff and money counters. Using the envelopes helps us keep accurate records for tax reporting. If you need envelopes, call the Parish Office at **967-5641**.



Let's have a Pot Luck! — We recently asked the Santa Barbara County Department of Environmental Health Services Inspector to clarify the rules for having pot lucks here at Saint Raphael's (there had been some misinformation and confusion in the past). We are allowed to have pot luck meals here as long as they are private and not public events. This means anytime we invite members of our church community and parish related organizations that get together for a meal, attendees of the meal can bring food prepared from home. Our Parish Picnic is an exception — we are only allowed baked goods prepared off the property there (all other food for the Parish Picnic must be prepared on site). Call Noël at **683-9090 x7** if you have questions. Now, will someone please throw a pot luck!



Just a Reminder — There will be **no** Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday, April 11.

More Parish Community News on Page Four

This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, March 29

SVDP Fifth Sunday Collection, after all Masses
Life Teen Mass, Church, 5:30 pm, PC afterwards

Monday, March 30

Open

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

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

Religious Education (English), 6:00 pm

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

Praise & Worship Group, Conf. Rm., 7:30 pm

Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 2

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

The Edge, PC, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 3

Bereavement Group, PC, Rm. B, 10:00 am

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at
9:00 pm

Saturday, April 4

Benediction, Church, 8:00 am

SVDP Easter Food Drive, after all Masses

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

Sunday, April 5

SVDP Easter Food Drive, after all Masses

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

PC=Parish Center

Easter Food Drive

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Raphael Chapter, will be collecting food for the needy during all the Masses on **April 4** and **5**. There will also be food collection on Monday, **April 6** and Tuesday, **April 7** in the **Parish Office** from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. We accept all foods and perishable items. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

Parish Community News

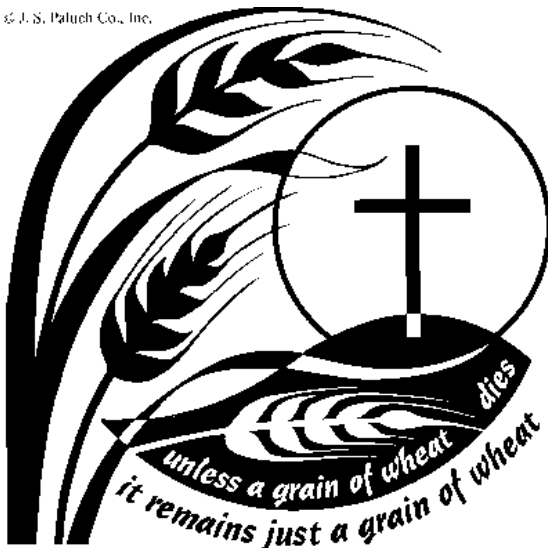
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Together In Mission 2009 — Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people. 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 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.

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

Early Deadline for Easter Bulletin — The company that prints the Parish Bulletin will be giving time off to their employees during Easter Week. Please submit your items for the Easter (April 12) bulletin no later than Noon on **Monday, March 30**. Thank you!

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Mass Intentions

March 29, 2009 — April 3, 2009

Mar 28 Sat	Vigil	5:30 pm	Maria Hoi Phan (D)
Mar 29 Sun		7:30 am	Our Parish Community
		9:30 am	Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
		11:00 am	Enrique Valladares & Family (L)
		12:30 pm	Todas las Almas en el Purgatorio
		5:30 pm	John Yee (D)
Mar 30 Mon		8:00 am	Andrew Leicht (L)
Mar 31 Tues		8:00 am	Carol Confar (L)
Apr 01 Wed		8:00 am	Mary Jo Durenberger (D)
		12:05 pm	To end Abortion
Apr 02 Thu		8:00 am	Orlando Torigiani (D)
Apr 03 Fri		8:00 am	Williford Family (L)
		12:05 pm	Ruth Duwell (L)

Devotions

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

Discalced Carmelites Secular Order — Usually meets the second Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Mount 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 **Tuesday, April 21**. 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 **April 1**. New members welcome.

Saint Raphael School

"From The Principal's Desk"

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 Friday, **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.

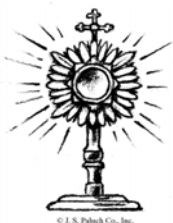
Protecting Our Children

A key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In children, the following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect: Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance. Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention. Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen. Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn. Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting>.

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

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**.

Sociable Seniors

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, **April 15**, for Mass, lunch, and our Program. Our own Gloria Orr participated in a reminiscence forum program on WW II at Anacapa School recently. Gloria and Fred now invite YOU (the "Greatest Generation") to come and tell our Seniors Group where you were and what you were doing during that time. Were you a soldier, sailor, or Marine; a machinist, a "Rosie the Riveter"; a POW, or "keeping the home fires burning". Tell us your story!

We encourage attendance at 12:05 pm Mass. We meet in the Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Bring your own sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be furnished. Questions? Call Bea at **964-2431**.

The Senior Travelers

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.

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, sauce.

Thank You!

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**.

"Spirituality and Culture" — A free talk by Benedictine author and international lecturer, Joan Chittister, OSB. Thursday, **April 2**, 8:00 pm, at the Marjorie Luke Theater, Santa Barbara Junior High, 721 E. Cota. The talk is sponsored by the Walter H. Capps Center at UCSB and a Ford Foundation grant.

"Church Women United" Meeting — Friday, **April 3**, 10:30 am, Cambridge Drive Community Church, 550 Cambridge Drive, Goleta. Bible Study and Hospice Chaplain, Rev. Cheryl Donkin. Dessert and beverage will be furnished.

Spring Festival — Sunday, **April 5**, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows and Notre Dame School, 33 East Micheltornea. Entertainment, food, games, raffle (with CASH prizes)!

Silent Holy Week Retreat — The priests of Mile Christi are holding a 4-Day silent retreat for women **April 8-12** at the Santa Barbara Mission Retreat Center. There will be ten talks on the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Cost includes all talks, room and meals. For more information, please contact Christine at **(209) 357-0128**.

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**.

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.

2009 Days of Recollection — The Mission Renewal Center at Old Mission Santa Barbara is offering "Days of Recollection" throughout 2009. Call **(805) 682-4713, x133**, or email: retreats@sboldmission.org. Visit the website www.santabarbaramission.org for more information about the topics, schedule, cost, or for online registration.

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, counseling, post-abortion support groups, parenting and adoption support. All info 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**.



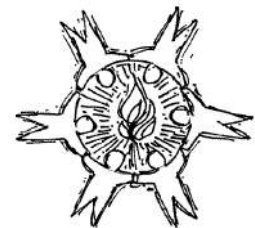
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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 de Cuaresma

No Por Mi Bien...

Tratamos de entender el significado de perder nuestra vida para encontrarla, de morir para vivir. En nuestro mundo actual, esos conceptos contradictorios no tienen sentido. Pero Jesús vino a establecer una nueva Alianza de amor y servicio. "Aprendió en su pasión lo que es obedecer". "Obediencia" y "sufrimiento" son dos palabras muy malentendidas. Obedecer significa escuchar y tomar las cosas en serio. Jeremías habla de la ley de Dios escrita en nuestro corazón, y que llegaremos a conocer a nuestro Dios. El Salmo 51 clama a Dios por "un corazón limpio", porque será con una conciencia y una visión claras que veremos la voluntad de Dios para nosotros.

Sino Por Ustedes

Así como los profetas y los salmos proclamaron el camino verdadero para conocer y seguir a Dios, Jesús nos muestra en su enseñanza y en su vida cómo debemos amar y servir a Dios y a los demás. La carta a los Hebreos habla de la reverencia que Jesús tenía hacia Dios y que se manifestaba en obediencia y sufrimiento, no en su propio bien sino en el nuestro y para la gloria de Dios. Este amor mutuo entre Dios y la humanidad se hace perfecto en Jesús, y empezamos a ver cómo nuestro sufrimiento puede servir a los demás y glorificar a Dios. Nuestras obras y oraciones son para el bien de todos, no solamente para nuestro propio beneficio. "Atraeré a todos hacia mí". La bondad de Jesús y su sacrificio nos atraen a él y nos muestran la grandeza de su amor y su atención por nosotros. Jesús no ocultó nada que pudiera ayudarnos a encontrar a Dios.

"Que donde yo esté también esté mi servidor". Buscamos a Jesús para que nos ayude a amar a Dios y a los demás, a dar gloria a Dios y servir a los demás. Nuestra gloria y honor dependen de servir a Dios y nuestro prójimo con amor y reverencia.

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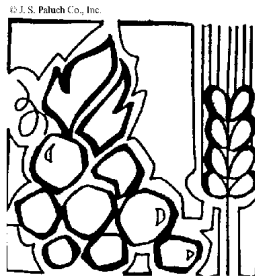
Estaciones Del Vía Crucis

Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma
En el Iglesia
En Ingles: 5:30 pm
En Español: 7:00 pm



Salvados Por El Amor De Dios

Después de que los Israelitas que brantaron la antigua alianza, Dios prometió una nueva alianza, no con la sangre de bueyes y otros animales sino con la sangre del Hijo, Jesucristo. Esta nueva alianza, que Jeremías y los profetas habían anticipado, no sería grabada en piedra ni escrita en papel, sino que se escribiría en el corazón, para que pudiéramos conocer a Dios íntimamente. La salvación no está en obedecer muchos preceptos, sino en el amor de Dios, que está vivo y es real en nuestro corazón gracias al sacrificio de Cristo.



UNA NUEVA
ALIANZA



Nuestra Eucaristía es la promesa del Cristo que vive dentro nuestro y de nuestra respuesta de alabanza y agradecimiento a Dios por su misericordia, amor y bondad al perdonar nuestros pecados y limpiarnos el corazón de todo mal. Dios extiende esta invitación a la intimidad al ofrecernos la oportunidad de que nuestro sufrimiento se transforme en el amor perfecto del Salvador, que siempre nos amó.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (*Jeremías 31:31-34*) o *Ezequiel 37:12-14*.

Salmo — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (*Salmo 51 (50)*) o *Salmo 130 (129)*.

Segunda lectura — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (*Hebreos 5:7-9*) o *Romanos 8:8-11*.

Evangelio — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (*Juan 12:20-33*) o *Juan 11:1-45*

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Jn 8:1-11

martes: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

domingo: Mc 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procesión);

Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21); Fil 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 -- 15:47
[15:1-39]

Noticias de la Parroquia

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.



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.

Campana de Alimentos para Pascua — La Sociedad San Vicente de Paul, capitulo de San Rafael, estará recibiendo alimentos para los necesitados durante todas las Misa del **abril 4 y abril 5**. También se recaudaran alimentos, el lunes **6de abril** y el martes **7 de abril** en la Oficina Parroquial, desde las 9 de la mañana hasta las 6 de la Tarde. Aceptamos toda clase de alimentos y también alimentos perecibles. Por favor sea lo mas generoso que pueda. ¡Gracias!

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.

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.

¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

Sacramento de Reconciliación (Confesión) — No habrá Sacramento de Reconciliación durante la Semana Santa o el sábado 11 de abril.

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.

Cambios en el Procedimiento para Requerir Salas Los requerimientos para el uso de las diferentes Salas en San Rafael, se aceptarán sólo por escrito utilizando los formularios (de color naranja), disponibles en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Las solicitudes serán procesadas los lunes de cada semana. Agradecemos de antemano su entendimiento y paciencia ya que tratamos de hacer de éste, un proceso menos complicado, con buena comunicación y con los menos errores posible.

Caridades Católicas — Los honorarios dependen de los ingresos de las familia. Para más información, llame al teléfono **(805) 965-7045 extensión 114**.

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.

Protegiendo a los Niños

Una de las herramientas para poder reportar el abuso y negligencia de menores es saber reconocer las señales comunes. En los niños, las siguientes muestras pueden señalar la presencia de abuso o negligencia: cambios repentinos en su comportamiento o en el rendimiento escolar; no recibir ayuda en los problemas físicos o médicos a los cuales le han informado a los padres; se mantienen vigilante como si algo malo fuera a suceder; son demasiado conformistas, pasivos o retraídos; llegan temprano a la escuela u otras actividades, se queda tarde y no quiere irse a casa. Para aprender más sobre la prevención del abuso de menores visite: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting>.

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? _____