

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Memories

Two years ago, following the death of my youngest sister at the age of 37, I felt the need to be surrounded with reminders of her life and accomplishments. Her final months spent battling an aggressive form of multiple sclerosis were months when her body simply wasted away. After her death I felt a strong need to place photos in my office cubicle and in my home—photos showing my sister in her earlier years as a vibrant, healthy, and sparkling young woman.

About a year after my sister's death, I was visiting another sister and noticed that she had only two photos of our late sister in her home. One photo had been taken years earlier and showed our sister as a vital young woman. The other was taken a few months before her death. In that photo, she was in her wheelchair, pale, thin, and feeble. My sister told me that she always wanted to be reminded of the health and the sickness and death, since these were the realities that made our late sister who she really was. This was a moment of great insight for me. Now when I remember my sister, I try to remember her from images of her strong years, as well as images of her final months and dying days. The totality of these images makes up who my sister was.

Remembering During The Easter Season

The Easter season gives us many opportunities to remember the totality of what God has done for us. Today, two weeks after Easter, the scripture writers urge us to remember the whole event of the paschal mystery — Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. This is important because every one of us who is baptized has a share in that mystery. We are constantly called to die to sin and rise to renewed life in Christ Jesus.

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Believing in Jesus Christ

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament — the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (*1 John 2:2*). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (*Acts 3:19*). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (*1 John 2:2*). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (*Luke 24:47*).

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*).

Psalms — Lord, let your face shine on us (*Psalms 4*).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (*1 John 2:1-5a*).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (*Luke 24:35-48*).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or, for the memorial,
Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Louis Mary de Montfort; St. Peter Chanel

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday: St. Pius V

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday;
National Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

Parish Community News

Special Collection — Today is our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Since 1951, this special Fund helps those in crisis situations from Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families. Your gift provides one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses. Thank you for your generosity. For your convenience, envelopes are provided in the pews.

Eucharistic Ministers — Please contact Maureen by **May 3** with any changes to your availability for the JUN-JUL-AUG schedule. If you are returning from an absence, please advise your availability to be scheduled again. Also provide any changes to your contact information.

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**.

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**.

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.

Need help?

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

This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Conf. Rm., 2:00 pm

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

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

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

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

Saturday, May 2

Benediction, Church, 8:00 am

Religious Education (Bilingual), 9:00 am

Sunday, May 3

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. *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.

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. Call
Father 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. You can also visit: [www.archdiocese.la/
ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html](http://www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html)



Food Items Needed by Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides supplemental food **all year long** to those in need. You can help by donating **non-perishable** items that will provide "Healthy Staple Foods":

Canned peas, corn, string beans, canned 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.

Thank you!

Mass Intentions

April 25, 2009 — May 1, 2009

Apr 25 Sat	Vigil 5:30 pm	Darlene Reynolds (L)
Apr 26 Sun	7:30 am	John Yee (D)
	9:30 am	John Alvarado (D)
	11:00 am	Elizabeth Hubert (D)
	12:30 pm	Our Parish Community
	5:30 pm	Betty Glenn (D)
Apr 27 Mon	8:00 am	Jenny Costantino (D)
Apr 28 Tues	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of Robert & Gladys Brown's Family
Apr 29 Wed	8:00 am	Nathan Hagon (L)
	12:05 pm	John McKee (D)
Apr 30 Thu	8:00 am	Mary Herrera (D)
May 01 Fri	8:00 am	Rosario Rodriguez (D)
	12:05 pm	Pat Strickland (D)

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, May 19** (May meeting originally scheduled for Monday is now Tuesday). 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 for the third Wednesday of the month), 10:00 am to 11:30 am, in Room A/B of the Parish Center. New members welcome. Next meeting is **April 29**.



Saint Raphael School

"From The Principal's Desk"

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

The Pillar of Fire

What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, that during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, never to go out? It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey. Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve. With it, we led those chosen for the Sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb.

It is the holy sign of Christ our Light (Thanks be to God!). On it, we traced the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. Into it, we pressed five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side. For it, we sang our song of consecration and praise: "Accept, O God, this Easter candle. Let it shine with the lights of heaven and bravely burn forever!" From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honor near the font, it is brought out and lit for every evening sacrifice of praise, for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed — like Christ himself — and never truly extinguished. And so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle: "May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ the Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all people." Thanks be to God!

Sociable Seniors

Questions? Call Bea at **964-2431**.

The Senior Travelers

PCPA Santa Maria:

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.

Protecting Our Children

Learn How To Protect Children from Abuse

There are 25,857 Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. If every Catholic parish or school could stop just one child from being abused we could make a tremendous difference. Abuse prevention training programs are available on a regular basis in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These programs only take a few hours to complete. To locate a training program near you, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, **(213) 637-7227**.

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us on **Friday, May 1** (and every first Friday of the month). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00 am on Friday, **May 1** until Solemn Benediction at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 2. 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 info, call **967-7391**.



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).

Just a Reminder — The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA), prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy or a caregiver to visit you, please notify the hospital or call the Parish Office.

Catholic Community News

“Life in the Spirit” Seminar — The Santa Barbara Area Catholic Prayer Groups and the Saint Raphael Prayer Group invite you to attend a 3-session, “Life in the Spirit” seminar with speakers, videos and small group discussions on the theme of “Thy Kingdom Come”. **Today** (Sunday, **April 26**), Sunday, **May 3**, and Sunday, **May 17** at Saint Raphael Church Parish Hall. All sessions are 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Love offering will be taken. For info., call Phil or Chris Luna, **962-1438**.

“Praise and Worship” — St. John Eudes Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a “Praise and Worship” Service on Wednesday, **April 29**, 7:30 pm at St. John Eudes Church in Chatsworth. Fr. Joshua Lee will also celebrate Mass. For information, call **(818) 343-8128**.

“Tea By The Sea” — Villa Majella of Santa Barbara will be holding their Thirteenth Annual “Tea By The Sea” on Saturday, **May 2**, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at a beautiful beachside estate on Padaro Lane. Activities include a tea buffet, silent auction, Hawaiian music/dancers and a raffle to win an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Hawaii. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$12 for children. Call **(805) 964-1650** for raffle tickets and reservations. Proceeds benefit the mothers and babies of Villa Majella Maternity Home.

Universal Compassion: Continuing the Dalai Lama’s Interfaith Dialogues — Join in a community discussion (inspired by the Dalai Lama’s recent visit to Santa Barbara) of the evolving meaning and practice of Universal Compassion. A gourmet hallal dinner (including vegetarian dishes) will be served. Please bring your own non-disposable place setting to help reduce waste. Saturday, **May 2**, 6:00 pm, St. Raphael Church Parish Hall. \$20 per ticket in advance (\$25 at the door). For info, call **(805) 201-3134**, or email: ifisbc@impulse.net.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps — The IVC is looking for men and women over 50 to share their skills, talents and wisdom in service to the poor. Volunteers help distribute food and clothing, assist in literacy and counseling and much more. Information meeting on Thursday, **May 7**, 1:00 pm at Padre Serra Parish, 5205 Upland Rd., Camarillo. For info call **(805) 987-9807**; email: ahansen@ivcusa.org.

Prayer Breakfast — The Santa Maria Magnificat Chapter invites all Catholic women to a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, **May 9**, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Santa Maria Inn. Guest speaker Marie Schaefer will talk about her conversion. Cost is \$25 per person with a reservation, or \$30 at the door. For reservations, call **(805) 938-1254**.

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**, email: retreats@sboldmission.org., or visit the website www.santabarbaramission.org

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.

Share Your Gifts, Live Your Faith, Change the World The Lay Mission-Helpers and Mission Doctors Associations are looking for men and women (singles/couples/families) who have a useful skill or profession and are willing to dedicate 3 years of their lives to the work of the Church in the Missions overseas. Visit www.laymissionhelpers.org or www.missiondoctors.org.

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.

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.

Bass and Flute Player Needed — The 5:30 pm Sunday Evening Life Teen Band is looking for a bass and flute player. Commitment is Sunday evenings from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm (Mass is at 5:30 pm) We are also looking for teens and young adults who have singing experience to sing in the choir. Call John at **964-3466 x1**.

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 Pascua

Recuerdos

Hace dos años, luego de la muerte de mi hermana menor a la edad de 37 años, sentí la necesidad de rodearme de recuerdos de su vida y logros. Los últimos meses que pasó luchando contra una forma agresiva de esclerosis múltiple fue un tiempo en el que su cuerpo simplemente se deterioró. Después de su muerte sentí la imperiosa necesidad de colocar fotos en el cubículo de mi oficina y en mi casa, fotos que mostraban a mi hermana en sus primeros años como una joven vibrante, saludable y brillante.

Casi un año después, visité a otra hermana y me di cuenta que en su casa tenía solamente dos fotos de mi difunta hermana. Una de las fotos había sido tomada años atrás y mostraba a nuestra hermana como una joven en toda su vitalidad. La otra fue tomada pocos meses antes de su muerte. En esa foto estaba en una silla de ruedas, pálida, delgada y débil. Mi hermana me dijo que siempre quería tener presente la salud, la enfermedad y la muerte, ya que mostraban a nuestra difunta hermana como realmente era. Para mí fue un momento de gran inspiración. Cuando ahora recuerdo a mi hermana, trato de pensar en las imágenes de sus años de vitalidad, así como en las imágenes de los meses finales y sus últimos días. Todas estas imágenes constituyen lo que realmente era mi hermana.

Recordamos Durante La Temporada De Pascua

La temporada de Pascua nos da muchas oportunidades para recordar todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros. Hoy, dos semanas después de Pascua, los escritores de la Biblia nos instan a recordar todo el acontecimiento del misterio pascual: la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Esto es importante porque cada uno de nosotros que es bautizado forma parte de ese misterio. Estamos llamados constantemente a morir en el pecado y resucitar a una vida nueva en Cristo.

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Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

domingo: Tercer Domingo de Pascua
 martes: San Luis Mariá Grignon de Montfort;
 San Pedro Chanel
 miércoles: Santa Catalina de Siena
 jueves: San Pio V
 viernes: San José, obrero; Primer viernes;
 Día Nacional de Oración
 sábado: San Atanasio; Primer sábado

¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

Crear En Jesucristo

Durante todo el tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, Aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía.

Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana, sin embargo hacen hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en "Jesucristo, el Justo" (*1 Juan 2:2*). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos "arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados" (*Hechos 3:19*). La primera carta del apóstol San Juan dice que Jesucristo es "víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados" (*1 Juan 2:2*). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: "Paz" y los insta a predicar "la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados" (*Lucas 24:47*).

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (*Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19*).

Salmo — En ti, Señor, confío. Aleluya (*Salmo 4*).

Segunda lectura — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (*1 Juan 2:1-5a*).

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (*Lucas 24:35-48*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

martes: Hch 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 o, para el memorial,
 Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117); 1 Jn 3:1-2;
 Jn 10:11-18

Dios lo resucitó de entre
 los muertos.

Noticias de la Parroquia

Colecta Especial — Hoy es nuestra Colecta especial para el Fondo de Caridad, Cardenal Mac Intyre. Desde 1951 este Fondo ayuda a aquellas personas que se encuentran en situaciones de crisis en los condados de Santa Barbara, Ventura y Los Ángeles. Su contribución va directamente a cubrir las necesidades de emergencia de niños, adultos y familias. Su donación provee, por una vez, ayuda de emergencia como: alimentos, servicios públicos, servicio de transporte, servicio médico, vivienda o gastos de funeral. Gracias por su generosidad. Para su conveniencia, los sobres para sus donaciones se encuentran en los bancos de la Iglesia.

Adoración de la Eucaristía — Invitamos a todos ustedes a unirse a nosotros **el viernes 1 de mayo (y el Primer**



Viernes de cada Mes) para la Adoración de la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto ese día viernes **1 de mayo**, desde las 8 de la mañana hasta la Bendición Solemne, a las 8 de la mañana del sábado 2 de mayo. El viernes 1 de mayo, 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**.

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.

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.

Grupo de Oración — Se juntan todo los viernes en el Centro Parroquial, Salón B, a las 7:00 de la noche. Todos están bienvenidos.

Vocaciones — Dos veces al año, se ofrece un Retiro de Discernimiento Sacerdotal para varones con grado universitario, que estén considerando el sacerdocio diocesano. Los interesados pueden llegar el día anterior y asistir a las clases y ver cómo se desarrolla un día normal en el Seminario. Para más 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 o llame a la Oficina para Vocaciones: **(213) 637-7248**.

!Ayuda a Eliminar La Violencia Sexual en Nuestra Comunidad! — El Centro Contra La Violencia Sexual Te invita a participar en las clases para ser un/a Consejero/a en casos de abuso sexual. Las clases serán los martes y jueves de 6:00 pm -10:00 pm del **28 de abril a 23 de junio**. Llama Ahora con Stephanie Mesones **(805) 963-6832 x18**.

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

Aprenda Como Proteger a los Niños Contra el Abuso

Hay 25,857 parroquias y escuelas Católicas en los Estados Unidos. Haríamos una enorme diferencia si cada parroquia o escuela Católica pudiera detener tan solo a un niño de ser abusado. Hay disponibles, a través de las Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, programas en ingles y español de prevención contra el abuso a base regular. Estos programas toman solamente algunas horas para terminar. Para localizar un programa de entrenamiento más cercano a usted, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina Protegiendo a los Niños al **(213) 637-7227**.

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? _____