

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

The Ascension of the Lord Grandmother's Deck of Cards

My grandmother had a deep and lasting impact on the lives of her grandchildren. She was our first close relative to die. I will never forget her wake when, in a kind of procession, each of her adult grandchildren walked up to her casket and slipped a small symbol beneath the folds of the lining of the coffin. For me, it was a playing card from the deck she always used to create a kind of magical fan, formed by bending the deck of cards back and forth. Each time I perform this same "trick" to the delight of my own nieces and nephews, the presence of my grandmother is unmistakable.

Christ's Enduring Presence For All Times

I have always imagined that the Lord's followers were very deflated, to the point of depression, when he ascended into the heavens before their eyes. This was the man who had completely changed their lives. This was the man whom they had abandoned, yet who brought them the Easter peace of reconciliation and forgiveness. It could have all ended in that place where Jesus ascended. We all know it did not. The Lord Jesus left his followers gifts that would always and forever make his presence known to them. And these gifts are at our disposal to this day. Every time we gather to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we know the presence of the Lord. Symbols, like my grandmother's one playing card, have tremendous power to evoke presence. Christ's presence inspires us to take his final words to his followers very seriously. It is in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit that we continue to make the gospel message known to those we meet. Today is not a day to celebrate the departure of Christ from this world. It is a day to celebrate the enduring presence of the Lord.

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The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

— Mark 16:15-20

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord
Monday:	St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day
Tuesday:	St. Philip Neri
Wednesday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday:	Orthodox Ascension
Saturday:	Vigil of Pentecost

Mission Statement

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

*Proclaim
the Gospel
to the whole
world.*

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ — a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (*Acts 1:1-11*).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (*Psalms 47*).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (*Ephesians 1:17-23*) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (*Mark 16:15-20*).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Parish Community News

Fifth Sunday Collection — Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting your donations after all Masses next weekend (**May 30 and 31**). Your dollars will be used entirely to help the needy in our community. Thank you!

BAR-B-Q! — The Guadalupanos of Saint Raphael invite you to a Tri-Tip and Chicken Bar-B-Q on **June 7** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy the meal here, or take it home to enjoy later! Donation is only \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. The Guadalupanos thank you for your loyal support. For more information, call Carlos Valenzuela at **967-6377**.

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**.

“Summer Saints and Some Are Not” — A weekly Catholic Church History class will begin on Wednesday, **June 10** at St. Raphael Church Parish Center, Room A, 10:00 am to Noon.

Continuing this five year study, the next area covered will be the 14th Century, including: The Avignon Papacy, The Great Western Schism, Inquisitions, The Protestant Revolution, the Council of Trent, and much more. Students get a grasp of important Church eras, dates, pivotal figures and key writings of each period. New students welcome. For questions and registration, call Gerry Nordsieck, **967-9739**. Email: gmnordsieck@gmail.com.



Attention!

Parish Volunteers Working with Children!

If your volunteer position here at the parish or parish school involves interacting with minors (anyone under age 18), you need to complete the following:

- 1) A Volunteer Application
- 2) A Signed Acknowledgement of “Guidelines for Interacting with Minors”
- 3) A VIRTUS Class
- 4) Fingerprinting done by the Archdiocese

You should obtain a Volunteer Application and “Guidelines for Interacting with Minors” from the group with whom you are volunteering. If you need a VIRTUS class, you can call the Parish Office to find out the date of the next class. Fingerprinting is done occasionally in our area and is announced by the Archdiocese. If you have questions or are not sure if your position requires these steps, you can call Jenny Lafferty at **967-5566**.

This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 25

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

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

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

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

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

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

Fifth Sunday Collection, after all Masses

Sunday, May 31

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

PC=Parish Center



You will be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth.

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 guid-
ance. 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

May 23, 2009 — May 29, 2009

May 23 Sat	Vigil 5:30 pm	Evelyn and Henry Vega (D)
May 24 Sun	7:30 am	Sonia Garces (D)
	9:30 am	Our Parish Community
	11:00 am	Jose Socorro Gaytan (D)
	12:30 pm	Abelino Bailon (D)
	5:30 pm	Alfonso Rubio (D)
May 25 Mon	8:00 am	Megan Becker (L)
May 26 Tues	8:00 am	Maria A. Martinez (D)
May 27 Wed	8:00 am	Manuel Quiroz (D)
	12:05 pm	Ludwig Job (D)
May 28 Thu	8:00 am	Vincent Avila (L)
May 29 Fri	8:00 am	Ambrose Baggao and Charlotte Baggao-Colton (D)
	12:05 pm	Refugio Quiroz (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, June 16**. 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

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. We will have two final sessions, **May 27** and **June 3**, to complete our study of the Letters of John.



Saint Raphael School

"From The Principal's Desk"

Every Day in May — The Lauren Ashley Herrera memorial tradition of families taking home the statue of Mary to pray the rosary. Every day in May, our Religion Commissioner Allison Malone, leads the student body in saying a decade of the rosary for World Peace.

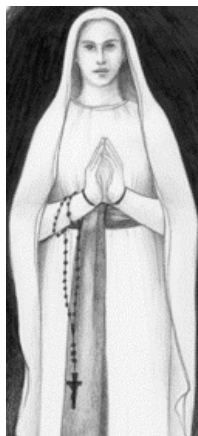
Protecting Our Children

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 905,000 reported child abuse cases in 2006 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, (213) 637-7227.

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

Treasures From Our Tradition

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome, and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.



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Sociable Seniors

Sociable Seniors wish to thank the fifteen individuals shared their reminiscences of World War II at our April meeting. You touched our hearts.

There will be **no** Sociable Seniors meeting in May. Our next meeting will be on **June 17**. Please check upcoming bulletins for details. Questions? Call Bea at **964-2431**.

The Senior Travelers

All "land trips" are customized for seniors by a senior travel expert.

PCPA Santa Maria:

July 29: Music Man. Wednesday Matinee. \$69 includes bus, show, and dinner. **Only four seats left!** Pay in full by June 20. Make checks payable to *St. Raphael Sociable Seniors*.

Branson. September 1-9. Non-demanding and fun-filled. Price to be announced. Check future bulletins.

Washington D.C. September 24 to October 2.

Specialized tour for seniors and veterans. Call Joan for detailed itinerary.

Oceano Melodrama Holiday Show. December 6.

Sunday matinee. Limited to 40 people. Price to be announced.

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 join us on **Friday, June 5** (and every first Friday of the month). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00 am on Friday, **June 5** until Solemn Benediction at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 6. 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).

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.

Catholic Community News

Memorial Day Liturgy — Monday, **May 25**, 10:00 am, at Calvary Cemetery in Santa Barbara. The Presider will be Bishop Thomas J. Curry.

Pentecost Vigil Celebration — Saturday, **May 30**, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm at Bishop Alemany High School Chapel, 11111 N. Aleman Dr., Mission Hills, CA. Theme: "Take Heart: Receiving and Sharing God's Love." Speakers, then Mass at 3:15 pm. Free, and everyone is welcome. For info, call SCRC at **(818) 771-1361**, or email: spirit@scrc.org. You can also visit the website: www.scrc.org.

Voice of the Faithful — The Voice of the Faithful meeting that was cancelled because of the Jesusita fire has been rescheduled for Monday, **June 1**, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, 21 E. Sola St. Potluck dinner (bring entrée, salad or dessert). Sister Joan Chittister's video on the "Spirituality of Struggle and Hope," followed by discussion. All are invited. Info: call **687-0357** or visit www.votfsba.org.

2009 California Summer Retreat — Hosted by Families of Nazareth, Sunday, **July 19** through Thursday, **July 23** at The Santa Barbara Mission Retreat Center. Eucharist, Reconciliation, Adoration, spiritual conferences and rest. For adults (18 yrs and older). For more info, call Kelly Babraj, **(310) 897-0194**. You can also visit the website: www.californiarettreat@familiesofnazareth.us

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.

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

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

Children's Beginning Experience — A grief recovery weekend, in a camp-like setting designed for children (ages 8 - 18) whose parents have separated, divorced, were never married or have experienced the death of a parent. For future dates and information, please call Ann McCreight, **(909) 597-5504**.

Newly Baptized!

Welcome Into the Family of God:

Jessica Ventura

Samuel Roberto Perez

Rogelio Martínez Lopez

Genevieve Martinez Lopez

David Lorenzo Martínez Alcantar

Julisa Alexandra Flores Francisco

Need help?

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

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**.



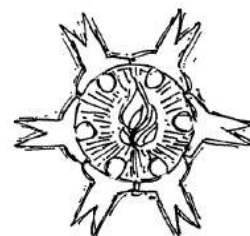
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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**.



Ascensión del Señor

La Baraja De La Abuela

Mi abuela ha tenido una influencia profunda y perdurable en la vida de sus nietos. Ella fue nuestro primer familiar cercano en morir. Nunca olvidaré su velorio cuando, en una especie de procesión, cada uno de sus nietos adultos nos acercamos a su ataúd y colocamos un pequeño símbolo debajo de los pliegues del forro del féretro. Para mí fue una carta de la baraja que siempre usó mi abuela para crear una especie de abanico mágico, formado al doblar las cartas de un lado para el otro. Cada vez que hago el mismo “truco” para el deleite de mis sobrinos, la presencia de mi abuela es inconfundible.

La Presencia Duradera De Cristo Para Todos Los Tiempos

Siempre he pensado que los seguidores del Señor se sintieron muy desanimados, al punto de la depresión, cuando ante sus ojos Jesús ascendió al cielo. Este fue el hombre que cambió completamente sus vidas. Este fue el hombre que abandonaron, pero que en la Pascua les trajo la paz de la reconciliación y el perdón. Todo podría haber terminado en el lugar donde ascendió Jesús. Pero todos sabemos que no fue así. El Señor Jesús dejó regalos a sus seguidores para que su presencia sea eternamente conocida por ellos. Y esos regalos están a nuestra disposición en este día. Cada vez que nos reunimos para celebrar los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía, sabemos que el Señor está presente. Los símbolos, como la carta de la baraja de mi abuela, tienen un poder inmenso para evocar la presencia de alguien. La presencia de Cristo nos inspira a tomar seriamente sus últimas palabras a sus seguidores. Es en Cristo y por medio del poder del Espíritu Santo que continuamos proclamando el mensaje del Evangelio a los demás. Hoy no es un día para celebrar la partida de Cristo de este mundo. Es un día para celebrar la presencia eterna del Señor.

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Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

domingo: La Ascensión del Señor
 lunes: San Beda el Venerable; San Gregorio VII;
 Santa María Magdalena de Pazzi;
 Día Memorial
 martes: San Felipe Neri
 miércoles: San Agustín de Canterbury
 jueves: Ascensión Ortodoxa;
 sábado: La Vigilia de Pentecostés

El que crea y se bautice, se salvará.

Declaración De La Misión

Hoy celebramos la Ascensión de Cristo al cielo y su elección de los discípulos para que continuaran su misión en el mundo. Primero escuchamos la descripción de Lucas de dichos acontecimientos en los primeros versículos de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Luego escuchamos palabras de aliento y consejo en la carta a los efesios. Por último, escuchamos el relato de Marcos de la Ascensión, que predice las poderosas palabras y obras que la comunidad cristiana hará en nombre de Jesús.

*Anuncien
la Buena
Nueva a
todo la
creación.*

Juntas, estas lecturas nos brindan una visión de la misión de la Iglesia de Jesucristo, una especie de declaración de misión. Como las declaraciones de misión de nuestras parroquias y empresas, esta declaración de misión puede ayudarnos a establecer prioridades y enfocar nuestras actividades. Puede guiarnos y apoyarnos mientras luchamos por continuar la misión mesiánica de Cristo en la tierra.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — Jesús se elevó en presencia de los discípulos (*Hechos 1:1-11*).

Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono (*Salmo 47 [46]*).

Segunda lectura — Dios Padre sentó a Jesús a su derecha en los cielos (*Efesios 1:17-23*) o *Efesios 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Evangelio — Jesús fue llevado al cielo después de pedir a sus discípulos que fueran por todo el mundo proclamando el Evangelio (*Marcos 16:15-20*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

martes: Hch 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103); Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39. **Día:** Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103); 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gál 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Noticias de la Parroquia

Colecta del Quinto Domingo — Los miembros de la Sociedad San Vicente de Paul estarán recibiendo sus donaciones, después de todas las misas, **el 31 de mayo**. Sus dólares serán usados, exclusivamente, para ayudar a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad. ¡Gracias!

¡Barbacoa! — Los Guadalupanos de San Rafael te invitan a su Barbacoa de Tri Tip y Pollo asado **el 7 de junio** de la 8:30 am asta las 2:00 pm. Lugar: Salón de la Parroquia de San Rafael para disfrutarla en el salón con amigos o para llevar a sus casas. Donación: \$7 por adulto y \$4 niño. Para mas información llame a Carlos Valenzuela **967-6377**. ¡Muchas gracias!

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.

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

Protegiendo a los Niños — Según el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los Estados Unidos, hubo 905,000 casos reportados de victimas en el 2006. Imagine si una enfermedad acabara con esa misma cantidad de jóvenes. ¿Cuál sería nuestra respuesta nacional? El abuso, aunque no sea fatal, roba la vida y daña el espíritu de un niño. Cambia a la persona en un nivel fundamental. Abril es el mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso de Menores. Para obtener más información e involucrarse en la protección de nuestros menores, por favor llame a la oficina de su parroquia o visite la página de Internet: www.archdiocese.la/protecting/espanol.

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

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.

Adoración de la Eucaristía — Invitamos a todos ustedes a unirse a nosotros **el viernes 5 de junio (y el Primer Viernes** de cada Mes) para la Adoración de la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto ese día **viernes 5 de junio**, desde las 8 de la mañana hasta la Bendición Solemne, a las 8 de la mañana del sábado 6 de junio. El viernes 5 de junio, 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**.

Consejero de Caridades Católicas — Los honorarios dependen de los ingresos de las familia. Para más información, llame al teléfono **(805) 965-7045 x114**.

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**.

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.

**¡Bienvenidos a la Familia de Dios
Por el Bautismo!**

*Jessica Ventura
Samuel Roberto Perez
Rogelio Martinez Lopez
Genevieve Martinez Lopez
David Lorenzo Martinez Alcantar
Julisa Alexandra Flores Francisco*

¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

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, or Jenny Lafferty, 967-5566

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? _____