

Saint Raphael Church

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M. Noël Fuentes	Pastoral Associate	x121

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial

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St. Raphael School/La Escuela Parroquial

Mrs. Ellen Manning	Principal	967-2115
School e-mail: sraph@sbceo.org		

Masses/Misas

Monday to Thursday/Lunes a Jueves:	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/Fiestas de Guardar

Schedule of Holy Days varies.

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturdays/Sábados: 4:00-5:00 pm

Exposition/La Exposición

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

Dear Parish Family,

We have been considering for some time a Faith Formation program that includes everyone in our faith community of St. Raphael's. This parish has a long history of providing quality religious education for our very youngest members all the way up to our longtime, faithful members. The Faith Formation programs stand apart from our prayer groups and service organizations in that these are instructional or educational. With this in mind we present to you the components of our 2008-09 Faith Formation program:

- ◆ **Early Childhood Education:** Cecilia Marks, Coordinator
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Nancy Pannizon, English Coordinator; Arcelia Hinojosa, Spanish Coordinator
- ◆ **St. Raphael School:** Ellen Manning, Principal
- ◆ **Elementary Religious Education:** Noël Fuentes, Coordinator
- ◆ **High School Confirmation:** John Vasellina, Coordinator
- ◆ **Adult Confirmation:** Fr. Mark Strader, Coordinator
- ◆ **Adult Education (Annual/Ongoing):** Fr. Bruce Correio, Lenten Bible Study; Sr. Mina Riggs, Adult Bible Study
- ◆ **Adult Education (Special Topics):** Fr. Bruce Correio, Fr. Mark Strader, Fr. Frank Colborn, Sr. Mina Riggs, Noël Fuentes

We have reorganized the Pastoral Staff assignments with the best use of our resources and keeping a balanced workload in mind. Please know that Sr. Mina has asked to work on a part-time basis this year, and now that we have a full-time Associate Pastor, Fr. Mark, we are able to use him and his many years of experience to help us out.

With the vacancy of both the English and the Bilingual Religious Education Coordinator positions, our Pastoral Associate, Noël has agreed to coordinate both the Religious Education programs this interim year while we remain in search of a permanent replacement for that position. This program will now be a two-year sacramental preparation course. Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered for first and second graders who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. There will be a

special Sacraments class for children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 who have not received their First Reconciliation and Communion.

Registration for all our Faith Formation programs (except St. Raphael School) will be Sunday, **September 7** in the Parish Hall after all the Masses.

Please join me in supporting the Faith Formation programs here at St. Raphael's by attending the courses offered. Please keep these and all our dedicated staff and volunteers, who have come forward to lead and educate our community, in your prayers.

With thanksgiving for all of you who make up this loving, faith-filled community, I remain yours in Christ,

Fr. Bruce Correio, Pastor

Today's Readings

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (*Isaiah 22: 19-23*).

Psalms — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (*Psalms 138*).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (*Romans 11: 33-36*).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (*Matthew 16:13-20*).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
 Wednesday: St. Monica
 Thursday: St. Augustine
 Friday: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Community News

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people to help Maria update and maintain the military bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. If you would like to help or would like to submit a photo (with name, branch, where stationed, and name of parents/relative), please stop by the Parish Office.

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. If you are interested in volunteering, call John at **964-3466 x1**.

St. Raphael's Early Childhood Program meets on Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass. We will be resuming classes on Sunday, October 5. We are looking for mothers as teachers to teach 3, 4 and 5 year old children. If you are interested, please contact Cecilia Marks at **968-6008**. Thank you.

Bowling League — "Attention men and women", join the fun! Sign up for the Saint Raphael Bowling League. Monday mornings, 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For info call Donna, **967-2898**.

Lost and Found — Have you lost something recently? We have a lot of "found" items in the Parish Office.

Free! — The Youth Ministry is giving away a 50" screen T.V. (donation will be gratefully accepted). It works! All you have to do is haul it away. Call **964-3466 x1**.

Thank You

Words cannot express my gratitude for the loving support, prayers and kindness you have shown me and my Mom (Mary Lou) in our recent surgeries. We have been so touched by your generosity of love and prayers. You definitely have shown us the Spirit of Our Lord and that of St. Raphael's. God bless you and your family.

Maria and Mary Lou Romero and family

This Week at St. Raphael Church

Sunday, August 24

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

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

Church History Class, PC, Rm. A, 10:00 am

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

Thursday, August 28

Rosary Group, 8:30 am

Lay Apostle Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 29

Grupo de Oración, PC, Rm. A, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 30

Open

Sunday, August 31

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

PC=Parish Center

Together in Mission — Our goal for the 2008 appeal is \$85,367.03. To date, \$80,541.03 has been pledged and \$74,428.03 has been paid. *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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued generous response.



2008 World Youth Day Youth Pilgrimage "Trip Sharing"

Please join us for pictures and sharing about our trip "down under" to meet up with the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 Youth from all over the world!

Sunday, September 14

after the 5:30 pm Mass in the church

Need help? Call St. Vincent de Paul: **683-8535**.

Pastoral Associate's Corner

Pastoral Visits to the Homebound — Do you have a Catholic relative, friend, or neighbor who is unable to come to church but would like a pastoral visit? Our Parish Sister, Sr. Mina Riggs, and I are available to go out to private homes, board and care homes, convalescent homes, or assisted living facilities. Visits are on Fridays, usually in the morning. Other days/times upon request.

Contact **Noël Fuentes** at **683-9090 x7**
or email: raphstgo@yahoo.com

Vocation Information

A Priesthood Discernment Retreat is offered twice a year for men with a college degree who are considering the diocesan priesthood. Call Fr. James Forsen at **(213) 637-7515** or email: frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org.

Additionally, a network of 13 discernment groups throughout the Archdiocese has been established to give you support and guidance. For the location of the group meeting in your area, contact the Office for Vocations at **(213) 637-7248**. www.archdiocese.la/ministry/vocations/discernment/groups.html

St. John's Seminary — Access the seminary website at www.stjohnsem.edu.



~ Protecting Our Children ~

Background Checks and Screening

"In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, all clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For information call: **(213) 637-7411**, or go to: www.archdiocese.la/about/hr." From the pamphlet, "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy & Holy," published by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The pamphlet is available in the parish and online at: www.archdiocese.la/protecting/resources.

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

Mass Intentions

August 23, 2008 — August 29, 2008

Aug 23 Sat Vigil 5:30 pm Rebecca Alvarado (D)
Aug 24 Sun 7:30 am Ken Mlodzik (D)
9:30 am Our Parish Community
11:00 am Lindsay & Kelly Corcoran (L)
12:30 pm Sabino Velasco Carreon (D)
5:30 pm Vincent Wright (D)
Aug 25 Mon 8:00 am Maria A. Martinez (D)
Aug 26 Tues 8:00 am Consuelo Quevedo (D)
Aug 27 Wed 8:00 am Charles Fewell (D)
12:05 pm Rae Lani Ayala (L)
Aug 28 Thu 8:00 am Maria Licon (L)
Aug 29 Fri 8:00 am Susan Tomberg (L)
12:05 pm Adam Dougard (D)

~ Devotions ~

Circle of St. Therese Women's Apostolate —

Monthly fellowship and prayer. Contact Lisa at **967-2152**.

Discalced Carmelites Secular Order —

Usually meets 2nd Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 9:30 am. Call Reid or Nancy at **681-7150**.

Divine Mercy Group — Meets monthly at 7:00 pm in the church. Next meeting is Tuesday, **September 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.

Lay Apostle Prayer Group — Monthly "Hour of Holiness" (silence and rosary). Contact Cindy at **967-4511**.

Praise & Worship — Wednesdays in the Conference Room, 7:30 pm.

Rosary Group — Thursdays in the Crying Room, after 8:00 am Mass.

St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group — Wednesdays, in the church, 6:30 pm.

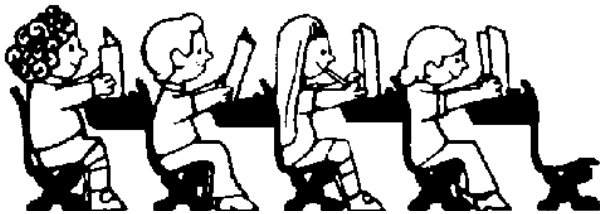


Eucharistic Adoration — You are invited to join us on **Friday, September 5** (and every first Friday of the month). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00 am on Friday, **September 5** until Solemn Benediction at 8:00 am on Saturday,

September 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**.

Saint Raphael School
"From The Principal's Desk"



It's Back To School Time!

My Dear Parishioners,

It is exciting to announce that we are blessed to have a new roof, new gutter system, freshly painted classrooms, and new carpets in every classroom. We thank our pastor, Father Bruce, for initiating the parish appeal for donating to a parish building fund. School begins on August 27 with parents gathering for breakfast treats outside the Parish Hall on the first day of school. We encourage parishioners to be good "P.R." spokespersons on behalf of our Parish School. We are so blessed with teachers dedicated to forming the whole child and providing quality education. Our test scores are above average nationally, our service projects are lauded locally, and our children and parents participate in ministry as altar servers, choir members, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers. Our school community is so blessed to have the opportunity to mold children in our faith tradition daily, and to prepare leaders for the Church.

Thank you to all the parishioners who contribute to the "Adopt-a-Student" scholarship program. With the rising cost of education, a child in a Catholic school is a real gift. "Adopt-a-Student" gives a needy family the choice, through a scholarship, to attend St. Raphael School. Our parishioners demonstrate, through the scholarship program, loving generosity to children and families in need. Thank you!

It is with a thankful heart that I pray God's blessing on our school and parish.

Mrs. Ellen Manning

Principal



Sociable Seniors

Questions? Call Bea at 964-2431.

~ The Senior Travelers ~

Holiday Entertainment: "White Christmas" at PCPA Santa Maria. Saturday Matinee, **November 22**. Depart at 9:00 am and return at approximately 7:00 pm. \$69 per person includes bus, performance, and dinner at Hometown Buffet. There will be time for shopping at the Santa Maria Mall. Pay in full by September 5. Limited to 40 people. Checks payable to Sociable Seniors.

More Holiday Entertainment: Palm Springs Follies Christmas Show. **December 4-6**. Depart St. Raphael Church at 9:00 am December 4 and return by dinner time on December 6. \$269 per person (double), \$319 single. Price dependent on minimum of 35 participants (with a limit of 40 people). Price includes bus, two nights at Comfort Inn, two full breakfasts and the Palms Springs Arts and Crafts Festival the evening of December 4. Deposit of \$50 due on September 25 (or, you may pay in full). Final payment due October 10. Checks payable to Sociable Seniors. A wait list will be maintained but refunds for cancellations are not guaranteed. You should find a replacement if you have to cancel. Call Joan at **967-5444** for info.

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.

You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.

St. Augustine



Parish Office and Catholic Community News

Summer Parish Staff and Office Hours — The Parish Staff is available to serve you this Summer *usually* 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. There may be some weekend and evening closures, so please call us before you come! Thank you in advance for your understanding!

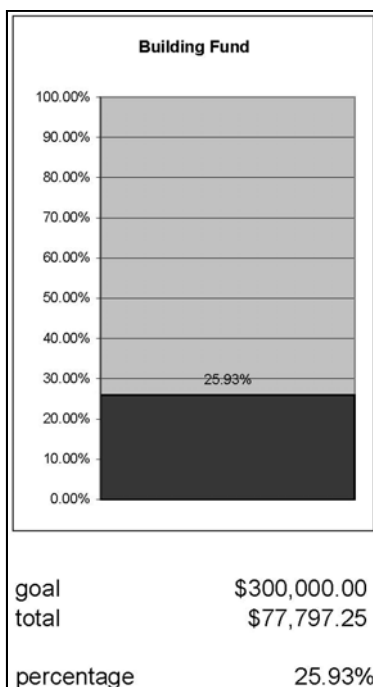
Room Scheduling Procedure — Requests for room space at St. Raphael are accepted **in writing** on the forms available in the Parish Office. Requests are processed one day a week (on Mondays).

St. Raphael Parish Building Fund

Our Parish has established a Building Fund and we are asking for donations, 100% of which will be directed to the following (figures approximate):

- ◆ New roof (school) (\$180,000)
- ◆ School Fumigation (\$10,000)
- ◆ Property line fence (\$60,000)
- ◆ Parking lot repairs (\$50,000)

Total costs will be almost \$300,000. Not one penny of this money goes to the Archdiocese, as they are restricted funds to be spent at Saint Raphael Church for these building projects. (Remember to write "Building Fund" on the memo line of your check and the word "pledge" if it's a partial payment.) We know that in this economy everything seems to be pulling at us from all directions. Please consider these very important needs and pray about how you might help. We thank you for your prayers and for your generosity.



An Introduction to Catholic Spirituality I — This course presents spirituality as a matter of living in accord with the promptings of the Spirit of God, as modeled by Jesus Christ's own manner of life as described in the Gospels. Each Saturday, **August 30 to December 20, 2008**, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Instructor: Sister Rita Stuckey, I.H.M., D. Min. Location: Blessed Junipero Serra Church, San Fernando Room, 5205 Upland Road, Camarillo. Credit: \$500.00; Audit: \$100.00.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women — Sunday, **August 31**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles. Call **(310) 216-8170**, **(310) 839-2361**, or email: vocations_naz@yahoo.com.

Dinner/Auction — The San Lorenzo Seminary/Retreat Center will hold its annual Dinner/Auction on Saturday, **September 6**, 4:30 pm at San Lorenzo Seminary, 1802 Sky Drive in Santa Ynez. The theme is "An Evening in Bavaria." To reserve tickets or for more information, call Patti Natale, **(805) 688-8096** or **(805) 478-3657**. Seating is limited so make your reservations early!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend — Poverello of Assisi Retreat House, San Fernando, CA, **September 12-14**. Cost is \$180 per person (limited scholarships available). For registration or more info, call 866-2-RACHEL [(866) 272-2435]. www.rachelsvineyard.org. Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

Eucharistic Congress 2008 — Saturday, **September 13** at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Clark and Bradley in Santa Maria. The theme is "Mary and the Eucharist." There will be speakers and Bishop Curry will celebrate Mass at 5:30 pm. Call **(805) 937-4555** for info.

Marriage Encounter — **October 3-5**. For info, email info@wwme-la-north.org, call **(805) 648-4244**, or visit the website www.wwme-la-north.org.

Wanted: Rosary Makers — Become a missionary by making rosaries for missions in the U.S., the military and around the world. To find out how, contact *Our Lady's Rosary Makers*, P.O. Box 37080, Louisville, Kentucky, 40233-7080. Visit the website: www.olrm.org.

Important Information From Catholic Charities — With the downturn in the economy and the increased difficulty in raising revenues to support crucial programs, Catholic Charities in Santa Barbara with great reluctance has found it necessary to close its psychological counseling program effective August 31, 2008.

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.

Registration for Year 1 and Year 2 has begun.

Registration packets are available in the Parish Office, the Youth Ministry Office and after the Sunday evening 5:30 pm LIFE TEEN® Mass. Registration is \$65 for the year and \$85 after September 12. Classes begin in mid-September. 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.

Registration for the EDGE has begun. The EDGE starts in October and is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Call **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!



Vigésimoprimer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Según Rumores

En la época de Jesús circulaban muchas creencias sobre el Mesías, el Cristo, el Ungido de Dios. San Mateo, san Marcos y san Lucas cuentan la historia de la profesión de fe de Pedro en Cesárea de Filipo; sólo san Mateo incluye la parte que escuchamos hoy en la que esta manifestación de fe en Pedro lo convierte en la piedra sobre la que Jesús edificó su Iglesia. Jesús sabe, como lo ilustró antes en el Evangelio según san Mateo con la parábola de las casas edificadas sobre arena y sobre piedra, que nada que no tenga cimientos firmes puede durar. También hoy escuchamos a Jesús agregar, inmediatamente luego de la profesión de Pedro, una orden estricta de no decirle a nadie en seguida. La fe es la base pero se necesita tiempo, enseñanza y discernimiento para comprender esto adecuadamente y poder decírselo a los demás. Es más, en los tres evangelios, lo primero que Jesús hace luego de ser revelado como Cristo por la fe de Pedro es comenzar a enseñarle a sus discípulos que ser el “Mesías” o “Cristo” significa sufrir mucho y morir, creencias que no se tenían comúnmente sobre el Ungido de Dios.

Así en la Tierra Como en el Cielo

En el curso de los evangelios hay una enseñanza constante de Jesús, la cual indica que la manera en que vivimos y actuamos en la tierra tiene una relación íntima con las obras del reino de Dios. “Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo” es lo que pedimos e inmediatamente agregamos “perdona nuestras ofensas así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden”. En el juicio final del Evangelio según san Mateo se nos dice que la forma en que tratamos a los hambrientos, a los pobres, a los marginados y a los oprimidos es la forma en que tratamos a Cristo. Hoy Jesús le da a Pedro su vocación, tal como nos la da a cada uno de nosotros los bautizados, o sea, a la Iglesia. Podemos no entender este pasaje o no interpretarlo bien si pensamos que podemos ejercer algún tipo de control sobre la gracia o sobre la misericordia celestial. Es más preciso decir que Jesús nos da el encargo poderoso (y un tanto abrumador) de vivir una vida cimentada en el perdón celestial e infinito, de ser testigos de él, el Mesías, el Cristo que, al morir en la cruz para cumplir la obra que se le encargó como Mesías dijo como últimas palabras, “Padre, perdónalos”.

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Santos y Días Especiales de Observancia

lunes: San Luis de Francia; San José de Calasanz
miércoles: Santa Mónica
jueves: San Agustín
viernes: El Martirio de San Juan Bautista
sábado: Santa María Virgen

Sé Una Roca

La historia de Pedro como seguidor o amigo de Jesús es un poco irregular. Resulta natural preguntarnos si Jesús, al darle las llaves del Reino, no se sintió un poco como el padre que le entrega a su adolescente las llaves del auto de la familia. Pero fue en el momento en que el poder y la presencia de Dios irrumpió traspasándolo todo para que brotara de Pedro la gran profesión de fe en Cristo como Mesías que Jesús eligió establecer el vínculo entre la misericordia amorosa de Dios y nuestra vocación como testigos de ese amor y ese perdón en la tierra.

Como cualquier padre, Jesús sin duda previó las fallas, las maniobras irresponsables y los sentidos dañados, las colisiones hacia donde se dirigiría la Iglesia. Pero, lo que es más importante, también nos vio en el momento en que Dios prefiere vernos: capaces de manifestar gran fe, con el deseo de permanecer a los pies de Cristo para comprender lo que realmente es ser Mesías y ser Cristo. Como nos lo señala hoy la carta a los Romanos, no hemos conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o llegado a ser su consejero, mas Dios nos conoce y aún elije para que manifestemos el reino de justicia, gozo, hermosura y paz. Que esta sea nuestra vocación. Que siempre busquemos ser tierra firme donde se pueda fundar la Iglesia de Jesucristo y sobre la cual sigue edificándose.

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Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — Pondré en sus manos la llave de la Casa de David (*Isaías 22:19-23*).

Salmo — Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones (*Salmo 138(137)*).

Segunda lectura — Los designios de Dios son impenetrables, no se pueden comprender sus caminos (*Romanos 11:33-36*).

Evangelio — Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo (*Mateo 16:13-20*).

Lecturas De La Semana

lunes: 2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
miércoles: 2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 6:17-29
sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
domingo: Jer 20:7-9; Sal 63(62); Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

¿Necesita Ayuda?

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

Noticias de la Parroquia

"Perdido y Encontrado" — ¿Ha perdido algo recientemente? Por favor diríjase a la Oficina de la Rectoría y recupere sus objetos perdidos. Tenemos un sin número de artículos encontrados en la Iglesia o en sus alrededores.

¡Gratis! — El Ministerio de la Juventud tiene una pantalla de televisión de 50 pulgadas que desea donar. ¡Funciona y es Gratis! Todo lo que usted tiene que hacer es pasar a recogerla. Llame al **(805) 964-3466 anexo 1** (se aceptan donaciones).

Adoración de la Eucaristía — Invitamos a todos ustedes a unirse a nosotros el **el viernes 5 de septiembre (y el Primer Viernes** de cada Mes) para la Adoración de la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto ese día viernes **5 de septiembre**, desde las 8 de la mañana hasta la Bendición Solemne, a las 8 de la mañana del sábado 6 de septiembre. El viernes 1 de agosto, 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**. ¡Gracias!

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

Anuncio — Grupo de estudio de Biblia. Se reúne todos los martes de 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm en el salón de usos múltiples. Todos son bienvenidos.

¿Es usted viudo/a, separado/a o divorciado/a? — Hay una pena especial para los que se encuentran solos otra vez. ¡Ahora hay ayuda! Para mas información llame a Arcelia Vargas **(909) 599-3662** (después de las 6 pm) o joyfulagv@juno.com

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**.

Día de Formación Litúrgica en español para tres ministerios litúrgicos. — Organizado por la Oficina del Culto Divino y la Parroquia de St. Agatha, en Los Ángeles el sábado **6 de septiembre de 2008**. Incluirá talleres para los ministros extraordinarios de la sagrada Comunión, los lectores y proclamadores de la Palabra de Dios y para los cantores y músicos litúrgicos. El costo es de \$15 antes del 2 de septiembre y \$25 después de la fecha limite o si se inscriben el mismo día. Pueden comprar el almuerzo por \$6 adicionales. Se les recomienda inscribirse temprano, ya que los salones tienen capacidad limitada. Presentadores, Padre Manuel Sanahuja, Sch.P, Hermana Graciela Silva, EEP, Hermana Andrea Johnson. Para mas informacion y para inscribirse, ver el volante incluido. [www.archdiocese.la/calendar/pdf/calendar_582_Stagatha\(2\).pdf](http://www.archdiocese.la/calendar/pdf/calendar_582_Stagatha(2).pdf)

Los Guadalupanos Les invitan a su: "Gran Noche Mexicana" Con El Mariachi Lobo y D. J. Carlos Guillen — El sábado, **20 de septiembre** de 7:00 pm a 12:00 de la noche en el Salón de la Iglesia de San Rafael. La Cena se Servirá de 7:00 pm a 8:30 pm. Las Puertas se abrirán a las 6:00 pm. Información: llame al **685-3218 ó 964-9545**. Donación por persona: \$40. Coopere y diviértase.

~ Protegiendo a los Niños ~ Investigación de Antecedentes

Miembros del clero, empleados y voluntarios de cada parroquia y escuela arquidiocesana que desempeñan su trabajo con o alrededor de niños y jóvenes tienen que registrar sus huellas digitales. Para más información llame al **(213) 637-7411** o visite la página de Internet www.archdiocese.la/about/hr. El folleto, "Trabajando Juntos Para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual de los Niños: Manteniendo las Relaciones Ministeriales Sanas y Santas" publicado por la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles está disponible en la página de Internet: www.archdiocese.la/protecting/resources.

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

Agradecimientos

No tengo palabras para expresar mi gratitud hacia todos ustedes por el cariñoso apoyo, por las oraciones y bondades que han mostrado hacia mi mamá — Mary Lou — y hacia mi. Hemos estado muy emocionadas por su generosidad en expresiones de amor y por sus oraciones. Definitivamente, ustedes nos han mostrado el Espíritu de Nuestro Señor y de San Rafael. Que Dios les bendiga, a ustedes y a sus familias.

Maria y Mary Lou Romero y familia

Parish Directory

Directorio de la Parroquia

Adult Education (English):

Bible Study, Adult: Sr. Mina Riggs, 683-9090x5
Confirmation: Noël Fuentes, 683-9090x7

Adult Education (Spanish):

Bible Study: Marina Rodriguez, 967-7432
Confirmación/RICA: open

Altar Servers: Deacon Wayne Rascati, 967-5641

Baptism: Register at the Parish Office.

Bautismos en Español: Regístrate en la oficina Parroquial.

Bereavement Committee: Noël Fuentes, 683-9090x7

Catecismo Bilingüe: open

Catholic Charities: Counseling 965-7045x102

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Nancy Panizzon, 964-5462

Comite de Liderazgo Hispano: Jesus Lopez, 685-9427

Confirmation, Youth: John Vasellina, 964-3466x1

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, 685-6613 or Estela Santos, 683-6542
To the Sick/Homebound: Carlos Sanchez, 685-6613 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 Oracion: Jesus Lopez, 685-9427

Guadalupanos: Gustavo Gutierrez, 964-9545

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

Liturgia Dominical Para Ninos: Arcelia Hinojosa, 696-6525

Liturgy Ministry Committee: Melissa Colborn, Maureen Espinoza, Arcelia Hinojosa, Charles Kriech, Nancy Kunze, Bernardo Lule, Jesus Lopez, Marie Lundfelt, Nancy Panizzon, John Vasellina, Ray Zaida

Liturgy Planning: Fr. Bruce Correio, Melissa Colborn, Noël Fuentes, Marie Lundfelt, Dorothy Turner

Monaguillos: Jesús Lopez, 685-9427 y Diácono Wayne Rascati, 967-5641

Parish Council: Sam Alfano, Maureen Dougherty, Peter Devoy, Mell Hueston, Brian Klinge, Joe Kovach, Robert Marks, Peter McGoey, 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 Anos 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 phone)

Religious Education (CCD):

English Coordinator: open
Bilingual Coordinator: open

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? _____