

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

BLESSED

When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . ."). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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ALTAR SERVERS

Feb. 18	5:00	Ficarra/Sweeney
Feb. 18	8:00	Sanchez/Abboud/Hammeras
	9:30	Bebek
	11:00	Parkin/Stonick
	12:30	Mendez

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Feb. 18	5:00	Svilich/DiLeo—Team 3
Feb. 18	8:00	Gooch—Team 3
	9:30	Gibb/Sullivan—Team 4
	11:00	McDonnell/Leonard—Team 4
	12:30	Hanley/Burcelis—Team 2

CHRISTOLOGY

The Church throughout the centuries has focused on the mystery of Jesus Christ, God, and Man, who through His death and resurrection offers salvation to all. In this context, besides considering traditional views of Jesus Christ, Fr. Jim Halley will explore the perspectives of modern theologies such as liberation theology, feminist theology, etc. All are welcome. St. Matthew Church, 7th and Temple, this Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00pm, in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. Free Will Donation.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Spiritual Enrichment, Mass, Lunch, and Confession, with Most Reverend Joseph Sartoris and hosted by the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor, at the Jeanne Jugan Residence, 2100 South Western Avenue in San Pedro, on Wednesday, February 28th, 9:00am. For reservations, please mail by February 21, \$20.00 donation to: Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor, 2100 South Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA. 90732. For more information, please call: Rita Swartz (310)625-7701.

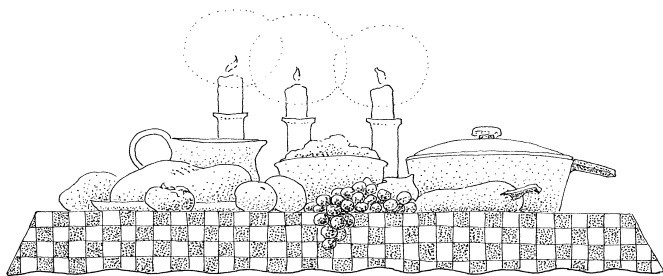


THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nathan Laharty, Sarah Fries, Robert Kacsuta, Fabio Marinetti, Kade West, Charles Ward, Calvin Carlson, Germaine Graef, Johnnie Cobb, Harry Fehner, Louise Millican, Betty Borrigo, John Swanson, Leo Poissant, PalGE Everson, Bob Ownby, Charlotte James, and Nadya Conway.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Johnnie Cobb and Esperanza Villa



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2007

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the Kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”

- Luke 6:20—21a

2007 ANNUAL APPEAL

Together in Mission

“Blessed are they who hope in the Lord”

(Psalm 40:5)

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. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. Envelopes for this week-end’s pledge process can be found in the pews. Pledges can also be returned next week-end. 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.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

16th Annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast, Wednesday, February 28th, at the Hyatt Regency—Regency Ballroom—here in Long Beach. 6:45-7:30am, Registration and Breakfast Boutique; 7:30—9:00am, Program; 9:00—9:30am, Breakfast Boutique and Book Signing. For more information, call: Stephanie Robinette (562)435-8184, or email at: breakfast@nccjsocal.org.

CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)

Two weekly opportunities to add a wonderful new practice to your daily life: Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, Meditation, video, discussion, at St. Bartholomew Youth Center, 4545 E. Fourth Street. Call: Pat for more information (562)433-2452.

Fridays, 7:30-8:00pm and 8-8:30pm, Meditation and Silent Walk in St. Bartholomew Church. Just come and bring a friend.



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HEALING MASS

St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 4714 Clark Avenue in Long Beach, Tuesday, February 20th, with Father Mike Barry. Rectory number: (562)421-9487.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Additional ministers are needed for the 8am and the 12:30pm Sunday Masses. Please consider this ministry to God and our community. Call: Colette Santucci (562)439-6970.

OFFICE OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A special workshop is being offered at the Archdiocesan Office of Restorative Justice for volunteers who are interested in working with youth in detention. All volunteers must be over 21 years. The workshop takes place on Saturday, February 24th, at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 3424 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. Registration/refreshments at 8:00am, with training sessions from 9:15am-4:00pm. Please bring a sack lunch and something to share during breaks (cookies, fruit, etc.) For more information, please call (213)637-7649.

2006 Tax Letters have been mailed. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory.

JOURNEY TOWARDS VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Do you wonder what God has in mind for you? You are not alone. Come joins us! A six-session Journey Towards Vocation Discernment will be held at the Little Sisters of the Poor, 2100 South Western Avenue in San Pedro, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 7:15pm. The format is based on Sacred Scripture and silent Adoration. There is no charge for the series. All young adults, ages 18-36, who are in the process of considering God’s plan for their lives, are welcome. For questions or registration, please contact Sr. Michael (310)548-0625; or e-mail sanpedrolsp@netscape.net.