

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
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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.



RCIA – The Three Scrutinies. Lent is a time of spiritual retreat—a time for renewing our baptismal vows as the elect (formerly catechumens) prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Today at the 9:30 Mass, we will celebrate **The Scrutinies**—three powerful rituals solemnly celebrated during the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are intended to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ. They are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The 1st Scrutiny calls for the Spirit of Repentance. Today's Gospel reading of "The Woman at the Well" (John 4:4-42) is taken from the Lectionary – Cycle A, because it offers a Scriptural message that relates closely to this Scrutiny, which focuses on thirst and water as a metaphor for personal sin and conversion. This Gospel calls us all to conversion—not as a once-and-for-all event, but as a lifelong process and continuing faith journey. Today, we join the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that contaminates our hearts.

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March 17 5:00 Hammeras/Svilich—Team 1
 March 18 8:00 Gooch—Team 1
 9:30 Redfern/Chiurazzi—Team 4
 11:00 Leonard/McDonnell—Team 4
 12:30 Burcelis/Hanley—Team 2



FRIDAYS DURING LENT

"Stations of the Cross" at 6:00pm, followed by "Centering Prayer". After "Centering Prayer" join others in the social hall for Lenten refreshments. To learn more about Centering Prayer: Wed. 7-8:30pm, at St. Bart's Youth Center, 4545 E. Fourth St., or call Pat Metzger (562) 433-2452.

ALTAR SERVERS

March 17	5:00	White/Hayes/Huntley
March 18	8:00	Roberts
	9:30	Parker/Kennedy
	11:00	Ramos
	12:30	Ficarra/Sweeney

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server and have made your First Communion and are in the 5th grade or above, please join us for an introductory meeting on Wednesday, March 21st, at 6:30pm. For additional information, please call: Shelly Mendez (562)433-6090.

HEALING MASS

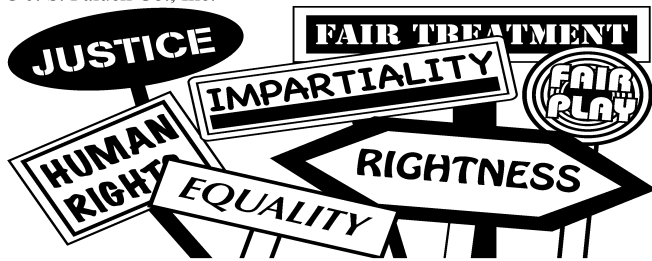
St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 4714 Clark Avenue in Long Beach, Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00pm



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Lent March 11, 2007

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

- Psalm 103:6

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week-end, March 17/18, our parish will take up a collection for **The Catholic Relief Services**. This collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Thank you for your generous support.

PENANCE SERVICE

We will celebrate a parish communal Penance Service on Wednesday, March 28th, 7:00pm in the Church. Many priests will be available to hear confessions.

R.C.I.A.

How does a person become a Catholic? Are you curious about Catholicism? Or, do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith? As a Catholic community, it is our greatest joy as well as our mission, to continually welcome new members. "Inquiry" is the first step in the four-step process of faith formation and education known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. **An hour-long Inquiry Class is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall.** We encourage and invite interested individuals to "come and see" what living a life as a committed Catholic Christian can mean for you. For more information, please call Earl Lovett, 562-439-3198.

CATHOLIC UPDATE

Available in the Vestibule of the Church is a monthly pamphlet entitled "Catholic Update". This month's issue offers some wonderful reflections on the Season of Lent.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd Jonathan Crans and Jennifer Deering.



FAMILY ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

This Sunday, March 11th, 5:00pm in the Social Hall, catered by Edward's Steak House. Bring your family for good food and a sing-along. Music by Claire Tschirky on the piano and Soloist Kathy Trainor. Adults \$15.95; Children \$6.95. **DON'T MISS THE FUN!**

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

St. Bartholomew's Lenten Food drive to help the homeless women and children at New Life Beginnings is underway. Bags with wish lists attached are available at all entrances to the Church. Please bring the filled bags to the Parish Hall (if possible) or the Vestibule of the Church before Mass any Saturday or Sunday during Lent. The final day for the food drive will be Palm Sunday, April 1st. Any questions? Please call Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.

PARISH BOOK OF INTERCESSIONS

We have placed a Parish Book of Intercessions at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. This book is intended to receive and hold the prayers and intentions of any and all who come to pray in our Church. This book will remain there throughout the year. You are invited to write your own personal intentions and prayers in it after any Mass. These special intentions and prayers will be included in our General Intercessions at the weekend Liturgies.

ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

Long Beach's only Catholic High School is accepting applications for the fall semester. SAHS offers a values-based, co-educational, traditional high school experience and a challenging college preparatory curriculum with a full complement of AP, honors, general education and elective options. Plus, Saints participate in a competitive sports program and extra-curricular activities. Call (562)435-4496 for more information.