

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE
PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL
LEGION OF MARY
MEN'S CLUB & USHERS
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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.

UNMERITED FORGIVENESS

As hard as it may be for us to forgive others, it may be even more difficult to believe that we ourselves can be forgiven. We keep remembering that we don't deserve forgiveness. And we are right. The paralyzed man in today's Gospel did nothing to merit mercy. We don't even know if he believed in Jesus! Jesus forgave his sins—not because he deserved forgiveness, but in order to manifest God's astounding, even unbelievable, mercy.

Paul tells us that Christ is the "Yes" who faithfully fulfills "the promises of God" to us. He fulfills the new promise of God in Isaiah to "wipe out your offenses" and remember our sins no more. He fulfills the words of the psalm, having pity on us and healing us, though we have sinned against him. Our response must be to glorify God with our resounding "Amen! Amen!"

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HEALING POWER

Stronger than all the evils in the soul is the Word, and the healing power that dwells in him.

—Origen

ALTAR SERVERS

Feb. 25	5:00	Sanchez/Abboud
Feb. 26	8:00	Bebeks
	9:30	Stonick/Parkin
	11:00	Baldemors
	12:30	Scolamieri/Cowan

LECTORS—EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Feb. 25	5:00	Svilich/DiLeo—Hoehne/Hoffman
Feb. 26	8:00	Gooch—Keller/Dahl/Carroll
	9:30	Chiurazzi/Metzger—Team 1
	11:00	Luque/Caputi—Team 1
	12:30	Arnold/Hanley—Thometz/Serhan

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this week-end are donated by Ray and Jay Johnson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting is this Monday, February 20th, 6:30pm, in the Rectory. If you are a committee member and are unable to attend, please call Brian Archambault (562)208-8222.


POLISH MASS

Next Sunday, February 25th, here at St. Bart's, 3:00 in the afternoon. This Mass is held every last Sunday of each month.

LEGION OF MARY—meets every Wednesday, 8:45am, in the Jubilee Room. Everyone is welcome.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Are needed for the following Masses: 5:00pm Saturday, and 12:30pm Sunday. If interested, please call Colette Santucci (562)439-6970.


THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
 Colby Curtin, Bernie Rollinger, Shirley Wood, Pat Schuck, Lucy Svimonoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, Chris Shulberg, Larry Sauter, John Swanson, Fabio Marinetti, Sandra Shadden, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, MaryAna Finks, Stella Fillipow, Dottie Hayes, Rita Cobb, Bill Lakoff and Ralph Kortz.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH Jane Czado



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2006**

It is I, I, who wipe out,
For my own sake, your offenses;
Your sins I remember no more.

- Isaiah 43-25

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MEETING

Every First and Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, in the Jubilee Room. Subject: "Purpose Driven Life". For information, please call Jim or Susan (562)433-6137.

CENTERING PRAYER

Are you looking for something special to do for Lent this year? Never meditated before but have always been curious? Consider adding Centering Prayer to your Lenten practice by attending the **Introduction to Centering Prayer** workshop to be held here at St. Bartholomew's next Saturday, February 25th, 12:00-4:00pm, in the Jubilee Room, This workshop will be followed by six sessions beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and continuing weekly throughout Lent. For more information, contact: Barbara Brown (562)433-7901, Barbmcbrown@charter.net; or, Pat Metzger (562)433-2452, patmetzgercb@aol.com.

GUITAR MUSIC GROUP

We are considering the formation of a guitar music group to provide liturgical music at some parish liturgies throughout the year. Do you play the guitar? Would you like to be a part of such a group? Can you make a time commitment to regular rehearsals? Other instrumentalists would also be welcomed, as well as vocalists. If this is of interest to you, please call our parish music director, Brian Archambault (562)208-8222, for an audition and for more information.

COFFEE and DONUTS

After all Masses this Sunday in the Social Hall are hosted by our Community Group. Please give them your support.

Financial Statements for 2005 have been mailed. Please call the Rectory if you have any questions regarding your statement.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party, Sunday, March 12th, sponsored by our Parish Women's Council.

NEW LIFE BEGINNINGS

The Long Beach shelter for homeless, pregnant women is looking for volunteers to help at their collectibles/thrift shop: **Treasure Hunt Boutique** at 2650 E. Broadway. Hours are 10-4, Tuesday through Saturday. If you have a few extra hours a week (or month) and are looking for something worthwhile and fun, call Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Save the Date

BAY SHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH (5100 The Toledo) - Sunday, Feb. 26th, 8-12:00noon—no appointment necessary.

CATHOLIC SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS WANTED

The Greater South Bay Catholic Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Spring Young Adult/Adult (18+) Softball League seeks players for their 2006 Season. Previous experience not required. Games are held Sunday afternoons from March thru June in Torrance and Long Beach. If interested, please contact: Fred Lawler (310) 375-7204, or fredlawler@hotmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Alumnae, current and past parents and friends are invited to: C'est Magnifique...Mardi Gras Style! An evening of fabulous food, wine tasting, silent and live auctions, dancing and awards. Saturday, Feb. 25th, 5:30pm, \$75.00 per person, or \$125.00 per couple.

LOST and FOUND

Two very nice ladies' coats have been found in the Church in the past 3 months. Please call the Rectory if you think one may belong to you.

Collections **ORDINARY INCOME**
Feb. 11th/12th \$11,163.00