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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.

LITURGY CORNER

This week the Church gathers in the cathedrals of dioceses all over the world to bless the holy oils and to consecrate the chrism that will be used in every parish throughout the next year. The Bishop of each diocese comes together with his priests and the people for the Chrism Mass. In this liturgy the Bishop prays over and blesses the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumens. He then consecrates the sacred chrism: olive oil mixed with balsam or other perfume. In these oils, the Church has long seen an image of Christ, God's anointed one. These oils which are used for the life of the Church, are images of him who was crushed for the life of the world. These holy oils are distributed to every parish to be used in the coming celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation at Easter, as well as throughout the year. All of us should see in them not only an image of Christ the Lord and of his Church, but also an image of ourselves as those who are called to follow the Lord.

ALTAR SERVERS

March 31	5:00	Mendez
April 1	8:00	Scolamieri/Cowan
	9:30	White/Hayes/Huntley
	11:00	Roberts
	12:30	Parker

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March 31	5:00	Smith/Boessow—Team 3
April 1	8:00	Terris/Luque—Team 3
	9:30	Surfus/Therrell—Team2/Deacon Carl
	11:00	Villa-McDowell/Goshert—Team 2
	12:30	Armstrong/Rogers—Team 2

PENANCE SERVICE

We will celebrate a Parish Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, March 28th, at 7pm, in the Church. Many priests will be available to hear confessions. The service will consist of a short scripture service followed by individual confessions. Come, be reconciled, in preparation for Holy Week and the Great 50 Days of Easter.



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.



PALM SUNDAY

Next week-end is Palm Sunday. Blessing and distribution of Palms at **all** the Masses. "Be in style" - don't forget to wear "red" as it is the liturgical color for Palm Sunday.

Monday, April 2nd, thru Wednesday, April 4th there is an 8am Mass. No 8am Mass Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

EASTER SCHEDULES are now available at all entrances to the Church.



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nathan Laharty, Sarah Fries, 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, Donna Kotonias, and Gene Hoffman.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 25, 2007

I consider everything as a loss, because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my LORD.

-Philippians 3:8

RCIA

RCIA – the 3rd Scrutiny. Today at the 9:30 Mass our elect—those who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil—will celebrate the Third Scrutiny. The gospels for the three scrutiny Sundays call all of us to a deeper faith. The readings for **The Scrutinies** are tied to Cycle A. If you recall, the “Woman at the Well” was thirsty and the “Man Born Blind” needed the gift of sight. In today’s Gospel reading of “The Raising of Lazarus” (John 11:1-21), we are introduced to hopelessness and death and conversion that leads to a new life. The story of the raising of Lazarus summarizes the transformation of life over death. This is the same transformation that the elect and our parish faith community are encouraged to undergo as the Church retells and re-enacts the paschal mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection. If you can, join the elect in the Third Scrutiny today, and pray for them and our candidates all week. Commit yourself to really living in the Spirit of God.

“ . . . I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” – John 11:25-26.

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.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Next Sunday, April 1st, is the last day to turn in food for the Lenten Food Drive benefiting New Life Beginnings, the local shelter for homeless, pregnant women and their children. Please bring the donations to the Social Hall (if possible) or to the Vestibule of the Church. Thanks for all your generous donations! Any questions, please call Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 15th, for the Annual Fashion Show, sponsored by our Women’s Council.

ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER GUILD

This Guild is a volunteer organization of dedicated women committed to fund-raising for the benefit of St. Mary Medical Center and the community. The Guild’s projects include staffing of the city’s most beautiful Gift Shop, the outstanding Thrift Shop, a Bridge Tournament and the exciting Night at the Races. Membership dues are \$40.00 annually. Members are requested to attend 4 of 6 meetings each year and be responsible for two 3 1/2-hour shifts per month. The Guild is currently accepting applications. For further information, please contact Martha McNaughton (562)491-9230.

USHERS are needed for all Holy Week and Easter Masses.
Please sign up in the Vestibule

”APRIL FOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER”

Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to raise funds for its many charities, will be served in the Msgr. Gualderon Hall at St. Anthony Church (6th and Alamos Avenues) here in Long Beach, on Sunday, April 1st, from 1:00-9:00pm. Tickets are \$6.00. Kids under 3 eat free! There will be music and a 50-50 raffle.