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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.

GOD'S LAWS

God's laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God's laws out of fear of what might happen if we don't, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.

The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, "Hear, O Israel." Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.

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Every other Monday, 7pm, BayShore Congregational Church, in the library. For information, e-mail Devin Wolters, devwolters@yahoo.com.

LECTORS & EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Nov. 11

5:00 Svilich/DiLeo—Mouren-Laurens/Svilich

Nov. 12

8:00 Luque/Terris—Hooper/Ammons/Patman

9:30 Surfus/Gibboney—Team 2

11:00 Goshert/Villa-McDowell—Team 2

12:30 Rogers/Armstrong—Hickman/ Hickman

ALTAR SERVERS

Nov. 11 5:00 Mendez

Nov. 12 8:00 Scolamieri/Cowan

9:30 White/Hayes/Huntley

11:00 Roberts

12:30 Parker/Kennedy



For the month of November there will be special Remembrance Book of the Dead at the Sacred Heart Shrine in the Church. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones into this book. They will be prayed for and remembered in a special way during November.

BLANKETS for the HOMELESS CHILDREN

We are currently making blankets for the children who attend the Mary McLeod Bethune Transition Center. We will accept new blankets by Thanksgiving to present by early December for Christmas. The blankets need to be single size (48-80). Please call Mary Eileen McAtee (Community Group) 562-439-7020, for more information.

SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT TO OUR PARISH

Our Parish Community Group needs help organizing this annual event, or, perhaps, a "birthday party for Jesus". To volunteer, please call Linda Gager, 562-433-2985. Without more volunteers this event will not happen this holiday season.

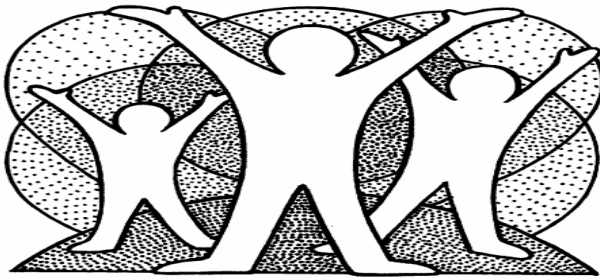


THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Colby Curtin, Shirley Wood, Lucy Svi-monoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, John Swanson, Fabio Marinetti, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, Joanne Stewart, Seth Weissman, Louise Millican, Julie Ann Grosso, Hailey Vassilaros, Tom Cammarano, Sam Di Leo, Keith Johnson, Pat Schuck, Mark Lott, and June Rozier.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Marlin McKeever and Barbara Jean Longandach



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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2006

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

- Deuteronomy 6:5



CONFIRMATION YEAR II—Year II Confirmation Orientation and Registration will be on Monday, November 20th, 7:00pm, in St. Joseph's Hall (6220 E. Willow). This meeting is for **PARENTS and SPONSORS ONLY** (no candidates, please). Please bring a check for \$185.00, payable to St. Bartholomew Church. Confirmation classes will begin in January.



THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

The California Catholic Bishops support "Yes" on 85; saying: "We believe that society's common good is enhanced when family integrity is honored, parental responsibility is respected, and nascent human life is preserved". Opponents falsely claim that Prop. 85 threatens teens health and safety. The truth is: Prop. 85 ensures that parents are able to assist their minor daughters to seek good medical care rather than be pressured, tricked, or coerced to have an abortion. The experience of over 30 states, going back well over a decade, has proven that parental involvement laws reduce pregnancies and abortions **without danger or harm to minors**.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A JESTER - Friday, November 17th, 8:00am—1:00—pm, and **OPEN HOUSE**, Friday, November 17th, 6:30pm—8:30pm, at St. Joseph High School, 5825 N. Woodruff in Lakewood (562—925-5073).

BANNS of MARRIAGE

3rd James Felton and Kathryn Woodruff

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, this Monday, November 6th, 12noon in the Jubilee Room. All women of the parish are welcome.

NOVEMBER 9th FUNDRAISER at FINBAR'S

This fund-raising event at Finbar's Italian Restaurant in Seal Beach will benefit the less fortunate families in the Long Beach area this holiday season. Finbar's has generously offered to donate 15% of the bill for all food and beverages purchased this Thursday, Nov. 9th, by our parishioners. In order to participate, you must bring the certificate inserted in this bulletin. Extra certificates can be picked up at the Rectory. Feel free to invite friends and relatives.

WHAT IS RCIA?

It is the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". The RCIA process, in effect since 1966, is a restoration of the sacramental order (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) that the early Christian church used to bring people into membership. The RCIA aims to foster and deepen one's conversion to Jesus Christ, as well as assist them in becoming a Roman Catholic. Several weeks ago, our Inquirers began their faith journey through the Initiation process. This Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, they will be accepted into the Order of the Catechumens during two important Rites. During the **Rite of Acceptance**, unbaptized Inquirers formally request membership in the Church. Baptized Inquirers (already members of the faith community) will participate in the **Rite of Welcoming**. During these Rites, our Inquirers declare their intention to Church members, who pledge their acceptance and support. Please join the RCIA team in welcoming these newcomers to our faith community. We invite you to journey with us and renew the commitment to live out your baptismal mission.

Veterans Day
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VETERANS DAY—NOVEMBER 11TH

**"You gave for peace with courage
That families may be free
So children could grow strong
And safe they'd ever be."**

For all our men and women in the Armed Services, past and present, we say thank you and God bless you.