

## 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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**CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)**  
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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.



### ADVENT

The Season of Advent is the beginning of our Liturgical Season. It is also the time for each of us to prepare spiritually for our celebration of Christmas. I would ask each person to consider a serious path to spiritual growth this Advent Season. We will do things in our liturgies to help us concentrate on this journey. Each year we will consider something special to help us focus on what our spiritual journey should be. Beginning this Friday, we will have an opportunity to participate in Centering Prayer on Friday evenings at 7:15 in the Church. If you need information please feel free to call: Pat Metzger (562)433-2452.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 9	5:00	Ficarra/Sweeney
Dec. 10	8:00	Sanchez/Abboud/Hammeras
	9:30	Bebek/Holleran
	11:00	Parkin/Stonick
	12:30	Mendez



### 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 Vassila-ros, Tom Cammarano, Sam Di Leo, Keith Johnson, Pat Schuck, Mark Lott, Calvin Carlson, June Rozier, Gary Valentine, Marilee Martin and Bill Serhan.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this week are donated by the Johnston Family in memory of Elaine Corcoran on the one-year anniversary of her death.

### LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 7	5:00	
Dec. 8	8:00	Houston—Montague
	12:15	Santucci—Santucci
	7:00	See Eucharistic Minister Schedule
Dec. 9	5:00	Hammeras/Svilich—Team 2
Dec. 10	8:00	Terris/Luque—Team 2
	9:30	Gibb/Sullivan—Team 2
	11:00	Villa-McDowell/Goshert—Team 2
	12:30	Armstrong/Rogers—Team 2

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

There will be a special collection next week-end for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The situation for religious throughout the country continues to be serious. Women and men who have dedicated their lives to prayer and ministry are faced with costs of health care and elder care that greatly exceed their resources. Last year the people of our Archdiocese contributed over \$750,000 to care for aging religious—thanks to your generosity. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

### THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into human-kind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*



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## First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2006

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

- Jeremiah 33:15

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2006 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### Penance Service

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm  
(many priests in attendance)

#### Confessions

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:45 – 4:45pm

Saturday – December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
3:45 – 4:45pm

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:30pm - Church

7:30pm - Church

12:00 Midnight Mass

#### Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00am, 10:0am, 12:00noon

#### New Year's Day

#### Monday—January 1st

8:00am (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

### SEE'S CANDY

Buy your Christmas See's candy without waiting in line and at a discount price given to the Church. Order forms are available in the Vestibule and in the Social Hall; or, to order, call: Carolyn Mackprang (562)594-0460, or, Pam O'Leary (562)433-7565. Our Women's Council appreciates your support. Orders will be picked up in the Social Hall after all Masses on Decem-

### WOMEN'S COUNCIL

There will be no Women's Council meeting in December. We wish you all a spiritual Advent.

### MONTHLY BRIDGE

Until further notice there will be no Bridge on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, please call Liz Thometz, 562-438-8222.

### ANNUAL GIVING TREE



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Here it is! Our chance to make a difference, to bring Christmas to the mothers-to-be and children in crisis at New Life Beginnings, the home run by Rebecca Younger

right here in Long Beach. This project is known as the "Giving Tree", and it is now in its 6th year. It has always been a stunning success. Here is how it works: The "Giving Tree" will run through Advent from Dec. 2nd to the 17th. Although the Social Hall is closed this week-end, you will find angels on the bulletin boards in the Vestibule and on the Tree (temporarily) in front of the restrooms. Unlike previous years, we have only angels this year—lots of them! Each angel represents one wish of a mother or child or of someone who helps at the home. All of them depend on us. Please return all gifts to the Hall by Dec. 17th. Thank you for your good hearts. For more information, please call: Alison Cameran (562)438-4032; or, Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.

### CONFIRMATION DANCE LESSON

Once again, it is time to **DANCE**. Learn to tango, cha-cha, and foxtrot, taught by Nicholas Cotton, former United States and World Ballroom and Latin Champion, and his wife, Cheryl Cotton, former United States Amateur Champion. The classes are Friday evenings, 7-8:30pm, beginning February 9th, for 6 weeks. They are held in the gymnasium at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, 6200 E. Willow in Long Beach, and the cost is \$100 per couple for the 6 lessons. All proceeds of these classes go towards the building of a home, or two homes, that our confirmation candidates and sponsors do in the spring in Mexico through Corazon. Please call the rectory to register—and register early. All are welcome. It is great fun.



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