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**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.



Dear Parishioners:

As you may have seen in last week's bulletin, we have a new Christmas Mass Schedule.

In order to celebrate our Christmas Eve Masses in the best liturgical environment, ie: the Church, we eliminated the 5:00pm Mass in Church and Hall. To accommodate the large numbers, we will have a 4:30pm Children's Mass and another Mass at 7:30pm. By popular demand, our late Mass will be at 12:00 midnight. In order to accommodate the large numbers of families with young children, I would ask those who can to please come to the 7:30pm or Midnight Mass. Our Liturgy Committee has planned three beautiful liturgies for Christmas Eve. However, the 4:30pm will be geared specifically for children.



#### ALTAR SERVERS

**Dec. 16** 5:00pm Ramos  
**Dec. 17** 8:00am Ficarra/Sweeney  
 9:30am Sanchez/Abboud/Hammeras  
 11:00am Bebek/Holleran  
 12:30pm Parkin Stonick

#### LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Dec. 16** 5:00pm Killian/Bergam—Team 3  
**Dec. 17** 8:00am Montgomery/Souverielle—Team 3  
 9:30am Gibboney/Surfus—Team 3  
 11:00am Woznicki/Caputi—Team 3  
 12:30pm Salsameda/Salsameda—Team 1



#### PENANCE SERVICE

We will celebrate a Parish Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00pm, 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 the Great Solemnity of Christmas.



#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This Tuesday, December 12th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will place a beautiful hand-painted picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Sanctuary, adorned with a bouquet of red roses and candles. These will remain at the Marian Shrine for the week. There will be an explanation of the painting of Our Lady available on the altar rail. "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us".



Colby Curtin, Shirley Wood, Lucy Svimonoff, 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, Calvin Carlson, June Rozier, Gary Valentine, Marilee Martin and Bill Serhan.

*(As of the 1st of the new year, we will be updating the list of "The Sick of our Parish" in the bulletin. Please call the Rectory if you wish to have a name included).*



## Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2006

Take off your robe of mourning and misery;  
Put on the splendor of glory from God forever.

-Baruch 5:1

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Envelopes can be found in the pews for this weekend's special collection for the Religious Retired. 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 thanks to your generosity.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to JESUS

Sunday, December 17th, after the 9:30 and 11:00am Masses in the Social Hall. Cake and ice cream will be served. Please bring a Payless Shoe Store gift card to give to our infant Jesus. These cards will be donated to the Bethune Transitional School in Long Beach for the purchase of school shoes for the students. Thank you for your support.



Evenings of quiet reflection will be held in Church on Fridays throughout Advent. Doors open at 7:30pm; at 7:40 the doors will close for 20 minutes of Centering Prayer (meditation); 8:00pm doors will open for the Silent Walk and the opportunity to enter, leave, or stay; 8:10pm doors will close for the second 20 minutes of Centering Prayer; 8:30pm closing prayer.

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

The next monthly meeting for the Liturgy Committee will be held on Monday, December 11th, 6:30pm, in the Jubilee Room. Any committee member not able to attend, please inform Brian Archambault (562) 208-8222.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** for Confession schedule and the times of all Christmas and New Year's Masses can be found at all entrances to the Church.

### SEE'S CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS

The last day to place orders for See's Candy is this Tuesday, December 12th. Please use the order forms found in the Vestibule and the Hall, or call: Carolyn Mackprang, 562-594-0460; or Pam O'Leary, 562-433-7565. All orders are to be picked up after all Masses, Sunday, Dec. 17th.

As usual, thanks to your great and generous hearts, the angels have flown off the branches of our 6th annual "Giving Tree"! If you missed the chance to be an angel and choose an angel, never fear, many more NEW angels have arrived, both in the Vestibule and on the tree in the Hall. The angels represent the wishes of young and old at New Life Beginnings, the shelter for women and children in crisis here in Long Beach. Last day to return all gifts is next Sunday, the 17th, to the **HALL ONLY!** Questions? Call: Alison Cameron, 562-438-4032; or Christine Woznicki, 562-987-0216.

### CONFIRMATION DANCE LESSONS

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.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**1st** Patrick Sullivan/Johanna Wise  
**2nd** Dennis Kelly/Erica Krimbraugh