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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.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 23 5:00 Parker  
 Dec. 24 8:00 Ramos  
 9:30 Ficarra/Sweeney  
 11:00 Sanchez/Abboud/Hammeras  
 12:30 Bebek

### Christmas Eve,

4:30pm Parker/Sweeney  
 7:30pm Mendez  
 Midnight Baldemors/Ahumada

### Christmas Day

8:00am Roberts  
 10:00am Scolamieri  
 12:00noon

### LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 23 5:00 Smith/Boessow—Team 1  
 Dec. 24 8:00 Gooch—Team 1  
 9:30 Redfern/Therrell—Team 4  
 11:00 McDonnell/Leonard—Team 4  
 12:30 Hanley/Burcelis—Team 2

### Christmas Eve

4:30pm Children's Mass—See Eucharistic  
 Minister Schedule  
 7:30pm Killian—See Eucharistic Minister  
 Schedule  
 Midnight Redfern/Gibboney—See Eucharistic  
 Minister Schedule

### Christmas Day

8:00am Luque/Terris—See Eucharistic  
 Minister Schedule  
 10:00am Montgomery/Santucci—See  
 Eucharistic Minister Schedule  
 12:00noon Dossdall—See Eucharistic Minister  
 Schedule

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The entrance antiphon for today's Mass says: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." The word "gaudete" means "rejoice". We celebrate in a special way this week-end as we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent Wreath. We hang rose-colored banners outside the Church and the Priest wears a rose-colored vestment for Mass.



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 24th

4:30pm Children's Mass  
 7:30pm Vigil Mass  
 12:00 Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

#### Confessions

Saturday, December 16th 3:45-4:45pm  
 Saturday, December 23rd 3:45-4:45pm

**USHERS** are needed for the Christmas Masses. Please sign up in the Vestibule. Thank you.

**Eucharistic Ministers** are still needed for the following Christmas Masses: 7:30pm on Sunday, 12/24; 8am, 10am, and 12noon Masses on Christmas, Monday, 12/25

**A Lector** is needed for 7:30pm Mass Christmas Eve and 12noon Mass on Christmas. Please call: Colette (562)439-6970.



### Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2006

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you have no further misfortune to fear.

- Zephaniah 3:15b



#### THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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).*

#### THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Claire Abbott

#### THE "O ANTIPHONS"

The drumroll of Advent is the prayer of the "O Antiphons". These are beautiful prayers used at evening prayer. Each night is a separate antiphon, from Dec. 17th to Dec. 23rd. They are called the "O Antiphons" because each one begins with the exclamation "O". The antiphons include many of the titles of Christ.

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| Dec. 17 | "O Wisdom"          |
| Dec. 18 | "O Adonai"          |
| Dec. 19 | "O Flower of Jesse" |
| Dec. 20 | "O Key of David"    |
| Dec. 21 | "O Dawn"            |
| Dec. 22 | "O King"            |
| Dec. 23 | "O Emmanuel"        |

#### BLESSING OF STRAW

This week-end after all the Masses, please join us immediately following The Liturgy in the Parish Hall for a simple blessing of straw. There will be a large bale of straw in the Hall with bags available to you. Please take some of this blessed straw home with you to place in your home mangers.



#### FINAL WEEK-END!

Thank you, true angels of Christmas, for the thought, effort and generosity that you have put into your gifts for the women and children at New Life Beginnings. Please know that you are deeply appreciated by everyone at the shelter who, because of you, has reason to celebrate this year. Please bring all gifts to the **Hall only** by noon this Sunday, December 17th. Thank you and Merry Christmas from Alison Cameron (438-4032) and Christine Woznicki (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.

#### St. Hedwig's 27th Annual Christmas Dinner

Will you or someone you know be alone on Christmas Day? You are invited to attend the 27th Annual Dinner at St. Hedwig's Catholic Church, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd in Los Alamitos. The dinner will be held in Quinn Hall on Monday, December 25th, at 1:00pm. There will be families to share their love and prayers, a bounty of food, singing, and much more. **There is no charge, but reservations are required.** For reservations, call Mary Villa (562)430-9052, no later than December 22nd.

#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd Patrick Sullivan/Johanna Wise