

# ST. PANCRATIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ONE BLESSING WE SHARE WITH ALL

October 25, 2009 · Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SONS OF THUNDER, SON OF FEAR

Last week Mark "made an example" of James and John, the sons of thunder. In today's Gospel passage he gives us an example of faith in Bartimaeus, whose name means "son of fear" (our English word "timid" is in there). Most of us can identify with James and John during those times when we would like to acquire or think we have obtained places of honor and authority. We can also identify with those times we are timid, fearful, unsure. Perhaps because he was sightless, Bartimaeus was able to tell that there was a certain something special and out of the ordinary coming down the road that day. Like most blind people of his time, he spent his days begging for alms or food, hoping to get enough to sustain him for one more day. So he had nothing to lose in crying out to Jesus for help, and in accepting Jesus' invitation to come and be healed.

### SHHHHHHHH . . .

Scripture scholars have long noted the "Messianic secret" in Mark's Gospel, wherein Jesus attempts to silence people who have discerned his true identity. In today's miracle-the last Jesus will perform in Mark's Gospel before entering Jerusalem to meet his suffering and death-Mark reverses this pattern. When Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus, Son of David, it is the crowd that tries to silence him. This time, however, Jesus himself invites Bartimaeus, who has already displayed his faith in crying out to Jesus for healing, to come forward, to be vocal about his faith and to regain his sight. Giving up everything he has (for a beggar, his cloak), Bartimaeus does come forward to "see" Jesus' identity revealed, and to go forth proclaiming the Good News of his renewed life. Last week we learned that true discipleship exists in living for the service of others; this week we learn that true discipleship is in accepting the invitation to faith in Jesus, and going forth to shout that faith to everyone.

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126:1-6; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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#### MASSSES:

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM; 5:30 PM (VIGIL)  
SUNDAY: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 (SPANISH), 11:00 AM; 5:30 PM  
WEEKDAYS: 6:30 AND 8:00 AM  
HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY: 4:00 TO 5:00 PM, 6:30 TO 7:00 PM  
FIRST FRIDAYS : 4:30 TO 5:00 PM ON FIRST THURSDAY  
SEE BULLETIN FOR EASTER AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### DEVOTIONS: PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

EVERY TUESDAY, AFTER 8:00 AM MASS AND 7 PM

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Parents are asked to inquire by calling the Rectory for information regarding Baptismal Classes and Baptisms.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please make arrangements six months in advance. Attendance at one of the Archdiocesan Marriage Counseling Series is required.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Rectory.

#### MUSIC:

Adult Choir:

Vince Gonzales, Director, 405-6491.

Youth Band/Contemporary Music Ensemble:

Chris Christensen, Director, 421-0603.

Voices of Faith:

Victor Wheeler, Director, 505-1089.

#### SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

**Pre-School:** Sunday 11:00 A.M. Mass.

**Elementary (K-6):** Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 A.M.

**Jr. High (7th and 8th):** Thursday, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

**Confirmation I:** 3rd Sunday of month  
4:30-8:30 P.M.

**Confirmation II:** 1st Sunday of month  
4:30-8:30 P.M.

**RCIA PROGRAM:** Sunday, 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. in the Library. Open enrollment for converts and Adult Sacraments. Call Rectory for details.

**PRO-LIFE:** Ken and Sharon Baker. Call Rectory.

**PERPETUAL PRAYER GROUP:** You may submit names of St. Pancratius parishioners you wish to have prayers offered for by calling the Rectory with the intention.

**WE DELIVER** Communion to parishioners who can't make it to Mass or are you in need of weekly Holy Communion? We, also, bring Holy Communion to patients of Lakewood Regional Hospital. Call the Rectory with information.

#### PARISH BOUNDARIES

We welcome all new parishioners. Please register at the Rectory.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the people of God at St. Pancratius Roman Catholic Community, are continually being formed through the Holy Spirit into a warm and welcoming, richly diverse community of believers. It is our gift and responsibility to become holy in every aspect of our lives, to live and to seek greater knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith, and to go forth as powerful proclaimers of the Good News of Jesus.*

*We welcome all into our parish community. We are eager to pass on our faith to our children and future generations so that sharing in the same mission; they may serve and build up the body of Christ. We reverently and joyfully worship God and celebrate the love of Christ expressed through word and sacrament. By this we are led to see Christ's presence in our daily lives.*

*We acknowledge God's great love and His many blessings given to us through the Good News of Jesus Christ. We reach out to those who do not know God's love, care for those in need, and give comfort, guidance and assistance to those whose lives are in confusion.*

*We commit ourselves to the Mission of Jesus Christ, and we invite all present and future members of our community to participate in this same Mission. We are instruments of Christ, the Light of the World.*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Southern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will be celebrating Priesthood, today, to honor our deceased priests. Local Knights of Columbus Councils and their families and friends will meet at 1:00 p.m. at their local Catholic Cemeteries to pay respect and place flowers on every grave site of our deceased priests. Please keep in mind that most deceased priests have no families living close to where they are interred. Therefore, the Knights are their close families.

Local Knights of Columbus Councils will meet at ALL SOULS CEMETERY, 4400 Cherry Avenue in Long Beach. They will meet in the parking lot and then move to the Priests Section of the Cemetery for prayers and distribution of flowers on the graves of the deceased priests.

Those who will be attending are asked to bring flowers from their gardens to place on the graves. Please come to the cemetery and pray with us for these good and faithful servants, our deceased priests.

**DID YOU KNOW?****IOW, Knowing Internet Lingo Can Help Parents Safeguard Kids**

Online chat rooms, instant messaging systems, and even cell phones equipped to send text messages are environments rich in abbreviations, acronyms, and other shorthand that help increase the speed of communication. Parents need to become aware of some of the common lingo that is used in these environments. Some of these terms may be found to be vulgar, degrading, or otherwise offensive. However, parents and educators need to have a level of understanding of the dangers that face our children. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office at 213-637-7227.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-634-7650.

**BREAKFAST BURRITOS**

Come and enjoy a variety of burritos for your breakfast. We will have: bean and cheese, chorizo with eggs, and bacon, potatoes and egg burritos for \$3.00. Each bottle of water is \$1.00 and Capri Sun Juice pouches are \$.50. The sale will be held, today, on the Church Patio, after the morning Masses.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who donated last Sunday at their Blood Drive. The Knights have sponsored this event for many years and the St. Pancratius parish family has always supported us. May God Bless the many donors who gave the Gift of Life to help save lives.

**MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Pancratius Council 10140, is having their annual family picnic on Sunday, November 1st, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All interested Catholic men and their families are invited to attend. RSVP to Kevin Gates at 423-4500.

**HOSPITALITY**

Team #6 will be in charge of Hospitality next week.

A. Frank Coffey, Phil Saumur.

B. Dennis Bisnar, Gigi or Charlie Cabral.

**MONDAY NITE BIBLE STUDY**

We hope you will join us in the coming months as we "break open" the Sunday readings through study and discussion. It is an opportunity to question what we do not understand and to talk over with others what God is saying to us in these selected scripture passages. All are welcome-come, get to know others in our parish family as we share our faith!

1st and 3rd Mondays

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Conference Room

**GRAND MINISTRY FAIRE**

Please join us, this morning, at the Grand Ministry Faire following all morning Masses on the Church Patio. Learn about the many ministries we have and their services.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS**

Today, we will be joining Fr. Al Scott and parishioners from Our Lady of Refuge in joining the Sisters of Charity (Mother Theresa's Order) in feeding the poor on the streets in the Los Angeles area. We will meet behind the Church at 1:00 p.m., and we should return between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Donations of usable clothing, sleeping bags, tents, etc. are also needed. For any questions, please contact George or Mary at 477-0485.

**SJB Basketball Program****"Texas Hold 'Em Tournament"**

Saturday, November 14th, at SJB Gym

5:00 p.m. check in - 6:30 p.m. start

For more information call 920-1734, ext. 250

Or go to [www.bosco.org](http://www.bosco.org)

\$35.00 registration before October 31st

\$50.00 registration after October 31st

Buy in also includes a beverage and Tri Tip dinner

**LONGO TURN-AROUND**

The next scheduled Turn-Around will be to State-line, Nevada on November 7th. Seat reservations are \$35.00 per person. Please contact Betty Longo at 334-5744, Bill Chihak at 634-8621 or Richard Zuelke at 633-3953.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**RALPHS SHOPPERS:** The Ralphs Community Contribution Program requires that you **RE-REGISTER** (for those who are currently registered or **REGISTER**, if you have not registered before) your account for the current school year. Participants can register or re-register for the new term at [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) or by using the scanbar letter at the register starting September 1, 2009. Please continue to help the school earn money every time you shop. This contribution counts toward your annual fundraising goal. Thank You!

**FRESH AND EASY:** The program will run from September 15, 2009 through December 31, 2009. After the program ends, your Shop for Schools Coordinator will tabulate all the receipts. Shop for Schools is easy-for every \$20 spent per transaction at one of our stores, your school will get a \$1 donation. All you need to do is turn your receipts into the School Office or Church.

### SCHOOL CENTS

Once again, St. Pancratius School is participating in the School Cents Program through Lakewood, Stonewood and Cerritos Mall.

This is an easy and FREE way for our school to earn money. After shopping at one of these three malls, take your receipts to the customer service desk and have them logged for St. Pancratius School. They will stamp your receipts and return them to you. OR, if you do not need your receipts back, you may turn them into the box at the church's main entrance.

You've already spent the money; now turn in those receipts so our school gets the credit!

**THANK YOU!!**

### BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at St. Pancratius School on October 26th—November 1st and on the Church Patio after the morning Masses on November 1st. We will be open in the evening of October 29th from 7:30-9:30 p.m. You can help support our school through this great fundraiser.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sunday, November 1st, is Bundle Sunday for our parish. The Vincent de Paul truck will be here at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the school parking lot, to receive your donations. Bring usable clothing, shoes, appliances, household items, linen, books, jewelry, etc. They are in need of all furniture and large appliances. For large items, including furniture and large appliances, please phone 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1 for a special pickup at your home. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

### 50+ SINGLES

The 50+ Catholic Singles of St. Pancratius (divorced, separated, single, widowed) will meet today at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. For additional information, contact the President, Winnie Butler, at 809-3206.

### MEMORIAL MASS

It is a centuries old tradition of the Church to remember the faithful departed in a special way during the month of November. Our belief is that our deceased loved ones are united with Christ in Heaven and we ask them through prayer to intercede for us with our God.

St. Pancratius parish will remember our departed parishioners and family members at a special Mass on Saturday, November 7th, at 11:00 a.m.

## CONNELLY HIGH SCHOOL

Connelly High School Admissions Information Home Reception will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Scott on Sunday, October 25th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at their home. Connelly faculty and students will be present to share their personal experiences at this Catholic, college-preparatory girls' high school. Call 714-776-1717, ext. 234. All grades welcome!

A Catholic, independent college-preparatory high school for young women announces its 27th Annual Galaxy of Stars Benefit Auction & Dinner, *With Wings of her Own, Dreams take Flight*, on Saturday, November 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Country Club in Huntington Beach. The Honorees are Andrew and Roxanne Talley. Contact Margaret Nolde at 714-330-1156.

