

ST. PANCRATIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ONE BLESSING WE SHARE WITH ALL

November 1, 2009 • All Saints

THE LAST THINGS

No one really likes to think about the last of anything, particularly the last days of our lives. Yet there is a side to our nature that is drawn to thoughts of the end of life at this time of the year. We're beginning the last month of the church year and the second-to-last month of the calendar year. Night falls earlier and earlier each day. Leaves fall from the trees, leaving branches that look dead. Skies are gray. It is November.

The Church uses these waning days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Nicene Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting!" And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise.

THE BLESSED

Then, in the Gospel, we read Jesus' formula for saint-making. "You will be blessed," we are told: blessed if we are poor in spirit, sorrowing, lowly, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, peacemakers, and persecuted. Matthew's words in this Gospel point us directly back to the first reading. "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

Today's Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

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ROMEO AND PRISCILLA (BABY) LIGOT, DEACON COUPLE

RECTORY: PHONE: 562-634-6111
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9 AM TO 8 PM
FRIDAY 9 AM TO 6 PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 9 AM TO 7 PM

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRIES (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)
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MRS. TINA STEELE, PRINCIPAL

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.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today begins November, a month in which we remember those who have died. We start the month with All Saints and All Souls days. Each day has its "flavor." To my mind, All Saints day is a way for us to recall that we are part of the Communion of Saints. Those who live with the Lord are part of that Communion, just as we are. Today, we remember all the saints, most of whom are known only in the heart of God. Eventually, this will be our feast day.

Tomorrow, All Souls day, has a more somber tone to it, although in my mind's eye it is very similar to All Saints day. On All Souls day, we name those we know personally who now live with the Lord in heaven. These people have their place in our heart and no matter how long they have been gone, that place is still theirs and we miss them. At the same time, we have the deep confidence that All Saints Day is their feast also. Each year we (along with many Parishes) place the names of those whose funeral Mass took place here in the last year on banners in our Church. I invite you to not only remember those whom you can name, but also those whose names are on the banners. Pray for their families also.

In God's love,
Fr. Joe

DID YOU KNOW?**Keeping Kids Safe After School**

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time after school. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child. 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.

COME LET US ADORE HIM

Adoration of Our Lord Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament will take place this coming Friday, November 6th and continue until Saturday, November 7th, and ending with Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Masses are at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. on Friday, and at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

In preparation for First Friday, confessions will be heard on Thursday, November 5th, at 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

CANCER AND SERIOUS ILLNESS GROUP

Our group will meet at Lloyd and Diane's home on November 9th. All are welcome (including spouses, caregivers, friends, relatives). We encourage you to bring a poem, scripture reading or anything that brings you comfort. These faith-based meetings are at 5530 Wagner Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our phone number is 630-4887. We meet the second Monday of every month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus, St. Pancratius Council 10140, is having their annual family picnic, today, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. All interested Catholic men and their families are invited to attend. RSVP Kevin Gates at 423-4500.

SCOUT MASS

Scout Mass is next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. All Scouts please attend in uniform.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today, our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to their truck, which will be located in the school parking lot from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in desperate need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of heavy items at 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1.

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.

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

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

\$35.00 registration before October 31st
\$50.00 registration after October 31st
Buy in also includes a beverage and Tri Tip dinner

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 or by using the scan bar 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 on the Church patio after the morning Masses, this morning. You can help support our school through this great fundraiser.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Have you been putting off having your 5 years or older child baptized, your 1st grade child or older make their 1st Communion, or your High School youth Confirm their faith? Please call the Office of Family Ministries at 634-1611 to pick up a registration form, or inquire at the Rectory.

CONNELLY HIGH SCHOOL

Connelly High School announces its 27th Annual Galaxy of Stars Benefit Auction and Dinner, "*With Wings of her Own, Dreams take Flight*," on Saturday, November 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at Seacliff Country Club in Huntington Beach, CA. The honorees are Andrew and Roxanne Talley.

For information, please contact Margaret Nolde at 714-330-1156.

PRO-LIFE

Thank you to everyone who helped out and/or contributed toward our Baby Shower for Birth Choice Health Clinics. We contributed a total cash amount of \$1261.10 and quite a few diapers, baby clothes, blankets, etc. We were able to visit Birth Choice and get a tour, including seeing their storage closet, which we were told by Jen, the Director, was full of the items you all donated. They were extremely appreciative of all they received, and since they had so little to start with it made a big difference. Any additional donations are most welcomed. You can contact us through the rectory, and we will make sure Birth Choice receives them. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Ken and Sharon Baker

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

"A Day in the Life of a Jester"

Friday, November 13th
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

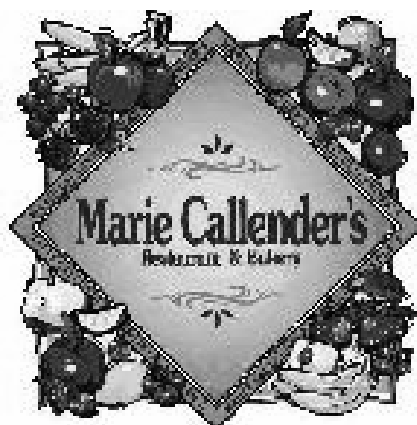
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SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 13, 5:00 p.m.
Call 925-5073, ext. 151 for more information

HOSPITALITY

Team "Zuelke" of the Knights of Columbus will be in charge of Hospitality next week.
Richard Zuelke, Tim Reed, Jason Rishel, Ralph Elenez.



**Help Support Our School
Order your Thanksgiving Pie here!
All profits go to St. Pancratius School!**

Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Pumpkin	11.00		
Apple	11.00		
Razel Berry	12.00		
Pecan	15.00		
Sugar Free Apple	12.00		
Grand Total			

Name		Family #
Phone		
Paid	Cash	Check #

I wish to pick up my pies on the following day (place x in appropriate box):

- Wednesday Nov. 25 at School from 11am-1:00pm
- Thursday Nov. 26 after 9am Mass until 10:30am
(Pies will be blessed by Father during the 9:00am Mass)

Last Day to Place your Order is November 11, 2009

-----Below will be filled out by St. Pancratius Administration -----

Name	Paid
# of Pies	Day Picking Up: Wed or Thurs