



ST. PHILOMENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Golden Journey of Faith

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturdays: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish)
7:00 PM
Sundays: 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM (Samoan Choir),
9:15 AM (Filipino 1st Sunday of Month),
11:00 AM; 12:45 PM
2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM,
6:00 PM
Eve of Holy Days: 7:00 PM
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM; 12:00 Noon,
5:30 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM
First Fridays: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays; Days before Holy Days; and
 Thursday before First Fridays: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM &
8:00 PM to 8:30 PM

First Friday Confession: 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism/Bautismo

Saturdays: 12:00 Noon, by appointment only. Pre-Baptism
class required.

Segundo Sabado: 12 medio día, por cita, se require clase
pre-bautismo.

Sacrament of Marriage/Matrimonio

6 month. notice required & an appointment with a priest.
 Aviso de 6 meses requerido y una cita con el sacerdote.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 13, 2008

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned. *—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.*

Overnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays after 7:00 PM Mass.

Novena: Wednesday 7:00 PM, Mass first Wednesday only.

Divine Mercy: Monday to Friday 3:00 PM

Bible Study: Wed. 7:00PM to 9:30PM, Thurs. 9:30AM to 11:30AM,

Estudios de la Biblia: Sábados, 12:30PM—2:00PM
(310)830-6180.

Adult Catechism: Mon.7:00PM to 8:30 PM

THE SHEPHERD'S FIELD

PRAYING WITH SACRED SCRIPTURES IN SMALL GROUPS

Whenever we meet for group prayers as in Rosary and novenas, we usually formulate prayers known to everybody like the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Apostle's Creed and so on. With Second Vatican Council's opening up the treasures of the Bible to the faithful for spiritual enrichment, we have seen a new kind of prayer emerging....that of praying with the scriptures. The traditional way has still very much its value and place in our prayer life. The recent development is, however, worth our consideration and trying as this was the kind of prayer used by the early Christians.

There is so much benefit from praying scriptures in small groups in terms of strengthening relationship with God and others. The group setting contributes a lot in bringing about this effect. The members listen to one another in sharing reflections on the scripture readings, experiences of the ups and downs in their journeys of faith, and pay attention while praying spontaneously. They draw inspirations, encouragement and support from each other's stories of faith and trust in God, and are challenged to pray with boldness and conviction and to make their faith real and personal. Directly or indirectly, they provide spiritual guidance to one another. And because sharing is done at the deepest part of our being, except in those matters appropriately shared with spiritual directors and confessors, closeness is a given, with them becoming a family to each other.

Depending on the group personality, the prayer meeting may include elements of singing, brief prayers of praise and thanksgiving, sorrow for failings, testimonies, and general intercessions. But its very core is the scriptural reading reflected on, followed by sharing of the reflections and spontaneous praying. Lead questions to help in meditating God's Word under consideration may be the following: "What do I think God is telling me in this passage? Is there anything particularly touching/striking to me about it? What biblical figure can I identify myself with? What is being asked of me by this text? What prayers is this insight leading me to?"

This praying with scriptures in group differs from a bible study setting in that its sharing is done at the heart, not the head, level. The focus of this sharing is not so much on the scholarly interpretation of a biblical text as on the particular message and challenge it is bringing and posing to the group member as a person related to God.

In Unity,
Fr. Dem





**Religious Education
Fundraising Raffle**

Once again we are asking for your support to help Religious Education by buying into our yearly raffle. Tickets are \$1 each. You may purchase tickets outside the church doors when the confirmation candidates and youth are selling religious articles, or you may come to the Religious Education Office, Monday through Friday 8:30am–8:00pm. We are also opened on Saturdays 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. When the drawing is held, winner need not be present. We will call and post all winners after the drawing. 1st Prize is \$1,000.00 2nd Prize is \$500.00 3rd Prize is \$300.00 No child is turned away from Religious Education for lack of funds, but we do need everyone to help us in this fundraising effort. Thank you

BOOK FAIR

On Sunday, April 27, 2008, St. Philomena Church will host a traveling Catholic bookstore with dozens of titles, including a wholesome Catholic magazine entitled, "Living City". This is a great opportunity for you to bring stimulating and attractive spiritual reading into the home, take advantage of it! Topics include: Family life & Youth issues, Leaders & Witnesses, Christian living, Scriptural commentaries, Writings of the Saints, Morality and Church Teaching, Prayer and Spirituality now and thought the ages.

The Book Fair is promoted by the New City Press, the publishing house of the Focolare Movement.

**Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity
Collection**

Sunday, April 27, 2008

"My Flesh will dwell in Hope." (Acts 2:26)

Sunday, April 27 is our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity.

Since 1951, this special Fund helps those in CRISIS SITUATIONS from Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults and families.

- You are their hope!
- Your gift provides a one-time emergency help such as
- Food, Utilities, Transportation Medical, Housing or Funeral Expenses.

Envelopes will be provided in the pews.

St. Philomena School

Dear St. Philomena Families,

St. Philomena Parish Catholic school is in the midst of the application and registration process for the new school year of 2008-2009. **DON'T BE LEFT OUT!** The Carmelite Sisters and Faculty would like to assist you in raising your children according to your Catholic faith and values. COME NOW; space is still available in Kindergarten and most other grades. Grades 3 and 8 are closed. The school office is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**St Philomena—Ministry Training
May 19 - 22 & May 26 - 29**

There will be a review for current ministers and training for new the people who are interested in serving the church. Please sign up in the rectory:

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| *Eucharistic Minister | *Minister to the Sick |
| *Sacristan | *Bereavement Minister |
| *Lector | *Catechist |
| *Usher | *St. Vincent de Paul |

CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, April 27,

Point Fermin Park, San Pedro. Registration begins at 12 noon, 5K or 10K walk begins at 1:00 PM. Get friends and family members to sponsor your participation. Sponsored by South Coast Interfaith Council of which St. Philomena is a member.

More info: 310-378-1953...

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
BUNDLE SUNDAY**

On Sunday, April 20, 2008 our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to the pick-up site here at our church. Help them in their efforts to assist the needy.

For large items including furniture and appliances, please phone (323) 224-6280 or (800) 97-HELP-1 for a special pickup at your home.

EL LLAMADO DEL BUEN PASTOR

El salmo responsorial de hoy es el Salmo 23 y sin duda es el más conocido de los salmos. Los versos que rezan: “Aunque camine por cañadas oscuras, / nada temo, porque tú vas conmigo: / tu vara y tu cayado me sosiegan” (Salmo 23:4) se vinculan en las lecturas bíblicas de esta semana con el maravilloso relato sobre el camino a Emaús, que escuchamos la semana pasada. El Señor Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, está constantemente a nuestro lado. Nos llama por nuestro nombre, atrayéndonos a una más profunda relación con él. Ese llamado, hecho a cada uno de nosotros en el momento de nuestro bautismo, lleva la promesa del Buen Pastor: “Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia” (Juan 10:10).

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ALABANZA A DIOS POR LOS DONES DE LA NATURALEZA

*Alabado seas, mi Señor, por el hermano viento
y por el aire y la nube y el cielo sereno y todo
tiempo,
por todos ellos a tus criaturas das sustento.
Alabado seas, mi Señor, por la hermana agua,
la cual es muy útil y humilde y preciosa y casta.
Alabado seas, mi Señor, por el hermano fuego,
por el cual iluminas la noche,
y es bello y alegre y vigoroso y fuerte.
Alabado seas, mi Señor, por la hermana nuestra
la madre tierra,
la cual nos sostiene y gobierna
y produce diversos frutos con coloridas flores y
hierbas.*

¿Sabe Usted? Ayude a Reducir las Estadísticas del Abuso
Nacionalmente, más de 2 millones de informes sobre abuso o negligencia de menores de edad se hacen cada año. Entre 25%-50% de todos los niños tendrán una experiencia propia de alguna forma de abuso durante su niñez. Una de cada tres niñas será sexualmente abusada antes de cumplir la edad de 18 años y uno de cada cinco a siete niños será sexualmente abusado antes de cumplir los 18 años. Solamente un porcentaje pequeño del abuso de menores es reportado. Aprenda cómo identificar las sospechas de abuso o negligencia y cómo reportarlo a las autoridades apropiadas. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con el Comité Protegiendo a Los Niños de su parroquia. Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al 213 637 7650.

GOOD NEWS—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For most of us, the shepherd caring for sheep is a cute metaphor. Sheep look fluffy and white in the pictures. That is especially true if the pictures are not actual photographs, but are painted or cut out from white paper—the normal church sheep we see hanging around with Jesus in schoolrooms.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to talk to people who grew up on farms and worked with sheep. I know one shepherd who actually switched careers and is now a priest—he moved from pasturing to pastoring. Books can give you information about sheep. The internet is good too. It has lots of material on the care of sheep, characteristics of sheep, comparisons of sheep with other animals. With all this basic information, even those of us who grew up in the city or suburbs can educate ourselves to get a little closer to what Jesus' audience knew really well. We can get a little closer to the inside joke.

Sheep are stupid.

Oh, they're cute, all right. Little lambs will recognize you—they know you're the one who is going to feed them. They can play. They're especially good at hide and seek because they're especially good at getting lost. Some animals have a sense of direction; if you fall asleep, a horse can keep going and get you home much better than a car. Sheep, on the other hand, have no horse sense. A friend described how a sheep on their farm got its head caught under a wire fence. It bleated and wanted help, which they supplied. Two hours later, the same sheep got stuck in the same place. Its head fit through the hole, but its head it through the hole, but its body did not. The farmers fixed their fence; they were pretty sure they weren't going to fix Fluffy.

Here's the punch line: shepherding takes a lot of work, understanding, and patience. Jesus is the good shepherd. Jesus reveals to us what God is.—Dan Finucane-Ligouri Publications

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 19 de abril en Uruguay se conmemora a la Virgen del Verdún, que está colocada sobre una columna de seis metros en uno de los cerros que rodean la ciudad de Minas. Esta imagen fue puesta allí por el párroco don José De Luca en 1900. Su intención era dedicar esta imagen en recuerdo del siglo diecinueve y recibir así el siglo veinte, dedicándolo a María Inmaculada en honor de Cristo Redentor.

En el 2007 la peregrinación a la Virgen del Verdún llevaba como lema “De la mano de María, discípulos y misioneros de Jesucristo”. Este bello refrán nos recuerda que vamos caminando de la mano de María, nuestra hermana en la fe, para ser como ella, discípulos de su hijo y misioneros del mensaje redentor de Jesucristo. No obstante, hay que reconocer que mucho cristianos, especialmente nosotros, los latinoamericanos, nos quedamos sólo con María y nunca llegamos a Jesús. Eso a María no le gusta ya que toda reverencia a ella debe abrirnos a recibir a su único hijo, Jesús, y adorarlo como nuestro único Señor y salvador.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



**Chalice & Stole Program
For Sunday Liturgy
"Vocation Awareness"**

"Chalice & Stole Year-long Program"

My family and I wish to participate in the program

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone:.....

Mass we attend:.....

If you and your family are interested in hosting the Chalice & Stole, please call 310.489-8606, 310.834-2990, or submit the attached form to the rectory.

Did You Know? Help reduce abuse statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Between 25%-50% of all children will experience some form of abuse during childhood. One of every three girls will be sexually abused before the age of 18; and one out of every five to seven boys will be sexually abused by 18. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact your parish Safeguard the Children Committee. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637 7650.

**MASS & HEALING SERVICE
MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
877 - 7TH STREET
SAN PEDRO, CA
RECTORY 310 833-3541**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008
PRAISE & WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.
MASS 7:30 P.M.**

**CELEBRANT
FATHER BILL ADAMS**

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Father, in every generation you provide Ministers of Christ and the Church. We come before you now, asking that you call forth more men to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Oración por las Vocaciones Sacerdotales

Padre Celestial, en cada generación tu regalas a tu iglesia nuevos ministros de Cristo.

Nos ponemos en tu presencia para pedirte que llames a mas hombres al servicio de nuestra Arquidiócesis en el sacerdocio ministerial.

Danos sacerdotes que puedan mostrar el camino y guiar a tu pueblo santo reunido por la Palabra y los Sacramentos.

Bendícenos con vocaciones sacerdotales que nos ayuden a seguir siendo verdaderamente una iglesia Eucarística, fortalecida en nuestro discipulado de Jesucristo tu Único Hijo.

Concédenos, te lo pedimos, hombres que sean generosos en el servicio, deseoso de ofrecer sus vidas y todos sus dones para tu mayor Gloria para el bien de tu pueblo.

Te lo pedimos Padre en la presencia ponderosa del Espíritu Santo y en el nombre de Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Martes: Hch 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Miércoles: Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Domingo: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33(32); 1 Pe 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<p>*Saturday, April 12* 7:30am: Felipe & Celestina Budano(r) 5:00pm: Socorro Sandoval(r) Victor Arce/ All Souls(r) 7:00pm: Felicitacion Lapid (r)</p> <p>*Sunday, April 13* 6:00am: Wilfredo Guzman(r) 7:30am: Cho Family (r) 9:15am: Felicisimat DeGuzman(r) 11:00am: Kayla Macavinra (L) 12:45pm: Thanksgiving (L) <i>Rodelas Family</i> 2:30pm: P.P. 4:15pm: Tomasa/Rudolfo Belen (r) 6:00pm: Robert E. Heinlein (r)</p> <p>*Monday April 14* 6:30am:Jovita Soriano (r) 8:00am:William/Ana Daland (r)</p> 	<p>*Tuesday, April 15* 6:30am: Jayson Ang (r) 8:00am: Thanksgiving (L) <i>Gene D. Planca</i></p> <p>*Wednesday, April 16* 6:30am: Thanksgiving (L) <i>Arturo & Connie Mangalili</i> 8:00am: Thanksgiving (L) <i>Josefa Blanco</i></p> <p>*Thursday, April 17* 6:30am: Rey R. Rabe (r) 8:00am: Ronaldo Loveria (r)</p> <p>*Friday, April 18* 6:30am: Mercedes Floresta (r) 8:00am: Perfecto R Haban (r)</p> <p>*Saturday, April 19* 7:30am: Marietta V Viloria (r) 5:00pm:BaltazarHernandez(r) 7:00pm:Renato Q Mariano(r)</p>
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ATTENTION PIONEERS

Regular Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2008
12:30 PM Church Hall

White Elephant Sale
Guest Speakers

Last day to sign up for
Mother & Fathers Day Luncheon
Alpine Village
Monday
May 19, 2008
12:30 PM Emerald Room

Please pray for the sick of the parish
 Josephine Gebel, Deanna Mamon, Miguel Uribe, Elna Cea, Christian Hernandez, Noel DeLa Cruz, Richard Randolph, Jun Go, Jaime Garcia, Catherine Godana, Hermani Perez, Caridad Redidoro, Mariano Halili Jr, Rosie & Leo Magai, Carmen Castro, Patrick Rico, Epifania Sunga, Dawn Samimi, Siony Bais, Gloria White, Gary Wilson, Sue Brown, Vicente Nombrepia, Carmen Santos, Tom Olvera, Carmen Montes, Baby Domiaic Caldejan, Marivic Lao, Romulo Climaco, Santa Lina Edgeworth, Dan Zuniga, Perfecto Cervana Sr
and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

All powerful Creator whose loving mercy is never withheld from those who call upon you in hope, look kindly upon those in "our community who have recently died:"
 Zola Jimenez, Pablo Domingo, Jonathan Mier, Aniceta Ferrer, Gregorio Verces, Horace Diamonon, Clemente Simon, Leo Gaitin, Maria Sablan, Bartolz Cruz, Rey dela Cruz, Ting Chee Nam, Antonio Morales, Filo Kagahastian, Monica Madamba
And all who have departed this life confessing your me.Number them among your saints forever.

Join the Pioneers—Fund Raiser

Bus Trip to Pala Indian Casino
 Fun! Fun! Fun
 Thursday, May 22, 2008
 \$12.00 p.p.
 \$5.00 refund from Casino
 Reservations & Money due by May 1, 2008
 Information
 Dick Mitchell—(310) 320-8879
 Ann Margis—(310) 834-6219
 Lillian Overstreet—(310) 324-1780

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd Sunday; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: Income Tax Day
Saturday: Passover begins at sunset