



**EMMANUEL**

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that person. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one's mission, even one's very being. The amazing name "Emmanuel" was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means "God is with us." God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.

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The Parish Offices will be closed from 12:30 p.m. on December 23 through December 26 in observance of the Christmas holidays. We wish one and all a blessed Christmas.

**PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>Altar Server</b> .....	Joanne Peters, 963-3096
<b>Altar Society</b> .....	Betty Perry, 848-9733
<b>Baptism Class (English)</b> .....	1st Wednesday, Parish Center, 7:30 PM.....Deacon Bill Cobbett, 963-1811
<b>Baptism Class (Vietnamese)</b> .....	2nd Friday, Parish Hall, 7:00 PM.....Deacon Jerry Dao, 963-1811
<b>Bereavement Support</b> .....	Parish Hall, Fridays, 12:00 Noon..... Sandra Murray, 842-8486
<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday, 9:30 AM to 8:45 AM Saturday (Benediction).....Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b> .....	Holy Spirit Parish Center, Room 9, Wednesday, 7:30 PM Joyce Meersman, 545-9077
<b>Catholic Spirit Singles</b> .....	3rd Sunday, 2:00 PM, Parish Hall..... Jim Roerich, 573-2091
<b>Commentator Coordinator</b> .....	Rich Skoczylas, 891-0737
<b>Devotions of the Holy Wounds</b> .....	1st Friday following the 9:00 AM Mass.....Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
<b>Divine Mercy Prayer Group</b> .....	Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Fridays 3:00 PM..... Cathy Thomas, 965-3632
<b>24 Hour Exposition of the</b> .....	Monthly, 4th of each month begins after the 6:30 AM Mass
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> .....	Joan Kennedy, 968-9860
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Bev White, 963-9275
<b>His Hands</b> .....	Board Meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 12 Noon at the Mission..... Genny Victorino, 968-2111
<b>Hospitality</b> .....	Bev White, 963-9275
<b>Immaculate Heart</b> .....	1st Saturday of each month 8:15 AM..... Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
<b>Of Mary Devotions</b>	followed by the Fatima Rosary
<b>Italian Organization</b> .....	2nd Thursday, Parish Hall
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> .....	2nd Tuesday of the month, Parish Hall..... Herb Baker, 488-2400
<b>Ladies Knights</b> .....	2nd Tuesday of the month, Parish Hall..... Bev White, 963-9275
<b>Lectors</b> .....	Rich Skoczylas, 891-0737
<b>Line Dance Group</b> .....	1st Thursday, 3rd Tuesday, Parish Hall.....Larry Doan, 963-9424
<b>Marriage Preparation Info</b> .....	3rd Wednesday, Parish Center, 7:30 PM.....Deacon Bill Cobbett, 963-1811
<b>Marriage Prep, Class— "Unitas"</b> ...	3 times yearly, Parish Center.....Deacon Bill Cobbett, 963-1811
<b>Men's Bible Study</b> .....	Parish Hall, Every Monday, 7:00 AM.....Bob Novielli, 556-8658
<b>Music Ministry</b> .....	Michele McCurdy, 963-1811x124
<b>Our Lady Of Guadalupe</b> .....	1st Tuesday of the month, Parish Hall..... Lyda Luna, 378-5189
<b>RCIA</b> .....	Parish Hall, Every Wednesday, 7:30 PM..... Joe Kelley, 962-5244
<b>Respect Life</b> .....	Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
<b>Rosary Cenacle</b> .....	Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mondays, 7:00 PM..... Patricia Rensing, 968-5843
<b>Rosary for Peace</b> .....	Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sundays, 3:00 PM..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
<b>Scripture Study</b> .....	Room 7, Sundays, 1:15 PM,.....Roz Esh, 537-1701
<b>Scripture Study</b> .....	Saturdays, please call for location..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
<b>Spanish Prayer Group</b> .....	Parish Hall, Every Monday 7:00 PM.....Hortencia Newhouse, 541-0507
<b>Stephen Ministry</b> .....	Harvey Dorren, 841-2988
<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b> .....	Naomi Napoli, 714-842-3967
<b>Vocation Cross</b> .....	Roz Esh, 537-1701
<b>Women's Bible Study</b> .....	Parish Hall, Every Thursday 7:00—8:30 PM..... Ruth Vinson, 549-7750.

**PRAYER LIST**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Don Beck *             | Bryan "Buddy" Kojima * |
| Barbara Bradford *     | Germaine MacGregor     |
| Sean Bryan *           | Ed Mansell             |
| Ed Butorac *           | Cleo Mariacher *       |
| Paul & Marian Catani * | Joyce Meersman*        |
| Karen Charlot *        | Dan Morgan*            |
| Joy Chappelle *        | Oginia Nasr *          |
| Allison Childers       | Gloria Neria           |
| John Colucci           | Parker Nguyen *        |
| Dylan Connolly         | Maria Theresa Nina*    |
| Virginia Conrad        | Leo Nories *           |
| Steven Cundall *       | Julie Pekarcik         |
| Maria Farrell *        | Bill Perez*            |
| Ed Fitch               | Lucy Piampiano *       |
| Mike Gerald *          | Joy Pugini             |
| Joanne Giordano *      | Greg Roscoe            |
| Diana Good             | Nicole SantaCruz *     |
| Erik Greenburg         | Dorothe Schmidt *      |
| Lee Heins *            | Mary Schulz *          |
| Darlene Jabora *       | Rosie Sefcik *         |
| Justin Jackson         | Suzy Skoczylas *       |
| Dennis Johnson         | Joseph Smith           |
| Ralph Kazarian *       | Kiley Sommers          |
| Doris Kertesz *        | Robert R. Trujillo *   |
| Kelly Kobel *          | Khang Van              |


**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).  
**Psalm**—Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Ps. 24).  
**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).  
**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18[1-5, 9-14]  
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128 ; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Please pray for the safety of all the men and women serving overseas.**



**Rest in Peace**



Our Parish Community wishes to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Van Trong Dinh** and all those who have died. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



**Devote Yourself to Prayer Before and after Mass...**  
 Please remember that the time before Mass is a time for prayer and preparation for the Eucharistic celebration.

The time after Mass is also a time of prayerful thanksgiving. It is appropriate that a respectful atmosphere of quiet be maintained in the time before and after Mass.

**WEDDING BANNERS**

**January 1**

Hang Nguyen & Phong Nguyen  
 Phuong Hoang & Tan Tran

**January 8**

Barbara Bryan & Fidel Gomez  
 Sonya Pallan & Chris White  
 Yen Tran & Thanh Nguyen

**MASS INTENTIONS\***

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|----------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Dec. 20</b> | <b>6:30 AM</b>  | Jose Mario †                            |
|                | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Gary Conlin †                           |
| <b>Dec. 21</b> | <b>6:30 AM</b>  | Luciano Maliksi †                       |
|                | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | All Souls †                             |
| <b>Dec. 22</b> | <b>6:30 AM</b>  | Tony Nekorane                           |
|                | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Armando Ramirez †                       |
| <b>Dec. 23</b> | <b>6:30 AM</b>  | Susan Ball †                            |
|                | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Bill White †                            |
| <b>Dec. 24</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Simon Marasciulo †                      |
|                | <b>4:00 PM</b>  | <b>(Church)</b> Frank Bayack †          |
|                | <b>4:00 PM</b>  | <b>(Hall)</b> Edward Mansell            |
|                | <b>6:00 PM</b>  | Jose Mario †                            |
| <b>Dec. 25</b> | <b>Midnight</b> | Flor, Pilang, & Carmelo Loreto †        |
|                | <b>7:30 AM</b>  | Betty Perry & Bev White                 |
|                | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Rose & Joe Oliva, Raymond Operacz †     |
|                | <b>10:30 AM</b> | Souls of Phan & Nguyen Families †       |
|                | <b>12:00 PM</b> | Don & Roseann Smith                     |
|                | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | Henry Drapeau †                         |
| <b>Dec. 26</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b>  | Pro Populo                              |
|                | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Stefan & Sofia Merki †                  |
|                | <b>10:30 AM</b> | John Spiller                            |
|                | <b>12:00 PM</b> | Those who donated Christmas poinsettias |
|                | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | Chuck Mansell †                         |

† Rest in Peace

\*A funeral Mass takes precedence.

If your Mass changes, you will be notified.

PARISH EVENTS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:

9:30 AM—12 Noon

2:30 PM—5:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM—12 Noon,

Sunday: 9:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sr. Anna, Sr. Doris or Linda:

714-963-7871.



**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**



CYF meetings are held on Sunday evenings in the Parish Hall.

**Junior High & High School CYF Meeting!**

**December 19, 7:00-9:00 PM**

**Bring a snack to share. Drinks provided.**

*For more info leave a message for*

*Marianne O'Conner in the Youth Ministry Office*

*Phone: 963-7256, or*

*youthministry@hscfv.org.*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**



Adult Confirmation Classes will be held Thursday evenings, starting January 6, and run until Confirmation in May. If you

are an adult, have been baptized and received your First Communion, please join this class, be confirmed and become a fully initiated member of the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or Richard Radecki at (714) 531-8088.



It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens

**CHRISTMAS 2004  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24**

4:00 PM (English) Children's Mass-Church

4:00 PM (English)-Hall

6:00 PM (English/Spanish)

8:00 PM (Vietnamese)

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25**

12:00 Midnight, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,

10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (all in English)

1:30 PM and 3:00 PM (both in Vietnamese)

**Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 25**

5:00 PM (English)

8:00 PM (Vietnamese)

**Sunday, December 26**

Normal Mass Schedule (see bulletin for times)

**SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

7:00 PM Penance Liturgy (Vietnamese)

Includes Individual Confessions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Penance Liturgy (Vietnamese)

Includes Individual Confessions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

7:00 PM-8:30 PM Confession

**NO CONFESSIONS CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Due to the Holidays the deadline for bulletin articles for Sun., Jan. 2, 2005, must be in the Parish Office by 12 Noon Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004.

**Attention**



**Vocation View**

**Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest or religious. (Isaiah 7:10-14) For more information on vocations, contact Msgr. Will Davis at (714) 282-3000.**

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

If you wish to donate red poinsettias for Christmas, please bring them to the church between December 22nd and 24th, and leave them at the back of the church near the baptismal font. A Mass will be celebrated for your intentions at 12 noon on December 26th. Thank you for your generosity!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE**

People who feel unwell or are sick with the flu should remain home out of consideration for others.

When participating at Mass, someone who is sick should voluntarily refrain from drinking from the Communion cup. Likewise, one should not shake hands during the sign of peace. Instead, a verbal exchange would be appropriate. It is optional for the faithful to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer. They may choose to extend their hands in upward position during the Our Father.

**COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 2004**

Regular Collection: \$19,531.92  
 Immaculate Conception: \$2,229.00  
 2004 PSA PLEDGES: \$206,644.76

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**A ROSARY VIGIL FOR LIFE** will be held **TODAY**. A 5-decade Rosary will be prayed outside Holy Spirit Church at the Memorial Shrine after **ALL** Masses.

This is for the end of abortion. All are invited.

There will be **no** information night for RCIA in December. The next meeting will be January 25 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, Room 8.



**The Line Dance Class** scheduled for Tuesday, December 21 has been cancelled because of the Christmas season. The next class will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday, January 6 at 6:30 PM. Please call Larry Doan for details at (714) 963-9424.

**Marriage Preparation**

All couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church are required to attend a marriage preparation program. The next marriage preparation class at Holy Spirit Church will begin on January 7, 2005, and registrations for the January session are now being accepted.

**Preparation for marriage is important**

It is a sad fact that over 50% of marriages that are entered into in the United States end in divorce. This is destructive to society, painful for families, and truly devastating for children, the innocent victims, who all too often blame themselves and suffer a lifetime of hurt.

The Church cares deeply about marriage. We want to do our best to prepare couples for sacramental marriages that are successful and will stand the test of time. **"Unitas"**, an excellent preparation program, is held regularly at Holy Spirit Church, 17270 Ward Street Fountain Valley.

**"Unitas"** is an eight-week program. Engaged couples meet from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday evenings. At the end of the program they receive a certificate that fulfills the Church's requirements for marriage preparation.

The cost of the program is \$80 per couple. For more information and for a registration form, please call Deacon Bill Cobbett at Holy Spirit (714) 963-1811, Ext 122.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 HOLY SPIRIT COUNCIL 9667**



- Dec. 19: Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 19: Pro Life Rosary
- Dec. 20: Family Holy Hour
- Dec. 28: Officers' Meeting
- Jan. 3: Singing Knights' Practice

*Become a member of the Knights of Columbus!*

Contact Herb Baker: (714) 488-2400  
 herbaker@msn.com

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE  
 BREAKFAST: IT'S TODAY!**



**TODAY**, December 19, the Knights of Columbus will serve you breakfast after the 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$2.00 for children 12 & under, \$4.00 for adults. Includes eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, milk and **"all you can eat"** pancakes!

**VOCATIONS BANQUET/FUNDRAISER**

*January 22, 2005...Saturday,  
 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall*



Announcing our 10th annual Vocations Banquet fundraiser! The guest speaker is Most Reverend Dominic Luong, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange. Newly ordained priests, seminarians, sisters in formation, brothers and other religious orders will be invited to the celebration.

This year our theme is "We Are United In the Eucharist." A buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will also make for an interesting evening with our religious guests and honored Bishop. Come and show your support. Raffle tickets and banquet tickets are available on the patio after Mass on Dec. 19, Jan. 9 and Jan. 16.

**HIS HANDS CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**A big thank you to our parishioners who generously contributed toward the Christmas Basket Program. God bless you for your kindness!**

His Hands Office Hours:  
 Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon,  
 Phone # (714) 968-2111.

**LAST DAY!!!  
 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**



Boy Scout Troop 412 will be selling Christmas Trees at Sam's Club Parking Lot (corner of Brookhurst & Warner),

- **TODAY**, Dec. 19, 10:00 AM-10:00 PM.  
 (Bring church bulletin to receive \$5.00 discount).

**Help needed for our Marriage Preparation Ministry**

We all know how important marriage is. It is one of the Church's Sacraments and it is the basic unit of family life. Unfortunately, all too many marriages fail, with tragic results. Many failed marriages could have been saved by a proper preparation.

At Holy Spirit we are fortunate to have an comprehensive eight-week program that prepares engaged couples in areas that include covenant and commitment, family of origin, individual temperament, communication, negotiation, conflict management, finance, practical household issues, sexuality, intimacy, natural family planning, and spirituality.

Our program is called "*Unitas*" and we urgently need the help of married couples to facilitate guided discussion in a group of three or four engaged couples. No prior experience is required and training will be provided. The most important qualification is a strong desire to support the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and a desire to help engaged couples prepare for a life-long commitment.

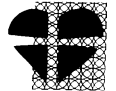
Please call Deacon Bill Cobbett at Holy Spirit (714) 963-1811, Ext 122 if you would like to help.

**RED WINE AND GOLD**-Celebrate good food, good wine, good friends, for a great cause! Many of Orange County's best restaurants will participate and some of California's best wines will be poured...all to raise money to benefit the Rosary High School Scholarship Fund. This delicious event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Contact Denise Barganski at (714)441-1061 or barganski@sbcglobal.net

*Santa Margarita Catholic High School invites prospective 6th, 7th & 8th grade students and their families to our Incoming Freshman Information Night on Thursday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 PM in the Gym. Applications are available for the 2005-2006 school year. Please call Christine Barker, Admissions Director (949) 766-6076, if you should have any questions.*

**RETROUVILLE**

Retrouville is a Catholic Marriage Ministry for troubled marriages. The *Retrouville Weekend* in San Juan Capistrano is January 7-9, 2005. For more information, please call (800) 470-2230.



**WELCOME HOME**

Have you been away for awhile? Do you want to renew or rediscover God's love for you? Would you like to know more about today's church? Join us in an informal setting where your questions and concerns can be discussed. Let others share with you their joys and trials.

*You are not alone.*

Specific topics that will be covered include: Marriage, the Mass and Reconciliation. All questions are welcome. Our gatherings will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 7:00 PM in Parish Center 8. If you are interested in learning more about today's church, please contact Mick or Faye at 968-1596.

**ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

All women of the diocese are invited to join the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at St. Polycarp Parish, Stanton. **Shirl Giacomi**, Chancellor of the Diocese will present **Patches of Hope**, a story of courage in the face of despair. The morning will begin with registration at 9:30, followed by a Continental Breakfast, the program, Luncheon and Mass at a cost of \$10 for the day. Contact Jackie Hermann at (714) 527-8727 for reservations. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread your wings and learn more of your diocese and meet new friends.



**GHEGK THIS OUT!**

Holy Spirit Social Justice committee will be volunteering for the SVDP Emergency Shelter Program through March and will not be meeting at the parish. Please contact Pat Goodman at (714) 847-6617 if you have any questions. Please consider one of the following volunteer opportunities:

- **St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Program** has begun and is in need of volunteers any evening, 5:00-8:00 PM through March 31. Each armory shelters 125 people. Locations are: Santa Ana Armory—612 East Warner; Fullerton Armory—400 South Brookhurst. Please call (714) 288-5600 for more information.
- **Thomas House Transitional Housing** for homeless families at P.O. Box 2737, Garden Grove, CA 92708, (714) 554-0357, is accepting donations.
- **Catholic Charities**-1800 East McFadden, Santa Ana, (714) 347-9600, functions to provide social services, to convene on issues of social justice, and to advocate with, on behalf of, and for the people in Orange County.
- **Catholic Worker**-316 Cypress, Santa Ana, (714) 835-6304, shelters 125 people per night (mostly children) live a simple lifestyle in community, serve the poor, and resist war and social injustice.

Donations to these organizations are not limited to cash and each of these organizations accept food products, snacks, drinks, new t-shirts, socks, clothing (slightly used), books, magazines, tutors, servers, hygiene products, cleaning supplies.