

Pastor's Notes



I will be leaving for my annual vacation to the Philippines on September 18th and will be heading to Basey, Samar for the town FIESTA.

We celebrate the fiesta on the 29th of September which is the day when the people come from far and near to celebrate the Day of Thanksgiving for all the blessings the town received from God during the year through the hands of our Patron Saint, Michael-the Archangel.

The fiesta is a day of church and civic activities with colorful extravaganza. The celebrations start with Mass by a bishop and concelebrated by the priests of the town – I am the most senior of the priests. Following the Mass is the joyful parade of children from different schools. For a while, the town forgets its problems. There is much to see, eat, share and discover.

I leave the parish in excellent order and condition. The Religious Education Program (both English and Vietnamese) expect to increase the enrollment. Sr. Anna and Sr. Hang plead for volunteers – teachers.

- The Pastoral Council is born. We are blessed abundantly with members filled with charisma and dedication.
 - We continue to welcome new members to our community who find a home in our parish and God in our church.
 - The deacons, ministers and organizations are exultant with joy in their ministry.
- The parish is functioning well as I leave for vacation. I have appointed Fr. Sean Condon to be in charge in my absence.

Fr. Marito Rebamontan



From the Pastoral Council

"Thank you Holy Spirit Parishioners!"

This past weekend concluded a very busy and invigorating month for the Pastoral Council. The commissioning of the "first" 15 members of the Holy Spirit Pastoral Council underscores the importance of listening to the voices of our fellow parishioners and responding, in humility and service, to their needs and to the needs of our Pastor, Father Mario.

Our parish community, through their participation in a Parish Planning Meeting held in late August, provided valuable feedback to Father Mario and to our Parish Council. Not only did we hear about the many strong characteristics of our Parish, but the more than 100 parishioners who participated in the meeting shared with us many areas of potential improvement and growth. In fact, the two most prominent themes were: 1. a greater unification and integration of our parish community, and 2. a continued emphasis on the development of our youth and young adult programs. These two areas in addition to other important areas of focus will provide our Council with a basis for the development of a strategic plan that will span the next several years. A sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all involved in this important "first step".

Should you wish to be sent a copy of the "parish meeting feedback" please send us your request by email to pastoralcouncil@hscfv.org or call the Parish Office at 714-963-1811.

Thank you for your prayerful support and "stay tuned" for more news concerning the development of our Parish mission statement and our future strategic direction.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral Council

Sick Relatives & Friends

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| Laurie Adams * | James Lee |
| Fred Aguado | Cleo Mariacher * |
| Don Beck * | Joyce Meersman |
| Herb Baker, Sr. | Melissa Maytorena |
| Theresa Bouchy | Dan Morgan * |
| Barbara Bradford * | Peggy Murgolo* |
| Ann Brown * | Oginia Nasr * |
| Sean Bryan * | Parker Nguyen * |
| John Bui | Maria Theresa Nina* |
| Ed Butorac * | Leo Nories * |
| Marian Catani * | Kathy O'Conner |
| Karen Charlot * | Alison Ouren |
| Virginia Cote | Julie Pekarck |
| Eileen Coates * | Bill Perez* |
| John Colucci | Lucy Piampiano * |
| Virginia Conrad * | Katherine Polito |
| Steven Cundall * | Louise Ponso |
| Joseph Damroth | Greg Roscoe |
| Kit Dorren | Nicole SantaCruz * |
| Anita Drouin * | Dorothe Schmidt * |
| Malcolm Edwards | Daniel Schuk |
| Maria Farrell * | Mary Schulz * |
| Betty Fixemere * | Suzu Skoczylas * |
| Jessica Geck | Kiley Sommers |
| Joanne Giordano * | Linda Sortillon |
| Diana Good | Sandy Steibach |
| Louise Harvey | Sandy Steinbach |
| Lee Heins * | Jim Stewart |
| Sherry Hill * | John Thomas * |
| Darlene Jabora * | Mary Thomas |
| Dennis Johnson * | Mike Thomas |
| Ralph Kazarian * | Robert R. Trujillo * |
| Lucille Keller * | Marlene Volta |
| Bryan "Buddy" Kojima * | Dorothy Willis * |

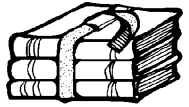
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).
Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).
Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

2006 Entertainment books are now on sale. The cost is \$40.00 and they are available in the Youth Office or Parish Office.



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

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



WEDDING BANNERS

September 24
 Mai Nguyen & Michael West

October 1
 Thu Le & Dung Tran

October 8
 Virginia Avila & John Haskell
 Minh Le & Ngoc Tran
 Tina Farris & Chris Provencio

MASS INTENTIONS*

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| Sept. 19 | 6:30 AM | Jackie Madden |
| | 9:00 AM | Helen Moran |
| Sept. 20 | 6:30 AM | Tom Madden † |
| | 9:00 AM | George Moran † |
| Sept. 21 | 6:30 AM | Marjorie Daigle |
| | 9:00 AM | Brian Clark |
| Sept. 22 | 6:30 AM | Jack Wildes † |
| | 9:00 AM | Peter Nguyen, Margarite Tran, Ann Nguyen † |
| Sept. 23 | 6:30 AM | Jean Zimmers † |
| | 9:00 AM | Phillip Yniguez † |
| Sept. 24 | 9:00 AM | Jose Mario † |
| | 5:00 PM | Hubert "Sandy" Marshburn † |
| | 6:30 PM | Porfiria Salcedo & Rafaela Lopez † |
| Sept. 25 | 7:30 AM | Dana Clark |
| | 9:00 AM | Pro Populo |
| | 10:30 AM | Orlando Molina † |
| | 12:00 PM | Brian Clark |
| | 5:00 PM | Timothy Wildes † |

† 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 or Linda: 714-963-7871.



Religious Education Classes Are Starting Soon!!

Confirmation II group meetings begin on Sunday, Sept. 25th, 2:00-6:00 p.m. (includes 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Elementary classes begin on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, Sept 26th, 27th, 28th, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

Preschool classes begin on Sunday, October 2nd, 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation 1 High School classes begin on Monday or Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 4th, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Junior High classes begin on Monday or Tuesday, October 10th, 11th, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Today is Catechetical Sunday!!

Our Religious Education Catechists and Confirmation Team members will be commissioned during the **9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses TODAY.**

Please join us in giving thanks to God for their commitment in sharing their faith with the children and youth.

Religious Education/Registration is open

Register your children for the new school year. Forms available at the R.E. Office or call 963-7871.

Confirmation Preparation for Youth

Confirmation preparation is a two year process for high school age youth. Students attending Catholic high schools need to attend Confirmation preparation in their parish. Classes are on Monday or Tuesday evenings, beginning in October. For more information and registration forms, please come to the RE office or call 963-7871.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



CYF meetings are held on Sunday evenings in Doyle Hall.

- Jr. High CYF meeting tonight 7:30-9:00 pm in Doyle Hall. OK, Summer is over, but you **still** haven't come to a meeting, **NOW** is the time. Bring a friend.
- Entertainment Books are available in the YOUth and Parish Center Offices. The cost is \$40.00. If you use it, it will pay for itself.
- Parents start planning for your children to go on the retreat. If they are in Confirmation or the Jr. High program, they will have the opportunity to go on retreat. Watch the bulletin for the dates. Please remember, confirmation students are required to attend the retreat.
- T-Shirts are coming—They cost \$10.00, and it's awesome if you have already signed up for one, no worries if you have not called me with the size, if you want, call me now.
- Speaking of retreats—I will need lots of **volunteers** to make the retreats a blessing. Please consider how you can help. If you can give a weekend plus a few hours of team meetings, **please call me.**
- Do you **ROCK?** We have some young people who really want to start a band. If you have the desire to join a praise band, let me know.
- Remember **"If you roll with God, you can chill with God!"**

For more info, leave a message for Marianne O'Conner in the YOUth Ministry Office: 963-7256, or youthministry@hscfv.org.

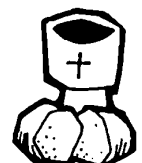
MUSIC NEWS



Holy Spirit Ministry is pleased to announce the formation of a parish **Children's Choir.** The choir is open to children from 1st-8th grades. Rehearsals will be once a month on the 3rd Thursday, from 3:45-4:45 PM in the Music Room. For more information please call Mandy Hall (714) 963-3220 or Catherine Vu (714) 963-1811. Join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!!

Vocation View

Life in the service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother or sister. (Mark 9:30-37) For more information on vocations, contact Msgr. Will Davis at (714) 282-3000.



PARISH EVENTS

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

Regular Collection: \$ 20,520.00
 PSA Pledges: \$ 196,362.00
 Hurricane Relief Fund: \$ 44,807.00 (total)
Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY SPIRIT FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15—6:00-9:00 PM
 DOYLE HALL

COUPLES: \$25.00, SINGLES: \$15.00,
 KIDS 6-12: \$5.00, KIDS UNDER 6: FREE

Tri-Tip Dinner
Country/Western Band Dancing
Proceeds benefit Katrina Victims & Knights Charities



FAMILY HOLY HOUR

All members of Holy Spirit Parish are invited to the prayer service on Monday, Sept. 19, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM, which includes the Rosary, Exposition, Adoration, & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Today, the third Sunday of the month, the Respect Life Committee will lead a Pro-Life rosary immediately following each Mass at the Memorial to the Unborn Baby Grotto. Please join us!



AFFIRMATION

Marriage Support and Enrichment

The date for the September meeting of Affirmation has been changed. The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 22, (not September 15, as previously advertised).

The topic for the meeting will be *"Creating by relating: staying connected by talking to each other"*. Good verbal communication is a vital marital skill. Let's talk about it!

For more information, call Deacon Bill Cobbett at (714) 963-1811, ext. 122.



BAPTISM CLASSES FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

Baptism classes in English are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30 PM and end to 9:00 PM in the parish center.

At the class, parents and godparents will receive instruction, complete the Baptism Registration Form and reserve the church for the date they want.

Parents and godparents must attend a Baptism class and obtain a certificate of completion. They should plan to attend the class at least two months before the date when they would like their child to be baptized.

For more information call Deacon Bill Cobbett at (714) 963-1811 Ext 122.

HIS HANDS CHRISTIAN SERVICE

A great big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who generously donated school supplies for the school children. Both parents and children were very pleased.



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HOLY SPIRIT COUNCIL 9667



September 18: Pro-Life Rosary

September 19: Family Holy Hour

Become a member of the Knights of Columbus!
Jim DeLuca 714-963-2125 fvbrewer@earthlink.net

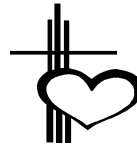
YOU ARE NEEDED!

How many people need just a little of yours or my encouragement? How many people are happy to hear you will pray for them? How many people would like to pray with you and then maybe talk to you?



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH welcomes you to consider becoming a **STEPHEN MINISTER** who listens and prays but does not counsel. A Stephen Minister learns the art of listening in a series of classes totaling 50 hours given in the parish. The time a Stephen Minister commits to helping people is very flexible. Interested in knowing more? Call Harvey Doren, Stephen Leader, 841-2988, Roger Stollenwerk, Facilitator, 968-3406, or Anthony Le, Vietnamese Facilitator, 720-4465.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION



"UNITAS" marriage preparation classes start on October 7, 2005 in meeting rooms 1, 2 and 3 at Holy Spirit Church.

Meeting are held on Friday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. On completion of the program, couples receive a certificate that fulfills the requirements for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church.

If you are planning on getting married any time in the next year, you should enroll now for this program. Please pick up a registration from the office, or call Deacon Bill Cobbett at (714) 963-1811, ext. 122.



Thanks to everyone who participated in our September 8th celebrations for our Blessed Mother's Birthday and the 5th Anniversary of weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays.

A special thanks to Youth Ministry for leading the Holy Rosary and those who helped in many ways to make this occasion a memorable one. May God in His Mercy shower His Blessings upon You and the Whole World in answer to your dedication and Prayers.

Cathy Thomas

17 September 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



I have good news to share.

Last December, as you know, we were able to settle all of the many civil cases against the Diocese of Orange; the cost was approximately 100 million dollars, almost half of which was paid by our insurers. In January, I convened a task force of clergy and lay parishioners with expertise in the fields of finance and lending to advise me on the best method of funding our portion of the settlement. They recommended I take out a bridge loan of 50 million dollars from the Bank of America, a move I made following the approval of my Executive Committee, College of Consultants and our diocesan Finance Council.

At that same time, I also asked another group of experts to advise me on how we might repay that loan as quickly as possible. Our Catholic population is growing; it is estimated that by 2010, 40% of the population of Orange County will be Catholic. My concern and theirs was that long-term debt would burden our ability to carry out the Church's mission in a time of positive growth. At their recommendation and with the approval of the same groups as before, I have agreed and the Diocese has repaid 35 million dollars of the bridge loan, funds being drawn exclusively from our diocesan general funds and from a reduction in our asset portfolio. This action does not put our financial stability at risk and not one dollar has been taken from parish or school funds or any other restricted donation. Further, I do not envision any further reduction in diocesan staff or services beyond what has already been experienced.

These actions are tangible and concrete expressions of **the Covenant With the Faithful** I made with you:

- You told me that you wanted more transparency in reporting on the use of the funds you entrust to your Church and that is why I am fully reporting these actions to you.
- You told me that you wanted to work collaboratively with me and I want to thank the many clergy and volunteer parishioners who brought their considerable expertise to this effort.
- You told me that you wanted to be confident that we are doing everything possible to nurture the healing process after this time of crisis. The settlement itself is but one part of our overall effort to respond to these challenges we face.

These events bring to mind the truth that Church is all of us, working, praying and believing together so that the power of God may be made manifest in our world. It is an honor to serve all of you as your bishop and to serve our Lord with all of you. Together may we be ambassadors of God's love.

In the Lord,

Tod D. Brown
Bishop of Orange

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH OKTOBERFEST

Fr. Joe Knerr invites all Holy Spirit parishioners to enjoy good food, carnival rides, and entertainment at St. Martin de Porres, in Yorba Linda. It will be held on Friday, September 23, 5:00–11:00 PM, Saturday, September 24, 2:00–11:00 PM and Sunday, September 25, 1:00–8:00 PM. He's looking forward to seeing you!

Part-time office assistant needed at Mission San Juan Capistrano. 18-19 hours per week in the admin office. Application and job announcement available at www.missionsjc.com/jobs.html, by calling 949-234-1300 x308 or by emailing ndavis@missionsjc.com.

Rosary High School's 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held Sat., Oct. 8. Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. Dinner is \$100 per person. Proceeds benefit the Rosary High Endowment Fund. Call Margaret Mary Agress, 879-2097.

Is God stirring something in your heart? Do you wonder if God might be calling you to consider being a Sister? The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange invite you to a "Come and See Retreat Day" on Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at their Motherhouse in Orange. For more information contact Sr. Cecilia, 633-8121 x 7108 or vocationcsj@csjorange.org.

Crisis Pregnancy Help

Life Center: 714-835-5433
Birth Choice: 949-261-2981
24-Hour Hotline: (Eng. & Viet.)
 714-721-8557 714-721-6628

Project RACHEL: (post abortion)
 1-800-RACHEL6