

# SAINT LINUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 16, 2007

## *The Third Sunday of Advent*



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Father Tony Gomez, Pastor  
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Deacon couple John and Sue Cunneen  
Deacon couple Frank and Tita Guzman  
Sister Joseph Ann Kostka, O.L.V.M.

### **Mass Times**

Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m./Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m./Family Mass

12:00 p.m./en Español

5:30 p.m./Youth Mass

7:30 p.m.

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin of the previous Sunday

Weekdays: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. with Perpetual Help Novena

1st and 3rd Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

Charismatic Mass: once a month  
(date and time will be posted in the bulletin)

### **Parish Office**

Maureen Linnebur, Business Manager  
Anna Betancourt, Dir. of Pastoral Services/Liturgy  
Gloria Cardenas, Bulletin Editor/Webmaster

### **Office Hours**

Mon.-Sat.: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Closed for Lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Sun.: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

All night adoration from 7:30 p.m., after the 1st and 3rd Friday Masses, Benediction Saturday 7:15 a.m.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
and by appointment

### **For the following Sacraments and Services, please call the Parish Center:**

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sacrament of Marriage  
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
Funeral and Vigil Services  
Communion to the Sick and Home-bound

# Ministry in Action...

## Adoración Nocturna

Contacto: Jose Reyna  
(562) 787-1507

3rd Fri. 7 pm - Sat, 7:15 A.M. | Iglesia

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Contact: Dorie Sablan

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

1st Fri. | 7 P.M.-Sat. 7:15 A.M. | Church

## Adult Confirmation

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Altar Servers

Contact: Sr. Joseph Ann Kostka OLVM

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Altar Society

Contact: Virginia Lozano  
(562)863-3657

## Anointing of the Sick

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Baptismal Preparation of Children

English & Spanish

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Because We Care Ministry

Contact: Denise Vargas  
(562) 921-6649

## Bereavement Ministry

Contact: Dn. Chuck Baker  
(562) 926-8045

4th Tues. | 7-8:30 P.M. | Parish Center

## Bible Study-English

Contact: Barbara Fries  
(562) 926-1770

Tues. | 8-9 P.M. | Rm. 8

## Boy Scouts, Troop 394

Contact: Rayu Rayasam

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Mon. | 7-8:30 P.M. | Hall

## Charismatic Healing Mass

Contact: Sion Ferrer  
(213) 989-3214 (Work)

Various Mon. | 7 P.M. | Church

## Church Environment

Contact: Mary Betancourt  
(562) 921-5279

## Cursillo Ultreya—Spanish

Contacto: Miguel y Margarita Ramos  
(562) 929-4693

## Filipino Association

Contact: Rey Factoran  
(714) 670-8788

Meets once a month

## Funerals

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Golden Age Club

Contact: John A. L. Moran  
(562) 926-1575

3rd Sun | 1-4 P.M. | Hall

## Guadalupanas

Contacto: Raul Armas  
(562) 921-4171

El dia 12 de cada mes | 7 P.M. | Iglesia

## Jovenes para Cristo

Contacto: Marlene Jaramillo  
(562) 291-9741

Tues. | 7:30 P.M. | Hall

## Knights of Columbus #10623

Contact: Henry J. Bestwick  
(562) 965-1625 (Cell)

khjbestwick@aol.com

2nd Tues. | 7:30 P.M. | Hall

## Knights of Columbus—Squires

Contact: Alan Gfeller  
(562) 921-4002

3rd Sat. | Contact Alan

## Legion of Mary

Contact: Sylvia J. Layao  
(562) 404-1174

## Praesidium

Tues. | 5-6 P.M. | Rm. 10

## Curia

2nd Thur. | 7 P.M. | Rm. 10

## Liturgy Committee

Director: Anna Betancourt  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Ministerios Hispanos

Contacto: Vidal Vargas  
(562) 440-7022

## Ministry to the Sick

Contact: Sr. Joseph Ann Kostka OLVM  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Music Director

Contact: Emil Salud  
(562) 921-6649

## Oktoberfest Committee

Contact: Mike Betancourt  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Parish Council

Contact: Parish Office (562) 921-6649  
ParishCouncil@StLinus.org

## “Elohim” Filipino Prayer Group

Contact: Brenda Cadavona  
(562) 921-1123

Fri. | 7:30-9 P.M. | Rm. 8

## Grupo de Oración

Contacto: Yolanda Peraza  
(562) 756-5955

Amalia Sanchez 228-5132  
Wed. | 7-9 P.M. | Hall

## RCIA

Contact: Marge Baker

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Mon. | 7-8:30 P.M. | Rm. 8

## Religious Education

Contact: Adele Gutierrez, DRE  
(562) 921-5179 Office  
Call for Schedules

## Religious Goods Store

Contact: John A. L. Moran  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649  
Open after all Weekend Masses

## Religious Vocations

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Santo Niño Devotions

1st Fri. | 6:30 P.M. | Church

## Separated & Divorced Group

Contact: Rosa Muro  
(562) 485-7689  
1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7 P.M. | Parish Office

## St. Linus Fundraisers

Contact: Nimfa Castro  
(562) 865-1167

## St. Linus School

Principal: Sister Catherine Casey  
(562) 921-0336 Office  
www.linuslions.org

## St. Linus Ushers

Contact: Cornell Watson  
(562) 868-1160

## Weddings & Quinceañeras

Coordinator: Connie Renteria  
(562) 902-4914

## Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Stella Farrell  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

## Youth Ministry/LIFE TEEN & Confirmation

Contact: Dean Diomedes  
(562) 921-6252 Office  
Sun. | 7:15-8:45 P.M. | LIFE Nights | Hall  
Other meeting times vary

As 2007 comes to an end, I think it is a good time to update you on the major projects that have been completed in our parish this year. Our church sound system and air conditioning was completed, and the cry rooms painted and updated. Funds have been raised for carpeting for the church and this project will be started very soon. This summer the outside of the school and hall were painted. The old fence in our parking lot was removed and the parking lot and school playground were resurfaced. At the parish center, we have finished our food pantry and the program is running smoothly. We have created offices for the coordinator of the food pantry and our new music director. New cabinets are in the process of being built in the parish hall. These projects were afforded by the generous donation of many of our parishioners, funds received from the rental of our parish hall, and the hard work of our St. Linus Fundraising Group. Of course there are many, many everyday repair and maintenance projects that need to be done and we want to thank Dennis Adame, Clem Linnebur, John Adams, and Frank LeDuff for their many hours of volunteer time working on these projects. This certainly helps to keep our costs down. You may have noticed the new fence, volleyball poles and basketball poles on the school playground, these are thanks to the hard work of the St. Linus School Sports Committee and St. Linus parents. Our electric bill continues to be a problem (even before air-conditioning), so thanks to all of you who turn off lights, and don't turn on unnecessary lights, particularly in the church and school. Also, a big thank you to those that gave donations to help pay the electric bill this past summer.

For the year 2008, we are looking at plans and cost of an Adoration Chapel. Some of you have asked about stained glass windows in the church so we are investigating this project for the future. We hope to give the restrooms in the church and hall a "face-life" in the coming year. We will also look into replacing the tile under the pews. If you see things around the parish facilities and grounds that need repair or you have a complaint, please feel free to give me a call or send a note. If you see something that looks particularly nice, you can let Fr. Tony know!

Maureen Linnebur  
Business Manager

### **Simbang Gabi 2007 Schedule of Novena of Masses**

Theme:	I was a stranger and you welcome me! "Ako'y isang dayuhan na inyong kinupkop"	
Dec 15th:	6:00 PM	Our Lady of Angels Cathedral
Dec 16th:	6:00 PM	St. Bernard, 9647 E. Beach St., Bellflower
	6:00 PM	St. Peter Chanel, 12001 214th St., Hawaiian Gardens
Dec 17th:	7:00 PM	St. Linus Church
Dec 18th:	7:00 PM	St. Pius X, 10827 S. Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs
Dec 19th:	6:30 PM	Beatitudes of Our Lord, 13013 S. Santa Gertrudes Ave., La Mirada
	7:00 PM	St. Helen, 3170 Firestone Blvd., South Gate
Dec 20th:		
Dec 21st:	6:30 PM	St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Place, Lakewood
	7:00 PM	St. Dominic Savio, 9720 Foster Road, Bellflower
Dec 22nd:	5:30 PM	St. Hilary, 5465 S. Citronell Ave., Pico Rivera
	7:00 PM	St. Cyprian, 4714 Clark Ave., Long Beach
	7:00 PM	St. Gregory the Great, 13935 Telegraph Rd., Whittier
Dec 23rd:	4:45 PM	St. John of God, 13819 S. Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk
	5:00 PM	St. Paul of the Cross, 14020 Foster Rd., La Mirada
9 Days:	6:00 AM	Holy Family, 18708 S. Clarkdale Ave., Artesia
	7:00 PM	St. Philomena, 21900 S. Main St., Carson



# School News...not just for families of students...

## Communal Wedding Ceremony (Convalidation)

We invite all those interested in the Communal Wedding to come to the information meeting with Fr. Tony on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7pm in the School Science room. He will be giving detailed information regarding the required paper work. Please call the parish office to register. If you have already called to register, you are on our list to attend the class and will be receiving a reminder phone call.

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## St. Linus Parish Adopt-A-Student Program

The **St. Linus Parish Adopt-A-Student Program** is a wonderful outreach service to members of our own parish community. If a school family finds themselves in a difficult financial situation due to a sudden job loss or illness, the Adopt-A-Student Program helps them with temporary assistance to meet their financial obligations to St. Linus School. During this *Back to School* season, we find it appropriate to *thank all our fellow parishioners* who have generously donated to this program. You have helped a child gain “*an advantage for life*” by being able to remain a student at St. Linus School. We hope that you are able to continue your assistance through the use of the Adopt-A-Student envelopes.

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## Saint Linus School

Saint Linus School is accepting applications for grades K, 1, 5, & 6 for the 2007-2008 school year. Applications are available in the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Wednesdays when office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Please visit us on the web at [www.linuslions.org](http://www.linuslions.org) for further registration information.

Prospective students for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 by September 1, 2007.

Prospective students for Kindergarten must be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

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## IT'S EASY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



Simply bring your original Lakewood Center®, Los Cerritos Center and Stonewood Center® receipts dated from September 15, 2007 to May 15, 2008 to Guest Services at any of the centers. Receipts must be logged at the center where the purchase was made.

Our school receives five (5) points for each dollar spent at any store, eatery, movie theatre or kiosk at any of the centers!

Based on the total accumulated points, each participating school will receive a share of a \$50,000 in One Great Gift Cards at the end of the program.

Visit [www.ShopOneShopAll.com](http://www.ShopOneShopAll.com) or call (800) 539-3273 for current points, flyer information and shopping center information.

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## SCRIP for Sale

Saint Linus School sells gift certificates (**SCRIP**) from various vendors outside of church from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Sunday. Don't forget to stop by to pickup scrip for your grocery shopping or gas. Gift Certificates make wonderful presents too!

- **What is SCRIP?** SCRIP is a certificate which has the same face value as money. It is redeemable for food or merchandise purchases at supermarkets, department stores, gas stations, and restaurants. SCRIP is purchased at St. Linus School for face value and is used as regular money at the specific merchants offered through our program. The school receives a portion of the certificate face value. To the user, SCRIP is the equivalent of regular money; to St. Linus School it represents additional funds.

This holiday season, as you are driving around looking for bargains and great deals, keep St. Linus School in mind. You can buy SCRIP!!! Use it to buy your Christmas dinner at the grocery store...or how about to fill up your gas tank so you can get to the store. Use it to do your Christmas shopping. Below is a list of stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc. that St. Linus School sells SCRIP for. It won't cost you anything extra, and St. Linus School gets some extra funds.

(See the SCRIP for Sale ad on the previous page for a deSCRIPTION.)

Grocery Stores	Restaurants/ Food Services	Miscellaneous Stores	Gas Stations
99 Ranch Market	Baskin-Robbins	Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	Arco
Albertson's/ Sav-On	Black Angus	Blockbuster Video	Chevron
CVS Pharmacy	Cold Stone Creamery	JC Penney (account payments OK)	Exxon/Mobil
Payless Foods	Goldilocks	JC Penny Uniforms (account payments OK)	Shell
Rite Aid	Darden Restaurants	Macy's (no payments on account)	<b>Other</b>
Sea Palace/Diho Market	Olive Garden	Sears Debit Card (no payments on account)	Olga's Hair Studios & Supplies
Stater Brothers	Red Lobster	Toys 'R' Us	
Walgreen's	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Kids 'R' Us	
	See's Candies	Babies 'R' Us	
	Starbucks		



**SIMBANG GABI 2007**

**Theme: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me!"**  
**"Ako'y isang dayuhan na inyong kinupkop!"**  
**Matthew 25:36**

**You are all cordially invited to join the Filipino Community of St. Linus in the celebration of their traditional annual SIMBANG GABI (Advent novena mass) on Monday, December 17 at 7 pm. St. Linus will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 9-day novena of masses with various parishes from the San Pedro Region participating. You will find the complete schedule of the 9-day novena listed below. Fellowship and reception will follow at the hall after the mass. We hope to see you all as we prepare for the coming birth of our Lord.**

**WELCOME TO ST. LINUS PARISH**

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. We extend our hearts to all whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you have NOT registered or have moved, or have other needs, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

- I would like to become a parishioner by registering. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- I have moved. Here is my new address. Address \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a new phone number. City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- I would be willing to be a sponsor for RCIA. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- I am going to be in the hospital for surgery.
- I have a convalescent person in our home requesting Holy Communion.
- I am baptized but have not received 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

### Protecting God's Children – Adult Awareness Session

Virtus training will be offered for all adults especially those working regularly with or around minors on Wednesday, January 2, from 6-9 PM here at St. Linus in the youth room. This is a closed session for parishioners only, but space is limited to 30 participants. Please call the youth ministry office to make a reservation. Leave your name, and day & evening phone numbers. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in this very educational safety training. **Due to the nature of this session, no children under 18 are permitted to attend under any circumstance.** Visit [www.virtus.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme=0](http://www.virtus.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0) for a list of other sessions being offered in our region.

### Holiday Gifts for Your Teen

Christmas will be here before we know it. Are you searching for a gift for that hard to shop for teenager in your life? Search no more! Get them *100 Things Every Catholic Teen Should Know* - A new book that brings to light a bunch of things they might already know and a ton of stuff they probably don't. No long boring answers here: teens get quick, straight answers with 100% Catholic truth. Reasonably priced at \$10, consider getting multiple copies to give away. Makes the perfect stocking stuffer. Visit [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com) to order.



**Advent is here. Please pick up your Advent brochure at the door of the church to see all the events for our Advent Season.**



**Get you Christmas Gifts and Stocking stuffers**

**At The St. Linus Religious Goods Store**

**We might have what you are looking for**

**WE DO HAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS**

**On sale for \$2.50 per box**

**SOME ITEMS WILL BE REDUCED 50%**

**This sale will take place after all the Weekend Masses**

**Yes we will be there after the Sunday evening Masses**

***20% off all Christmas items***

***Sunday, Dec 23rd and Dec 30th***

### BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SAN LINO

Nuestra más calurosa bienvenida a todos que celebran con nosotros. Extendemos nuestros corazones a todos, sean residentes de mucho tiempo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Si NO se han registrado o se han registrado y mudado, o tienen otras necesidades, por favor llenen este formulario y pónganlo en la canasta de colecta o envíenlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

- Quisiera registrarme para ser miembro de la parroquia. Nombre \_\_\_\_\_
- Aquí está mi nuevo domicilio. Domicilio \_\_\_\_\_
- Yo tengo un número nuevo de teléfono. Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ Estado \_\_\_\_\_ Zona Postal \_\_\_\_\_
- Quisiera ser patrocinador de RCIA. Teléfono (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- Voy a estar en el hospital para una operación.
- Tengo una persona convaleciente en mi casa pidiendo la Santa Comunión.
- Estoy bautizado/a pero no he recibido la Primera Comunión y/o al Confirmación.

## Broom Ball/Eve of New Year's Eve Party

This will be an awesome evening for teens and families looking for some winter fun between the holidays. Following LIFE TEEN mass on December 30, participants will gather for refreshments and a New Year Blessing. We will spend the remainder of the evening at Norwalk Ice Center for a game of Broom Ball. Participants participating in the game need to bring \$10, but everyone is invited to come and watch. This will be a great night of prayer, fun and fellowship. See flyers at the side door for more details and permission slips.



## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

With all the distractions of the season, it's the simple reminders that cause us to pause and reflect on our Savior's birth. As Knight of Columbus, we have developed a way to keep the focus on the Christmas Season as the true meaning of Christmas...CHRIST!

A car magnet, in the shape of the Nativity Scene was used to capitalize on the ribbon magnets, we see on cars and trucks. This attractive magnet is white with a black border and has the words KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS emblazoned across the bottom, and is highly visible on all colors of cars and trucks. The actual size of the magnet is 6.25" X 7".

St. Linus Knights of Columbus Council # 10623 will be outside Church after all weekend Masses with this magnet. A donation of \$5.00 each will get you this gift that you can use year after year.

## About Face! – Focus on God.

This is the theme for Youth Day this coming Lent. Youth Day is the event for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders that kicks off the Archdiocesan Religious Education Congress at the Anaheim Convention Center each year. One opportunity for adults to participate in youth day is to be part of the Moving Crew. Volunteers are needed to help give direction to 12,000 youth during this exciting and spirit-filled day! Being on the moving crew is a great way to be part of the experience, without being a chaperone. Youth Day is February 28, 2008. If you are interested in being on the moving crew, accompanying youth as a chaperone, or providing transportation as a driver, please contact the youth ministry office. Permission slips for teens to attend Youth Day will be available soon! Very limited space is provided, drivers are needed from our community or else we can't go!

## Youth Ministry/LIFE TEEN

LIFE Nights are catechetical meetings that immediately follow the Youth Mass on Sunday evening from 7:15 - 8:45 PM and take place in the parish hall unless otherwise noted. ALL high school teenagers are invited and welcome to attend. Those in preparation for confirmation are expected to attend most nights. Tonight - Las Posadas Youth Ministry hosts the first night of a Novena honoring the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.)

Next week – No LIFE Night

After that – *Broom Ball/Eve of New Year's Eve Party* (permission slip required) see bulletin announcement

Wednesday night Prayer nights with music and scripture study, Wednesdays in the Youth Room from 7-8:30 PM.

## Developmental Assets

Search Institute has identified a set of 40 building blocks of healthy development – 20 internal and 20 external - that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Each week an asset will be identified with tips on how to help build that asset at home or in the congregation.

Asset #12 – School Boundaries: schools set clear rules and consequences for student behavior. As parents, we can reinforce this asset when conflicts occur by not being pushy. Calmly state your concern and suggest solutions. Visit: [www.mvparents.com](http://www.mvparents.com) or [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org) for more tips on building assets as a parent, at school, or as a member of the parish community, or contact the youth ministry office for more information.



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# ST. LINUS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE PARTY

Saturday, December 29, 2007



Check In & Entertainment - 6:00pm  
Dinner - 6:30pm  
Cost - \$25.00



**Proceeds will benefit the church new carpet project.**

For more information & tickets please call

Chit Yokoyama - 562-547-3670

Imelda Manalac - 562-405-0471

John & Arlene Moran - 562-926-1575

Linda Guerrero - 562-863-9023

Percy Garces - 562-883-3947

## Religious Education FUNNEL CAKE FUNDRAISER

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16



### AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

Plain w/powdered sugar - \$4  
Strawberry and whipped cream - \$5



## CHRIST IS THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

(Adapted from Arden W. Mead)

The days before Christmas can be very busy ones filled with various traditions that are part of your preparations, like putting up the tree, decorating the house, sending Christmas cards, baking cookies, wrapping gifts, etc. This week we will offer you things to ponder and pray about while you do these things. This way, all these activities will be a constant reminder of what this season is truly about.

### When you receive a Christmas card:

*“...there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled...”*

The first card of the season, which you may have already received, always comes as a surprise. “How can anyone be that organized?” It’s wonderful to hear from friends and family, especially those you only hear from at this time of year.

The “greeting” sent by Cesar Augustus probably came as a surprise to Mary and Joseph. Be assured that they were not as happy as we are to hear from someone so far away. But in Cesar’s decree we can see God’s “organization” in his divine plan for the first Christmas. So when you receive a card pray for governments and rulers, that through them the peace of the Lord may be evident in our world. As they continue to arrive, notice which ones do the best job in sharing God’s Good News with you and why not display them for all to see. Christmas cards are a special way of telling someone that “Christ is the heart of Christmas.”

### When you unpack your Christmas decorations:

*“...and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe...”*

The decorations have been stored away for a long time but now you are ready to use them. “Unpacking” them can be new and exciting if we approach it with eager anticipation. God’s love is the same. It has been there all the time, just waiting to be used.

As you unpack decorations, talk about some time in your life when God’s love was especially new and meaningful to you.

### When you set the manger scene:

*“You shall find the babe...lying in a manger”*

What is the most important Christmas decoration in your home? The tree may be the biggest we know that the central symbol of Christmas is the manger scene. So where does it get placed in your home? Under the tree? Over the fireplace? On a special table? Is it in a very noticeable place or is it tucked away? When Jesus was born, he was sort of “Tucked away” too, as he lay in the manger. Can that happen to us too, that we tuck him in a corner and forget what we are celebrating? Make a point to look at your manger each day and imagine yourself at that very first Christmas. Take time to pray for the people who have not yet found the Savior. May your manger keep Christ at the heart of Christmas.

### As you set up your Christmas tree:

*“...because he was of the house and lineage of David...”*

The Christmas tree can be a reminder of your family tree. As you decorate it, talk about your family tree as far back as you can trace it. As you mention each person, try to remember how that person demonstrated God’s love to you and others. The Christmas tree can also be a reminder of Jesus’ family tree. He was born into a human family with a proud ancestry tracing back all the way to King David. Remember how God had blessed David, promising to send a “Son of David” to reign on God’s throne forever. God is keeping his promise! Ever green, ever faithful.



## Parish Council

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions that you would like to have addressed at a future Parish Council meeting, please email us at: [ParishCouncil@StLinus.org](mailto:ParishCouncil@StLinus.org) or you can write to the Parish Council and leave it at the Parish Office. We ask that all comments be submitted in writing. You can make a difference!

# This Week at St. Linus...

## Mass Intentions For The Week

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 6-9:00 PM Filipino Association, Church  
 7:00 PM SIMBANG GABI, Hall  
 7:00 PM POSADAS, Room 10  
 7-8:30 PM RCIA, Science Room  
 7-9:00PM Boy Scouts, Room 11  
 7:30-9:30 PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal, Parish Off.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 5-6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Parish Office  
 7:00 PM POSADAS, Hall  
 7:00 PM Mother of Perpetual Help & St. Jude Novena Bilingual Mass, Church  
 7:30-9 PM Jovenes para Cristo, Room 11  
 8:00 PM English Bible Study, Room 8

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 4:30-5:45PM Children's Choir, Church  
 5:45-6:30 PM Religious Ed, Church  
 6-7:30 PM Religious Ed., Room 10/11  
 7:00 PM POSADAS, Hall  
 7:30 PM Spanish Baptism Class, Room 10

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 7:00 PM POSADAS, Hall  
 7-9:00 PM Sep. & Div. Mtg, Parish Office  
 7-9:00 PM English Choir Rehearsal, Church

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 7:00 PM POSADAS, Hall  
 7:00 PM Christmas Concert, Church  
 7:30-9 PM Elohim Prayer Group, Room 8  
 7:30-8:30PM Adoración Nocturna 3rd Fri., Rm 10

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 4-5:00 PM Confession, Church  
 7:00 PM POSADAS, Hall  
 8-9:00 PM Confession, Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 8-12 PM RCIA, Science Room  
 7:00 PM POSADAS, Hall

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007

- 7:30 AM Betsy "Jerry" McInnis, (R.I.P.)  
 5:30 PM Bartolome Sanchez, Jr., (Birthday)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007

- 7:30 AM Harold Rader, (R. I. P.)  
 9:00 AM Rudy Mercado, (R.I.P.)  
 10:30 AM Norma Villanueva, (R.I.P.)  
 12:00 PM Mass for our Parishioners  
 5:30 PM Betsy "Jerry" McInnis, (R.I.P.)  
 7:30 PM Elvira Balderas, (Birthday)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

- 8:30 AM Juan Agunod, (R.I.P.)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007

- 8:30 AM Betsy "Jerry" McInnis, (R.I.P.)  
 7:00 PM Eric Allas, (R.I.P.)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007

- 8:30 AM Eric Obenhaus, (R.I.P.)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007

- 8:30 AM Flora Razo, (Birthday)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007

- 8:30 AM Betsy "Jerry" McInnis, (R.I.P.)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2007

- 7:30 AM Michael Choi, (R.I.P.)  
 5:30 PM Vicente Pineda (R.I.P.)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2007

- 7:30 AM Grace Sanchez, (Birthday)  
 9:00 AM Ryan Anthony Sanchez, (Birthday)  
 10:30 AM Alexander Reyes Anderson, (R.I.P.)  
 12:00 PM Cuca Vargas & Carlos Garcia, (R.I.P.)  
 5:30 PM Mass for our Parishioners  
 7:30 PM Barbara Santos, (R.I.P./Anniversary)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Friday: St. Peter Canisius  
 Saturday: Winter begins  
 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
 Lk 1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7;  
 Mt 1:18-24

**LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS**

Viernes: San Pedro Canisio  
 Sábado: Invierno  
 Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento;  
 La Nochebuena

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
 Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
 Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lc 1:5-25  
 Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Lc 1:26-38  
 Viernes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;  
 Lc 1:39-45  
 Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lc 1:46-56  
 Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24(23);  
 Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24