

SAINT LINUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 18, 2009

Second
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time



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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.

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)

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: Avelina Benitez
(562) 929-6338

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: Parish Office
(562) 921-6649

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: Rachel Witt
(562) 698-3105

3rd Sun | 1:30-4:30 P.M. | Hall

Guadalupanas

Contacto: Raul Armas
(562) 921-4171

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

Jovenes para Cristo

Contacto: Francisco Lopez
(562) 921-6649

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

Knights of Columbus #10623

Grand Knight: Gerardo Vasquez
(562) 868-6964

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

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” Charismatic Prayer Group

Contact: Brenda Cadavona
(562) 921-1123

Fri. | 7:30-10 P.M. | Rm. 11

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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 19th
FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.**

A MASS WITH A HEALING SERVICE

PLACE: ST. LINUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DATE: MONDAY, Jan. 19, 2009
TIME: 7:30 PM MASS
CELEBRANT: Fr. Albert Avenido

Fr. Albert is a native of St. Maria, Bulacan, Phils. He entered the seminary at age 14 and earned his Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry in 1995. A strong devotee of the Blessed Mother, his bishop ordained him on the 8th of September 1995. He is the associate pastor of St. Pancratius Church and also serves as the Spiritual Advisor of MAGNIFICAT West San Fernando Valley Chapter and the Rosary Group for Jesus and Mary.

Come and feel the presence of the living Lord that renews our heart to know God's love and to live a holy life, with God's goodness and grace.

Knights of Columbus Dances

The Knights would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for our New Years Eve dance. It was a huge success with a sell out crowd. As you know our monthly dances have been doing very well. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the parish of \$1,800.00 for upcoming projects. Also the Knights will be working on the new table project for the hall. These will be the light weight lifetime tables.

Valentine's Dance -- will be held in the hall on Saturday February 14, 2009 from 8:00pm - 12:00 Doors open at 7:00pm Price of the tickets will be \$9.00 pre-sale and \$10.00 at the door. Live band music provided by "Yesterday". There will also be a NO HOST BAR.

St. Patrick's Dance -- will be held on Sunday March 1, 2009 from 2.00pm to 7:00pm with live band music. Doors open at 1:00pm and tickets will be \$8.00 per person.

The Knights will also be planning a horse shoe tournament and hot dog barbecue in May 2009. It will be for ages 21 years and older.

The knights held their annual Free-throw competition hear at St. Linus on Saturday January 10, 2009. Boys and girls between the ages of 10 - 14 used their skills. The winners who will move on to the district finals will be Angelica Marie Medina, 10 year old girls division. Krissia Sanchez, 11 year old girls division. Jaden Deocampo, 10 year old boys division. Anthony Gorong, 11 year old boys division. Eric Capper, 12 year old boys division and Ruben Alire, 14 year old boys division. Congratulations to them.

Men 18 years of age and older, how would like to be part of the largest fraternal organization in the world? We help our churches and priests and those in need. If interested contact Membership Chairman Alan Gfeller at 562-921-4002, Financial Secretary Dennis Adame 562-889-9322, Grand Knight Gerardo Vazquez 562-868-6964

PROPOSITION 8

Because of the controversy generated by the passage of Proposition 8 in the State of California, Cardinal Roger Mahony and the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, have issued a Pastoral Message to all homosexual Catholics in the Archdiocese. If you are interested in seeing a copy of this message you will find copies on the tables at the two side entrances and in the vestibule of the church.



Collections

We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visiting parishioners for being extremely generous with your weekly donations in helping our parish. Our collections for the week of **JANUARY 11, 2009** it was **\$10,966.45**. May God bless you all.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: WHAT IS IT?

The Week Prayer for Christian Unity began to take shape at the beginning of the 20th century. In 1908, an American Episcopalian priest, Paul Wattson, proposed an octave of prayer between January 18th and January 25th. For Wattson, the focus of prayer was the return of the separated churches to Rome. (Wattson entered the Catholic Church in 1909.) In the 1930s, another pioneer for ecumenism, Catholic Priest Paul Courtier of Lyons France, realized that for the Week of Prayer to have a real impact, Catholics and non-Catholics needed to pray together for unity: and that meant a shift in focus. (Non Catholics could hardly be expected to pray that they would eventually become Catholic!) Father Courtier suggested that the prayer be for the “unity that Christ wills, as he wills and when he wills”. It was controversial at the time, but the movement caught on and received formal sanction from Pope John XXIII in 1959. The Second Vatican Council gave a huge impetus to the movement. In 1965 the World Council of Churches met and prepared joint materials for the week of Prayer. Every year since then, Catholics and other Christians prepare a document which includes suggestions for prayer services, Bible Study and discussion. It can be found on line at <http://www.oikoumene.org/> and the Vatican Website. Here at St. Linus we will be prayer during this week for the various churches in our very own neighborhood.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB: Start the new year by attending our monthly meeting, this Sunday January 18th, at St. Linus parish hall, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk at 2:00 p.m. Many things are being planned for the year, so hope to see you there. A trip to Pala Casino is planned for Monday, Feb. 9th sign up at the meeting or call our activities Chairpersons Mary Helen at 864-4355 or Dee at 868-6489. All 55+ are invited to join us on this day. Invite family, friends and neighbors and see what we have planned. A social hour will follow the meeting. See you there.

Dear friend in Christ,

Here is this week’s thank you note:

Most times it is difficult to comprehend the reason behind our suffering and wonder why we aren’t protected immediately from the wounds of life.

It is difficult to confide our innermost need to God and end our prayer with, “Thy will be done” when we come to recognize that God’s will and ours don’t always coincide.

My friend, we don’t want to suffer and yet God often allows it... Why?

Because God can see further up the road than we can. Yes, it is hard for us to submit ourselves to God’s will, especially when we THINK we know what is best for us. But we don’t really know; we only like to think we do.

Today, let us THANK God that He allows us to live in His sight even when we doubt Him.

Have a THANKFUL week and may He richly bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ,

Fr. Gregory and the Mustard Seed Communities Family

* With God anything is possible *



Mustard Seed
Communities

CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

ANAHEIM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

The annual Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim, Calif., is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this internationally acclaimed four-day event. The annual Youth Day draws over 15,000 youth. Congress' international presence continues to grow, with participants attending from over 14 different countries. This year there will be more than 306 workshops available to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. This year the Congress is scheduled for February 26 (Youth Day) and February 27 through March 1, 2009, with the theme ***"Love Unfolding...Igniting Our Yes!"*** Over the weekend participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of prayer experiences with internationally renowned leaders in the areas of liturgical music and worship. Noontime and evening concerts offer additional opportunities for praise and worship – delightful experiences which engage and renew participants! Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more information or to register stop by your parish Religious Education Office for a Registration Guidebook, or call the RECongress info line at 213-637-7348. For more info or to register online by credit card visit us at **www.RECongress.org**.

El Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa en Anaheim, Calif., está próximo para renovarnos y nutrirnos una vez más. El Congreso reúne a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días de este evento, el cual es reconocido internacionalmente y auspiciado por la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. El Día anual de la Juventud reúne a 15,000 jóvenes del sur de California y otras partes. Dicho evento cuenta con la presencia de participantes provenientes de más de 14 países. Este año habrá más de 306 talleres a elegir, con temas e intereses que comprenden desde espiritualidad y desarrollo personal, hasta estudio bíblico, teología y catequesis. Esta vez el Congreso se llevará a cabo los días 26 de febrero (Día de Jovenes) al 1 de marzo del 2009 con el tema ***"Amor Revelador..Encendiendo Nuestro ¡Sí!"*** Durante el fin de semana los participantes podrán disfrutar de diversos talleres, oraciones de la mañana, liturgias vespertinas y una diversidad de experiencias de oración dirigidas por líderes internacionalmente conocidos en las áreas de música litúrgica y culto. Los conciertos del medio día y los de la noche ofrecen oportunidades adicionales de alabanza y culto – encantadoras experiencias que comprometen y renuevan a los participantes.

¡No se lo pierda! Inscríbase lo antes posible a este enriquecedor fin de semana. Para más información o inscripción, puede dirigirse a la oficina de Educación Religiosa de su parroquia, o comunicarse a nuestra línea de Información del Congreso al (213) 637-7346 o visitarnos en nuestro pagina de red **www.RECongress.org**.

ADORADO SEA EL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

La sección de adoración nocturna de la Iglesia de San Lino se complace en invitar a todos ustedes a la gran celebración de la Vigilia Solemne el día 23 de enero celebrando el Décimo Aniversario de fundación. La Santa misa comenzara a las 7:00 PM. Habrá también imposición del distintivo a los miembros nuevos. Después de la vigila todos están cordialmente invitados al Salón Parroquial para compartir una cena. Esperamos verlos el día Viernes, 23 de enero para celebrar la Eucaristía.

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.

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

Dear Friends:

Next Sunday, January 25th, we will begin our observance of Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of Catholic education and its vital contribution to communities and the nation. We'll spend the week sharing the important role of Catholic schools in providing values-added education for America's young people and making the world a better place for all.

We set aside this week every year to build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools. We also honor those who make our schools a success, everyone from students, families, faculty and staff to volunteers, community supporters and local and national leaders.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service," is particularly fitting because it underscores the great commitment Catholic education has to community service. As part of their effort to educate the whole child in an atmosphere of faith and academic excellence, Catholic schools instill in students a lifelong commitment to serving others. When our students graduate, they have the tools they need to fulfill their roles as good citizens, productive employees and compassionate leaders.

Please join in our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Participate in the activities and, if you can, volunteer your time. Visit the classrooms during our open house, meet with the teachers and students, and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Encourage friends who may be considering Catholic education for their children to visit the school.

Also, take time to express your appreciation to our teachers, staff, administrators, board members, volunteers and everyone else involved in running St. Linus School. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic schools "celebrate service."

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Father Tony



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Catholic Schools Week will begin on Sunday, January 25th with Mass at 10:30 a.m. Please join us at our St. Linus School Open House from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. and visit our Book Fair in the Conference Room.

St. Linus School new student application forms (grades PreK through 7) for the 2009-2010 school year will be available during St. Linus School Open House on Sunday, January 25, 2009.

Applications will also be available in the school office beginning January 26th 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 call the school office at (562) 921-0336 for further information.

Prospective students for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 by September 1, 2009. Prospective students for Kindergarten must be 5 by September 1, 2009.

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.

St. Linus School invites you to



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

International Breakfast



Sunday, January 25th, 2009
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
In the Parish Hall
All Combos \$6.00 per person



All time
American Favorite
Pancakes with
Sausage and Eggs

Filipino Menu
Tocilog
(Cured Pork)
Longsilog
(Langonisa-Filipino sausage)
Corned Beef
All served with
scrambled eggs
and fried rice

Mexican Menu
Posole
(with Tostadas)
Tamales
(with rice and beans)

Gift Basket Raffles!

International Breakfast pre-sale tickets available at the scrip table outside of church.

REQUIEM FOR THE UNBORN

Don't read about it the next day.

Be there. Mourn the loss. Rejoice in our hope.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

555 West Temple Street, Downtown Los Angeles

(A discounted parking rate of \$5 per car will be in effect; carpooling encouraged; traveling via Metro, use Civic Center Stop)

Coming together as an Archdiocesan family in celebration of life is an important moment in the life of our Local Church, and it is my hope that we will fill our Cathedral to overflowing. This is not simply a gathering for activists, but rather, an opportunity for all to proclaim aloud this most basic tenet of our faith. This Liturgy, with its original score and extraordinary Ceremony of Light is the Church at its most sincere and most convincing when it comes to the issue of the right of the unborn to breathe that first breath. I urge you to be present with us that evening. (Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles)

Interested in carrying a candle for the Ceremony of Light?

Please arrive at the Cathedral by 5:00 to reserve your candle and receive your instructions.

Place your gum here,

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. Teens in preparation for confirmation are expected to attend most nights.

Tonight – Off Site Bowling – teens, parents, friends and family of our community are invited for a night of fun at Keystone Lanes. Permission slips will be required for teens unaccompanied. Cost to bowl for two hours in-

cluding shoes is \$20. We will eat before we leave the parish, Pizza is also provided. We have 6 lanes reserved from 8:30-10:30 PM.

Next week: - St. Paul – as a prelude to our spring retreat and to celebrate and recognize the Conversion of St. Paul (today), Tonight's LIFE Night is a fun introduction to the Apostle to the Gentiles. LIFE TEEN spring retreat – Empty & Beautiful will be entirely on St. Paul and his impact on the early Church.

Teen Prayer nights: Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the youth room. Evenings include praise & worship, bible study, preparation for Sunday Mass readings and intercessory prayer. This is a great mid-week boost for any teen. Older teens and those already confirmed are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to go deeper than we're able to at a LIFE Night.

Confirmation

Our community has been assigned a date to celebrate confirmation. This year Bishop Alexander Salazar will be at St. Linus to confirm adults and young people as fully initiated members of our Church on Sunday June 7th at our 5:30 PM LIFE TEEN Liturgy.

Step up to LIFE

This is the theme for Youth Day 2009 and it will be here before we know it. Youth Day is an event for 9th – 12th 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 Thursday, February 26, 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! Space will be limited, first come first served. Drivers may be needed from our community to transport teens. If we don't get transportation we can't go.

Thank You

Last week youth ministry hosted a bake sale to help raise funds for transportation to Youth Day. Thanks to all the teens and adult leaders for their time in baking and providing hospitality in the morning. Thanks to the community for your generosity.

Year of St. Paul Shirts

Celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul next Sunday by wearing your very own St. Linus "Year of St. Paul" Shirt. A table will be setup today outside of morning Masses to sell the shirts designed and printed as a fundraiser for youth ministry. All Shirts \$15.

Pope Benedict XVI decreed June 2008 to June 2009
to be
"The Year of St. Paul"
Commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the Saint's birth.



The basilica was founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine over the burial place of Saint Paul .

While presiding over vesper services in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in the city of Rome, Pope Benedict XVI announced a special jubilee year dedicated to St. Paul, he said in part: "Dear brothers and sisters, as in the (church's) beginning, today, too, Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul, whose success as an evangelizer was not credited to skills as a speaker or to a 'refined strategy' of missionary argumentation. His achievements had more to do with his extraordinary personal involvement in announcing the Gospel and his total dedication to Christ, despite problems and persecutions."

Even though the Year of St. Paul is half-way over, we at St. Linus still want to honor this "Apostle to the Gentiles (= non Jews)" in a special way over the next several weeks leading up to Lent.

First of all a very short biography of St. Paul ~

Saul of Tarsus (in what is now Turkey) was born at the start of the Christian era, sometime between A.D. 7 and 10. He was a Pharisee who first persecuted Christians, until a bright light struck him from his horse on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9). A voice asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" When Saul asked who it was, Jesus identified himself with his Church - "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul converted to Christianity and became known as Paul.

St. Paul then became just as passionate spreading Christianity as he was persecuting Christians prior to his conversion. Unlike the Twelve Apostles, he knew only the risen Christ. In contrast to Matthew, who traced the lineage of Jesus through the Old Testament and saw Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, Paul sees Jesus Christ as the Savior of all humanity.



The Conversion of St. Paul

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Since the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th, falls on a Sunday this year, the Holy Father, "in an extraordinary manner," has given permission for parishes and churches to use the prayers and readings for the feast day instead of those for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Since the feast does not include a second reading, the second reading from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time will be used: Acts 22:3-16, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, and Mark 16:15-18.

In addition, the feast falls within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which begins today, January 18th.

This Week at St. Linus...



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:30 AM Vicman B. Ruelos, (R.I.P.)
- 5:30 PM Frank Jimenez, (R.I.P.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Lourdes T. De Guzman, (R.I.P.)
- 9:00 AM Connie Sangalang, (R.I.P.)
- 10:30 AM Ernesto Rocha, (R.I.P.)
- 12:00 PM Antonio Alvarado, (R.I.P.)
- 5:30 PM Corazon de Jesus Sandoval
- 7:30 PM Teresite Estrella, (R.I.P.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:30 AM Sion Ferrer, (Birthday)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:30 AM Frank Jimenez, (R.I.P.)
- 7:00 PM Paul Erickson, (Health)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 8:30 AM Connie Lopez, (R.I.P.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:30 AM Frank Jimenez, (R.I.P.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:30 AM Mary Noche, (Birthday)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 7:30 AM Eric Allas, (Birthday)
- 5:30 PM Bertha Siffuentes,
(First Death Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 7:30 AM Lourdes Santos, (R.I.P.)
- 9:00 AM Maria Del Carmen Alonso,
(Special Intention)
- 10:30 AM Evelia Gomez, (Happy Birthday)
- 12:00 PM Henry Molina, (R.I.P.)
- 5:30 PM Roger Brennan, (R.I.P.)
- 7:30 PM Manuel Morales,
(R.I.P./Death Anniversary)



MONDAY, JANUARY 19



No School Today

- 7-9:00 PM Boy Scouts, Hall
- 7-9:00 PM RICA Spanish, Room 11
- 7-8:30 PM RCIA English, Science Room
- 7:30-9 PM Grupo de Oración, Room 10

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20



- 5-6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Parish Office
- 6-7:30 PM Religious Education, Room 10/11
- 7-9:00 PM Jovenes para Cristo, Hall
- 8-9:00 PM English Bible Study, Room 8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 5:45-6:30 PM Religious Education, Church
- 6-7:30 PM Religious Education, Room 10/11
- 6-9:00 PM School Parent Meeting, Hall
- 6:30-9 PM Grupo de Oración, Church
- 7-9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Parish Office
- 7:30-9 PM Jovenes para Cristo, Room 11

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 7-8:15 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 10
- 7-9:30 PM Elohim Prayer Group, Room 11

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:45-9:30 AM Religious Education, Church
- 9-10:30 AM Religious Education, Room 10/11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 7:30A-1:30P Catholic School Week Breakfast, Hall
- 7:15-8:45 PM Youth Ministry/LIFETEEN, Hall

Question of the Week**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

January 18, 2009

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Adults

When have I been able, by my word or example, to lead someone closer to Jesus? How can I continue to do this in the future?

Children

How can I draw others closer to God by the good things that I do?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

Pregunta de la Semana**Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

18 de enero de 2009

Primera lectura: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Evangelio: Juan 1:35-42

Adultos

¿Cuándo pude, por mi palabra o ejemplo, acercarme a alguien a Jesús? ¿Cómo puedo seguir haciendo esto en el futuro?

Niños

¿Cómo puedo acercarme a otras personas a Dios por las cosas buenas que hago?

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Mc 2:18-22
 Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Mc 2:23-28
 Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mc 3:1-6
 Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mc 3:7-12, o cualquier lectura de la misa “Por la paz y la justicia,” nos. 887-891
 Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Mc 3:13-19
 Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mc 3:20-21
 Domingo: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24); 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20 o para la Conversión de San Pablo Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116); 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 16:15-18