

SAINT LINUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Epiphany of the Lord



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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: 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

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

Bible Study-Spanish

Contact: Rosa Hernandez
(562) 921-8091

Wed. | 7:30-9:30 P.M. | Rm. 11

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: José y Delia Sánchez
(562) 802-2984

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: Daniel G. Sánchez
(562) 229-3089 (Home)

(562) 254-5090 (Cell)

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: Agustin Lopez
(909) 260-5166 (Cell)

Ministry to the Sick

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

Music Director

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Oktoberfest Committee

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

Prayer Groups

“Elohim” Filipino

Contact: Brenda Cadavona
(562) 921-1123

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

Grupo de Oración

Contacto: Vidal Vargas
(562) 440-7022 (Cell)

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

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

We Care Ministry

Contact: Connie Renteria
(562) 902-4914

Weddings & Quinceañeras

Coordinator: Connie Renteria
(562) 902-4914

Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Stella Farrell

Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

Call for Schedules

Youth Ministry/LIFE TEEN & Confirmation

Contact: Dean Diomedes
(562) 921-6252 Office

Sun. | 7-8:30 P.M. | LIFE Nights | Hall

Other meeting times vary

Parish Life...



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 **DECEMBER 31, 2006** was **\$9,087.25**. May God bless you all.

WHO ME? CATHOLIC?

Interested in learning about the Catholic faith?
Inquiry - Mondays from 7-8:30 PM
in the Conference Room (Room 8)

Casual, informal gatherings for those who are in the initial stages of learning about the Catholic faith and/or those thinking about joining the church.

For answers concerning all the above...
Please direct all inquiries and questions to:
Marge Baker (562) 926-8045

ST. LINUS RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE OPEN AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES



If you are looking for that
special remembrance for:

**WEDDINGS,
BAPTISMS,
FIRST COMMUNION or
CONFIRMATION**



**TAKE A LOOK HERE FIRST; IF WE DON'T
HAVE IT, WE CAN ORDER IT OR TELL
YOU WHERE YOU CAN GET IT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. If you have lost a loved one or someone very close and you need to talk about it and seek some kind of comfort, then make sure you take advantage of this support group. For more information, please contact the Parish Center at (562) 921-6649.



Colectas

Deseamos dar las gracias a nuestros feligreses y a los visitantes por su generosidad con la ofrenda dominical que ayuda a nuestra parroquia. En la semana de **DICIEMBRE 31, 2006** la ofrenda total fue **\$9,087.25**. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

¿QUIEN YO? ¿CATÓLICO?

¿Te interesa aprender la fe Católica?
Investigación – Lunes de 7-8:30 PM
en el Salón de Conferencias (Salón de Ocho)

Reuniones casuales, informales para los que empiezan a aprender la Fe Católica y/o para los que estan pensando en ser parte de la iglesia.

Para respuestas acerca de este articulo....
Por favor comunicarse con
Marge Baker (562) 926-8045

TIENDA DE ARTICULOS RELIGIOSOS DE SAN LINO

ESTA ABIERTA DESPUES DE
TODAS LAS MISAS
MATINALES



Si necesitas un recuerdo
especial para:



**BODAS, BAUTISOS,
PRIMERA COMUNION o CONFIRMACION
VISITANOS; SI NO LO TENEMOS LO
PODEMOS ORDENAR.
GRACIAS POR TU APOYO.**

GRUPO DE APOYO MORAL PARA LOS DOLIENTES

Este grupo se reúne el último Martes de cada mes en el Centro Parroquial, de 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Si necesitas hablar con alguien sobre la muerte de uno de tus seres queridos, si necesitas apoyo moral, este grupo te ayudará. Para más información llama al Centro Parroquial al (562) 921-6649.

Parish Life...

Parish Council

Do you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding Parish Life here at St. Linus? Have you ever had an idea of ways to improve Parish Life but don't know who to contact to try and get your suggestion implemented? Here is your chance to be heard and make a difference. ~ A Parish Council has been established to examine and seek ways to improve Parish Life, and promote community. It is comprised of 12 members, representing all walks of life within our parish. ~ 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 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!

Welcome to LIFE

With the beginning of a new year comes the beginning of the first phase of a similar model of youth ministry as we've had, but with a new name. Formerly known as discussion nights, one element of the ministry of LIFE TEEN is called LIFE Nights. They occur immediately after the Sunday evening Youth Mass and are held in the parish hall from 7-8:30 unless otherwise noted. All high school aged teens are invited and welcome to attend. Teens preparing for confirmation are expected to attend most Sunday nights, but teens already confirmed are encouraged and teens not in the process or with no formal religious background are invited to attend. "Welcome to LIFE" is a session designed to launch the name LIFE TEEN here at St. Linus and introduce the **entire parish community** (all parishioners, teens, parents, adults, middle-schoolers) to the element known as LIFE Nights. We would like to invite everyone to LIFE on Sunday, January 7, 2007. All participants in attendance get a chance to win cool prizes, including the new iPod Shuffle..."we hope you enjoy it."

ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us in Room 8 In the school building every Tuesday evening At 8:00PM for Bible Study. We furnish all materials necessary.

Concilio de la Parroquia

¿Tiene usted preguntas, comentarios, o le concierne algo acerca de la vida de la parroquia aquí en San Lino? ¿Alguna vez ha tenido alguna idea o manera de mejorar la Vida la Parroquia pero no sabe con quien contactarse para tratar de implementar su sugerencia? Aquí esta su oportunidad de ser escuchado y hacer la diferencia. ~ Se ha establecido un Concilio de la Parroquia para analizar y buscar maneras de mejorar la Vida de la Parroquia, y promover comunidad. Esta compuesto de 12 miembros, representando todos los grupos culturales en nuestra parroquia. ~ Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, comentario, o sugerencia que quisiera hacer llegar a la siguiente junta del Concilio de la Parroquia, por favor envíelo por correo electrónico a ParishCouncil@StLinus.org o puede escribirle al Concilio de la Parroquia y dejarlo en la oficina de la Parroquia. Todos los comentarios deben presentarse por escrito. ¡Usted puede hacer la diferencia!

Bienvenidos a VIDA

Con el año nuevo empieza la primera fase del modelo similar a nuestro ministerio juvenil, pero con un nombre nuevo. Anteriormente conocido como noches de discusión, un elemento del ministerio de VIDA ADOLESCENTE se llama Noches VIDA. Toman lugar inmediatamente despues de la Misa Juvenil de los Domingos en el hall de 7-8:30 salvo previo aviso. Todos los adolescentes de edad de high school son invitados y bienvenidos. Los adolescentes que se estan preparando para recibir el Sacramento de Confirmación deben de asistir la mayoría de los Domingos, pero los jovenes que ya se confirmaron y los que no estan en el proceso y no tienen enseñanza religiosa tambien estan invitados. "Bienvenido a "VIDA" es una sesión diseñada a lanzar el nombre VIDA ADOLESCENTE aqui en San Lino y presentar a **toda la comunidad parroquial** (todos lo feligreses, jovenes, padres, adultos, pre-adolescentes) el elemnto conocido como Noches VIDA. Invitamos a todos a VIDA el Domingo 7 de Enero, 2007. Todos los participantes tendran oportunidad de ganar premios, incluyendo un iPod Shuffle. Esperamos que todos lo disfruten.

Parish News and Beyond...

Attention all Liturgical Ministers!

Liturgical Formation Day, **Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** at **Bishop Conaty - Our Lady of Loreto High School** (2900 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90006), sponsored by the Office for Worship.

The following workshops will be offered in Spanish: **Liturgical Spirituality, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector Enrichment, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Baptism Preparation Teams, Children's Liturgy, Music Ministry, Ministry to the Sick & Dying, Art and Environment Ministry, and Hospitality Ministry.**

A registration form can be downloaded from the Office for Worship's website www.laliturgy.org OR pick up a flyer at the parish office OR send you name, address, daytime phone number, workshop title and fee (\$15 if prepaid by January 10th, \$25 after January 10th, and onsite if space is available) to the Office for Worship, 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241. Please bring your lunch; morning hospitality will be provided. For further information please call 213-637-7586.

Calling All Married Couples

The Office of Family Life's Marriage Preparation Program is looking for married couples (married in the Catholic Church) to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony through our One Day Marriage Preparation Classes. If you are interested, please call Candy Metoyer at **(213) 637-7250**.

Atención: ¡Todos los Ministerios litúrgicos!

Día de formación litúrgica para diez ministerios litúrgicos el **sábado, 20 de Enero de 2007, de las 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** en la escuela secundaria de **Bishop Conaty - O.L. of Loreto H.S.**, 2900 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, 90006, organizado por la Oficina del Culto Divino de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

Se ofrecen talleres para los siguientes ministerios: lectores, ministros de la comunión, ministros a los enfermos, ujieres u hospitalidad, música y canto, equipos del RICA, preparación del bautismo de niños, niños y liturgia, decoradores del entorno, espiritualidad litúrgica.

Se puede conseguir un formulario de inscripción en la oficina parroquial, o también bajándola de la página de internet de la Oficina del Culto en www.laliturgy.org. Envíe su nombre, dirección y teléfono durante el día, **con el título de su taller y el pago** (\$15 si se recibe antes del 10 de Enero, o \$25 si se recibe después) a The Office for Worship, 3424 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241. Traiga su almuerzo. Se ofrecerá hospitalidad en la mañana. Para más información llame al (213) 637-7262.

Llamando a Todas las Parejas Casadas

Los Programas Regionales de Preparación Matrimonial de la Oficina de Vida Familiar esta buscando parejas casadas (en la Iglesia Católica) para que ayuden a parejas comprometidas prepararse para el Sacramento de Matrimonio por nuestros Programas Regionales de Preparación Matrimonial. Si usted esta interesado, por favor de llamar a Graciela Villalobos al **(213) 637-7561**.

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.
- I have moved. Here is my new address.
- I have a new phone number.
- I would be willing to be a sponsor for RCIA.
- 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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Parish News and Beyond...

Early Registration for **World Marriage Day 2007** Celebration with Cardinal Roger M. Mahony at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, February 11, 2007, at 3:30 PM. Couples celebrating their silver (25), 30, 40, or golden (50) or more (51+) wedding anniversary are invited to join us for the very special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, 555 West Temple St. Los Angeles, CA, 90012. Registration fee: \$35.00 per couple. For more information and early registration, please call Annette Vichot in the Office of Family Life at (213) 637-7228, from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

7-11 MINISTRY DAY

Experience what it is like to be a religious brother, sister or priest for a day. Experience prayer, ministry and community as it is in real life! We also have Mass and dinner. A once-in-a-lifetime experience! Offered only once a year.

Saturday, January 27, 2007 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Registration fee: \$20.00
 To register or for information
 call (213) 637-7248



Please welcome our new brother into our faith community. He was baptized on **December 27, 2006.**

Efren Louis Miranda

Inscripción con Anticipación Para Celebrar el **Día Mundial del Matrimonio 2007** con el Cardenal Rogelio M. Mahony en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles 11 de febrero, 2007, a las 3:30 PM. Las parejas que celebran su aniversario de Plata (25), 30, 40, o de Oro (50) o más años de casados, están cordialmente invitadas a una Misa muy especial para celebrar su aniversario el domingo, 11 de febrero del 2007 a las 3:30 PM en la Catedral Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles, 555 oeste de la Calle Temple, Los Angeles, CA, 90012. La cuota de inscripción es de \$35.00 por pareja. Para más información y para inscribirse con tiempo, por favor llame a Annette Vichot en la Oficina de Vida Familiar al (213) 637-7228, de lunes a viernes de las 9 AM hasta las 5 PM.

DIA DEL MINISTERIO 7-11

Ven y experimenta lo que es ser un sacerdote, religioso o religiosa por un día. Acompáñalos por un día y serás inmerso en oración, ministerio y vida comunitaria que todos ellos viven. También tendremos misa y cena. Una experiencia que no olvidarás. Este evento se lleva a cabo solo una vez al año.

Sábado, 27 de enero, 2007 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Inscripción: \$20.00
 Para inscribirse o mas información
 llame al (213) 637-7248



Demos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo hermano en nuestra comunidad de fe. El fue bautizado el **27 de Diciembre del 2006.**

Efren Louis Miranda

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.
- Aquí está mi nuevo domicilio.
- Yo tengo un número nuevo de teléfono.
- Quisiera ser patrocinador de RCIA.
- 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.

Nombre _____
 Domicilio _____
 Ciudad _____ Estado _____ Zona Postal _____
 Teléfono (____) _____

Parish News...

Homily Reflections

By Santiago Cortés-Sjöberg

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

(Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt. 2:1-12)

Christ's light guides us

Santa Claus is for many children, and even some adults, the main Christmas character. The traditions associated with the Magi, important in so many Latin countries, are almost non-existent in the United States. Maybe the Kings Cake (the Torta de Reyes) is the only one that has survived. But on the church's calendar, the coming of the Magi is celebrated year after year. By doing so we remember the Epiphany of the Lord: the moment in which God revealed himself to the world, represented by the Magi, in the humble and fragile body of the newborn Jesus.

The Wise Men, foreigners from a distant land who had traveled a long way, were able to recognize God made flesh in that child lying in a feeding trough. It is as if the light of the star that had guided them to Bethlehem had become the light of God which opens hearts and minds, allowing them to recognize God and understanding what it implied.

Two weeks after Christmas we are invited to present ourselves before Jesus, to let his light shine on us, and to proclaim to the entire world that God is in our midst. To recognize Christ present among us, to announce his Gospel, and to live our lives according to his teachings and example is not an easy task. But we remember the blessing that God offered us last week, and we know that God is with us, guiding our lives and our way.

For reflection

How have you discovered Christ in your life: Do you participate in the sacraments and in prayer so that these might guide your life? How can you make Christ present to your family, community and parish? How do you proclaim the Gospel to others? How do you live out the Gospel?

Reflexiones sobre la Palabra

Por Santiago Cortés-Sjöberg

Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

(Is. 60:1-6; Ef. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12)

La luz de Cristo nos ilumina

Santa Claus es, para muchos niños e incluso adultos, el personaje central de la Navidad. Las tradiciones asociadas a los Reyes Magos, importantes en muchos países latinos, son casi no existentes en los Estados Unidos. Quizás sólo la torta de reyes se haya salvado del olvido. Pero en el calendario de la Iglesia, el episodio de los Reyes Magos se sigue celebrando año tras año. Así recordamos la Epifanía del Señor: el momento en que Dios se reveló al mundo, representado por aquellos magos de Oriente, en el frágil y humilde cuerpo de Jesús recién nacido.

Los reyes magos, extranjeros venidos de un país lejano tras cansadísimas jornadas de viaje, fueron capaces de reconocer en aquel niño en un pesebre a Dios hecho carne. Es como si la luz de la estrella que los había guiado hasta Belén se convirtiese en la luz de Dios que abre corazones y mentes, haciéndoles ver a Dios y entender lo que ello significaba.

Dos semanas después del día de Navidad, se nos invita a postrarnos ante Jesús, dejarnos iluminar por su luz, y proclamar al mundo entero que Dios está entre nosotros. Reconocer a Cristo presente, anunciar su Evangelio, y vivir nuestras vidas según sus enseñanzas y ejemplo no es cosa fácil. Pero recordamos la bendición que Dios nos ofrecía la semana pasada, y sabemos que El está con nosotros iluminando nuestras vidas y nuestro camino.

Para la relexión

¿Cuándo ha descubierto a Cristo presente en su vida? ¿Participa de los sacramentos y de la oración para que éstos iluminen su vida? ¿Cómo puede hacer usted a Cristo presente en su familia, comunidad y parroquia? ¿De qué manera proclama usted el Evangelio a los demás? ¿De qué manera lo vive?

Parish News and Beyond...

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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GOOD DISPOSITION

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end.

—Ovid

BUSCAR EN EL LUGAR CORRECTO

“Las apariencias engañan” dice el refrán. Al celebrar la *epifanía*, la manifestación del Verbo de Dios eterno en la tierra, el refrán sigue siendo cierto.

¡Qué sublime premonición debe haber sentido Isaías al escribir las palabras que hoy escuchamos! Por cuatrocientos años, cómo habrán llenado los corazones del pueblo de Israel con esperanzas de que llegaría el día en que la gloria de Dios se derramaría sobre ellos. ¡Que desilusionados deben haberse sentido algunos cuando la gloria de Dios les llegó en una vida humana de las más bajas y humildes!

Tenemos muchas expectativas de cómo la presencia divina va a manifestarse entre nosotros. Pero también podemos exponernos, por culpa de esas expectativas, a perder de vista la gloria divina cuando se nos aparece de verdad. Nos entretenemos buscando la estrella, y nos olvidamos que la estrella no es la señal divina, sino el bebé. Puede que tengamos que persistir en el camino antes de llegar a encontrarnos con la apariencia real de la gloria de Dios en nuestra vida: Jesucristo.

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ENSANCHA EL CORAZÓN

La alegría provocada por la presencia del amor de Dios ensancha el corazón para la acción de gracias y para la acogida a los demás.

—Gustavo Gutierrez: *Beber de su propio pozo*

A MASS WITH A HEALING SERVICE

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| DATE: | Monday, January 16, 2007 |
| PLACE: | ST. LINUS CHURCH |
| TIME: | 7:30 PM |
| CELEBRANT: | Fr. Tino Martin |

Fr. Tino Martin is an associate at Holy Family Church in Artesia, this is his first parochial assignment. An ordained Vincentian Priest, he has been in the priesthood for 34 years; he has served in different capacities in various seminaries (Iloilo Seminary, Quezon City Seminary, Angono, Rizal Seminary) for several years. Fr. Tino studied for the priesthood at St. Mary’s Missionary Seminary in Missouri.

He was an altar server and felt the call of the Spirit to join the journey to continue Christ’s work among His people through the celebration of the Sacraments – welcoming, healing, forgiving, strengthening and uniting – and most particularly, in the celebration of the Eucharist.

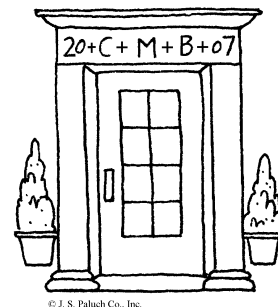
Come and feel the awesome healing power of the Holy Spirit. Bring your family and friends.

Parish News and Beyond...

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

“20 + C + M + B + 07.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.



The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalking blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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Rejoice in Hope CDs available

Anna Betancourt and Monsignor Joseph Brennan just finished a new CD titled "Rejoice in Hope". After working on this project for six months, they are finally able to share the fruit of their labor with all of us. Enjoy the beautifully arranged sacred and inspirational songs that they have chosen for this recent CD. You can purchase your CD today at the parish office or Religious Education office for \$15.00.

New Requirements for Deducting Contributions on Your Tax Return

Beginning in 2007, all cash gifts, regardless of amount, must be substantiated by a bank record that would be a cancelled check or credit card statement, or a written communication from the charity stating the charities name, the amount and date of contribution. Self created records (such as log books), which were previously allowed as support, will not be accepted.

If you donate currency and plan to deduct the contribution, you need to use envelopes. Our new envelopes are pre-numbered to assist us in tracking your contribution. If you did not receive envelopes, please contact the parish office to get on the list for envelopes. At the end of the year, the office can print a summary of your contributions to support your tax deduction.

Run for Vocations

January 8 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and marks the start of National Vocation Awareness Week. The Archdiocesan Office for Vocations is in search of athletes to specifically support priestly vocations at this year's LA Marathon, Sunday March 4. If you're already planning to run, consider joining this elite team. Contact Sr. Kathy Bryant by emailing her at SrKBryant@la-archdiocese.org or calling 213-637-7515 for more information. Non-runners are encouraged to support the team in prayer. To commit to praying for the team or to get a copy of your own sponsor form in order to recruit other prayer sponsors for the vocations team contact the youth ministry office.

Faith and Media

Are you computer savvy? Do you stay on the cutting edge of technology? Would you like an opportunity to be more prepared for the Sunday Mass, by familiarizing yourself with the upcoming readings? If so, LIFE TEEN has just the thing for you. Join the youth of the parish and subscribe and listen to "Sunday, Sunday, Sunday" Podcast hosted by the Bible Geek, Mark Hart. A podcast is a downloadable radio show. It's completely free and can be downloaded by searching for 'lifeteen.com' in the itunes store. Help nurture your own spirituality and build the body of Christ, locally and universally by joining with others in prayer while reflecting on the Mass readings each week.

This Week at St. Linus...



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2007

7:30 AM Desiderio Sungo, (R.I.P.)
5:30 PM Nikko Sanchez, (Birthday)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2007

7:30 AM Mass for our Parishioners
9:00 AM Serafin & Delfina Salazar, (R.I.P.)
10:30 AM Marylou Reyes, (R.I.P.)
12:00 PM Carlos & Juanita Arenas, (R.I.P.)
5:30 PM Jeanette Witucki, (R.I.P.)
7:30 PM Alexander Reyes Anderson, (R.I.P.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

8:30 AM Felipe Garcia, (Birthday)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

8:30 AM Joe & Elvira Cardenas, (R.I.P.)
7:00 PM German Centeno, (R.I.P.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

8:30 AM Caroline Moon Narvaez, (R.I.P.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

8:30 AM Michelle Trondle, (R.I.P.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2007

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007

7:30 AM Mass for our Parishioners
5:30 PM Carlos & Juanita Arenas, (R.I.P.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007

7:30 AM Bonaventure D'Almeida, (R.I.P.)
9:00 AM Mass for our Parishioners
10:30 AM Johanness Rudolph, (R.I.P.)
12:00 PM Cuca Vargas, (R.I.P.)
Carlos Garcia, (R.I.P.)
5:30 PM Benjamin Patrick
7:30 PM Alexander Reyes Anderson, (R.I.P.)



MONDAY, JANUARY 8

5-7:00 PM Environment, Church
7-9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 394, Hall
7-9:00 PM RCIA, Room 8
7-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group, Room 10
7:00 PM Finance Council, Rectory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

5-6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Room 10
7:00 PM Mother of Perpetual Help & St. Jude Novena Bilingual Mass, Church
7-9:00 PM Knights of Columbus, Hall
7-9:00 PM Jovenes para Cristo, Room 10/11
7:45 PM Liturgy Mtg, Office
8:00 PM English Bible Study, Room 8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

5-5:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal, Church
5:45-6:30 PM Religious Education, Church
6-7:30 PM Religious Education, Room 10/11
7-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group, Hall
7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group, Room 10

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

3-9:00 PM Religious Education First Communion Meeting, Hall
7:30 PM Legion of Mary, Room 10

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

2:00 PM School Fundraiser Assembly, Hall
7:00 PM "Elohim", Room 8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

7 AM-3 PM Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball, Hall
8:30-11 AM Religious Education, Room 10/11
8:45-9:30 AM Religious Education, Church
10:00 AM Baptisms, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Coffee/Donuts: Grupo de Oración
2:00 PM Baptisms, Church

This Week...

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Monday: | The Baptism of the Lord; National Vocation Awareness Week |
| Tuesday: | First Week in Ordinary Time begins |
| Saturday: | St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Sunday: | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 |
| Tuesday: | Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday: | Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday: | Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday: | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday: | Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday: | Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 |

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

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| Lunes: | El Bautismo del Señor; Semana para Promover Vocaciones |
| Martes: | Comienza la Primera Semana del Tiempo Ordinario |
| Sábado: | San Hilario; Santa María Virgen |
| Domingo: | Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario |

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| Lunes: | Is 40:1-5, 9-11 o Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 o Hch 10:34-38; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22 |
| Martes: | Heb 2:5-12; Mc 1:21-28 |
| Miércoles: | Heb 2:14-18; Mc 1:29-39 |
| Jueves: | Heb 3:7-14; Mc 1:40-45 |
| Viernes: | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mc 2:1-12 |
| Sábado: | Heb 4:12-16; Mc 2:13-17 |
| Domingo: | Is 62:1-5; Sal 96(97); 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 |