

## Ministry in Action

### Adoracion Nocturna

Ms. Bertha Burgos  
(562) 802-9114  
3rd Fri, 7 pm - Sat, 7:15 am, Church

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mrs. Dorie Sablan  
Parish Center (562) 921-6649  
1st Fri, 7 pm - Sat, 7:15 am, Church

### Adult Confirmation

Fr. Jerry Thompson  
Parish Center (562) 921-6649  
Thur. 7 pm Rm. 8

### Altar Servers/Ministry to Sick

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

### Altar Society

Mrs. Virginia Lozano  
(562) 863-3657

### Bereavement Ministry

Dn. Chuck Baker  
(562) 926-8045

### Bible Study—English

Ms. Barbara Fries  
(562) 926-1770  
Tues, 8 - 9 pm, Rm 8

### Bible Study—Spanish

Ms. Rosa Hernandez  
(562) 921-8091  
Wed, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Rm 11

### Boy Scouts, Troop 394

Rayu Rayasam  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649  
Mon, 7 - 8:30 pm, Hall

### Catholic Golden Age

Mr. John A.L. Moran  
(562) 926-1575  
3rd Sun, 1 - 4 pm, Hall

### Charismatic Healing Mass

Mrs. Sion Ferrer  
(213) 989-3214 (W)  
Various Mondays, 7 pm, Church

### Church Environment

Mrs. Mary Betancourt  
(562) 921-5279

### Cursillo Ultreya – Spanish

Miguel y Margarita Ramos  
(562) 929-4693

### Filipino Association

Mr. Rey Factoran  
(714) 670-8788  
Meets once a month

### Guadalupañas

Jose y Delia Sanchez  
(562) 802-2984  
12th of ea month, 7 pm, Church

### Jovenes para Cristo

Mr. Luis Calvillo  
(562) 462-0156  
Tues, 7:30 pm, Hall

### Knights of Columbus - St. Linus

Mr. Alan Gfeller  
(562) 921-4002  
2nd Tues, 7:30 pm, Hall

### K of C—Squires

Mr. Alan Gfeller  
(562) 921-4002  
3rd Sat, contact Alan

### Legion of Mary

Mrs. Sylvia J. Layao  
(562) 404-1174  
Tues, 5-6 pm, Rm 10

### Liturgy Coordinator

Fr. Tony Gomez  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

### Ministerios Hispanos

Mr. Agustin Lopez  
(909) 260-5166 (cell)

### Music Director

Mr. Victor Wheeler  
(562) 505-1089

### Oktoberfest Committee

Mr. Mike Betancourt  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649

### Prayer Group—English

Ms. Maggie Contreras  
(562) 921-3998  
Mon, 7—9 pm, Rm 8

### Prayer Group—Filipino “Elohim”

Mrs. Brenda Cadavona  
(562) 921-1123  
Fri, 7:30—9 pm, Rm 8

### Prayer Group-Spanish

**Grupo de Oracion**  
Mr. Vidal Vargas  
(562) 440-7022 (cell)  
Wed, 7-9 pm, Hall

### RCIA

Mrs. Marge Baker  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649  
Mon, 7:30-9 pm, Rm 15

### Religious Education

Mrs. Adele Gutierrez, DRE  
(562) 921-5179 Office  
Call for schedules

### Religious Goods Store

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

### Religious Vocations

Mrs. Jane Rolfes  
(562) 944-2000

### Santo Niño Devotions

1st Friday, 6:30 pm, Church

### St. Linus Fundraisers

Mrs. Nimfa Castro  
(562) 865-1167

### St. Linus School

Ms. Theresa Valenzuela  
(562) 921-0336 Office  
[www.linuslions.org](http://www.linuslions.org)

### We Care Ministry

Ms. Connie Renteria  
(562) 902-4914

### Weddings & Quinceañeras Coordinator

Ms. Connie Renteria  
(562) 902-4914

### Young Adult Ministry

Mrs. Stella Farrel  
Parish Center: (562) 921-6649  
Wed, 7:30—9 pm, Parish Center

### Youth Ministry and Confirmation

Mrs. Maureen Linnebur  
(562) 921-6252 Office  
Wed, 7—8:30 pm, (Youth Room)  
Other meeting times vary

### MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I have been attending St. Linus for the last nineteen years. Over this time period, my wife and I have been married, our children have been confirmed and a grandchild has been baptized here at St. Linus. All of this has occurred with myself not being a member of the Catholic Church.

I have been asked to write what has brought me to my decision to join the Catholic Church? My reason for doing so is that I know in my heart that this is what I should be doing. Since I was baptized a Christian over 50 years ago I have always considered myself a Christian. At times I would not claim to be the most devoted Christian, especially during the early part of my military career. Things changed for me some twenty years ago when I met my wife. That is when I started to attend the Catholic Church. At first it was a little hard to understand all the parts of the mass. After a while, I entered into an inquiry class at the military base I was stationed at. This only lasted a few months as I was nearing the end of my military career. It would be a few years later before I again decided to attend RCIA at St. Linus. While I was going through this, I always had questions in the back of my mind and was unsure that I should join the Catholic Church. Cur to these questions, I never completed this process.

The one thing that I did not do was stop going to church. For myself, it was not the messenger being important, but that it was the word of God. Over the years, St. Linus has become my shelter from the craziness of the outside world. When I enter the church I always receive a feeling that the presence of God is there and that I am safe.

As I reflect on my family during my childhood, God and church were always part of our life. Both my parents and grandparents were persons who lived their lives showing the world that they were Christians.

During the years of marriage to my wife, other than my wife, another big influence was my mother-in-law. Maybe I should not say an influence but rather a shining example of what it means to love God's word, learning to grow in faith and now am ready to receive all the benefits that the mass and fellowship with other members offer.

In my life I have been shown many instances of living the Christian life by others. I have recognized these signs and invitations from God. I'm not going to turn him down this time. I decided to enroll in RCIA again and this time have made becoming a member of St. Linus my goal.

Dennis Jones

### MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

When asked the question of "What led you here?" I reflected upon many events in my life. This spiritual path was one my parents had set for me originally through their example and character. As a child i was baptized in the Methodist Church where my parents were active members and Sunday school teachers. My father believed strongly in character, integrity, dignity, and reverence and instilled these traits in my brother and me at every opportunity. Life changed dramatically for me at age twelve when my father was called to Heaven. I questioned why it had to be so and was left unsatisfied by the responses of others, including my church pastor. In short order, i stopped attending church as I felt more and more like an outsider looking in. even at home i felt strangely detached. This feeling stayed with me into adulthood.

When I felt outside of church during this time, I never felt outside of God's love. As an adult I Investigated numerous Christian churches but couldn't find a "fit". No matter how hard I *tried* to be comfortable, I couldn't make a connection. Somehow the perspective was never quite right. I didn't realize it at the time but what was missing was continuity.

Eventually, i met my wife Teresa, her mother and step father Bob Ricci. Bob was a man of great integrity, filled with love. A man truly blessed. If asked, he was the first to credit all his blessings to God. I greatly admired the relationship and home life he had encouraged me by both example and word to let faith be my guide in all things and not worry about *trying* to fit. "Faith is like a compass." With faith he said, God would lead me in the right direction, always. And it has. By letting go, I was led to a better relationship with my wife and her family, who invited me to share the beauty of Sunday Mass and the rich continuity of the Catholic Church.

Bob left this world in February 2004 and I started in RCIA , and firmly back on the spiritual trail, in the fall of that same year. Throughout the period of inquiry I was struck by a sense of belonging. This was the right fit. Throughout this process I have never felt lost or alone. I feel as I am home again.

Eric Stiegler

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### NOT FOR MY SAKE . . .

We struggle with the meaning of losing our life in order to find it, of dying in order to live. In the covenant of our world, these contradictory concepts make no sense. But Jesus came to establish a new covenant, one of service and of love. “He learned obedience from what he suffered” (Hebrews 5:8). “Obedience” and “suffering” are two much misunderstood concepts. To obey means to listen and take to heart. Jeremiah speaks of God’s law being written in our hearts, and that we will come to know our God. Psalm 51 cries out to God for “a clean heart,” for it is with a clear conscience and clear vision that we will see God’s will for us.

### BUT FOR YOURS

Just as the prophets and the psalms proclaimed the true way to know and follow God, Jesus shows us in his teaching and in his life how we are to love and serve God and each other. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus’ reverence for God that manifested itself in obedience and suffering, not for its own sake, but for ours and for the glory of God. This mutual love of God and humanity is made perfect in Jesus, and we begin to see how our suffering can serve others and give glory to God. Our work and our prayer are to be for the good of all, not just for our own benefit: “I will draw everyone to myself” (John 12:32). Jesus’ goodness and his sacrifice attract us to him and show us the enormity of his love and care for us. He held nothing back that could help us find God.

“Where I am, there also will my servant be” (John 12:26). We look to Jesus for our help in loving God and each other, in giving glory to God and service to others. Our glory and honor lie in serving God and our neighbor with love and reverence.

*Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–15; Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33*

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## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION A CRY FOR HELP!

In the land where Our Lord Jesus Christ chose to be born, where the ultimate loving sacrifice was made by his dying on the cross, and where his glorious resurrection took place...*a desperate cry for help can be heard.* For many centuries, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have been charged with the protection of Christians and the care of our holy shrines, including the Tomb of Christ. **On Good Friday, a special collection is taken up world-wide for this very important cause.**

*Please be very generous this Good Friday  
As the needs are especially great due to the unrest in the land of Our Lord.*

**May Our Lord of Palestine Bless and embrace you!**

## RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS CORNER

(By Jane Rolfes)



### Seminar Day

Saturday, April 29, 2006, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center  
3424 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles

#### Workshops:

#### **The Story:**

Priests and Religious, how did they know that God was calling them?  
What have they experienced?

#### **Practicing Safe Celibacy:**

How to be sexually alive and celibate, fulfilled and joyful!

#### **Would I do it over again?**

Vocation stories of ex- seminarians and former novices.

Cost: \$15 (Lunch included)

To register or for more information:

Email: [SrKBryant@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:SrKBryant@la-archdiocese.org)

Telephone: 213-637-7248

### Help Make Our Church Beautiful for the Easter Season!

As you prepare your hearts for Easter, please consider helping us make a beautiful Easter environment here at St. Linus. In the pews are "Flower Offering" envelopes in which you can put your monetary donations. **You can make your donation in the memory of a loved one by writing their name or names on the front of the offering envelope and they will be remembered on all the masses on Easter Day.**

Please be as generous as you have been in the past and drop the Flower Offering envelope in the collection basket or in the door-slot of the Parish Center.

**Help is also needed for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.** If you would to donate your time and talents please come on the following days:

**Saturday: April 8th at 9:00 AM for Palm Sunday** (we also need men for the heavier tasks)

**Sunday: April 9th at 9:00 PM** to take down palms

**Thursday: April 13th at 9:00 AM** to set up for Holy Thursday

**at 9:00 PM** after Holy Thursday Service to prepare for Good Friday

**Saturday: April 15th at 9:00 AM** for Easter Vigil and Easter (Men needed also)

Donations of Easter Lilies will be accepted on this day

Any questions? Please call Mary Betancourt at (562) 921-5279 or (562) 665-4894



**Thank you from the Environment Committee**





## 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 **MARCH 26, 2006** was **\$11,142.32**. May God bless you all.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**WILL BE LED BY OUR  
FILIPINO COMMUNITY  
OF ST. LINUS CHURCH**

**WHEN: APRIL 7, 2006  
WHERE: ST. LINUS CHURCH  
TIME: 7:00PM**

### RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

The store will be open on Fridays during Lent, before and after The Stations of the Cross.

We will have a 15% off sale on Friday (candles not included in this sale)



**FUNDRAISING DINNER  
WITH  
KARAOKE ENTERTAINMENT  
Saturday, April 1, 2006**

**Entertainment Starts—6:00pm  
Dinner—6:30pm  
Cost—\$15.00**

**Proceeds will benefit our  
church sound system project.**

**For more information & tickets, please  
call Chit Yokoyama @ (562) 547-3670  
or Arlene Moran @ (562) 921-6649**



### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny  
Tuesday: St. Isidore  
Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer  
Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle; First Friday; Abstinence

Please be praying  
 for...

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006

5:30 PM Sam Whitters, (R.I.P.)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006

7:30 AM Serafin & Delfina Salazar, (R.I.P.)  
9:00 AM Mass for our parishioners  
10:30 AM Dora Garcia Sanchez, (R.I.P.)  
12:00 PM Javier Viramontes, (R.I.P.)  
5:30 PM Deceased members of the Cadavona Family  
7:30 PM Juan Narvaez, (R.I.P.)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006

8:30 AM Esperiejon Perez, (R.I.P.)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006

8:30 AM Carmen Guluz, (Death Anniversary)  
7:00 PM Micheal Salcido, (R.I.P.)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

8:30 AM Gomecindo Sandoval, (Death Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

8:30 PM Paula B. Perez, (Speedy Recovery)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006

8:30 AM Romulo, Connie, & Nida Sangalang, (R.I.P.)  
7:00 PM Nandee & Family, (Special Intentions)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2006

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**Palm Sunday Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 P.M.

**Palm Sunday:** 6:30 A.M.-8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.-Spanish

5:30 P.M. Confirmation, Bishop Solis,  
(everyone is invited to this palm Sunday Liturgy)

7:30 P.M.

**English Bible Study**

**During Lent, 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 material necessary.**

**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Friday Mass**

**April 7, 2006**

Please come and join our **All Night Adoration** on every **First and Third Fridays** of each month. There will be a 7:00PM Mass until 9:00PM on Friday, followed by an All Night Vigil until 7:15AM on Saturday morning. The First Friday Masses are in English and the Third Friday Masses are in Spanish.

**For more information, please contact  
the parish office at (562) 921-6649.**

**FLOWER SALE!!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006**

Fr. Paul is having a flower sale after all Morning Masses (7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 10:30AM) here at St. Linus outside of the Hall. Please stop by and check out all of the different kinds of flowers Fr. Paul has planted himself. If you have any questions you may contact Fr. Paul or Connie Renteria at (562) 921-6649.

