# St. Angela Merici

Catholic Church

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Saint Angela Merici A Stewardship Parish

### The Pastoral Ministry

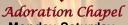
Rev. Michael-Dwight
Pastor
Rev. Loc Tran
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Benjamin Flores
Deacon Mike Shaffer
Deacons

Rev. Dan Mc Sweeney Sunday Ministry

#### Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday-Friday
6:30 am & 8:00 am
Saturday
8:00 am & 5:00 pm Vigil,
Sunday
7:45 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am
12:45 Spanish & 5:00 pm



Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 midnight

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by Appointment

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon



New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary the
Mother of God
Happy New Year!

**JANUARY 1, 2017** 



### Reflection

Mary: Ever Faithful Servant. Remnant of Israel. Bearer of the Covenant. She who believed that the promise made to her would be fulfilled. One would imagine there would be more said about this woman, but the opposite is true. The only reference to Mary can be found in two places: In the beginning of the Gospels and at the end. Mary's significance lay not so much on what was written about her, but rather how little is said of her. Silence is what makes Mary significant. Her importance lay in her faithfulness. Despite all the odds in her life, what speaks to

us is her ability to hear God's word. Her selfless nature lay in her willingness to follow where God was leading her, not for its own sake, not for her sake, but for God's sake. Mary's whole life is grounded in God. This does not infer that life was any easier for her. She was not simply a passive instrument of God. She did not have all the answers of life at her disposal any more than we do. Even the Mother of God had to die to herself in order to be raised up by God to became his mother. She had to struggle with what it meant to be called by God. She too was invited to hear God's word and believe in it with her life: ... and Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart (Luke 2).

Mary knew how to accept gifts. How different it is with ourselves. Receiving gifts is such an obstacle for many of us because we relegate the receiving of a gift as something we need to reciprocate or count the cost and the demands that it may place upon our lives. Mary knew the value of receiving gifts. She knew God's gifts are always free. Mary knew intimately the giver of all gifts and how to let God fill her up with good things. Mary above all realized in her littleness and the one who makes her great. Her splendor lay not merely in submitting to God, but surrendering herself to him. There is a difference. One, merely gives-in to the inevitable; the other takes responsibility for one's life, decisions, and choices. It is a matter of giving God the will to do what God so much wants to accomplish in us, and this is precisely what is amplified so clearly in Mary's life. Full of grace, this Mother of God is naturally assumed into the life that she has freely chosen. God literally filled her with his life, giving birth to God himself. All too often we are filled too, but not so much with God as with ourselves relegating to him the left over's, which many times leaves very little room for God in our lives.

Today like Mary, we stand between heaven and earth awaiting God ... to let his face shine upon us and be gracious to us ... (Numbers 6). She is the one who gives us the faith to ready our hearts for the gift of Motherhood and Fatherhood. Like Mary, our holiness lay not outside ourselves, but from within. God enters into our hearts and lives, each time we allow him into our home. He comes when we humanly surrender to him ... so we are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God (Galatians 4). Holiness does not guarantee we will not face the challenges of life, but what it does is make hard and difficult moments redeemable. An avenue by which the shadows, doubts, and pain we experience are transformed so they do not overcome us. The challenge Mary faced was the impetuousness to enter into the soul of God's will in her life and to discover that all things are possible with God. She is the model, the symbol, the example, the pattern of life, the paradigm of what we are called to be and become. She has gone before us and we only need to follow her into heart of God.

Happy New Year! Father Michael-Dwight



### **New Year's Resolutions**

New Year Resolutions have a very long history dating to 153 B.C. Janus, a mythical king of early Rome was placed at the head of the calendar. With two faces, Janus could look back on past events and forward to the future. Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions and many Romans looked for forgiveness from their enemies and also exchanged gifts before the beginning of each year.

Today most of us still make resolutions for the New Year. Sometimes the promises are made in jest and other times we give serious thought about the year unfolding before us. Perhaps there is something worth pondering about this whole idea of New Year's Resolutions simply because there appears to be something bigger which lay behind this ancient tradition: The belief that we can always re-create ourselves anew. There are of course, many things about ourselves and circumstances we cannot change, but one of the joys of being human is the capacity for self-recreation. January is a time for new beginnings, for starting over. Each New Year is the reminder that we can start over again.

Each new day of the New Year we can choose to redefine our lives. We can choose the definition we are going to give ourselves today: The dark definition, the light definition, the positive definition, the negative definition. We can create ourselves each moment by the choices we make and the attitudes we bring to any situation. New Year's Resolutions are a reminder of this very simple, but human fact. Often we are taught to "keep our resolutions to ourselves." This might be more important than we think. Our relationship to ourselves is very fragile and sacred. It needs to be protected and nourished in silence and in solitude. There is a wonderful expression, Keep your own counsel. The New Year is a good time for this kind of self-counsel and activity that overlaps into prayer with God. The New Year and winter does have its purpose in our lives. It is not only a time for communion with one's self and communion with God, but the New Year and its resolutions is a gift, an opportunity for re-creation and a re-definition of ourselves. So on this January 1st, if we have not made a New Year's Resolution, go ahead! Re-create yourself anew. Happy New Year!

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### Now Is The Time! Christmas at Saint Angela Merici

### Saturday, December 31-New Year's Eve:

Eucharist @ 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM Vigil Misa de Gallo @ 9:00 PM & Hospitality in Olson Hall

Sunday, January 1-New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God:

Eucharist at 7:45, 9:30, 11:15, 12:45 (Spanish) & 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 8-Feast of the Epiphany

Remembrance of the Holy Innocents
Ritual Rite for those who have lost a child

Monday, January 9-Feast of the Baptism of Christ





As we look toward 2017, we at Saint Angela Merici are thankful for: The staff and those who engaged in the day-in and day-out of ministry both at the Parish and our Parish School. Their dedication reflects the faith of our community in Jesus Christ. We are blessed with your ministry and work. We remember those who daily clean, prepare our site for work and ministry giving themselves and talents to enhance the environment with a spirit of welcome, warmth, and hospitality and are present long after most of us have gone home to make ready the facilities and property for us for the next day. Our property is well kept by those who are very often invisible to most of us. It has not been the best of economic times, and many of our parishioners have found their careers drastically altered, but even in the midst of the financial challenges; we still experience the generosity of our parishioners. Our people continue to share their financial stewardship with the community to the extent they are able, and this has provided the monetary support to fulfill the mission entrusted to us by God. Many of our people are ill and their physical disabilities have also taken a toll on them psychologically as well on those who love and care for them. We remain one with you and assure you that you are not forgotten. May you be sustained by our care and presence. Some of our members have died this past year, and we mourn their loss, miss their presence, and continue to extend to their families our continual support and prayers in their bereavement. Our community has grown in vibrancy and spirit-filled participation in the past year especially during the Year of Mercy. This past Holy Year has been a tremendous gift to us. We have experience the merciful embrace of Jesus, and have come to realize that mercy is larger than sin and compassion and forgiveness is the gift that restores the brokenness and pain in our lives. We have come to believe that although the Holy Doors have been closed we are still to be the path into the heart of God's mercy. This past year, we have welcomed so many new individuals and families to Saint Angela Merici. We are graced by your presence and the gifts you bring to us as a living Body of Christ. Most of all, we have each one of you, who gather with us for worship and prayer. You are here and we are blessed because of you. We thank you for choosing this faith community to grow in communion with God and those who share the faith with you. The patience and encouragement of our parishioners continues to help shape our community today and into the future, giving shape to what it means to be Church. Thank you for living the vision and the mission of who we are day by day and from week to week. As 2016 comes to an end and we sojourn into 2017, we are aware we do not leave our personal and communal memories behind; we bring our experience with us as we walk forward together. May what we hold in our hearts continue to sustain us, that the brokenness and hurts of the past year may heal, and our faith unfolding in the coming year be the grace that continues to nourish, build, and give shape to our faith in Jesus Christ.



### **Parish Life**

The Parish Center Offices and Ministries will close at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd. The Ado-



ration Chapel will be open on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> until midnight and closed from Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Chapel will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd. In the event of a medical emergency requiring a priest for the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Center Office at 714-529-1821 EXT 112. Father Michael will respond to your call. On behalf of the Priests, Deacons, the Parish Staff, and those who serve in ministry, we wish you a blessed and healthy New Year!

## Feast of the Epiphany Ritual Remembrance of Those Who Have Lost a Child



This year, the Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated on Wednesday, December 28th and the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on Friday, December 30th. It has been the tradition at Saint Angela to remember those individuals and families who have lost a child at one of these two feast days. Since the Feasts of the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family occur on a weekday, we will recall the Feast of the Holy Innocents on the Feast of the Epiphany, NEXT WEEKEND, January 8th at all the Eucharists. We will once again honor the memory of those individuals and families that have experienced the loss of a child. Small vigil candles will be placed near the Baptismal Font. Following the homily, individuals and families who have experienced the loss of a child, will be invited to ritually place a candle by the infant Jesus in the Crèche, as we recall, pray, and entrust to God what is sometimes very hard to express in words. May God heal any family memories we have experienced through the loss of a child. This Christmas Season, no child, whether they have died or are no longer with us is ever forgotten.



J.S. Paluch the Bulletin Publisher requires early transmission of the bulletin for the holidays. The Parish Stewardship for the holidays will be shared on Sunday, January 8th.

The Bread of Angels Ministry wishes to thank all who have supported us through your prayers, service and contribu-



tions. We are truly blessed by the outpouring of support from you, our parish, and from the community as a whole. We provide a continental style breakfast and a hot lunch each week to about 100 to 150 guest at a cost of about \$3.50 per guest. We are able to keep our costs low by our ability to buy in bulk and by using the donations of food from local businesses. We encourage you to support the businesses that help support Bread of Angels each week including Jax's Donuts, Panera Bread, Starbucks and Vons. We have also enjoyed tremendous support from La Habra Bakery. These businesses have consistently donated food to the Bread of Angels. Again Thank you for keeping us in your prayers, your service, and your contributions; each is needed and welcomed.

#### **Mass Buddies**



Mass Buddies is a ministry that will partner parishioners who

attend a particular mass-times with those who cannot drive. This is particularly important during the Christmas Holidays! Please be a Mass-Buddy and offer a ride to someone who would like to attend mass during the Christmas Holidays but cannot drive. CONTACT YOUR BUDDY ...Jeff Draper @ 714/981-5967 if you can be a buddy to a parishioner or if you need a buddy! There is also information by the Baptismal Font.

### New Altar Server Training 2017

Mark your calendars!

Children in the 5th to 8th grade are welcomed.

The child and a parent are required to attend the first session on January 28th.

Parents will be dismissed after the 30-minute introduction and review of the program.

The child is also <u>required</u> to attend <u>3 of the 4 remaining</u> <u>sessions</u>.

#### Training dates are for 2017 are as follows:

Sat. Jan. 28, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM \*REQUIRED \*

Sat. Feb. 04, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Sat. Feb. 11, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Sat. Feb. 25, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sun. Feb. 26, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

For questions, please contact Cynthia Weiner @ 714/529-8271 or Erin Johnnie @ 714/256-9323 or stangelaaltarservers@gmail.com.

### Faith Formation



### Confirmation

**Confirmation 1 Fall** - Class #6-January 18th in Olson Hall at 7:15-8:45 PM

**Confirmation 2** - Sunday, Jan. 8th class 7:00-8:30 PM at your assigned location, Tuesday, Jan. 10th class 7:00-8:30 PM at your assigned location, Wednesday, Jan. 11th class 7:00-8:30 PM at your assigned location.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

If you have any questions please contact Kristi @ 714/332-8117.

### Young Adult Faith Formation

Jan. 8, in the Youth Room at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm (First Communion) We will be attending 5 pm Mass together after our meeting.

If you are a young adult and would like to receive your sacraments please call **Kristi at 714/332-8117.** 

### **Youth Ministry Events**

Youth Ministry would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Join us every **Thursday Night** at **7 PM!** 

In January we will begin "New Year, Same Jesus"

January 5th: New Year, Same Jesus - Bringing in the New Year and grow in your faith

**January 8th:** Join us at **5 PM** as we celebrate the New Year with the parish.

**January 12th:** How to shine in the New Year? Join us as we bring in a special guest!

January 19th: How to keep your faith in this new year? Come join us on a night led by your peers!

January 26th: Winter Games. Join us as we partake in the Winter Olympics!

Any questions feel free to call Liz Serna @ 714/332-8169

### **Adult Faith Formation**

#### **AFF Sessions**

<u>Faith Sharing</u> - All adults and parents of children preparing for Confirmation or First Eucharist the next sessions are: (credit for session attendance)



Wednesday, January 18, 7:15-8:45 PM

Coming! **Tuesday**, **January 24**, **6:45-9:00 PM** Confirmation parents and students "**God's Not Dead 2**" (students credit for make-up class) \*Parent MUST attend with student\*

Wednesday, January 25, 7:15-8:45 PM

<u>Journey of Faith</u> - Adults preparing for Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation the next sessions are: (all adults are welcome to join the conversation!)

Sunday, January 8, 10:45 AM-12:00 PM\*

Wednesday, January 11, 6:00-7:15 PM\*

\*Same presentation

#### Rite of Acceptance & Rite of Welcome

Those who are baptized and preparing for Eucharist and/or Confirmation will be presented at the **Rite of Welcome on Saturday January 14**<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Eucharist.

Those who are not baptized will be presented at the **Rite of Acceptance on Sunday January 15th at** 5:00PM Eucharist.

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates as they grow in their love and commitment to Jesus and the faith community.

Space is limited so please RSVP with Andrea Draper at 714/529-1821 ext 136 OR amd.stangela@gmail.com.







### **Liturgy and Worship**

St. Angela Merici Community extends it's prayers and care for the following intentions:

The Sick, Homebound, and those in Skilled Nursing Facilities:

VIdal Barajas, Aaden Pineda, Baby Angel-Gabriel, Rafael Rodriguez, Bob Butner, Frances Hunter, Mayra Kopczynski, J. Richey, Pat Hanifin, Sabine Daube, Josephine Poole and Silvia Alvarez-Loya.

The Deceased of our Community:

Scott Elliot Lystad, Teresa Bonaventura, Lou Kersten, Maria Ruiz, Lou Tjahjaki, Maria Ruiz, Mary Jane Hanifin, Luella Markwort, Anthony Vasquez, Annie Lynch and Donna Mestre.

### Our Community Eucharist Intentions for the Week

Monday	01/02	Friday	01/06
6:30 AM	Dennis Ramirez (D)	6:30 AM	Gene & Pat (L)
MA 00:8	Sal Allevatto (L)	8:00 AM	Bobby Fielding (D)
Tuesday	01/03	Saturday	01/07
6:30 AM	Dr. Tom Pickren (D)	8:00 AM	Amerigo Niccolai (D)
8:00 AM	Mixed Marriages	8:00 AM	Alex Tiquia (D)
Wednesda	y 01/04	/04 Sunday 01/08	
6:30 AM	Diana Woodbury (L)	7:45 AM	Lou Kerston (D)
MA 00:8	Bishop Kevin Vann (L)	9:30 AM	Jack P. Meek (D)
Thursday	01/05	11:15 AM	Dalina Stiner (D)
6:30 AM	Kathleen Francis (L)	12:45 PM	Erica Orozco (L)
MA 00:8	Lisa Lanphar (L)	5:00 PM	The Community of St. Angela



If you have Celiac, Gluten Free hosts are available. Please see the Presider prior to Eucharist and he will make arrangements and explain the process so you will have a gluten free host served to you at communion.

### <u>Connecting with Saint Angela Merici — Welcome!</u>

#### New? Visiting? Interested?

Are you visiting for the first time? Are you interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at Saint Angela Merici Parish and Parish School? Please check our Parish and School Website: www.stangelabreachurch.org.

#### Reaister!

Are you a Catholic or non-Catholic attending Eucharist at Saint Angela Merici, yet have not registered? Join us!

#### Why Register?

Saint Angela Merici is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and personal and community spiritual growth opportunities. We would love to get to know you and inform you of our various activities, groups, and events going on at our parish and school. Please pick up a Registration Form by the Baptismal Font or go online to register at www.stangelabreachurch.org. We look forward to connecting with you!

29th Evening Adoration:	744)500 4500	Healing Eucharist / Charismatic		
	714)529-1592	Jude Catania	(714)525-8539	
Active Christians Today (A.C.T.): Maria Fulton, Coordinator (	(714)529-6776 x 142	High School RCIA Tanner Jauregui	(714)529-1821 x 117	
	(714)529-6776 x 144	Eucaristía de Jóvenes	(714)329-1621 X 117	
-	714)529-6776 x 143	Sonia Villanueva	(562)612-5622	
Adoration Ministry:	(111)020 0110 X 110	Junior High Faith Formation	(002)012 0022	
	714)992-1306	Lety Garcia	(714)529-1821 x 147	
Administrative Assistant / SP-Weddin	ngs & Quinceñeras:	Knights of Columbus:		
	(714)529-1821 x 110	Phil Kiefer	(714)315-8882	
Adult Faith Formation & RCIA		Las Posadas:		
	(714)529-1821 x 136	Gloria Wade	(714)529-5513	-
Altar Server Ministry:	(714)520 9271	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:		
	(714)529-8271 (714)256-9323	Steve Allevato	(714)746-3677	
Audio / Visual Ministry:	(114)230-9323	Marian Rosary / Sacred Heart Ho Joan Hosek	our : (714)983-7560	
	(714)803-1224	Marriage Encounter:	(714)903-7500	
Baptism Preparation:	(	John & Maggie Lee	(714)873-5136	
Andrea Draper - English (	(714)529-1821 x 136	Mass Buddies:	(714)676 6166	
	562)697-0650	Jeff Draper	(714)981-5967	
Bereavement Support Group:		Men's Group:		
	(714)309-2933	John Cushing - Fellowship	(714)213-1953	
Bible Study:	(7.1.1) 500 1001 100	Frank Locaino - Recon	(714)944-6946	1
,	(714)529-1821 x 136	Ministerio de Hospitalidad:		
Bodas Comunitarias: Deacon Benjamin Flores (	714)240-1289	Tano Gonzales	(714)225-3540	
Boy Scouts :	7 14)240-1209	Ministerio Liturgico	(744)055 0005	7
	(714)906-9276	Maria Figueroa	(714)255-8365	
Bread of Angels Ministry (Saturday H		Monaguillos / Grupo Mikael: Jose & Teresa Macias	(714)255 0029	$\circ$
	(714)390-1208	Parish Life:	(714)255-0928	
Children's Faith Formation:		Sue de Grasse	(714)529-1821 x 126	
	(7140529-1821 x134	Parish Bulletin:	(7 14)020 1021 X 120	
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Bulletin.stangela@gmail.com		
	714)993-2267	Parish Website & Parish Apps	(714)612-8384	
Church Sacristan Ministry:	(74.4)256.0620	Parish Center Office	(714)529-1821	
	(714)256-0638 (714)529-1821	Pastoral Council:		
	(714)441-1278	Nick Pulone	(714)674-0650	
	714)879-0639	Pastoral Care Council:	(744)000 0750	
	714)529-8893	Bob Lanphar	(714)809-8753	لس
Confirmation Faith Formation:		Quinceañeras Yolanda Orozco	(323)350-4310	
	(714)529-1821 x 117	Restorative Justice (Detention N		
Consejo de San Pablo - (Spanish Wor		Jan Urban	(714)879-7663	
	(714)529-2337	Sagrada Familia:	(11)010 1000	4
Coros Unidos:	(74.4)500.4004	Jesus Flores	(562)753-4659	
Rafael Bucia ( Cub Scouts:	(714)529-1821	School ( Principal ):		
	(714)317-6060	Nancy Windisch	(714)529-6372	
Detention Ministry:	(114)311-0000	Sick, Elderly, & Homebound:		
Jan Urban (	(714)423-5802	Bob Lanphar	(714)809-8753	
Ejercito Azul (Spanish Rosary):		Spiritual Direction	(744)000 0447	-
Lola Flores (	(562)694-5878	Mrs. Ceci Witchey, OP Stewardship / Travel Club	(714)993-6117	
<b>Emergency Resource Response Mini</b>		Gene Passafiume	(714)524-2874	
	(714)267-6132	Virgen Peregrina:	(114)024-2014	
Empezar de Nuevo	714)770 7770	Rebeca Rodriguez	(714)256-0638	
Carmela Gutierrez ( Encuentro Matrimonial:	(714)770-7770	Wedding Coordinators:		
	(714)519-1688	Gloria Knapp	(714)990-2483	
Evangelization / Apologetics	(11)0101000	Welcome, Fellowship & Hospita		<b>3</b>
	(714)746-3677	Peter Toller	(714)528-4305	
Facilities - Master Calendar:	714)529-1821	Women's Group P.A.L.S.:	(74.4)070.0000	
Finance:		Gloria Pena - AM	(714)879-0639	
	714)529-1821 x 111	Donna Schafer - PM Worship Council:	(714)990-8414	S
Finance Council:	714)680 6303	Chuck Andersen	(858)539-3531	
Dennis Dascanio ( Formación de Fe para Niños:	(714)680-6202	Worship Ministry:	(330)000 0001	
	(714)529-1821 x 134	Chuck Andersen	(858)539-3531	
Girl Scouts:	111,020 1021 X 104	Sue de Grasse	(714)529-1821 x 126	
	562)253-8901	Mike Neis	(714)528-6770	
Gospel Of Life Council / Ushers:		Nancy Peralta	(714)906-0590	Marie Land
	(714)390-1208	Eric LeVan - Accompanist	(714)313-9656	Alteria
Guerreros de Yahve:	(500)010 0550	Sydney Alcaraz - Youth	(714)529-1821 x 115	
	(562)340-3599	Jenna Cushing - Youth Youth, Young Adult, Jr. Hgh & S	(714)529-1821 x 115	
Grupo de Oración: John Garcia (	(714)520-1502	Danny Serna	(714)529-1821 x 115	
JUIIII Galdia (	(714)529-1592	Liz Serna	(714)529-1821 x 169	