

St. Angela Merici

Catholic Church

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Saint Angela Merici A Stewardship Parish

The Pastoral Ministry

Rev. Michael-Dwight
Pastor

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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

Adoration Chapel

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



**EPIPHANY
PARISH OBSERVANCE OF THE
HOLY INNOCENTS**

JANUARY 8, 2017



Reflection

Epiphany is alluring not because of the mysterious and enigmatic astrologers that take center stage in today's story, but because of the story's mythical reality. A myth is not concerned so much with historical accuracy or if and what really happened, as much

as it attempts to draw us into the experience of the story by revealing its deeper meaning. Not by giving us exact details, but by luring us into what is trying to be conveyed and communicated in it's mystical-allegory. All of us, at one time or another, have known that spark in our lives which draws us into a quest for the meaning of life and as a result, like those mysterious strangers from the east in today's Gospel, we find that we cannot remain where we are, but we are enticed to travel beyond ourselves seeking the meaning of the star that appears to us. Like the magi we too set out on a journey to discover the meaning of our lives and try to make sense of the cosmos we experience. Perhaps at one time or another along our journey, we may lose that spark or get side tracked or find that the wonder has faded and we are induced to "remain with the old," becoming stale in the winter cold. We begin to lose sight of God's star and the glimpse of something shining bright in our lives, which shadows our quest toward God and prevents that wonderful grace that gives us a great sense of adventure. Life becomes something in which ... "there is nothing new under the sun, the moon, and the stars."

Today's feast is a wake-up call. It is a mythical reminder that as God's People we are called continuously on a quest for life and the story of these visitors to the Christ-Child is a way of conveying to us that the adventure is never at an end. God is forever calling us forward. The star is always there in our lives. It may have dimmed, we may not notice it or perhaps we may have even strayed from the route that the star is trying to lead us, but it is in fact precisely this wonderful story of dreams, camels, King Herod, the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, that announces that wherever we may find ourselves, God continues to invite us beyond ourselves. We adjoin ourselves to these mysterious figures from the east to renew once again the quest of understanding life and how God born into our experience gives us the impetus and spark to search for him once again.

There will always be uncertainty about whether the route we travel may be the right one or even the best for us, but risk always accompanies a journey. The Magi set out uncertain of where the star would take them, what they might confront, what they would have to face, and what they would eventually discover, but this did not deter them. They ventured out and discovered, to their amazement, the gift of God himself. We simply cannot be the Herods of today. There are too many of them around! Their fear is contagious and deceptive. It anesthetizes us and fools us to think that the best thing is to make sure nothing new and exciting upsets what we feel we have under our control. Like Herod, fear can destroy us. Herod was self-destructive and it led him to make choices that skewed his ability to embrace life. Today, once again, God places a star in our lives. We just need to refuse to be "a Herod" and not allow the Herods of today to deter us from looking up and noticing that God is still with us and continues to entice and invite us to something more surprising. The warning the astrologers received in a dream is the same message given to us today: ... *do not return to Herod* (Matthew 2). In other words, God does not want us to go back where we came from, but be willing to take a different route. Epiphany reminds us not to stick our heads in the clouds. God clears the sky so we are able to see the star, which becomes brighter with each passing day to those who are willing to follow it's lead until, at least, like the Magi; it comes to rest in the heart of God. What an unbelievable quest this can be! Are you ready? Get up ... now look up ... and let's get going...Now is the time!



Holy Innocents

In the Second Chapter of the Book of Matthew is recorded the story of the Massacre of the Holy Innocents, during the reign of Herod the Great, the Governor of Galilee. Magi saw the Star of Bethlehem and went to Jerusalem asking where the new King of Jews may be found. Herod called the high priests to find out about this child, and was informed that it was prophesied that the child would be born in Judea. Herod sent for the Magi and told them to report back to him when they found the child so he too could worship him. It was revealed to the Magi in a dream not to return to Herod, so they returned home by another route. Meanwhile, Joseph who was visited by an angel in a dream, and was told of Herod's intention, took Mary and the child and fled to Egypt. Herod became enraged at the Magi's betrayal and ordered all innocent children two years and younger to be slaughtered.

This year, the Feast of the Holy Innocents was celebrated on Thursday, December 28th and the Feast of the Holy Family was 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 occurred on a weekday, we recall the *Feast of the Holy Innocents TODAY on the Feast of the Epiphany, at all the Eucharists*. We will honor the memory of those individuals and families that have experienced the loss of a child. 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.

The Feast of the Holy Innocents: A Prayer

Holy Innocents, you died before you were old enough to know what life means, pray for all children who die young that God may gather them into his loving arms. Holy Innocents, you were killed because one man was filled with hatred, pray for those who hate, that God may touch their hearts and fill them with love. Holy Innocents, you experienced a violent death, pray for all who are affected by violence that they may find peace and love. Holy Innocents, you were murdered by those who probably felt they were merely following orders, pray for all who act against their consciences that they may have the strength to do what is right. Holy Innocents, those around you certainly felt helpless to prevent your deaths, pray for all who feel helpless in their circumstances that they may cling to God for courage and hope. Holy Innocents, you died as infants and toddlers, pray for those who are in danger of dying or may be victims of abortion. Holy Innocents, your parents grieved for you with deep and lasting sorrow, pray for all parents who have lost young children that God may wrap a warm blanket of comfort around them. Holy Innocents, you did not know Jesus during your brief lives, but now you praise him for all eternity, pray for all those who do not know Jesus that they may open their minds to his voice and their hearts to his love. Holy Innocents, you who are now in heaven, pray for all of us that one day we may join you there to bask in God's love forever.



As we begin 2017, we at Saint Angela Merici are thankful for: The staff and those who engaged in the day-in and day-out 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 experienced 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 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 this new year be the grace that continues to nourish, build, and give shape to our faith in Jesus Christ.



Parish Life

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

Would you like to have a more meaningful prayer life? Do you want to learn more about prayer and grow closer to God? Come join a special class that will help you learn how to pray more deeply. *The Prayer and Life Workshop* consists of fifteen (15) weekly sessions. You will learn and practice different ways to pray and will become more familiar with the Word of God.

These workshops began in 1984 when a Capuchin priest realized that many people have a strong desire for a more meaningful prayer life, and long for a more intimate and fulfilling relationship with God.

For more information please contact **Robert Stell** at **626/488-0103** or **Roberto.stell.d@gmail.com**.



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**"

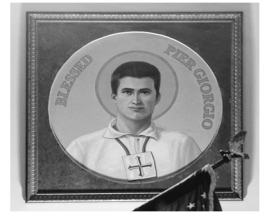
Today, January 8th: Join us at **5 PM** as we celebrate the New Year with the parish.

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.



APOLOGETICS FOR BEGINNERS

Our first session will focus on Mary, the Mother of God: Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Learn to explain your faith charitably and share it biblically.

Join us for the first Biblical Apologetics.

Bring your Bible and a friend!

Our first session will be held on

Wednesday, January 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Saint Angela Merici in the OLG (Our Lady of Guadalupe Room) in the Plaza. For additional information contact: **Steve Allevato @ 714/746-3677** or **Steveaa333hotmail.com**



Gospel of Life Holy Hour Thursday, January 12, 7-8 PM Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Please join us in prayer for the conversion of all who have chosen abortion to pray for all the disadvantaged and elderly who suffer from neglect. For more information, contact **Joan Hosek** at **714/983-7560**.



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 **required** to attend **3 of the 4 remaining sessions.**

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 - Today, 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 Happy New Year!!

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



Young Adult Faith Formation

TODAY, 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**.

Adult Faith Formation

AFF Sessions

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

Wednesday, January 11, 7:15-8:45 PM

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

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

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

Sunday, January 15, 10:45AM-12:00 PM*

Wednesday, January 18, 10:45AM-12:00 PM*

Sunday, January 22, 10:45AM-12:00 PM**

Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-7:15 PM**

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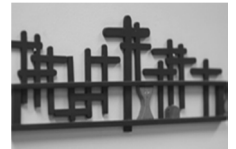
Rite of Acceptance & Rite of Welcome

Those who are baptized and preparing for Eucharist and/or Confirmation will be presented at the **Rite of Welcome on Saturday January 14th 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:

Jack Haney, Albert Martinez, Vidal Barajas, Aaden Pineda, Rafael Rodriguez, Frances Hunter, Mayra Kopczynski, J. Richey, Rafael Rodriguez, Silvia Alvarez-Loya, Leonor Ysagairre and Adrian St. John Martinez.

The Deceased of our Community:

Mary Therese Vann, Robert Butner, Donna Mestre, Scott Elliot Lystad, Yolanda Delgado, Annie Lynch, Joseph Quan Vinh Pham, Anthony Vasquez and Baby Angel Gabriel.

Our Community Eucharist Intentions for the Week

Monday	01/09	Friday	01/13
6:30 AM	Jack & Margarita Denman (L)	6:30 AM	MaryJane Hanifin (D)
8:00 AM	Remo Nordi (D)	8:00 AM	MaryJane Hanifin (D)
Tuesday	01/10	Saturday	01/14
6:30 AM	Katherine Miller (D)	8:00 AM	Carlos Santa Ines (D)
8:00 AM	Hugh Berry (D)	5:00 PM	Hugh Berry (D)
Wednesday	01/11	Sunday	01/15
6:30 AM	Michael Canale Family (L)	7:45 AM	Anthony Vasquez (D)
8:00 AM	Tom Durkin (D)	9:30 AM	MaryJane Hanifin (D)
Thursday	01/12	11:15 AM	Eileen J, Flores (L)
6:30 AM	R. Shepard Family (L)	12:45 PM	The Community of St Angela
8:00 AM	Bob & Marilyn Butner (L)	5:00 PM	Sheila Maas (L)



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.

Connecting with Saint Angela Merici — Welcome!



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.

Register!

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: John Garcia (714)529-1592	Healing Eucharist / Charismatic Prayer Group: Jude Catania (714)525-8539
Active Christians Today (A.C.T.): Maria Fulton, Coordinator (714)529-6776 x 142 Yarmniz Garcia (714)529-6776 x 144 Jan Zylla (714)529-6776 x 143	Eucaristía de Jóvenes Sonia Villanueva (562)612-5622
Adoration Ministry: Dave Engels (714)992-1306	Junior High Faith Formation Lety Garcia (714)529-1821 x 147
Administrative Assistant / SP-Weddings & Quinceañeras: Ana Rodriguez (714)529-1821 x 110	Knights of Columbus: Phil Kiefer (714)315-8882
Adult Faith Formation & RCIA Andrea Draper (714)529-1821 x 136	Las Posadas: Gloria Wade (714)529-5513
Altar Server Ministry: Cynthia Weiner (714)529-8271 Erin Johnnie (714)256-9323	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Allevato (714)746-3677
Audio / Visual Ministry: Ron Sled (714)803-1224	Marian Rosary / Sacred Heart Hour : Joan Hosek (714)983-7560
Baptism Preparation: Andrea Draper - English (714)529-1821 x 136 Jose Lopez - Spanish (562)697-0650	Marriage Encounter: John & Maggie Lee (714)873-5136
Bereavement Support Group: Deacon Mike (714)309-2933	Mass Buddies: Jeff Draper (714)981-5967
Bible Study: Andrea Draper (714)529-1821 x 136	Men's Group: John Cushing - Fellowship (714)213-1953 Frank Locaino - Recon (714)944-6946
Bodas Comunitarias: Deacon Benjamin Flores (714)240-1289	Ministerio de Hospitalidad: Tano Gonzales (714)225-3540
Boy Scouts : Christian Lising (714)906-9276	Ministerio Liturgico Maria Figueroa (714)255-8365
Bread of Angels Ministry (Saturday Hospitality): Phil Vasquez (714)390-1208	Monaguillos / Grupo Mikael: Jose & Teresa Macias (714)255-0928
Children's Faith Formation/ High School RCIA: Leticia Garcia (714)529-1821 x134	Parish Life: Sue de Grasse (714)529-1821 x 126
Children's Liturgy of the Word William & Karen Mangold (714)993-2267	Parish Bulletin: Bulletin.stangela@gmail.com
Church Sacristan Ministry: Rebeca Rodriguez (714)256-0638 Franz & Lanny Liem (714)529-1821 Carolyn Lamka (714)441-1278 Gloria Pena (714)879-0639 Chrissy Spittell (714)529-8893	Parish Website & Parish Apps (714)612-8384 Parish Center Office (714)529-1821
Confirmation Faith Formation/ High School RCIA: Kristi Biederman (714)529-1821 x 117	Pastoral Council: Nick Pulone (714)674-0650
Consejo de San Pablo - (Spanish Worship) : Leticia Garcia (714)529-2337	Pastoral Care Council: Bob Lanphar (714)809-8753
Coros Unidos: Rafael Bucia (714)529-1821	Quinceañeras Yolanda Orozco (323)350-4310
Cub Scouts: Greg Marick (714)317-6060	Restorative Justice (Detention Ministries): Jan Urban (714)879-7663
Detention Ministry: Jan Urban (714)423-5802	Sagrada Familia: Jesus Flores (562)753-4659
Ejercito Azul (Spanish Rosary): Lola Flores (562)694-5878	School (Principal): Nancy Windisch (714)529-6372
Emergency Resource Response Ministry: George Ullrich (714)267-6132	Sick, Elderly, & Homebound: Bob Lanphar (714)809-8753
Empezar de Nuevo Carmela Gutierrez (714)770-7770	Spiritual Direction Mrs. Ceci Witche, OP (714)993-6117
Encuentro Matrimonial: Jaime & Lorena Hernandez (714)519-1688	Stewardship / Travel Club Gene Passafiume (714)524-2874
Environment: Irma Gonzales (714)612-2853	Virgen Peregrina: Rebeca Rodriguez (714)256-0638
Evangelization / Apologetics Steve Allevato (714)746-3677	Wedding Coordinators: Gloria Knapp (714)990-2483
Facilities - Master Calendar: (714)529-1821	Welcome, Fellowship & Hospitality: Peter Toller (714)528-4305
Finance: Lisa Connell (714)529-1821 x 111	Women's Group P.A.L.S.: Gloria Pena - AM (714)879-0639 Donna Schafer - PM (714)990-8414
Finance Council: Dennis Dascanio (714)680-6202	Worship Council: Chuck Andersen (858)539-3531
Formación de Fe para Niños: Leticia Garcia (714)529-1821 x 134	Worship Ministry: Chuck Andersen (858)539-3531 Sue de Grasse (714)529-1821 x 126 Mike Neis (714)528-6770 Nancy Peralta (714)906-0590 Eric LeVan - Accompanist (714)313-9656 Sydney Alcaraz - Youth (714)529-1821 x 115 Jenna Cushing - Youth (714)529-1821 x 115
Girl Scouts: Amy Hinz (562)253-8901	Youth, Young Adult, Jr. Hgh & S.A.M. School: Danny Serna (714)529-1821 x 115 Liz Serna (714)529-1821 x 169
Gospel Of Life Council / Ushers: Phil Vasquez (714)390-1208	
Guerreros de Yahve: Eloy Cabrera (562)340-3599	
Grupo de Oración: John Garcia (714)529-1592	

An Invitation to Ministry

