

St. Angela Merici

Catholic Church

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Saint Angela Merici A Stewardship Parish

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Rev. Michael-Dwight

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Deacon Benjamin Flores

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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-Friday

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

APRIL 24, 2016

YEAR OF MERCY


John 13: "Love One Another as I Loved You"

I believe it was St. Vincent de Paul (17th century Frenchman) who said that he would always preach one same sermon, but in a thousand different ways. Essentially the central theme of that one sermon for Vincent focused on LOVE. This very well captures the totality of our Catholic spirituality. Within our rich Catholic traditions we may talk about a myriad of topics: but ultimately they would all have to lead us back to LOVE. To love God and to love our neighbor is the ultimate "thing" of our faith. Everything else is just a commentary on it. St. Augustine famously wrote: "Love and do what you will."

The Gospel reading for this 5th Sunday of Easter, John 13, once again reminds us of love. Jesus, at the scene of the Last Supper, says to his disciples: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another," (13:34). It is interesting to note the idea of love in terms of a *commandment*. In the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments given to the Israelites through Moses served as a reminder of God's covenant with his people. In the context of the Last Supper, this commandment to love also serves as the basis of the new covenant, perfected by Jesus...

In any case, to speak about love is something we do quite often as Christians, as followers of Jesus. But to actually "love" is a very different story. It has been said that to love God is probably easier than to love one's neighbor, but the truth is that this two-fold love cannot be set against each other. Loving God and loving neighbor are really two sides of the same coin. I would like to think that love usually comes as a result of any kind of "conversion." Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, the spiritual author whom I like to quote, relates the concept of conversion to that of "conversation." For him those two words mean the same thing. According to Radcliffe, to speak of the love of the Trinity is to speak of the endless conversations that take place between the three Persons of the Trinity—not bad news at all for those who like to talk! In fact, the central doctrine of Christianity is the Incarnation: "The *Word* was made flesh"—God became human in a matter of a conversation. In the Gospels, we also find many examples of conversation between Jesus and others. For example: Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman, with the adulteress woman, with the blind man, with Zacchaeus, with Mary Magdalene, with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and on and on. And as a result of each conversation with Jesus, there is usually (though not always) a conversion—probably not in the case of the dialogue between Jesus and the rich young man (see Mk 10:17-22 and Mt 19:16-22). Apart from this rare example of the rich man, anyone who encounters the Lord through a conversation experiences a conversion. And conversion eventually would lead to love.

At a workshop on Catholic education I attended last year, the main speaker was touching on the issue of cultural differences. He mentioned the case of a foreign-born priest who was sent to a very affluent parish of the diocese of San Bernardino. After a while, this priest was surprised to find out that even wealthy people "have faith." Whatever preconceived notions he might have had about wealthy people, presumably he underwent a conversion. And that only happened through his conversations with those people. Now I do not know the rest of the story, but I can only imagine that the priest in question would come to a greater love of his wealthy parishioners after that conversion... I myself realize that in ministry, conversions happen quite often. A Catholic minister comes and goes frequently. He may have preconceived ideas about a certain parish; and parishioners are not short of preconceived ideas about him. But after a while, and through genuine conversations with one another, a type of conversion would take place. It is only then that true love can come to fulfillment.



A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you
must love one another.

JOHN 13:34

Pope Francis' document: Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love will be presented in a series each week during the Year of Mercy. It is an easy-reading document and inspires us to become a People of Mercy. We are presenting The Joy of Love in its original English translation without commentary as an avenue of reflection and prayer during this Easter Time of Mercy.



The Second in the Series

I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. I will then examine the actual situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality. I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God's plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality.

Given the rich fruits of the two-year Synod process, this Exhortation will treat, in different ways, a wide variety of questions. This explains its inevitable length. Consequently, I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit, for families themselves and for those engaged in the family apostolate, will come if each part is read patiently and carefully, or if attention is paid to the parts dealing with their specific needs. It is likely, for example, that married couples will be more concerned with Chapters Four and Five, and pastoral ministers with Chapter Six, while everyone should feel challenged by Chapter Eight. It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for "families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity".⁴

CHAPTER ONE IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve's family with all its burden of violence but also its enduring strength (cf. *Gen* 4) to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the Bride and the Lamb (*Rev* 21:2, 9). Jesus' description of the two houses, one built on rock and the other on sand (cf. *Mt* 7:24-27), symbolizes any number of family situations shaped by the exercise of their members' freedom, for, as the poet says, "every home is a lampstand".⁵ Let us now enter one of those houses, led by the Psalm-ist with a song that even today resounds in both Jewish and Christian wedding liturgies:

"Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house."

⁴ Address at the Meeting of Families in Santiago de Cuba (22 September 2015): *L'Osservatore Romano*, 24 September 2015, p.7 ⁵ Jorge Luis Borges, "Calle Desconocida", in *Fervor de Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires, 2011, 23.8



Mother's Day Roses



*Sunday, May 8th, is Mother's Day
A celebration of love and appreciation for all Mothers*

Roses will be given on Mother's Day weekend, as a 'Thank you' for your donation to *Horizon Pregnancy Clinic*. Your donation will provide significant financial support for all the respect life centers and clinics that provide shelter for women and men with crisis pregnancies.

In 2015, *Horizon Pregnancy Clinic* saved 71 newborns and since January of 2016 has saved the lives of 6.

Please consider making a donation and choose a 'Thank You' rose for your Mom, Wife, or Grandmother!

Rosas Para El Dia De Las Madres

El domingo, 8 de mayo es Dia De Las Madres. Es una celebración para todas las madres. Se la dara rosas en gratitud por su donación a *Horizon Pregnancy Clinic* el fin de semana del Dia De Las Madres. Los fondos recaudados proporcionaran un apoyo a mujeres con embrazos que tengan necesidades.

iConsidere hacer una donación generosa y elegir una rosa de agradecimiento para su esposa, mama, o abuelita!





Jack's Story

Sometimes in the loneliness of despair there is a glimmer of hope. Jack was an occasional daily communicant and always connected with the other "old" guys after mass to share news especially when it came to any of the happenings with Notre Dame. The last two days it has been different as he has cornered Father Izzy to plead his case for his beloved Jean. She has been hospitalized and is going downhill fast. Jack is in the reaching phase where he is soliciting help from father dealing with how to cope. His 52 years of marriage are of little comfort to him if Jean dies. Jack is in the bargaining mode where he has offered to father that he will go to daily mass for the rest of his life if only "God" gives him back his precious Jean.

How do we, as ministers of the sick, deal with this situation? How would you provide comfort to Jack in his time of profound despair? Are there things Jack should be doing to be prepared for the inevitable? This really boils down to how prepared we are to deal with the impending loss of a spouse to a friend, to provide counsel where we are able, and to seek / recommend professional help. At a minimum we can do the following:

First: As Ministers to the Sick we are persons of prayer. We could very easily hold Jack's hands and tell him that we will be offering up prayers during our normal weekly rounds. And that he needs to continue to pray as well. Maybe we have a special intention where we could ask Jack to pray.

Second: Get Jack to talk about some of the special good times in his life with Jean. Suggest that these are the things he might wish to share with Jean the next time he visits her in the hospital. Also these are things he can share with friends and family.

Third: Ask Jack if his family, children and extended family, are providing assistance during these troublesome times. Get him to talk about the blessings of having the support of family. Help him to begin to prepare a list of contacts of people who need to be contacted.

Fourth: Make sure that the Parish Priests are dialed in and providing their support.

Fifth: Offer to Jack that your continued support in being there for him in prayer and visits. Set the date for the next visit.

Father, give us the grace to know when and what to say to a person grieving over the loss of a spouse. We are all part of Your divine plan.

Ministry to the Sick Story. 2016.

If you are interested in ministering to the sick, homebound, hospitalized or those in Skilled Nursing Facilities, in mercy contact **Robert Lanphar at 714-809-8753.**



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The A.C.T. Office Needs a Volunteer!

Each week we help feed many of our local families. We are looking for someone who can pick up bread from our neighborhood markets on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM or earlier. If you can help us out please call **Maria 714/529-1821 x142**.

"Christ's Healing Presence"

Fr. Michael Barry will address this theme at the Healing Service he will celebrate **Monday, April 25, at 7:15 PM.**



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Fr. Barry has an evangelization ministry that provides food for those in need at *Mary's Table*, *Mercy House for the homeless*, and *Veronica's House for pregnant women*. He is also a convention speaker at SCRC and a retreat master.

For information call **Jan at 714/529 2277**.

All are welcome. Bring a friend.



First Communion
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FIRST EUCHARIST

Our young St. Angela Merici School Parishioners and Children's Faith Formation will be receiving their First Eucharist with the community on the following dates. Please plan accordingly so you can join them in support:

Saturday, April 30, at 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM
Saturday, May 7, at 5:00 PM
Saturday, May 8, at 5:00 PM

Thank you to the community of St. Angela Merici for your continuous support and prayers for our young people.



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Confirmation Time Again

The **Summer Confirmation 1** program begins on **June 12**. Registration packets will be available in the Parish Center Office on **May 15**. Please note you must register prior to Orientation

on **June 12**.

The **Fall Confirmation 1** program registration packets will be available in the Parish Center Office **July 1**.

The **Fall Confirmation 2** program registration packets will be available in the Parish Center Office **July 1** and will be mailed to all C1 students who have given their email addresses.

Ignite Ministry would like to invite all college students 18-30 to an evening of fun at *Dave and Busters* on May 28, from 4 PM to 8 PM for food, fun, and games. Come meet others in your community of faith. The cost is \$20 per person for food, drinks, and a \$10 game card. **Call Kristi to RSVP by May 2, at 714/332-8117.**

**MARIAN ROSARY AND SCRIPTURE AT 7:00 PM
EVERY FRIDAY IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO
JOIN!**



Remember when Jesus went to the wedding in Cana? And he changed the water into wine? Water went into the vessels, but what came out was the finest of wine. Even more – it has become His saving blood for us since Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Open your heart to Jesus as Our Blessed Mother points the direction to find Him and His transformative power.

Join us for the Rosary and let Jesus draw you to Him in the private quiet of your spirit. The Rosary group meets Fridays at 7:00 PM in our Adoration Chapel. Stay for Scripture readings and sharing if you feel so moved. You are most welcome.

For information all **Joan at 714/983-7560**.



DVD Series on Spiritual transformation

Catching Fire, Becoming Flame:

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-8:00 PM (Parts 1-3)
Wednesday, May 11, 6:30-8:00 PM (Parts 4-6)

Keeping the Fire Alive:

Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-8:00 PM (Parts 1-3)
Wednesday, May 25, 6:30-8:00 PM (Parts 4-6)

It's FREE and snacks will be served! All adults are welcome. **Parents! You will obtain credit for attending.** Please RSVP to **Andrea Draper** if you wish to attend: amd.stangela@gmail.com OR 714/529-1821 ext. 136

Adult Confirmation



If you are 26+ and baptized Catholic or in another faith and wish to prepare for the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation during the summer of 2016, please contact the coordinator **Andrea Draper** for more information at: amd.stangela@gmail.com OR 714/529-1821 ext.136

Time for Spring Cleaning?

The kitchen needs a good scrubbing, the car needs a tune-up, the garage desperately needs to be cleaned out... The list of things to do seems never ends. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the **top of the list** of things that need tending to? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a good "spring cleaning". This short weekend together can reap benefits for your marriage and relationship for years to come.



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The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 13-15. For an informational brochure or other dates for upcoming weekends, contact **John & Maggie Lee** at 714/873-5136 or lee4wwme@att.net. Additional information can be found at www.ocwwme.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



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The Bereavement Support Group will be meeting Thursday, April 21, at 7 PM, in St. Paul room, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. A guidance professional facilitator will be present for those who have recently experienced

the death of a loved one. For more information please call **Deacon Mike Shaffer** at 714/309-2933.



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Saint Angela Merici Parish School's Annual SummerFest is the weekend of June 3rd – June 5th. Look for us in the church plaza after Mass beginning in May. We will be selling ride and raffle tickets.

Check out the latest at our website:
<http://www.summerfestbrea.org>

Please Pray For...



Please pray for those suffering the effects of terror and war, and for the safety of our soldiers & their families.

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

including: *Joshua Santos, Ignacio Ramirez, Kimberly Anne Morrow Draper, Marilyn Charron, Mayra Kopeznski, and Martin Vertson.*

Please also pray for the deceased of our Parish including:

Joyce Kalinyak, Alexis Fermin Orozco, Lupe Olvera, and Miguel Andrade.



INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 04/25	6:30 am	Carolyn Lamka (L)
	8:00 am	Frank Lara (D)
Tue 04/26	6:30 am	Teresa Berardi (L)
	8:00 am	Caroline Zachary (D)
Wed 04/27	6:30 am	Ron Pulone (D)
	8:00 am	Baby Angel Espinoza (D)
Thur 04/28	6:30 am	David Shmitt (D)
	8:00 am	Baby Paloma Maria Espinoza (D)
Fri 04/29	6:30 am	Kathleen Denman (L)
	8:00 am	Joanne Polka (D)
Sat 04/30	8:00 am	Kathleen Denman (L)
	5:00 pm	Baby Francisco Espinoza (D)
Sun 05/01	7:45 am	Maria Mendoza Miranda (D)
	9:30 am	Irene Amparano (D)
	11:15 am	Bob Murray (D)
	12:45 pm	Lidia de Jesus Alanis Vallejo (L)
	5:00 pm	The Community Of St Angela

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your support!

Easter Sunday 2016 update \$44,632
Sunday April 10, 2016 \$21,568

Parish Registration Form

Date: _____

Family Name: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Married |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online Giving | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Envelopes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address | |

Address: _____

Ph #: _____

Cell #: _____

Head of Household: _____

DOB : _____ ☐ Catholic

Spouse: _____

DOB : _____ ☐ Catholic

Children DOB Baptized? Y/N

I would like information on the following ministries:

You are important to us! Please complete this form so we may keep in contact with you. Kindly drop it in the collection basket, the Parish Center Office, or mail it to 585 S. Walnut Ave., Brea 92821.

Note: If you are new to the parish; welcome! If you have changed your address or are planning to move to another area, let us know by using the form above. Thank you!

29th Evening Adoration: John Garcia (714)529-1592	Gospel Of Life Council (Restorative Justice): Phil Vasquez (714)390-1208
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	Guerreros de Yahve: Eloy Cabrera (562)340-3599
Adoration Ministry: Dave Engels (714)992-1306	Grupo de Oración: John Garcia (714)529-1592
Administrative Assistant/SP-Weddings & Quinceñeras: Ana Rodriguez (714)529-1821 x 110	Healing Eucharist / Charismatic Prayer Group: Jude Catania (714)525-8539
Adult Faith Formation & RCIA Andrea Draper (714)529-1821 x 136	Jóvenes Españoles Eucaristía Jorge Pilo (562)450-6913 Sonia Villanueva (562)612-5622
Altar Server Ministry: Cynthia Weiner (714)529-8271 Erin Johnnie (714)256-9323	Knights of Columbus: Fabian Fragiao (714)577-8644
Audio & Visual Ministry: Jason Padilla (714)329-1917	Las Posadas: Gloria Wade (714)529-5513
Baptism Preparation: Andrea Draper - English (714)529-1821 x 136 Jose Lopez - Spanish (562)697-0650	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Allevato (714)746-3677
Bereavement Support Group: Beulah Eckes (714)529-0639	Marian Rosary & Sacred Heart Hour : Joan Hosek (714)983-7560
Bible Study AM & PM: Carolyn Mabie - AM (714)738-8000 Andrea Draper - PM (714)529-1821 x 136	Marriage Encounter: John & Maggie Lee (714)873-5136
Bodas Comunitarias: Deacon Benjamin Flores (714)240-1289	Men's : John Cushing - Fellowship (714)213-1953 Frank Locaino - Recon (714)944-6946
Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts: Paul Hinz (562)253-8902	Ministerio de Hospitalidad: Tano Gonzales (714)225-3540
Bread of Angels Ministry (Saturday Hospitality): Phil Vasquez (714)390-1208	Ministerio Liturgico Maria Figueroa (714)255-8365
Breakfast Club: Parish Center Office (714)529-1821	Monaguillos & Grupo Mikael: Jose & Teresa Macias (714)255-0928
Children's Faith Formation : April Carter (714)529-1821 x 132 Lety Garcia (714)529-1821 x 168	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	Parish Website & Parish Apps Parish Center Office (714)529-1821
Confirmation Faith Formation: 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
Cursillo: Yolanda McCargar (562)691-2818	Sagrada Familia: Jesus Flores (562)753-4659
Detention Ministry: Jan Urban (714)423-5802	School (Principal): Nancy Windisch (714)529-6372
Ejercito Azul (Spanish Rosary): Lola Flores (562)694-5878	Sick, Elderly, & Homebound: Bob Lanphar (714)809-8753
Emergency Resource Response Ministry: George Ullrich (714)267-6132	Stewardship: Gene Passafiume (714)524-2874
Empezar de Nuevo Vincente Pineda (714)906-3040	Ushers & Restorative Justice: Phil Vasquez (714)390-1208
Encuentro Matrimonial: Jaime & Lorena Hernandez (714)519-1688	Virgen Peregrina: Rebeca Rodriguez (714)256-0638
Environment & Facilities Coordinator Bonnie Garcia (714)529-1821 x 114	Wedding Coordinators: Gloria Knapp (714)990-2483
Evangelization Steve Allevato (714)746-3677	Welcome, Fellowship & Hospitality: Peter Toller (714)528-4305
Faith Formation Council & Worship Council: Parish Center Office (714)529-1821	Women's Group P.A.L.S.: Gloria Pena - AM (714)879-0639 Donna Schafer - PM (714)990-8414
Finance: Lisa Connell (714)529-1821 x 111	Worship Council: Chuck Andersen (858)539-3531
Finance Council: Dennis Dascanio (714)680-6202	Worship Ministry: Nancy Peralta (714)529-1821 x 162 Chuck Andersen (858)539-3531 Sue de Grasse (714)529-1821 x 126 Mike Neis (714)528-6770 Eric LeVan - Accompanist (714)313-9656 Sydney Alcaraz - Youth (714)529-1821 x 115 Jenna Cushing - Youth (714)529-1821 x 115
Formación de Fe para Niños: Leticia Garcia (714)529-1821 x 134	Youth, Young Adult, Jr. Hgh & S.A.M. School: Danny Serna - Youth Ministry (714)529-1821 x 115 Liz Serna - Youth Ministry (714)529-1821 x 169 Lety Garcia - Jr. HiGH (714)529-1821 x 147
Girl Scouts: Amy Hinz (562)253-8901	
Giving Tree: Janis Franz (714)255-0685	

An Invitation to Ministry



LASER-COM COVER SHEET

CHURCH: ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

BULLETIN #: 513914

PHONE #: (714) 529-1821

MODEM #: (714) 529-0569

REQUESTS & COMMENTS:

ATTENTION:

For any concerned issue please call Ross at 949-922-6450 or email: bulletin.stangela@gmail.com.

Thank you.