

# *St. Angela Merici*

Catholic Church

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## **Saint Angela Merici A Stewardship Parish**

### *The Pastoral Ministry*

Rev. David Klunk

Administrator

Rev. Francis Ng

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

### *Adoration Chapel*

Monday-Saturday

9:00 am - 12:00 midnight

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Or by Appointment

### *Office Hours*

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday - Thursday

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

8:30 am - 12:00 Noon



## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**



## Reflection

My dear friends,

From all of us here at St Angela Merici Parish we wish you and your family and friends a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! Whether you're visiting us or are long time parishioners, your presence with us this Advent and Christmas season brings great joy to our hearts. I hope your experience today is one filled with warmth as we welcome baby Jesus into our hearts and into our world.

**Fourth Week of Advent:** Today's readings speak to us of a truly beautiful gift. The gift of God's very own son, our Lord Jesus Christ! The prophet Micah tells the Israelites from Bethlehem shall come a great ruler, whose origin is from of old, and he will stand firm and shepherd his flock, God's people. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us Jesus did not come to offer holocausts and sin offerings, but to offer himself out of obedience to his Father's will, and out of love for us. Finally, in the Gospel, Elizabeth, who was barren, is now with child and rejoices in our Lord, still unborn in Mary's womb. Elizabeth recognizes Jesus for who he is: the Son of God, the blessed fruit of Mary's womb. Woven in these readings lies a story, not just about a beautiful gift, but also about a beautiful promise. For from a dirty, smelly little manger, would come God's greatest gift and promise to us, Emmanuel, God with us. I must admit this is difficult for me to understand....why did God send us His Son in such an unusual manner? Why wait for hundreds; yes, thousands of years to send us His Son? Could it be the world just wasn't ready for such an immense love? I guess the real question is, are we ready to receive such a wonderful love in the hard to understand, sometimes dirty and smelly aspects of our own lives? Well, no matter how difficult or dirty or smelly things get, God's gift, God's promise and God's very presence is always with us.

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**Christmas:** It's time to celebrate! God's promise is fulfilled! For unto us this day a new born King has been given to us. Born in a Bethlehem manger, God came to us with a human face. In the Incarnation, the all-powerful God of the Universe embraced the fragile human race as a tiny, vulnerable baby. In a manner beyond the power of speech, God has shared His greatest gift, the gift of His Son, the very gift of His own Divine Presence. After centuries of holy men and women, of prophets, priests and kings, and their unceasing efforts to speak and act on behalf of God, God made a definitive statement, not acting remotely or from a distance, but rather coming in person to show how much He loves us and desires a personal relationship with each and every one of us. God's long awaited promise is fulfilled and we have received the greatest gift possible. The question for all of us today is what gift have we brought to the Birth of Jesus? It's His Birthday, what gift have we brought to the newborn king this Christmas? Perhaps a commitment to love others a little more deeply, to forgive others a little more easily? To be a people of dialogue and peace-building, who see the dignity of all and the potential in the least? Perhaps our gift could be a stronger commitment to our Christian faith, to live it well and to let it guide our actions and words. To be part of a community of faith that gathers each week to worship this newborn king who is Lord and Savior of all. I know the greatest gift, the one gift Jesus treasures more than any other gift, is the gift of our very hearts and souls. To give Jesus our lives. To surrender our will for God's will, God's purpose and plan. This gift brought joy to Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph; the shepherds and the 3 Kings as they adored this new born baby. May this be our gift to Jesus this Christmas as well.

May your Christmas and all yours days be truly blest and Merry! Fr Dave

December 25th is Christmas, the day Jesus is born. Christmas, is a special day for many people around the globe. We gather to recognize Jesus' birth, we share presents to express our happiness, and many people go to church to celebrate. Every culture and family may have a different way to celebrate the holiday incorporating their own cultural traditions. Christmas is special and the different ways in which people and families recognize and celebrate the day makes it even more extraordinary. "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

My family celebrates Christmas in ways that follow our Catholic beliefs and traditions. Our family recognizes that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and spread love and joy, not just exchange gifts. Christmas is meant to bring a message of peace and hope. It is important to remember the day is meant to focus on our Savior and not on ourselves. Christmas should be all about Jesus. Celebrate the birth of Christ. My family celebrates in our own unique way.

Our family began a new tradition a few years ago that helps us focus on the meaning of Christmas. Our good family friends, the Riveras, invited us to participate in a live nativity scene that friends of theirs set up each year in a neighborhood where everyone decorates their houses. When we arrive we dress up as Mary and Joseph and the wise men. Then we stand for two hours and hold onto the leashes of live animals. As I stand there with my family and friends I watch people stop and stare at us. Children smile and clap. Adults often stand silently and then say thank you as they walk away. As the evening goes on it gets colder and we have to be careful where we step because, well there are live animals. As we leave for the night we all have a special feeling. We feel good about sharing the meaning of Christmas with so many people who for a moment stop and reflect on the night Jesus was born.

My family enjoys another special tradition when we open only one present on Christmas Eve we think about that one present as the present of Jesus. We then wait until the entire family is together on Christmas morning for each of us to open one present at a time. This way we focus on our family and really enjoy the gifts we exchange. We then continue the celebration with a dinner that can quickly become a "Christmas Feast" as we invite all our family and anyone who may not have family around to enjoy the meal together. We do our best to remember our traditions, like the live nativity scene, presents and big meals but also to remember gifts and food are not the only reason for the season. Jesus is the reason we come together on Christmas.

My family is just like many Catholics who celebrate Christmas. We share love and joy, visit with family and friends, exchange gifts and take time off from school and work. Although different families may exchange different types of presents, eat different foods and have different types of celebrations, our focus on Christmas is the same around the world. We celebrate the birth of Jesus and love and hope that comes from God's gift to all of us.

Isaac Carvalho

# Christmas Family Mass

**Merry Christmas!**

**Join us at our School Family Mass on Monday, December 24th at 4:00PM in the church! Let us celebrate together as family, as we welcome Jesus!**



## **Tree of Remembrance**

Once again we will remember those who cannot be with us this Christmas, due to illness, separation, serving in the armed forces or by death. Please bring an ornament or memento to be placed on the tree, located between Fr. Dave and Fr. Francis' confessional on the plaza side of the Church. The tree will be blessed at the 5:00PM Mass on **today**.



# Saint Angela Merici Events for Advent and Christmas Season

## **Dec. 23, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Blessing of Tree of Remembrance at 5PM Sunday

## **Dec. 24, Christmas Eve**, Masses at 4:00PM

School Family Mass in the Church,  
4:15 PM Mass in Olson Hall,  
6:30PM Youth Band in Church

**Dec. 25, Christmas Day** Masses at 7:45AM, Cantor,  
9:30am Singers, 11:15AM Chorale, 12:45PM, Spanish.

There will be no 5:00PM Mass on Christmas Day

Dec. 26, One mass only at 8:00AM

Dec. 29 & 30, Regular Mass Schedule,

Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 31, 9:00PM Misa de Gallo,  
followed by hospitality in Olson Hall

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** One Mass only at **9AM**



IS GOD TRYING TO "BREAK INTO" YOUR LIFE?  
DOES HE HAVE HIS FOOT WEDGED IN THE DOOR & YOUR DESPERATE TRIES TO KEEP  
HIM OUT AREN'T WORKING?



WELL...LET HIM IN AND WITH ALPHA'S HELP YOU COULD HOST THE BIGGEST PARTY EVER!

**FREE-OPEN TO ALL-DINNER INCLUDED**

**Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30PM**

**January 16-March 20, 2019 St. Paul room**

**With an Alpha Day on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> (9:30-4:30)**

Contact Andrea Draper at: 714/529-1821 ext 136 OR [amd.stangela@gmail.com](mailto:amd.stangela@gmail.com)  
OR

Complete the form below, cut & return to the Parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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## ALPHA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  14-17  18-23  24-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  66+

Status:  Single  Married  Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Do you need childcare? If so, for what age child(ren)?

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OFFICE STAFF: Please place this form in Andrea Draper's mailbox



# Parish Life

## PSA Reminder

Just a reminder to those of you who have pledged to our PSA Campaign; all pledges should be fulfilled by December 31<sup>st</sup> for credit to our 2018 campaign. Donations made after Dec 31, will be credited to next years' campaign.

## WARNING!

If you've received an email from someone posing as Fr Dave asking for money or gift cards or donations for a friend who's in the hospital, please disregard it. Unfortunately someone set up a scam Gmail account which falsely appears to be from Fr Dave. The purpose of this scam is to get money from trusting people. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you contributed to these criminals please contact Fr. Dave or leave him a message at 714-529-1821 x116.

## Beware of Gypsies on Church Grounds

Please be aware of Gypsies begging for money on the Church grounds. Usually they just want money, often the scam is that the money will be used to feed their infant children. In my discussions with the local Police Departments the presence of gypsies on site results in a higher rate of car's being broken into, purses being stolen at Communion time, pick pocketing, and false slip and fall claims against the Church. I recommend not engaging them in conversation or contributing money to them. Please always refer persons in need to our ACT office for assistance. E.G. Hall in his article **Gypsies: Kings of Con** reports that the Gypsy crime families are directly responsible for an estimated \$15 billion dollars in varying forms of thievery annually in the United States. If you notice gypsies/panhandlers on the premises please immediately advise our **Church ushers, Fr Dave or call the Brea Police Dept. at 714/990-7911.**

## A Little Christmas Gift of Hospitality

In order to provide hospitality to our visitors this Christmas, we are asking our weekly worshipers to consider parking out on the street for the Christmas Eve and Christmas day services. This will make the parking lot available for visiting guests and those who have walking challenges. Merry Christmas!



## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Wednesday, Dec 12 we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

## Apologetics for Beginners

### **"End Time Prophecy"**

What does the Catholic Church teach about the End Times? We will focus on how to refute false doctrines such as: The Rapture, Left Behind movies and books, and the literal 1,000 year reign of Christ. What does the Catholic Church teach about the Anti-Christ and the End times? We will meet in the Saint Paul Room on Wednesday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30PM. Call or text **Steve Allevato @ 714 746-3677 for more info.** pray for us!



## Our Piano is Paid Off!

Thank you the many generous donors who contributed to our new Piano. We are happy to say that all of the expenses incurred have been covered.



# Faith Formation



## Adult Faith Formation



### COME JOIN THE ALPHA TEAM!!

Greeters

Set Up/Clean Up Crew

Prayer Warriors

Table Host/Helpers

We will meet January 2 & 9 2019 6:30 - 8:30PM

### RCIA

Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Finishing your sacraments? Or just have questions about the Catholic Church? If you are an adult (26+) please contact **Andrea Draper at 714/529-1821 x136 OR [amd.stangela@gmail.com](mailto:amd.stangela@gmail.com)** for more information.

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### Ignite Ministry Events

Ignite Ministries would like to invite any high school youth interested in deepening their relationship with God to come to our **Youth Night** - every Thursday at 7 pm in the Youth Room. Come spend a fun night with friends - just **not on Dec 27 or Jan 3** - enjoy Christmas with your families! We'll see you again on Jan 10!

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased jewelry, books or t-shirts at our recent fundraiser! We made over \$1000, all of which goes to supplies for youth nights and retreat scholarships for teens who want to attend the summer Steubenville conference. We truly appreciate all of your support, and we pray for you constantly!

### RCIYA-Young Adult Faith Formation

If you are a young adult (18-26) and would like to receive your sacraments please call **Shannon at 714/529-1821 x115**. Classes are Sundays from 4-4:45 in the Youth Room, followed by mass at 5PM. See you there!



### Confirmation

**Fall Confirmation 1** The next class will be Wednesday, **January 9** from **7:15-8:45** in Olson Hall. If you missed the Orientation on September 9, email Danny Serna at [samconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:samconfirmation@gmail.com) to collect

the information, especially the calendar. See you soon!

**Confirmation 2** The next class will be the week of **January 13**. Classes are from **7-8:30 pm**. Classes are from **7-8:30 pm**. If you have any questions regarding the Confirmation program, please contact Danny at 714/529-1821x117.

### RCIT

If you are a high school teen who has not been Baptized or received First Communion and would like to receive your sacraments please call **Shannon at 714/529-1821 x115**. The next class will be **Jan 16**, at **7PM**.



# Liturgy and Worship

**St. Angela Merici Community extends its prayers and care for the following intentions:**

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

**Simona Lizarraga, Albert Erhardt, Catherine Rios, Angelita O'Ruerke, Esperanza Franky, Rafaela Serna, John Irani, Marcella Gregory, Tony Zand, Christina Moore, Mark Licata and Leonard Olguin.**

The Deceased of our Community:

**Kelley Glidwell, Alfred & Priscilla Valdez, Jose Eliazar Valdez and Octavius Sotelo.**

## Our Community Eucharist Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/28</b>
8:00 AM	Steve Allevato (L)	6:30 AM	Park Agada (D)
4:00 PM	Pete Petris (D)	8:00 AM	Siu Kim Go (D)
4:15 PM	Andrew Epler (D) Hall	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/29</b>
6:30 PM	Orlene Cordero (D)	8:00 AM	Deidre Allevato (D)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	5:00 PM	Louis Alfred Reynoza (D)
7:45 AM	Bee, Jimmy, Roger & Patrick Kain (D)	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/30</b>
9:30 AM	Nick Wilson (D)	7:45 AM	Hugh Berry (D)
11:15 AM	Joseph Sanchez, III (D)	9:30 AM	Lucy Del Vecchio (D)
12:45 PM	Isabel Adan (D)	11:15 AM	Teresa Romano (D)
<b>Merry Christmas!!</b>		12:45 PM	Casimira Rodriguez (D)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/26</b>	5:00 PM	The Community of St. Angela
9:00 AM	Richard Martinez (D)		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/27</b>		
6:30 AM	Park Agada		
8:00 AM	St. Jude (L)		

## Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Open Monday - Saturday, in Church following the 8:00 AM Mass.

## Connecting - 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](http://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](http://www.stangelabreachurch.org). We look forward to connecting with you!

<b>29th Evening Adoration:</b>	(714)529-1821 x 134	<b>Guerreros de Yahve:</b>	(562)340-3599
Spanish Ministries		Eloy Cabrera	
<b>Active Christians Today (A.C.T.):</b>		<b>Grupo de Oración:</b>	(714)529-1592
Maria Fulton, Coordinator	(714)529-6776 x 142	John Garcia	
Yarmniz Garcia	(714)529-6776 x 144	<b>Healing Eucharist / Charismatic Prayer Group:</b>	(714)525-8539
<b>Adoration Ministry:</b>		Jude Catania	
Dave Engels	(714)992-1306	<b>Ignite Advisor:</b>	
<b>Administrative Assistant / SP-Weddings</b>		Kelly Spies	(714)529-1821 x 169
Ana Rodriguez	(714)529-1821 x 110	<b>Eucaristía de Jóvenes</b>	
<b>Adult Faith Formation &amp; RCIA</b>		Sonia Villanueva	(562)612-5622
Andrea Draper	(714)529-1821 x 136	<b>Junior High Faith Formation</b>	(714)529-1821 x 147
<b>Altar Server Ministry:</b>		Lety Garcia	
Amy Hinz	(562)253-8901	<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>	
<b>Audio / Visual Ministry:</b>		Hector Morales	(714)397-3781
Ron Sled	(714)803-1224	<b>Las Posadas:</b>	
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b>		Gloria Wade	(714)529-5513
Andrea Draper - English	(714)529-1821 x 136	<b>Lectors &amp; Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
Jose Lopez - Spanish	(562)640-7194	Steve Allevato	(714)746-3677
Susie Beas	(714)356-5004	<b>Liturgy Planning:</b>	
<b>Bereavement Support Group:</b>		Deacon Mike Schafer	(714)309-2933
Mike & Rachel Schafer	(714)309-2933	<b>Marian Rosary / Sacred Heart Hour:</b>	
<b>Bible Study:</b>		Joan Hosek	(714)801-5317
Andrea Draper	(714)529-1821 x 136	<b>Marriage Encounter:</b>	
<b>Bodas Comunitarias:</b>		John & Maggie Lee	(714)873-5136
Deacon Benjamin Flores	(714)240-1289	<b>Men's Group:</b>	
<b>Boy Scouts :</b>		John Cushing - Fellowship	(714)213-1953
Paul Hinz	(562)253-8902	<b>Ministerio de Hospitalidad:</b>	-
<b>Bread of Angels Ministry (Saturday Hospitality):</b>		Tano Gonzales	(714)737-5653
Bob Duffy	(714)871-0218	<b>Ministerio Liturgico</b>	
<b>Centering Prayer</b>		Maria Figueuroa	(714)255-8365
Terry Saenz	(657)278-3823	<b>Monaguillos / Grupo Mikael:</b>	
<b>Children's Faith Formation/ High School RCIA:</b>		Jose & Teresa Macias	(714)255-0928
Leticia Garcia	(714)529-1821 x134	<b>Music Ministry:</b>	(714)529-1821
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>		<b>Parish Life:</b>	
Nita Causey	(714)321-2925	Sue de Grasse	(714)529-1821 x 126
Debbie Kistler	(714)743-2978	<b>Parish Bulletin:</b>	
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Rebeca Rodriguez	(714)256-0638	<b>Parish Website &amp; Parish Apps:</b>	
Carolyn Lamka	(714)441-1278	webmaster@stangelabreachurch.org	
Gloria Pena	(714)879-0639	<b>Pastoral Council:</b>	
Chrissy Spittell	(714)529-8893	Nick Pulone	(714)674-0650
<b>Confirmation Faith Formation:</b>		<b>Quinceañeras:</b>	
Danny Serna	(714)529-1821 x 117	Ana Rodriguez	(714)529-1821 x 110
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Leticia Garcia	(714)529-1821 x 134	<b>Sagrada Familia:</b>	
<b>Coros Unidos:</b>		Jesus Flores	(562)753-4659
Rafael Bucio	(714)529-1821	<b>Parish School (Principal):</b>	
<b>Cub Scouts:</b>		Juliana Tapia	(714)529-6372
Greg Marick	(714)317-6060	<b>Sick, Elderly, &amp; Homebound:</b>	
<b>CFC Family Ministry</b>		Bob Lanphar	(714)809-8753
John Siazon	(714)397-2275	<b>Social Justice:</b>	
Felicia Siazon	(714)858-6277	Dena Lordi	zb18@alumni.nd.edu
<b>Cursillo:</b>		<b>Spiritual Direction</b>	
Dave Engels	(714)992-1306	Mrs. Ceci Witchey, OP	(714)745-6117
<b>Ejercito Azul (Spanish Rosary):</b>		<b>Stewardship / Travel Club</b>	
Lola Flores	(562)694-5878	Gene Passafiume	(714)524-2874
<b>Emergency Resource Response Ministry:</b>		<b>Ushers:</b>	
George Ullrich	(714)267-6132	Rick Ritter	(714)310-6492
<b>Empezar de Nuevo</b>		<b>Virgen Peregrina:</b>	
Carmela Gutierrez	(714)770-7770	Rebeca Rodriguez	(714)256-0638
<b>Encuentro Matrimonial:</b>		<b>Weddings:</b>	
Guillermo & Rosaelia Martinez	(562)697-1321	Gloria Knapp	(714)990-2483
<b>Environment:</b>		Yolanda Orozco	(323)350-4310
Irma Gonzalez	(714)612-2853	<b>Welcome, Fellowship &amp; Hospitality:</b>	
Dinora Cardenas	(562)500-7000	Peter Toller	(714)528-4305
Corina Pineda	(562)972-2165	<b>Women's Group P.A.L.S.:</b>	
<b>Evangelization / Apologetics</b>		Darlene Chavira - AM	(714)928-0421
Steve Allevato	(714)746-3677	Donna Schafer - PM	(714)990-8414
<b>Facilities - Master Calendar:</b>		<b>Young Adults RCIA - Spanish:</b>	(714)529-1829 x134
Ana Rodriguez	(714)529-1821 x. 113	Youth, Young Adult, Jr. Hgh & S.A.M. School:	
<b>Finance:</b>		Shannon Trott	(714)529-1821 x 115
Luz Mendez	(714)529-1821 x. 111	<b>Youth High School RCIA- English:</b>	
<b>Formación de Fe para Niños:</b>		Shannon Trott	(562)217-5239
Leticia Garcia	(714)529-1821 x 134		
<b>Girl Scouts:</b>			
Claudia Hinman	(562)805-8149		

# **LASER-COM COVER SHEET**

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**REQUESTS & COMMENTS:**

**ATTENTION:**

**For any concerned issue please call Noel Ross at 949-922-6450 or email: [bulletin.stangela@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.stangela@gmail.com).**

**Thank you.**