

St. Angela Merici

Catholic Church

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We, the family of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, welcome all to our parish of spirit-filled worship. We celebrate our love for Jesus and our diversity through faith formation, evangelization, and service.

The Pastoral Ministry

Rev. David Klunk
Administrator
Rev. Francis Ng
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Benjamin Flores
Deacon Mike Shaffer
Our Parish Deacons

Rev. Dan Mc Sweeney S.S.C.C
Sunday Ministry

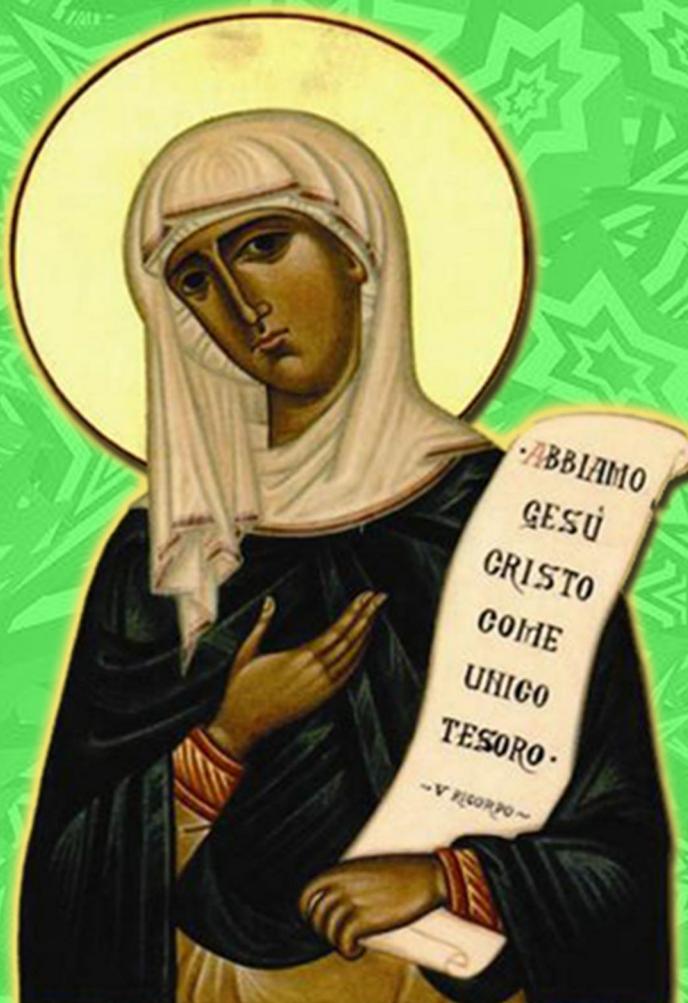
Rev. Bruce Patterson
In Residence

Celebration of the Eucharist

Daily Mass
8:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday
7:45 am (Live-stream),
9:00 am (Outdoor),
10:30 am Spanish (Outdoor),
4:00 pm (Outdoor)

Drive-up Communion
10:00 am

Office Hours
Daily
8:00 to 10:00 am



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2021

PARISH UPDATE

I know many of us have said we want a do over year to make up for all the loss and heartache we experienced in 2020. I totally understand; loved ones, family members and friends have died, many have been infected, lost their jobs, sense of security, and the list continues. 2020 was a year many want to forget. The beauty of our faith is there's always reason for hope. Our faith assures us God will bring good out of the mess of 2020. As I've written in the past, there has been much to be grateful for. Yes, we've completed many church improvements projects and yes, there's still much more to be done; but think also about the new friendships we've made, the closer we've become as family, the new found depth of our faith. In the coming weeks we'll be posting our fiscal financial year end results and budget for the fiscal year. I'm grateful St. Angela's financial health has been restored and remains good.

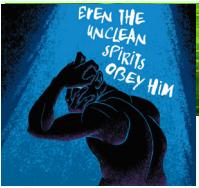
A friend sent me a bit of encouragement; I hope you'll enjoy it as well. It reads: Welcome to flight 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your positive attitude and gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices; unforgiveness, pity, anger, selfishness, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith. Once your faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be no baggage from the past allowed on this flight. God, our pilot has cleared us for take-off. Our final destination is heaven. With faith in our Lord Jesus and help from friends we'll have a smooth ride and make it safely home.

In the classic movie "White Christmas," Bing Crosby sings the song, "Counting Your Blessings," one of the lines goes like this...when I am weary and I can't sleep I count my blessings instead of sheep...As we move forward into 2021 let us remember the blessings of 2020 and the blessings of each day. Sometimes it's just as simple as thanking Jesus for the roof over our heads, food in the fridge, and are able to walk. Counting our daily blessings is a great resolution for 2021.

A recent blessing for our church: A very generous donor pledged to match our donations up to \$40,000.00 to have the pews and kneelers refurbished. This is about half the cost of the refurbishing project. If you'd like to help us match their pledge please make your check payable to St. Angela Merici church and write "pew refurbish" in the memo section. Other upcoming projects include upgrading our security system, adding a cross to the front of the church, new landscaping, and concrete work. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

As a sign of our gratitude for your support and commitment to St Angela's, we're giving out Matthew Kelly's latest book "I Heard God Laugh," a practical guide to life's essential daily habit. I know you'll enjoy the read. Church calendars are also available after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office from 8 to 10am.

As we continue to move forward into 2021 and face all the ups and downs of life, may we always strive to count our blessings. Happy New Year and much love in Christ Jesus,
Fr Dave



SUNDAY REFLECTION

The first reading of this Sunday reminds us God is the one who gave the authority to the prophets to speak in his name. So, listening to the prophets is like listening to God. In the gospel, we heard Jesus speak with authority. His authority not only came from God, but also from within himself. All the more reason we need to listen to him.

Listening has never been easy for anyone growing up no matter where you are coming from. Since our birth, we had to listen to our parents and all the elders in the family. Then, we had to listen to our teachers in school. Later, as adults, we had to listen to our boss at work and many times, to your spouse at home. When you grow older, you might have to listen to your children. There is a lot of listening to do in our life. But take note all the examples I have given are preceded with the word "have to". This is not really a healthy way to train any desirable behavior when we "have to" do it. Therefore, we find ourselves in a dilemma when it comes to listening in our family or society -- nobody wants to listen if they do not have to.

There is a clever story about listening which is frequently retold, but the truth is still there, and I don't mind repeating it. Scholar Tokusan, who was full of knowledge and opinions about the knowledge of nature of reality in Hinduism, came to Master Ryutan to ask him about Zen. At one point, after several conversations with Tokusan, Ryutan refilled his guest's teacup but did not stop pouring when the cup was full. Tea spilled out and ran over the table, "Stop! The cup is full!" said Tokusan. "Exactly," said Master Ryutan. "You are like this cup; you are full of ideas. You come and ask for teaching, but your [mind, like this] cup is full; I can't put anything in. Before I can teach you, you'll have to empty your cup."

It is not easy to empty our cup. By the time we reach adulthood, we are so full of information we don't even notice it's there. As we become more independent financially and emotionally, we don't want to listen anymore because we don't have to. We only listen to the people who agree with our opinion and in a sense, we would be listening to ourselves. Look at the TV evangelists, some of them have been in jail because of fraud, and when they were released from prison, they resurrected their TV program (ministry) and there are still people believing in them. Why? It is because they say the things their followers agree on and want to hear. So, the followers are actually listening to themselves. Unlike the prophets and Jesus, these evangelists have no authority to speak God's words. The only authority they obtain to preach comes from their followers. Isn't that ironic?

Besides emptying ourselves to listen, we also need to be aware of whom we should listen to. Having grown up in a culture I have mentioned in the beginning, it is difficult for us to listen to authoritative figures including God, Jesus, and the prophets. We tend to listen to ourselves more than anybody else. In today society, if you want to borrow money from a financial institution, you need to have credit first. If you have not established your credit, no banks would lend you any money, whether buying a car or a house. What credibility have you established for you to listen to yourselves? Each one of us must find our own answer. Mother Teresa had no official title to preach, but when she spoke, people listened. People listened to her because of her credibility to follow Christ's teaching to love. Jesus established his own credibility to love by healing the sick, he drove out demons, and sacrificed himself for his love of us.

When we learn to listen to Jesus and trust in his authority, we are then able to follow in his footstep to be his disciples like Mother Teresa. Then we will earn our own credibility and others will listen to us as well.

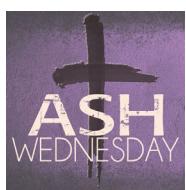
Father Francis

PARISH

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

The 7:45am Mass is now only live-stream. We will no longer have Mass in the church due to the worsening pandemic. We still have the 9am field Mass, 10:30am Spanish field Mass and a 4:00pm field Mass. **Drive-up Communion is available after all field Masses.** Please bring what you need for outside Masses, or tune into St. Angela's field Masses on the FM dial at 106.9. **The field Masses are broadcast live to cars in the parking lot. Listen to our Mass and come up to receive Holy Communion on the field or after Mass.** Please always wear your mask, keep social distance, and please sanitize your hands to receive the Host in your hand; step six feet aside before lifting your mask to consume the consecrated Host.

ASH WEDNESDAY



This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 17. Mass will Live-streamed at 8am followed by Communion at the lunch benches. There will also be Mass with distribution of Ashes on the Plaza at: 8am, 12:30pm (Bi-lingual), 6pm and 7:30pm in Spanish. Distribution of Ashes will be offered at 4pm on the Plaza.

2020 TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

Online givers can access your account at stangelabreachurch.org and going to "Online Giving."

Parish ID # _____

Name (Print) _____

Address _____

If you wish to receive a tax statement for 2020 complete this request and drop it in the collection box or in the Parish Office. Your request will be mailed within the week.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK AND WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Feb. 14) are opportunities to build a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Especially during this pandemic, marriage and family life have been stretched and challenged. We encourage married couples to strengthen their relationships and highlight the blessing they are to the Church.

Ideas for Couples (available at <https://www.rcbo.org/marriage-week/>)

- ♥ **Celebrate National Marriage Week At Home!**
- ♥ At-Home National Marriage Week Daily Retreat Guide (from the USCCB): [English](#)/[Spanish](#)
- ♥ **Novenas for Married Couples** (PDF Flyer with links)
- ♥ **World Marriage Sunday/Valentine's Day 2021 Date Night In Kit**

Also check out the retreats and programs below to enrich and nourish your marriage! If you have questions about any of these resources, please contact Linda Ji, Director of the Office for Family Life, at lji@rcbo.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

This year, you may not be able to make dinner reservations at a fancy restaurant or reserve a hotel for a getaway due to the pandemic, but you can still reserve a memorable and romantic weekend experience with your spouse. This year, give your marriage the gift of a Marriage Encounter Experience in the comfort of your own home. Our next virtual Experience is February 12 thru 14. For more information and to sign-up please go to OCWWME.org or call (714) 873-5136.

FUNERAL PLANNING

If you are planning a funeral, please call our Funeral Co-ordinator, **Denise Bittel at (714) 269-3362**, Denise will help you to schedule the Mass and gravesite service. Funerals will be held on the Plaza.

BECOMING CATHOLIC



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51

Our family's journey into the Catholic Faith was unexpected, long awaited, and centered on the true presence of Christ.

Joe had been a youth and family pastor for over a decade, and I, Kim, had worked within the children's ministry department for the majority of that time. While there were many factors that brought us into the Catholic faith, I would say it all began with a deep longing for there to be something more. Communion as just a symbol, baptism as just a mere outward profession of faith, it just left us unsatisfied and unfilled. Our souls longed for more.

As a pastor in an Evangelical church, Joe was asked what the early church was like. As a man who loves to study and find answers, he began reading the early Church Fathers to discover what they believed and how they ran their churches. He jokingly calls it his big 'mistake' as he quickly learned the early church was not Protestant and this left us having to question and rethink what we believed. Yet it was our study of the Eucharist that became the pivotal point in our conversion. If the early church had it right, it was the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, then we knew we didn't want to go on without it. It became clear the fullness we were missing and longing for was deeply rooted and waiting for us in the Catholic Faith.

While our hearts were ready to enter, we still had quite a journey ahead of us. To become Catholic meant not only did we have to change churches, but Joe had to change careers. We sought guidance, applied for various jobs and patiently waited and prayed. Throughout this time Joe continued to read and study and we began teaching and preparing our children for what we hoped would soon come. It took nearly two years for him to find a job to adequately provide for our family, especially with two kids who have major medical conditions (which are stories in and of themselves of surrender and trust). This 'delay,' though difficult in some respects, allowed our faith and desire to receive the sacraments grow both stronger and deeper.

Through God's perfect timing and plan, including a career change and a move, we found ourselves one Sunday at St. Angela Merici and it has been home ever since. We intended to visit a few parishes before putting down roots, but after our kids met Father Dave they would not hear of it. We all immediately began the process of receiving the sacraments, and with tears in my eyes and joy in my heart, last Sunday, Joe and I witnessed each of our four children (Michael, Elizabeth, Audrey and Stephen) receive their first Holy Communion! What a beautiful, long awaited day it was!

As I look back on this journey, our journey, I am amazed to see God's hand at work. He put a longing in our hearts for 'more' and we have seen the longing fulfilled in the most profound way...with each of us, together as a family, being filled with Christ himself. The Eucharist is truly a miracle. Our souls are fed by the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord and Savior, and we are blessed to be a part of this sacred mystery.

PASTORAL COUNCIL



Rodger Huber

Rodger and his wife Regina have been part of St. Angela Merici Church community and school for 30 years. Rodger leads the Safety and Security Ministry and is a member of the Emergency Resource Response Ministry, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Most Holy Eucharist, Altar Society, Sacristan, and assists on many events and projects. He has experience in Law Enforcement, Safety and Security Training, Loss Prevention, and Construction. He is an active member of the Community Emergency Response Team.

George Ullrich

George has been a parishioner for 25 years. He's been married 40 years and has three adult children and two grandchildren. New to the Pastoral Council, George serves as sacristan, lector, extraordinary minister, Knights of Columbus member, and leads the Emergency Preparedness ministry. Active in the community, he currently serves as Brea Deputy Treasurer, Community Emergency Response Team member, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service member, and assists in crisis intervention for the Orange County Department of Education. Trained by the Salesians in auto mechanics, he currently manages a portfolio of affordable multi-family properties.

Current members: Bella Antonelli, Ellen Duffy, Deacon Ben Flores, Delores Flores, Rodger Huber, Pawel Kaczynski, Fr. Dave Klunk, Karen Mangold, Bill McMillan, Nick Pulone, Deacon Mike Shaffer, George Ullrich

American Red Cross / St. Angela Merici

**Blood Drive – Wednesday,
February 10, 2021
Parish hall 1 to 7pm**

***Please note this is a midweek Drive**

**Save a life
Donate Blood**

**We are only accepting appointments.
There will be no walk-ins.
or call **(800)-RED-CROSS****

**Please bring photo ID.
Only healthy donors will be allowed inside.
Call or text Jeff Draper at (714)981-5967,
if you have any questions.
Thank you for your help saving lives.**

**Jeff Draper
KofC Council 9511 Blood Driver**

FAITH FORMATION



RCIA



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Have you thought about becoming Catholic or want to finish your sacraments? A new year is upon us and maybe you have been reflecting for sometime about continuing your faith journey. Come and "sit in" at one of our upcoming sessions, in a no pressure, relaxing...even fun...Zoom gathering.

Please join us **VIA ZOOM** (until further notice) at our upcoming sessions:

February 7, 21, 28* 10:30AM – 11:30AM (Sundays)

February 18 & 23* 6:30PM-7:30PM(Tuesday & Thursday)

*dates/times subject to change

Please contact: **Andrea Draper at amd.stangela@gmail.com to obtain Zoom Meeting information.** Please feel free to email any questions you may have.

★ When inquiring please include your **Name, Phone and Age.** Thank you and see you there!



CONFIRMATION

Registration for Confirmation I and II can be found on our church website at:
www.stangelabreachurch.org.

JANUARY CLASSES ON-LINE

Confirmation II - Today, January 31 at 2pm

Please check next week for the February dates!



Our January Service Event will be collecting new gloves and socks, or cash to purchase them, and donate to the homeless and needing for this winter season. Our goal is to be able to donate 500 pairs of gloves and socks. Ask your family and friends to be a part of this important and meaningful goal. We can make a difference together. Donations will be accepted at all Masses and at our Parish Office every day from 8 to 10am. Be sure to put your name on the donation if you are a teen in our Confirmation Program. We look forward to reaching our goal together!



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:

Sr. Anne, Bishop Kevin Vann, Lisa Laguett, Andy & Emma Ronquillo, Rebecca Garcia, Salvador & Audrey Venegas, Teresa Trujillo, Juana Hernandez, Bill & Robbie Sheedy, Vince Martinez, Janet Weeks, Jamie Esqueda, Rebecca, Isidro Munoz, Robert Villalobos, Maria Gialanas, Merit Capistani, Fr. Gerald Meyes

THE DECEASED OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Kien & Vihn Nguyen, Richie Wu, Aileen Hernandez, Antonia Velasquez, Catalina Pena, Orville Trott, Illuminado Quintangon, Jose Menjauer, Juana Alanis, Alexander Sanchez, Julias de Guzman, Gladys Cabecudo, Ramon Robles, Robert Wilson, Jeanette Aragon, Elias Arzate, Luke Olmo, Anna Santoro, Maria Torres, Brent Vinson, Agnes Dondalski, Virginia Galvez, Rafaela Serna, Judy Avalos, Grace May, Tony Woo, Chris Gardner, Alfredo Galvan, Beryl Sweeney, Virginia Mulvaney, Jenine Ruetz, Primitiva Caranto, Teresa Kiney

OUR COMMUNITY EUCHARIST INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2/1	Friday	2/5
8:00 AM	Sam Sanguedulce †	8:00 AM	Jose Luis Lara Serna
6:00 PM	Russ Peterson	6:00 PM	Edward Pastrimos & Frank Reyes
Tuesday	2/2	Saturday	2/6
8:00 AM	Paul Nelson	8:00 AM	Estefa & Mauricio Lagos †
6:00 PM	Diane Von Eck	Intentions to be read at Mass 2/7	
Wednesday	2/3	Irena Marick	
8:00 AM	Tony Woo †	Geri Dostalik	
6:00 PM	Bob Roach	Tony Woo †	
Thursday	2/4	Dan Gilbert †	
8:00 AM	Rhea McDonnell †	Mike Spies †	
6:00 PM	Rosjana Sim †		

CONNECTING - WELCOME!

NEW? VISITING? INTERESTED?

Are you visiting for the first time? Would you like to know more about the wonderful ministries and activities at Saint Angela Merici Parish and 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, but have not registered? Join us!

WHY REGISTER?

Saint Angela Merici is a vibrant parish, offering many avenues for ministry. Connecting with other parishioners for personal as well as community spiritual growth opportunities. We would love to get to know you and talk about our various activities, groups, and events 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!





Which Ministry interests you?



29th Evening Adoration: Spanish Ministries	(714)529-1821 x-134	Girl Scouts: Emma Valadez	(714)920-2982
Active Christians Today (A.C.T.): Yarmiz Garcia, Coordinator	(714)529-6776 x 144	Guerreros de Yahve: Eloy Cabrera	(562)340-3599
Adoration Ministry: Bob Goossens	(562)712-5355	Grupo de Oración: John Garcia	(714)529-1592
Adult Faith Formation & RCIA Andrea Draper	(714)529-1821 x 136	Healing Eucharist / Charismatic Prayer Group: Jude Catania	(714)525-8539
Altar Server Ministry: Amy Hinz	(562)253-8901	Ignite Advisor: Kelly Spies	(714)529-1821x169
Altar Society Carolyn Lamka	(714)441-1278	Liturgia para Jóvenes Ingrid Vasquez	(714)737-1470
Gloria Pena	(714)879-0639	Knights of Columbus: Tino Garcia	(714)318-7247
Audio / Visual Ministry: Ron Sled	(714)803-1224	Las Posadas: Gloria Wade	(714)529-5513
Baptism Preparation: Rachel Shaffer - English	(909)835-0328	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Allevato	(714)746-3677
Jose Lopez - Spanish	(562)640-7194	Lectores: Francisco & Teresa Ruiz	(714)785-1949
Susie Beas	(714)356-5004	Liturgy Planning: Deacon Mike Shaffer	(714)309-2933
Bereavement Support Group: Deacon Mike & Rachel Shaffer	(714)309-2933	Marian Rosary / Sacred Heart Hour : Joan Hosek	(714)983-7560
Bible Study: Andrea Draper	(714)529-1821 x 136	Marriage Encounter: John & Maggie Lee	(714)873-5136
Bodas Comunitarias: Deacon Benjamin Flores	(714)240-1289	Men's Group: John Cushing - Fellowship	(714)213-1953
Boy Scouts : Greg Marick	(714)317-6060	Ministerio de Hospitalidad: Tano Gonzales	(714)737-5653
Bread of Angels Ministry (Saturday Hospitality): Bob Duffy	(714)871-0218	Ministerios de Eucaristia: Maria Figueroa	(714)255-8365
Centering Prayer Terry Saenz	(657)278-3823	Monaguillos / Grupo Mikael: Jose & Teresa Macias	(714)255-0928
Children's Faith Formation: Leticia Garcia	(714)529-1821 x134	Music Ministry: Parish Life:	(714)529-1821
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Nita Causey	(714)321-2925	Sue de Grasse	(714)529-1821 x 126
Debbie Kistler	(714)743-2978	Parish Bulletin: Bulletin.stangela@gmail.com	
Church Sacristan Ministry: Rebeca Rodriguez	(714)256-0638	Parish Website & Parish Apps: webmaster@stangelabreachingurch.org	
Carolyn Lamka	(714)441-1278	Pastoral Council: Pawel Kalczynski	(714)656-4125
Gloria Pena	(714)879-0639	Quinceañeras: Ana Rodriguez	(714)529-1821x110
Chrissy Spittell	(714)529-8893	Restorative Justice (Detention Ministries): Jan Urban	(714)423-5802
Confirmation Faith Formation: Youth Ministry	(714)529-1821 x 115	Sagrada Familia: Jesus Flores	(562)753-4659
Ministerio Hispano - (Spanish Worship) : Leticia Garcia	(714)529-1821 x 134	Safety & Security Ministry Rodger Huber	(714)335-5539
Coros Unidos: Rafael Bucio	(714)529-1821	SAMs Coffee Bar: Ray Schumaker	(714)264-2021
Cub Scouts: Alfonso Esparza	(714)388-5769	Sick, Elderly, & Homebound: Frank Waclawik	(714)815-0656
CFC (Couples for Christ) John Siazon	(714)397-2275	Social Justice: Dena Lordi	zb18@alumni.nd.edu
Felicia Siazon	(714)858-6277	Spanish-Weddings Ana Rodriguez	(714)529-1821 x110
Cursillo: Dave Engels	(714)992-1306	Ushers: Tony Samaniego	(562)706-2586
Ejercito Azul (Spanish Rosary): Lola Flores	(562)694-5878	Virgen Peregrina: Rebeca Rodriguez	(714)256-0638
Emergency Resource Response Ministry: George Ullrich	(714)267-6132	Weddings: Gloria Knapp	(714)469-2483
Empezar de Nuevo Carmela Gutierrez	(714)770-7770	Yolanda Orozco	(323)350-4310
Encuentro Matrimonial: Juan Carlos & Margarita Hernandez	(714)519-1084	Welcome, Fellowship & Hospitality: Parish Center Office	(714)529-1821
Environment: Irma Gonzalez	(714)812-2853	Women's Group P.A.L.S.: Darlene Chavira - AM	(714)928-0421
Dinora Cardenas	(562)500-7000	Donna Schafer - PM	(714)333-6077
Corina Pineda	(562)972-2165	Youth Ministry: Natalie Espada	(714)366-3534
Evangelization / Apologetics Steve Allevato	(714)746-3677	Young Adult Ministry- English: Shannon Trott	(714) 526-1821 x 115
Facilities - Master Calendar: Ana Rodriguez	(714)529-1821 x. 113		
Finance: Luz Mendez	(714)529-1821 x. 111		
Formación de Fe para Niños: Leticia Garcia	(714)529-1821 x 134		
Funeral Coordinator Denise Bittel	(714)269-3362		

An invitation to Ministry

LASER-COM COVER SHEET

We would like to request half of our regular weekly bulletin amounts for the time being. Thank you!

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ATTENTION:

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Thank you.

