

St. Maria Goretti Church

Long Beach, CA

**February 25, 2018**

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1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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**MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NOVITIATE:**

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**ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL:**

Tel. (562) 425-5112 Website: [www.smgschool.com](http://www.smgschool.com)  
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**ST. MARIA GORETTI RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Tel. (562) 248-3454  
Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday - 8a.m. – 2 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS:**

**Sunday Eucharist**

5:00 p.m. Saturdays  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12 noon (Spanish)

**Weekday Eucharist**

8:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.  
Anytime, by appointment

**Baptisms:** Parents expecting a child, please phone Parish Office, even before the birth, regarding preparatory classes.

**Marriages:** Please phone our parish priest at least 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the church office anytime. For Eucharistic care, arrange with the Ministry Office for weekly visitation.

**Devotions**

**Rosary and Chaplet**

Monday thru Friday at 7:20 a.m.

**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions**

Friday at 8:30 a.m.

**First Friday: Eucharistic Adoration**

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Online E-Giving available through our Parish website:

<https://www.ncsservices.org>

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please stop by the church office to register at your earliest convenience.  
We need you! Welcome to our parish family.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sat, February 24 : Confessions—Church 3pm  
SMG: Texas Hold Em Tournament—Hall 6pm

Sun, February 25: Scouts Pancake Breakfast—Hall 7am  
Religious Education Class 8:30am  
SMG: Religious Ed. (Grade 1-6) 8:30am  
Eucharist Process Year 2: Session 3 8:40am

Mon, February 26: Baptism Classes — AMR 7:30pm

Tues, February 27: Soup Dinner—Hall 6pm

Wed, February 28: Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm

Thurs, March 1: AA Meeting—Hall 6:30pm  
Bible Study—AMR. 7pm

Fri, March 2: Grandparents Day Mass 10am  
KC: Bunko 7pm

Sat, March 3 : Confessions—Church 3pm  
Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner 6pm

Sun, March 4: Religious Education Class 8:30am  
SMG: Religious Ed. (Grade 1-6) 8:30am  
RCIA: Youth 1st Scrutiny 10am  
Confirmation 1 Class 11—AMR 11:30am  
RCIA—Library 11:30am  
St. Martha Retreat 9pm

### Lenten Soup Dinner

Our Lenten soup dinner schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 27, Prayer Group &  
St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, March 6, Genelle Curiel, Religious Education  
Please come and support. Thank you!

### Ministry to the Sick

Do you have a family member or know someone who is unable to attend Mass? Special Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays because of sickness or disability. For more information, please call the rectory at (562) 425-7459

### Natural Family Planning

Do you want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. To learn more visit [www.celi.org](http://www.celi.org) or contact Greg and Beth Gath at [bethgath@gmail.com](mailto:bethgath@gmail.com) or 562-377-5877.

### REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CAR AND HIDE YOUR VALUABLES FROM PLAIN SIGHT**



### Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm +Barry Espiritu (Family)

### Sunday, February 25

8:00 am Int. of Vicky Zavala

10:00 am Int. of SMG Parishioners

12:00 pm Int. of all souls in Purgatory

### THIS WEEK 8:00am

Monday: Int. of Leo Lucie

Tuesday: Int. of Ruth Lammerts

Wednesday: +Mae Domagas

Thursday: Int. of Special Intentions

Friday: Int. of Manuel Bejarano

### Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm +Ken Litzinger

### Sunday, March 4

8:00 am Int. of Dave Haro

10:00 am +Patrick Palzer

12:00 pm Int. of SMG Parishioners

### DID YOU KNOW?

Helping children problem solve through communication  
Often the easiest response to complicated conversations about sensitive issues is a generic one, but these moments can be opportunities to help children grow. For example, if a child comes to you and tells you that a friend is being left out of social activities, you might respond with a question: "Do you think there is anything you can do help him/her feel more included?" Or if your child comes to you for money for social activities, instead of just giving them the cash or suggesting how they might get the money, you might prompt them to consider ways that they could earn money or fundraise on their own. In this way, you are not only helping a child find a solution to an immediate situation, but also helping them to grow in wisdom and prudence. For complete VIRTUS® article name and more communication tips, visit [www.archla.org/protecting](http://www.archla.org/protecting).

### ¿SABÍA USTED?

Ayudando a los niños a resolver problemas a través de la comunicación

A menudo, la respuesta más fácil a conversaciones complicadas sobre temas delicados es genérica, pero estos momentos pueden ser oportunidades para ayudar a los niños a crecer. Por ejemplo, si un niño acude a usted y le dice que un amigo está siendo excluido de las actividades sociales, puede responder con una pregunta: "¿Crees que hay algo que puedas hacer para ayudarlo a sentirse más incluido?" O si su hijo acude a usted para pedirle dinero para actividades sociales, en lugar de sólo darle el dinero en efectivo o sugerirle cómo puede obtener el dinero, puede animarle a que considere formas en que podría ganar dinero o recaudar fondos por su propia cuenta. De esta manera, no sólo está ayudando a un niño a encontrar una solución a una situación inmediata, sino también está ayudándolo a crecer en sabiduría y prudencia. Para obtener el nombre completo del artículo VIRTUS® y más consejos de comunicación, visite [www.archla.org/protecting](http://www.archla.org/protecting).

**ST. MARIA GORETTI LONG BEACH**

**Breaking Bread**

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**Responsorial Psalm:**

“I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.”

**To All Parishioners:**

Just a reminder that all donations given to our church are tax deductible. If you are a registered parishioner you will receive a letter at the end of the year showing your annual contributions. If you are not yet registered please call our rectory office to get started. Church donations may help on your taxes!

**CATHOLIC CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS**

**WANTED!**

Greater South Bay Catholic Co-ed Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their exciting 2018 season. Games are held on Sunday afternoon from February through June in Torrance. Singles and couples players welcome; Females players especially needed! If interested contact Fred at (714) 369-9516 or through email [fredlawler@hotmail.com](mailto:fredlawler@hotmail.com)

**Sunday Catholic TV Mass**

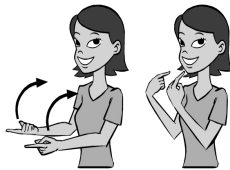
**9:00am on KDOC Channel 56**

Also on cable/satellite TV. Check listings for “KDOC.”  
Please help spread the word.

**Tell a homebound relative or neighbor.**

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE MASS**

Holy Family Catholic Church in Artesia would like to invite you to join in celebrating at their American Sign Language Mass held every Saturday at 5pm. For more info, please call (562) 865-2185.



**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

The schedule for March was emailed last week.  
Extra copies are available in the Altar Servers' Sacristy.

**Companion Hospice Care Volunteers Needed**

Companion Hospice Care is now recruiting volunteers for our upcoming training program. Volunteers can become a needed friend to someone during the last part of their journey. Volunteers can also relieve tired caregivers for short periods of time, or help with errands and shopping. Assignments will be in your geographical area. Become a member of our team, whose goal is to promote quality of life and comfort measures. Each applicant will receive 16 hours of orientation and training from our professional team. We are located at 8130 Florence Ave. Suite 200, Downey 90240. Call today and make a real difference in someone's life!

We also need help in the office, which does not require attending the patient Care Training Class. To learn more call the volunteer coordinator, Yovana at (562) 944-2711



**LECTORS**

	<b>February 24</b>	<b>March 3</b>
5:00pm	Hanna	Gunther
	<b>February 25</b>	<b>March 4</b>
8:00am	Moons	Clark/Stroh
10:00am	Shararian	Moons/Gaudy
12 noon	Godinez/Viramontes	Hermosillo/ Moreno

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, February 24**

5:00pm Katherine Richardson, Bud Miller, Gloria Miller, Dom Rivera, Carol Gerbrand

**Sunday, February 25**

8:00am Terry Gill, Patricia Jondle, Hilda McAlister, Pat Moran, Volunteer  
10:00am Sandy Moons, Louie Moons, Debbie Palzer, Rhonda Rivera, Steven Way, Volunteer  
Noon Lidia Godinez, Maria Alvarado, Nelly Lopez, Missionaries of the H.S, Missionaries of H.S, Rosa Santana

**Saturday, March 3**

5:00pm Rolf Tronsden, Yolanda Litzinger, David Williams, Celeste Banares, Volunteer.

**Sunday, March 4**

8:00am Ron Costin, Elizabeth Stroh, Yvonne Seyler, Ofelia Cuellar, Volunteer.  
10:00am Dani Hernandez, John Bryson, Barbara Clark, Donna Coutts, Carrie Cox, Mike Garry  
Noon Carmen Cruz, Adela Rivera, Lydia Fonseca, Misioneros del E.S, Misioneros del E.S, Ramona Jimenez

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, February 24**

5:00pm Naomi Kira, & Nadia K

**Sunday, February 25**

8:00am Gary J, Claribel G. & Dean B  
10:00am Angelica B, Andres & Julian V..  
12:00pm Johnson L., Juliana & Sammy G..

**Saturday, March 3**

5:00pm Ashton & Nicholas S, Volunteer

**Sunday, March 4**

8:00am Jessie F, Max & Sebastian C  
10:00am Angelica B, Ashton & Nicolas S.  
12:00pm Johnson L., Pablo H., & Alexa P.



“If God is for us, who can be against us?”  
-Romans 8:31b

## **St. Maria Goretti School News Corner**



**February 26**

Last day to turn in World's  
Finest Order Form.

### **St. Maria Goretti School Open Enrollment**

Registration packets are available for grades TK to 8 in the school office for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please call to schedule a tour at 562-425-5112 or visit our website at [www.smsgschool.com](http://www.smsgschool.com).

**If you have any questions please contact the school office at (562) 425-5112.**

### ***Using Visitor Envelopes***

When using a visitor contribution envelope for your weekly offering, please be sure to list your full name and address so that our Rectory staff can apply credit to the appropriate family or member, as some families share the same last name. Thank you!

### **Holy Land Religious Art Sale This Weekend**

A family from Bethlehem is selling religious handcrafted items made from the olive wood. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards supporting Catholic families in the Holy Land as they are experiencing political strife due to the violence and discrimination towards them. Most of the families have left the country to different parts of the world for a better life. Twenty years ago, they made up more than 40% of the population, whereas now they only make up 1.2%. Please help support these families so that they can stay in the land of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you in advance and God Bless.

### **Support Our Bulletin**

We need more advertisers to support the printing of this bulletin.

Please contact Jill Adair at (800) 321-0805.

Thank you to our current advertisers. We encourage you to patronize their businesses.

### **Help Raise Box Tops for SMG!**

Help earn money for St. Maria Goretti Catholic School with Box Tops for Education! Box Tops are found on the packaging of many different food products and household items (please see BTFE.com for a full list of participating products). Each one that is clipped and turned in means 10¢ for our school! It may not seem like a lot, but it all adds up. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to purchase new books for our library. You may turn in your Box Tops to the school office, or drop them in the box in the back of the church. SMG School thanks you!



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**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters . . .**

Larry Aguilar, Steven Bopp, Frances Boudreu, Esperanza Caballero, Madelyn Caldwell, Max Cardona, Kris Cash, Bertha Chavira, Brooklyn Blue Chavira, John Clark, Bill Cooper, Trese Cordoza, David Costello, Gloria Delgado, Sue Dietrich, Barbara Duran, Robert DuPont, Ann Erlich, Shelley Flores, Altagracia Garcia, Larry Gaudy, Sal Gonzales, Stephan Gutierrez, Pat Hawthorne, Fr. Henry, Thomas Alexander Hogan, Matthew Holliday, Frank Humphreys, Ellie Jacobs, Richard Joyce, Doug Jungemann, Mykella Kershaw, Patricia Kershaw, Leon Labayen, Jaime Lagana, Margaret Lander, Gabriel Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Jack & Barbara Luera, Leo Montano, Mary Ann Mendoza, Kelly Miller, Tom Moran, Sean Murray, Kristine Negrete, Jeffrey Newon, Stella Oliva, Joe Padilla, Patty Padilla, Mike Petersen, Lorissa Privette, Gia Quintero, Harper Reich, Kevin Reich, Patricia Reich, Suzanne Reich, Thomas Richardson, Margie Rodriguez, Mary Ruth Romo, Dora Saning, Richard Santos, Brad Schneider, Lisa Sielen, Toby Sturgis, Raymond Tanguay, Virgie Trajano, Robert Trani, Tess Turla, Don Watts, Joyce Watts, Richard Zapata, Holder Zimmerle, Michael Zuelke, Kathy Olivos, Dave Haro

**Please continue to pray for all the sick of our parish.**



**Call to Vocation**

Ever have a quiet suspicion that God is asking more of you? Do you wonder if it might be a Church vocation? Meet a group of people with the same question. Call Sr. Kathy at the Archdiocesan Vocation office at (213) 637-7248

**How to access the updated E-Giving System**

1. Go to <https://www.ncsservices.org>
2. Click on the “Members” icon at the top left corner of the screen
3. Select the “New Login” link
4. Login with your email address and password
5. Proceed to donation prompt

**MINISTRY CONTACT LIST**

**Knights of Columbus:** Dave Williams (562) 221-6985  
**Boy Scouts:** Kelly Bryson (562)-761-9375  
**Cub Scouts:** Melissa Ray (714) 785-3577  
**Altar Servers:** Adriana Lopez (562)-413-4591  
**Children’s Liturgy:** Lupita Stimpson (562) 673-2851  
**Coffee and Donuts:** Tina Richardson (562) 883-3150  
**Carnival Contact:** Jeremy Seib (562) 248-9521  
**Eucharistic Mass:** Rectory (562) 425-7459  
**Eucharistic Sick:** Rectory (562) 425-7459  
**Lectors:** John Clark (562) 425-3203  
**Music:** Steve Ordonez (562) 896-6959  
**Bible Study:** Rolf Trondsen (562) 897-6584  
**RCIA:** Rolf Trondsen (562) 897-6584  
**Respect Life:** Patty Padilla (562) 496-0750  
**Safeguard the Children:** Chris Shararian (562) 925-8247  
**Senior Social Circle:** Genelle Curiel (562) 425-7753  
**St. Vincent De Paul:** Tina Richardson (562) 506-5105  
**Ushers:** Dave Williams (562) 221-6985