



St. Maria Goretti Church

Long Beach, CA

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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ST. MARIA GORETTI RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Tel. (562) 541-6702

Office Hours:

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://giving.ncsservices.org/saintmaria>

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sat, Mar 18: Confession — 3pm
Sun, Mar 19: Ordinary Activities
FHC Class — 8:30am
RCIA Mass — 10am
Yr 2 Confirmation — 11:30am
Holy Land Sales
Mon, Mar 20: Ordinary Activities
Tues, Mar 21: Ordinary Activities
Wed, Mar 22: Ordinary Activities
Thurs, Mar 23: AA Meeting — Hall 6:30pm
Bible Study—AMR 7:00pm
Grade 6 Mass
Fri, Mar 24: Ordinary Activities
Sat, Mar 25: Confession — 3pm
Sun, Mar 26: Pack 62 Pinewood Race—8am
FHC Class — 8:30am
RCIA Mass — 10am
Yr 1 Confirmation — 11:30am

DID YOU KNOW?

Healing gardens for victim-survivors offer a way forward

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles unveiled its first “Garden of Healing” for victim-survivors of sexual abuse, at the St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care, near East LA. Its goal is to bring peace and comfort to those who have been victims of abuse. Inspiration for the garden came from a victim-survivor who has worked with Archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Ministry for many years. To learn more, visit angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse.



Saturday, March 18
5:00pm Int. of SMG Parishioners

Sunday, March 19
8:00 am Int. of Joe Santos
10:00am Special Intentions
12:00pm Int. of Irene Nunez

THIS WEEK 8:00am

Monday: +Jim Manion
Tuesday: +Gloria Miller
Wednesday: Int. of Isabel Labayen
Thursday: Int. of Eric Garcia
Friday: +Sharon Arwood

Saturday, March 25
5:00pm Special Intentions

Sunday, March 26
8:00 am Int. of SMG Parishioners
10:00am Int. of Kevin Montano
12:00pm Special Intentions

Please Protect Our Garden

As we are sure you have noticed, Linda has worked so hard on our beautiful garden. The flowers are blooming wonderfully and the garden has never looked better. In order to ensure that this continues to ring true, we do ask that you refrain from picking or cutting the flowers. Thank you for keeping our garden healthy!



¿SABÍA QUE?

Jardines de sanación para víctimas-sobrevivientes ofrecen un camino hacia adelante

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles inauguró su primer “Jardín de Sanación” para víctimas-sobrevivientes de abuso sexual, en el Centro de Atención Pastoral San Camillus, cerca del este de Los Ángeles. Su objetivo es llevar paz y consuelo a quienes han sido víctimas de abuso. La inspiración para el jardín provino de una víctima-sobreviviente que ha trabajado con el Ministerio de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis durante mucho años. Para obtener más información, visite angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse.

ST. MARIA GORETTI LONG BEACH

LECTORS

March 18
5:00pm Trondsen

March 19
8:00am Windrim
10:00am Garcia
12:00pm Saldivar/Lopez

March 25
5:00pm Gunther

March 26
8:00am Stroh
10:00am Moons
12:00pm Viramontes/Prieto

Breaking Bread

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Responsorial Psalm:

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Friday, March 18
5:00pm Genelle Curiel, Joe Curiel

Sunday, March 19
8:00am Hilda McAllister, Terry Gill
10:00am Steven Way, Mike Garry
Noon Sandra Herrera, Ramona Jimenez

Saturday, March 25
5:00pm David Williams, Judy Clarke

Sunday, March 26
8:00am Pat Moran, Pat Windrim
10:00am Rhonda Rivera, Rocio Tapia
Noon Mario Marquez, Carmen Cruz

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins

Thursday: St. Toribius of Mogrovejo

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

REMINDER

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

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief

O God of compassion,
your people are in pain.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**SAVE THE DATE
St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser**

Save the date for St. Vincent de Paul fundraiser

Where: BJ's Restaurant in Cerritos
When: March 28th, 2023 (Tuesday)

More details to come!

Stations of the Cross

SMG Students will have Stations of the
Cross every Monday at 1:15pm during
Lent.

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Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters . . .

Larry Aguilar, Steven Bopp, Frances Boudreu, Esperanza Caballero, Kris Cash, Bertha Chavira, Brooklyn Blue Chavira, Bill Cooper, Trese Cordoza, Gloria Delgado, Sue Dietrich, Barbara Duran, Robert DuPont, Susan Escobar, Altagracia Garcia, Larry Gaudy, Sal Gonzales, Rhonda Griffen, Stephan Gutierrez, Pat Hawthorne, Thomas A. Hogan, Matthew Holliday, Frank Humphreys, Ellie Jacobs, Richard Joyce, Doug Jungemann, John Kenyon, Mykella Kershaw, Patricia Kershaw, Jaime Lagana, Margaret Lander, Gabriel Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Jack & Barbara Luera, Tonya Macias, Kevin Montano, Mary Ann Mendoza, Kelly Miller, Bud Miller, Tom Moran, Sean Murray, Kristine Negrete, Joe Padilla, Patty Padilla, Annette Paradise, Mike Petersen, Gia Quintero, Harper Reich, Kevin Reich, Patricia Reich, Suzanne Reich, Margie Rodriguez, Mary Ruth Romo, Dora Saning, Richard Santos Lisa Sielen, Toby Sturgis, Virgie Trajano, Don Watts, Joyce Watts, Gale Woods, Richard Zapata, Holder Zimmerle, Michael Zuelke, Fr. Tony Nuanez, Raymond, Gertie & Len Tanguay, Cathy Rand, Samuel Korkis, Sgt. Richard Thomas, Carmelita Villarosa,, Jaxon Curiel, Anita Ball, Fr. Jesus Sanchez.



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

New Stop Signs

We have installed new stop signs before exiting the parking lot. Please make a complete stop when you are exiting the parking lot please come out slowly as there may be pedestrians or cyclists.

Thank you!

How to access the updated E-Giving System

1. Go to <https://giving.ncsservices.org/saintmaria>
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
Cub Scouts: Solange Thompson (323) 376-8599
Boy Scouts: Katie Harshaw (562) 595-2220/Greg Gath
(562) 453-9553
Altar Servers: Adriana Lopez (562) 413-4591
Children’s Liturgy: Lupita Stimpson (562) 673-2851
Coffee and Donuts: Tina Richardson (562) 883-3150
Eucharistic Mass: Rectory (562) 425-7459
Eucharistic Sick: Rectory (562) 425-7459
Lectors: Leo Moons (562) 760-2951
Spanish Lectors: Lidia Godinez (562) 833-3284
Music: Steve Ordonez (562) 425-7459
Bible Study: Rolf Trondsen (562) 897-6584
RCIA: Rolf Trondsen (562) 897-6584
Respect Life: Patty Padilla (562) 496-0750
Safeguard the Children: Rectory (562) 425-7459
Senior Social Circle: Genelle Curiel (562) 425-7753
St. Vincent De Paul: Tina Richardson (562) 542-6486
Ushers: Dave Williams (562) 221-6985
Religious Education: Debbie Palzer/Albert Valdespino
(562) 541-6702

St. Maria Goretti School News Corner



March 24: 2nd Trimester Report
Cards

Fit-A-Thon
12:00pm Dismissal

March 27: Fr. John's Birthday

March 29: Lenten Drama

*For frequent updates on all SMG School events
and information, please visit their website at
smgschool.com.*

Parish Register

Being an active member at a Parish has many rewards such as: being eligible to sponsor a child for Baptism, receiving financial aid for Catholic Education, to be married within the parish and to prepare one's children for the Sacraments, to name a few. To be an active member is to participate in acts of stewardship and prayer throughout the Parish. All adults over the age of 21 can register and be considered members. Participating in one or more of the ministries offered by the Parish is a way in which you can share your time and talents for the greater good of the Church Community and beyond. If you are not a member, feel free to pick up a registration form from the Rectory.

Why do we have to attend Mass every Sunday?

Throughout our two thousand years of Church history, Sunday has been set aside as "the Lord's Day," to celebrate God's greater creation of the world. According to the *Catechism of the Holy Church*, "The Sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day to protest against the servitude of the world and the worship of money" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2172). Observing Sunday as the Lord's Day helps us to keep our worship of God outward, visible, public, and regular. Sunday is also the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

The Church instructs us to attend Mass each Sunday because that is where Jesus gives us what we need to stay strong in the world. Just as we take food into our bodies, so we take in Christ through the Eucharist. His body is real food and his blood is real drink (John 6:55-57). The resulting grace helps us to overcome our daily temptations and fulfill our responsibilities. Our faithful Communion will bring us eternal life.