



St. Maria Goretti Church

Long Beach, CA

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Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL:

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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.***

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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
Mon, Mar 27: Fr. John's Birthday
Ordinary Activities
Tues, Mar 28: Ordinary Activities
Wed, Mar 29: Ordinary Activities
Thurs, Mar 30: AA Meeting — Hall 6:30pm
Bible Study—AMR 7:00pm
Grade 5 Mass
Fri, Mar 31: Ordinary Activities
Sat, April 1: Confession — 3pm
Sun, April 2: FHC Class — 8:30am
Yr 2 Confirmation — 11:30am
Troop 224B — Mtg 5:30pm
Ordinary Activities

DID YOU KNOW?

“Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2023 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Resource Booklet includes order forms for the colorful “Keep Kids Safe” pinwheels and stickers and the 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, as well as prayers, petitions, and homily helps. For more information go to: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.



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

THIS WEEK 8:00am

Monday: Int. of Fr. John Schiavone
Tuesday: Int. of Caroline Thomas
Wednesday: Int. of Fr. Al Scott
Thursday: Special Intentions
Friday: Int. of Isabel Labayon

Saturday, April 1
5:00pm +Ryan Gregg

Sunday, April 2
8:00 am Int. of June Kukahiko
10:00am Int. of SMG Parishioners
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?

Folleto de recursos “Mantenga a los niños seguros” con molinillo incluido

En reconocimiento de abril como el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la Oficina de Protección de los Niños ha creado el Folleto de recursos “Mantenga a los niños seguros” de 2023, con molinillo incluido. Este útil folleto de recursos ayudará a las parroquias y escuelas a planificar y prepararse para el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil. También está disponible para las personas que deseen saber más sobre el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil. El folleto de recursos incluye formularios de pedido para los coloridos molinillos y calcomanías “Keep Kids Safe” (Mantenga a los niños seguros) y el folleto Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil del 2023, así como oraciones, peticiones y ayuda para la homilía. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

ST. MARIA GORETTI LONG BEACH

LECTORS

March 25

5:00pm Gunther

March 26

8:00am Stroh

10:00am Moons

12:00pm Viramontes, Prieto

April 1

5:00pm Trondsen, Gunther

April 2

8:00am Windrim, Stroh

10:00am Moons, Garcia

12:00pm TBD

Breaking Bread

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Responsorial Psalm:

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Saturday, April 1

5:00pm Yolanda Litzinger, Joanne Rodriguez

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Elizabeth Stroh, Hilda McAllister

10:00am Debbie Palzer, Al Valdespino

Noon TBD

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: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week;

Thursday: Holy Thursday;

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; First Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

REMINDER

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

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

**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)

Details and flyers given out at Masses. Don't forget to show up and bring your flyer!

Stations of the Cross

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

March 26, 2023

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 27: Fr. John's Birthday

March 28: Awards Assembly

March 29: Lenten Drama
Fit-A-Thon Reward Dress Alike Day

March 31: No School (Ceasar Chavez Day)

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.