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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturdays: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish)
7:00 PM
Sundays: 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM (Samoan Choir),
9:15 AM (Filipino 1st Sunday of Month),
11:00 AM; 12:45 PM
2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15, 6:00 PM
Eve of Holy Days: 7:00 PM
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM; 12:00 Noon,
5:30 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM
First Fridays: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays; Days before Holy Days; and
Thursday before First Fridays: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM &
8:00 PM to 8:30 PM

First Friday Confession: 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism/Bautismo

Saturdays, 12:00 Noon, by appointment only. Pre-Baptism
class required.

Segundo Sabado, 12 medio día, por cita, se require clase pre-
bautismo.

Sacrament of Marriage/Matrimonio

6 month. notice required & an appointment with a priest.
Aviso de 6 meses requerido y una cita con el sacerdote.

Overnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: :
First Fridays after 7:00 PM Mass.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

March 2, 2008

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Laetare Sunday;
Second Scrutiny
Monday: St. Katharine Drexel
Tuesday: St. Casimir
Friday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
Saturday: St. John of God; International Women's Day

St Philomena's Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are significant and evocative of an important event in the Life of Jesus Christ. Representing specific scenes in his Passion, each Station corresponds to the event that took place.

Historically, the Catholic Church always had the tradition of allowing all forms of expression through appropriate art and architecture for its church buildings. The people who make the church here at Saint Philomena have been blessed with that tradition and deeper understanding of who already are, the Body of Christ. This is evident in our new church building and why it is different from other churches. We have been inspired to create our own sacred space primarily for the Eucharist, Sacraments and spaces for devotion such as the Stations of the Cross. Like the altar, ambo, baptismal font and tabernacle, our Stations are designed to complement the style of our liturgical furnishings and architecture.

Created specifically for Saint Philomena, they are original works of art. The concept, design and execution celebrate the uniqueness of our community and love for one another in Christ. The basic forms are simple yet dignified. Richness achieved by the combination of natural materials of wood and bronze bas-reliefs are real and expresses our identity. The design and placement is liturgically correct and solidly grounded on tradition. They are meant to be timeless, for all generations to come. The Season of Lent is a natural time for this devotion.

After Jesus died and rose again, people felt the need to reflect on His Passion, death and victory through the Resurrection. People began visiting the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem to walk and follow His footsteps. Places were designated for people to stop along the way. They were later on referred to as "pilgrims". As Christianity spread throughout the world, the distance to Jerusalem was nearly impossible. By the twelfth century, a growing devotion to the Passion of Jesus demanded representation.

The Creation and use of the Stations were not generally adapted until the end of the seventeenth. As the years passed, many Catholic Churches had Stations of the Cross along the walls of their worship space. "Pilgrims" could now come to Church any time, praying while moving from Station to Station. It is important to know and remember that the purpose of the figurative bas-relief is to evoke spiritual reflection of the event in a Station. It is to the Wood of the Cross where our devotion is attached, not the image.

The Placement and sequence of the fourteen Stations of the Cross was carefully considered. Facing the wall, they start with the first Station from right to left, ending with the last fourteenth Station, near the baptismal font. The font is where we are baptized and reminded of new life through Jesus' death and glory in the Resurrection.

Incorporated in the overall design concept are differences in shapes and proportions to accentuate certain scenes such as the three falls, Christ's face wiped by Veronica, the women of Jerusalem and crucifixion.

From right to left, the proper sequence for the Stations are:

- I Jesus is condemned to death
- II The cross is laid upon him
- III His first fall*
*the upper panel suggest movement and wood cross is placed below the image
- IV Jesus meets his Blessed Mother
- V Simon of Cyrene helping bear the cross
- VI Christ's face is wiped by Veronica*
*the back ground panel for the bas-relief curves to suggest cloth
- VII His second fall*
* the upper panel and wood cross below begin to descend
- VIII He meets the women of Jerusalem*
*the cross is placed off the side and on center to honor the role of women at Saint Philomena
- IX His third fall*
*the upper portion and wood cross below has descended
- X He is stripped of his garment
- XI His crucifixion*
*the cutout of the upper portion is shaped like the outline of the church
- XII His death on the Cross
- XIII He is taken down from the Cross
- XIV Jesus is taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb

Written by our nationally renowned liturgical designer, Mario Locsin of Locsin Design Miami Beach, Florida

DEAR PADRE!

Should prayer be given as penance?

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and received some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment? - Julie

Dear Julie,

I couldn't agree with you more. In fact the new rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must be something that rights the wrong, and it must be clear enough that the penitent knows he or she has fulfilled it. The idea of penance is not only to show God we are truly sorry, but also to help put us on the right track of living Christian lives. It also serves to correct the harm our sins caused. Unfortunately, this idea of penance does not seem to be widely practiced, perhaps because priest sometimes feel rushed in the sacrament, don't want to make it too hard on anyone, or are just not creative.

I try to come up with a penance that fits the sin, and that is not always as easy as it sounds. For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal their sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge them to tell someone else something good about the person they gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy.

Once you start giving it a little thought, you find it is really not that difficult and in the end is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

—Fr. Rick Potts, C.Ss.R. Ligouri Publications

GOOD NEWS!

“How Do We Know What God Wants of Us?”

The word vocation comes from the Latin Vocare, “to call.” How do we know what God wants of us? We are called to holiness. What does that look like?

The Book of Ephesians indicates that we can tell who the children of light are by the fruit they bear. Some clues are obvious; some dark works clearly should be avoided. Yet often we face ambiguity. Obviously I am not called to be a bank robber. But should I be a banker? Maybe a teacher? A carpenter? Am I meant for medicine, law, business? For parenting? We can tell what the fruits are after the “child of light” has been active. But how do I know ahead of time what to do? What if I’m called to produce a new kind of fruit?

In the mirror, do I see a child of light? I know this person's strengths and failings. I see the honest attempts, but also the dishonesties, the nonattempts. What can God do with that?

When Samuel is told to find the anointed one of God, he is told to see deeply. Jesse's son, a good-looking choice, is not the one. Neither are any in the next string of brothers. The young man who is going to do God's work has been in the back, out of the picture, while Samuel looked at the others.

John's passage is not subtle. Look at the Pharisees, the healed blind man, the man's parents. Look at Jesus. This is a story that asks who really is blind and who really can see. Our question of good fruit and the question of recognition reach a new depth here. Who can Jesus heal? When can he do it? Who is willing to go on record about what they see? The blind man knows one thing; Jesus touched him, and now he can see. To the experts, to those who have seen a lot, Jesus looks like a sinner. So what are we called to do? We are supposed to be Jesus' hands and eyes, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” (John 9:16). Yet God calls us.

—Dan Funucane, Ligouri Publications

¿Sabe Usted? Cinco Pasos Para Un Ambiente Seguro

La Arquidiócesis asigna que por mandato, toda la gente que trabaje con niños y jóvenes en nuestras parroquias y escuelas, debe participar en el entrenamiento de la prevención del abuso de menores por medio del programa VIRTUS. El entrenamiento detalla cinco pasos para prevenir el abuso sexual de menores:

1. Sepa las señales de peligro de una relación inadecuada con un niño.
2. Controle el acceso a los niños, cuidadosamente seleccione a los adultos que trabajan con ellos.
3. Supervise todos los programas para la seguridad de los niños y jóvenes.
4. Entérese y sea sensible a lo que está pasando en las vidas de los niños.
5. Comunique inquietudes o preocupaciones a la persona indicada en autoridad. Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al 213 637 7650.

Did You Know? Five Steps to Safer Environments

The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse:

1. Know the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child.
 2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
 3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
 4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
 5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority.
- For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637 7650

Notes from the Pastor

**GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMORATIVE BOOKS
AWAITING RIGHTFUL OWNERS**

The following is the list of families who have not gotten hold of their copies of the Golden Commemorative Books to which they are entitled by virtue of having participated in the Family Photo Session with Life Touch Studio. Their attention is called to go to Manila Business Center at the corner of Main Street and Carson Street (next to Blockbuster) and pickup their Book long awaiting to be claimed. Parishioners who recognize the names below should be kind enough to inform personally the concerned families or give their phone numbers to the rectory office:

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| Aguinaldo, Mike, Josie | Marshall, Bernadette, Sulpicia Uy |
| Aguinaldo, Rosenda | Maomay, Eduardo, Shierley |
| Anakwenze, Christina | Mendoza, Angel, Rosa |
| Anakwenze, Gerald, Nicole | Moyo, Dorlin, Leonila |
| Aquino, Gerundio, Gloria | Oliveros, Mario |
| Ben, Edgardo, Olivia | Ortega, Feday Diaz |
| Ceballos, Jecbu, Neidi | Pacleb, Constantino, Cecilia |
| Ceralde, Romuo, Esmeralda | Pangan, Michael Aurora |
| Cerda, Francisca | Paredes, Vincent, Rosemary |
| Colomenar, Albert, Nila | Perey, Rolando, Annette |
| Cristales, Amador, MaryAnne | Ponce, Ricardo Lourdes |
| Cruz, Nicolas, Candice | Reyes, Victory, Rosario |
| Dasilva, Louis, Joyce | Ring, Victor, Rosario |
| Delfin, Rolando, Willie | Roc, Noel |
| Espinoza, Martin, Maria | Rocco, Michael, Maira |
| Estrada, Gus, Gwen, | Rosales, Gilbert, Teresa |
| Famatid, Adelina | Salva, Isabelo Jr, Angela |
| Garcia, Dave, Rosalynn | Salva, Teresa |
| Garcia, Jaime, Angelique, | Salvaror, Naty, Leny |
| Garraido, Gilber, Alice, | Sanchez, Stephanie |
| Giron, Belen, Carla | Shuton, Joseph, Bianca |
| Guntalilib, Jose, Julita | Songco, Irene, Angelynne |
| Guray, Tancredo Jr, Araceli | Soraino, Ruel, Maria |
| Hawkins, Jesse | Twatao, Roman, Violet |
| Hugo Maria Luisa | Tejano, Jun, Iya |
| Israel, Cathy | Torqueza, Nenita |
| Lancey, Matthew, Teresa | Torres, Conrado, Esmerald |
| Lao, Cesar Jr, Susan | Tuinei, John, Maureen |
| Lasprilla, Jun, Annie | Ugalde, Wenefrio, Marinert |
| Layug, Guadalupe | Viernes, Alvert, Jordan |
| Lim, Arsenio, Celia | Vinoya, William, Adelaida |

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2008

PALM SUNDAY, March 16, 2008

Monday, March 17 & Tuesday, March 18

6:30 A.M. & 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 A.M. & 8:00 A.M.

Tenebrae: 7:30 P.M. Mass

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008

8:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hour)

No Morning Mass

7:00 P.M.—*Mass of the Lord's Supper

*Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to

the Hall of Repose (Parish Hall)

Adoration until Midnight*

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hour)

No Morning Mass

12:15 P.M.—Office of Readings (Liturgy of the Hour)

1:30 P.M.—Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

4:30 P.M.—Liturgia de la Passion

7:00 P.M.—Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008

8:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hour)

No Morning Mass

8:00 P.M. Vigil Mass (Parish Community Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008

6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM

12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15 PM, 6:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 17th, 2008

4:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 18th, 2008

4:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19th, 2008

4:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Share your Gifts, Live your Faith, Change the World.

THE LAY MISSION-HELPERS & MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATIONS are looking for men and women (singles/ couples/families) who have useful skill or profession and are willing to dedicate 3 years of their lives to the work of the Church in the Missions overseas. Visit our websites at www.laymissionhelpers.org and www.missiondoctors.org.





**Chalice & Stole Program
For Sunday Liturgy**

As we celebrate National Vocations Awareness, our parish of St. Philomena will be formally initiating the Chalice & Stole Program in our Sunday masses.

A project of the Office for Vocations, the program is aimed at heightening the awareness of vocation for priesthood and consecrated life in a home environment through prayers. The stole vestment symbolizes the priestly authority and responsibility to serve in imitation of Christ, while the chalice identifies with the Eucharistic celebration which is the highlight in the life of a priest.

On designated Sunday masses for the month, a parish family will be given the Chalice & Stole to bring home for the week and to pray daily for more vocations.

The designated mass for February 2008 will be the 11:00 am mass followed by 12:45 pm in March & the later/earlier masses in the succeeding months.

If you and your family are interested in hosting the Chalice & Stole, please call 310-489-8606 or 310-834-2990, or submit the form below. This is being coordinated by M.A.S.S. (Mission Appeal for Seminary Support) /Rosa Mystica Prayer Group.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

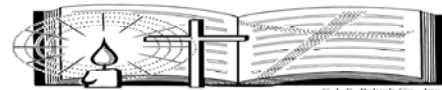
Father, in every generation you provide Ministers of Christ and the Church. We come before you now, asking that you call forth more men to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen



Oración por las Vocaciones Sacerdotales

Padre Celestial, en cada generación tu regalas a tu iglesia nuevos ministros de Cristo.

Nos ponemos en tu presencia para pedirte que llames a mas hombres al servicio de nuestra Arquidiócesis en el sacerdocio ministerial.

Danos sacerdotes que puedan mostrar el camino y guiar a tu pueblo santo reunido por la Palabra y los Sacramentos.

Bendícenos con vocaciones sacerdotales que nos ayuden a seguir siendo verdaderamente una iglesia Eucarística, fortalecida en nuestro discipulado de Jesucristo tu Único Hijo.

Concédenos, te lo pedimos, hombres que sean generosos en el servicio, deseoso de ofrecer sus vidas y todos sus dones para tu mayor Gloria para el bien de tu pueblo.

Te lo pedimos Padre en la presencia ponderosa del Espíritu Santo y en el nombre de Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amen

"Chalice & Stole Year-long Program".

My family and I wish to participate in the program

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone:.....

Mass we usually attend:.....

**Please submit this form to the Rectory office
Monday to Friday 8:30am—8:30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8:30am—7:00pm**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 1
7:30am: Oscar Gallardo (r)
5:00pm: P.P
7:00pm: Michael Galang Lapinig(r)

Sunday, March 2
6:00am: Maximina Olarte (r)
7:30am: Rosendo&Rosalena Rebullar (r)
9:15am: Granville Chambers (r)
11:00am: Maxima A. Marcos (r)
12:45pm: Sixto S. Enriquez (r)
2:30pm: Baltazar Hernandez (r)
4:15pm: PJ Gomez (r)
6:00pm: Fe Domingo Sanchez (r)

Monday March 3
6:30am: Thanksgiving (L)
Victor & Fe Rocio
8:00am: Rafael Gonzalez (r)
7:00pm: Felisa B. Abear (r)

Tuesday, March 4
6:30am: All Souls
8:00am: Mary Halili (r)
7:00pm: Thanksgiving (L)
Arturo Soria

Wednesday, March 5
6:30am: Florence J. Legaspi (r)
8:00am: Jose Morales (r)
7:00pm: Thanksgiving (L)
Helen & Family

Thursday, March 6
6:30am: Potenciano Paculba(r)
8:00am: Damiana Caluza (r)
7:00pm: Thanksgiving (L)
Grace & Family

Friday, March 7
6:30am: Francisco & Crensencia Canonizado (r)
8:00am: Manuel Empeno (r)
7:00pm: Thanksgiving (L)
Periaswamy Family

Saturday, March 8
7:30am: Antonina Verano (r)
5:00pm: Socorro Sandoval (r)
7:00pm: P.P.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Easter Egg Hunt

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is preparing Easter baskets for approximately 125 needy and homeless children in the City of Carson. The SVDP Society is asking our parish family to help fill the baskets with donations of plastic eggs filled with candy, chocolate bunnies, individually wrapped candies and jelly beans. Children's coloring books, crayons, pencils, sidewalk chalk and hot wheel cars, etc. Filled Easter baskets will be accepted and empty baskets are needed... All donations should be dropped off at the rectory by Friday, March 14, 2008.

God bless you for your generosity!
 Frances Mitchell, SVDP President

Please pray for the sick of the parish

Marcelo Cruz, Fred Soriano, Baby Girl Miranda Wechsler, Epifanio Agreda, Alfredo Lopez, Fred & Valerie Burmester, Brian Kina, Josephine Gebel, Deanna Mamon, Miguel Uribe, Elna Cea, Christian Hernandez, Kenny Dulany, Gloria D. Salvador, Noel DeLa Cruz, Richard Randolph, Suzan Brown

and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

All powerful Creator whose loving mercy is never withheld from those who call upon you in hope, look kindly upon those in "our community who have recently died:"

Leonardo Ignacio, Tan Hong Koc, Maxima Sr. Aniceta Ochoa, Jose Baes, Maria Luisa Parra, Eduardo Talorda, Benilda Guerrero, Basilia Dizon, Marie Gasperov, Casimera Gayon Engracia Paz, Emma Cayan, Jose "Jessie" Santos

And all who have departed this life confessing your me. Number them among your saints forever.

Love & Faith Charismatic Prayer

Love & Faith Catholic Charismatic Prayer Community of St. Philomena cordially invites everyone (youth, young adults, adults and seniors) to a Life in the Spirit Seminar on March 8, 2008 (Saturday) at the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The main speaker is Bro. Alejandro Aguspina, a very dynamic Catholic evangelist, preacher and teacher from the Archdiocese of Cebu, Philippines. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Come, let us fill our jars with water and let our Lord, Jesus Christ, turn them into wine... (Jn 2:7-8)

For questions, please call Albert/Bridgette/Christy at (310) 547-8521/(310) 952-1004 or Ars at (310) 835-9394

Novena: Wednesday 7:00 PM/Mass first Wednesday only.
Divine Mercy: Monday to Friday 3:00 PM
Bible Study: Wed. 7:00PM to 9:30PM, Thurs. 9:30AM to 11:30AM,
Estudios de la Biblia: Sábados, 12:30PM—2:00PM (310)830-6180.