

## M A S S S C H E D U L E

**Monday 12/7 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday 12/8 7:30am Fr. Idomele**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

**Wednesday 12/9 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalm 103:1-4, 8-10  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday 12/10 7:30am Fr. Idomele**

Isaiah 41:13-20  
Psalm 145:1, 9-13  
Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday 12/11 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Isaiah 48:17-19  
Psalm 1:1-4, 6  
Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday 12/12 7:30am Fr. Spellman**  
**4:30pm Fr. Idomele**

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10  
Judith 13:18-19  
Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday 12/6**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:00am Fr. Spellman**  
**10:00am Fr. Spellman**  
**12:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Psalm 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

CDs of Sunday Masses are available in the Church Office on Tuesday of each week.

## In need of prayers...

Ethel Allen, Genevieve Alexander, Susan Augustine, Arleen Bouscher, Iola Brown, Rebecca Braithwaite, McCoy Brown, Inez Cameron, Nicholas Dudley, Bettye Epps, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Ellender Julian, Irene Johnson, David Little, Ruth Revis, Edna Valdry, James Smith, Eva Smith, Phyllis Troupe, Elsie Weston, West "Ted" Williams, Mary Wiley, Thad Wiltz, Donald Aubrey, Phyllis Pope, Jose Gonzalez, Ruben Palamaris, Elrena Dandy and Ruth Howard (Sisters of Tina Floyd), Ophelia Walker, Sheryl Cooper-McGinest, Naomi Sealey, Berenice Scott, Eva Anderson, Lucy Byrd, Zelandia Fero, Taylor Brown, Jordan Brown, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khour), Joshua Bolden, Warren Knox Jr., Edwin Thomas Sr., Barbara Ellis, Clyde Mitchell, Lloyd Moses, Oscar Antonio Romero, Thurman Johnson, Edna Bendy, Debra Stewart, Gary Elliott, Herbie King, Mario Toledo, Kelly Matthews, Angie Dupre, Shirley Miller, Emily Lewis, Basil Lewis, those seeking employment, and those struggling to make ends meet during these tough times.

Church Bulletin Board

**Monday, Dec 7, 2009** 7:00pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Renew 2000 (Spanish)  
7:00pm Worship Mtg

**Tuesday, Dec 8, 2009** 12:00pm Mass  
7:00pm Mass  
7:00pm RCIA  
7:00pm Substance Abuse  
7:00pm Spanish Intercessory  
7:00pm Youth Group

**Wednesday, Dec 9, 2009** 6:30pm MSC  
7:00pm Mariano Ministry  
7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class

**Thursday, Dec 10, 2009** 12:30pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Confirmation  
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group  
7:00pm School Program

**Friday, Dec 11, 2009** 6:30pm BDYC  
7:00pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Baptismal Class

**Saturday, Dec 12, 2009** 9:30am Religious Formation  
9:30am Bible Study  
11:00am Forever Young 50 +  
12:00pm Girl Scouts

**Sunday, Dec 13, 2009** 9:00am Religious Formation  
12:00pm KPC/KPCLA  
2:00pm Awe Drumming  
3:00pm BDYC Concert

### Pastor's Letter

When I was growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, my brother and my two sisters and I all attended **the local Catholic school**, and went to Mass each Sunday in our parish church. **The tuition was \$5.00 per month per student** but the fourth child went for free. How could a school ever balance its budget with a tuition of \$5.00 per student per month? Very easily, when you consider that **the teachers were all nuns who made very little and had no fringe benefits or retirement plans**. The belief was that there would always be younger sisters coming in after them and the younger sisters would be able to take care of the older ones, just as it had been for hundreds of years.

Three years ago I received a Christmas card from **Sister Mary Annella, my second grade teacher from 1962!** She is now in her nineties, living in a sisters' retirement home in Kentucky. Someone in Memphis saw my ordination picture in the church where I grew up and that person sent my address to Sister Mary Annella, and she sent me a beautiful card wishing me the best as we celebrated the birth of our Savior. It was good to hear from her and we have corresponded each Christmas since then.

**So, how do the sisters finance the care of Sister Mary Annella and the rest of the retired sisters?** Through the generosity of Catholics throughout our country. Next Sunday every parish in the United States will be asked to take a Second Collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. I know, it seems like we have a Second Collection almost every week with Together In Mission, the Catholic Negro and American Missions, and the other groups selected by the Archdiocese. However, this gives us an opportunity to say **THANK YOU to the sisters who provided us and our children with a fine Catholic education**. Education is the best investment you can make - they can't repossess it and they can't foreclose on it!

Envelopes are in the pews this weekend so we can prepare for next weekend's collection. We invite you to take them home and bring them back next weekend with your contribution to the sisters who have dedicated their lives to spreading the Good News of the gospel!

May the Lord continue to bless us always and in all ways, *Father Paul*

#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### WHAT'S YOUR PLAN IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY?

Did you know that every Catholic school in the Los Angeles Archdiocese is required to have a written plan for emergency procedures? The plan must include provisions for fire, earthquake, disaster and evacuation drills and lockdown procedures that conform to local, state and county requirements. Each school's plan must be updated annually and made available to parents. Does your own family have a similar plan for what to do and where to gather in the event of an emergency? City and County disaster preparedness agencies are a good resource to use for making your own emergency plan.

**SHARMAINE HAYLOCK, CHAIRPERSON  
HOLY NAME CHURCH SAFEGUARD  
THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE**

#### *Stewardship Report*

#### *Stewardship: A Definition from Scripture*

*Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.*

*-Matthew 10:8*

#### **Weekly Collections**

#### **Current Year:**

November 29, 2009 = \$ 7,128.75

#### **Two Previous Years:**

November 30, 2008 = \$ 7,162.00

November 25, 2007 = \$ 8,339.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

#### St Vincent De Paul

The Los Angeles Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society will sponsor Bundle Sunday from Saturday, December 12th after the 4:30pm mass until Sunday, December 13th until 2:00pm. Your donated items of clothing, household goods, furniture, or any items that could be sold in the Society's warehouse or given to needy families will be collected. The truck will be here to pick up your usable articles that are too precious to throw away, but treasured by those in need. Receipts will be given to you for your tax records.



As part of our focus on **Stewardship**, we are encouraging members of our parish to share their gifts in ways that will benefit the members of our community. Recently we have had parishioners share their knowledge on topics ranging from Estate Planning (Wills, Trusts, etc.) and how high school students should plan ahead for college (by taking the appropriate courses and researching scholarships and grant programs).

On **Saturday, December 12th, at 10:00 in the Acacia Center** Adriana Allen, a current C.P.A., and Father Paul Spellman, a former C.P.A., will be holding a workshop for young people who have recently entered the job market (or are preparing to) and we will show you **how to prepare a budget that is realistic and that they can live with.**

**Our goal is to get young people thinking about the relationship between their income and their expenses.** We will show you how to prepare a budget, and determine which expenses are fixed (like rent) and those that are discretionary (such as entertainment). We will start with the gross amount of your salary and then figure out how much your weekly or monthly check will actually be (after taxes), and how to budget for normal expenses and how to set aside some funds for emergencies.

**We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 in the Acacia Center!**

**Together In Mission**

As we come to the end of the year, it is time to make the final payments on our **Together In Mission** pledges that we made last spring. Together In Mission is the Bishop's Annual Appeal where by low income schools and parishes receive financial assistance from the 297 parishes throughout the Archdiocese. **We are currently about \$15,000 short of our goal, and the deficit must be made up from parish funds.** If you have made a pledge to Together In Mission and have not paid your balance in full, please send your check to the parish office or directly to Together In Mission in the envelope that they have provided. If you have not made a pledge, we invite you to do so. Please make your check payable to **Together In Mission** and send it to us in the parish office, or simply drop it in the weekly collection with a note stipulating that it is for Together In Mission.

Remember, **our school receives over \$35,000 each year** through the generosity of families who contribute to Together In Mission. And, last year, our parish received an additional **\$58,000** in funds from Together In Mission for the remodel of the exterior of the Rectory. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

**25 ways to live Advent**

Talk with your dad for 10 minutes, read more, imagine Christmas without things, laugh with your family, pop popcorn, Lead daily prayers, consider another person's good points, contribute to toys for tots, encourage somebody, compliment a classmate, clean your room, ask an older person what he or she thinks, make an advent wreath, reconcile with a friend, attend a Christmas play, listen to what your hear, volunteer to help someone in need, collect food or presents for families in need, talk with your mom for 10 minutes, turn off the TV and talk, serve a meal at a shelter and share your lunch. Let us Pray... God, you are always with us at work in our lives. Help us change what keeps us from sharing the joy of Christmas. May our love more and more abound and hold our human family together. Amen.

**Religious Formation Schedule for December 2009  
CCD**

Saturday, December 5, 2009	9:30-11:00
Sunday, December 6, 2009	9:00-10:00
Saturday, December 12, 2009	9:30-11:00
Sunday, December 13, 2009	9:00-10:00
Saturday, December 19, 2009	9:30-11:00 Christmas party
Sunday, December 20, 2009	9:00-10:00

**Christmas break December 26- January 2, 2010**

**Class resumes:**

Saturday, January 9, 2010	9:30-11:00
Sunday, January 10, 2010	9:00-10:00

**Confirmation**

First year -Thursday, December 3rd & 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Acacia Center. Classes resume on January 7, 2010.

Second year - Thursday, December 10, 2010 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Acacia Center. Classes Resume on January 14, 2010

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**Holy Name of Jesus School Students putting the Gospel into Action**

We are proud to announce that the students of Holy Name of Jesus School and the Religious Formation Program (CCD) are actively engaging in the Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25:40).

The fifth through eighth grades will be visiting the residents of St John of God and the Western Ave. Convalescent homes during the Advent Season.

The sixth through eighth grade will be visiting preschools in our neighborhood on December 16th and 17th.