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My house shall be called a house of prayer (Mt 21:13)

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Rev. John O'Brien: Associate Pastor

Rev. Parker Sandoval: Priest in Residence

Msgr. Helmut Hefner: Weekend Supply Priest

Deacon Dominic Pontrelli; Deacon Serj Harutunian

Deacon Michael Morgan

Other Pastoral Staff and Parish Contacts listed inside (page 3).

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

Sunday Mass Readings can be found in our hymnals at no. 1022

Mass Schedule: Monday through Saturday: 8:30 am and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 (Children's Liturgy of the Word, Children's Choir),

10:30 am, 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm (Life Teen, Youth Mass)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion & Benediction: Wed's: 6 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel (SE wing of Parish Center)

Silent prayer & meditation, Monday - Friday, 9:15 am to 5:00 pm

Men's Adoration, Prayer & Benediction, Tuesdays @ 5:30 am

Exposition and Adoration every Friday.

Baptisms: Contact parish office.

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Marriages: Contact parish office at least 6 months before desired date.

THE FEAST OF

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, March 25

Our parish feast day coincides with
the Feast of the Annunciation.

We will celebrate our

93RD Anniversary as a parish
with the *Festum Incarnationis*
(Feast of the Incarnation)

next Saturday, March 21 at the 5:30 PM Mass.

FESTUM INCARNATIONIS

Saturday, March 21, 2019

See article on flap!

HOLY WEEK AT INCARNATION

*As you make your plans for Holy Week,
we have included our 2020 Schedule for you!*

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

5:30PM Mass (*Vigil on Saturday*)

7:00AM Mass (*Not 7:30 am*)

8:30AM Mass, preceded by Solemn Procession
from School Auditorium to Church

10:45AM Mass, 12:30PM Mass, 5:30PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:30AM Morning Prayer

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper,
followed by procession to the Altar of Repose in the
School Auditorium for adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

8:30AM Morning Prayer

9:00AM Outdoor Stations of the Cross

11:00AM Devotion of the Seven Last Words

2:00PM Stations of the Cross

3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

8:30AM Morning Prayer

8:00PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12 Masses will be held:

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:45AM (Not 10:30 am),

12:30PM (Not 12:00 pm), 5:30PM

LENTEN SEASON

- ◇ **Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence; those who are 14 and older should not eat meat.
- ◇ **Lenten Reflection:** Tuesdays, 7 PM in the church.
- ◇ **Soup Suppers:** Wednesdays, 6 PM in the school aud.
- ◇ **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays in church, immediately following 5:30 PM Mass & at 6:30 PM at the clinic on Arden Street.
- ◇ **Confessions:** Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, in church.
- ◇ **Anointing of the Sick:** Saturday, March 28, 10:30 AM, in church.
- ◇ **Penance Service:** Monday, March 30, 7:00 PM, in church.



Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

Greetings!

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we hear from the Gospel of John, The Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42). It's a compelling story that speaks of Jesus, offering himself as the Living Water. Whoever drinks from this water will never thirst.

The Samaritan woman does not understand what Jesus is telling her. Jesus is not referring to the water from Jacob's Well but Himself as the spring of water welling up to eternal life. He is God's gift that promises not ordinary human life, but God's own life.

As the story unfolds, the Samaritan gradually comprehends what Jesus is saying, especially after Jesus told her everything she has done in life. She accepts Jesus' offer, saying, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty. Then she tells Jesus that she knows that the Messiah is coming, the one called Christ. Jesus responded, "I am he, the one speaking with you." Then she left her water jar to go into town to tell everyone what she has found out — Christ, the Living Water!

In times of anxieties, let's find comfort in drinking from the Living Water. Let Jesus quench our thirst for peace and wisdom.

Let's take this Lent as a time of purification. Let Jesus purify our minds and hearts to what is essential in life. Let our interior life with God bring serenity to us and the world!

Let me also share with you this **unedited** thought-provoking message of a Chinese pastor regarding the outbreak of corona virus in China (<https://www.teamblind.com/post/quiet-china--written-by-a-chinese-pastor-UBSbx3gt>)

The hustle and bustle of China finally quieted down, the restless society finally calmed down, and the restless Chinese people gradually calmed down.

The *Wild Animals* that were once held by humans in cages finally managed to *Keep Humans in "Cages"*.

Humans finally lowered their proud head and begun to think quietly: Are we still the king of the earth? *Mankind finally felt the power of Nature once again*...

The greedy heart is being purified by the virus, and the mouth that loves to eat is being punished by the virus. The people who have been soaking in the bright red and green places all day have been driven home by the virus, saying.... *Go home*

There are fewer and fewer people on the street, few cars on the road, *The Air is getting Fresher..., the Haze is gone..., the Sky is getting Bluer..., the Sun is getting Brighter..., Family Lives are getting Warmer, Harmonial, and Cordial and People's hearts have become more and more Calm*

People who haven't read for Years have picked up books at home. Parents and children who had no communication with their children, couples who couldn't speak few words a year have opened up the conversation box. Children who did not know how to respect the elderly has also begun to be filial.

The virus taught human beings a vivid and profound lesson. It made us understand awe. It also let us know what is called *"Good Times"* It also made us feel true love on earth. It made us gradually fall in love *"Return to the Road"*, we really should be grateful for this *"Enemy"*, we need such an "enemy" to give us *Reminder* and give us *Empowerment*.

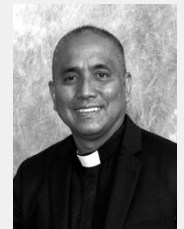
The virus will not leave so quickly, it needs to see the *"Cultivation" of human's good habits*, and the virus will not continue to rag, because *Human love will gather more power* to keep the virus away, time will tell us everything, Time will also prove what is right.

*_THE VIRUS _ REMINDED US
THERE IS AN ALMIGHTY AND
HUMANS R JUST HUMANS._*

Blessings!

Your loving pastor,

Fr. Rodel "Odie" Balagtas



A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber (an executive editor of America)

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

Office of Worship

Archdiocesan Guidelines for Parishes

This flu season and to aid in limiting the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), all are reminded to use good hygiene and the usual common-sense practices used during the cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill, you are not obliged to attend Mass and should stay home.

For those who are not able to attend due to illness, Sunday Mass is live streamed in English and Spanish from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics/>, @lacatholics.

The following accommodations have been recommended by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until such time as the coronavirus is no longer a threat:

- that the faithful receive Holy Communion on the hand and **not on the tongue**;
- the use of the cup be suspended;
- all are asked to refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace or during the recitation of the Lord's prayer. A smile and a heartfelt, "Peace be with you," can serve as the sign of peace.
- During the recitation of the Lord's prayer, you are invited to assume the orans position. That is the raising of the hands and eyes toward heaven as a gesture acknowledging our sole reliance on God.

Please remember that refraining from participation in the liturgy or the sign of peace is out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

Please continue to pray for all who are ill and those who are providing care for them.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Monthly Food Drive - this Sun., March 15, 7 - 11 AM, please bring non-perishable food items to the patio area.

Bundle Sunday, March 29, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM, bring your used but usable donations to the parking lot. *Thank you!*

Incarnation Invites You to Celebrate the Saints with us!

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK: Tue., March 17

Join us on the patio following the 8:30AM Mass for a ***Shamrock Reception*** being hosted by the Hospitality Committee!

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH: Thursday, March 19

Following the 5:30PM Mass, join us for a ***Festa Pasta*** in the School Auditorium. Bring your favorite pasta dish to share!

Please email liturgy-music@incaglendale.org for more information or to volunteer for either of these two parish events! *Hope to see you there!!!*



Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Soup Suppers are back this year and will be held Wednesdays during Lent at 6 PM in the School Auditorium. Many thanks to the following Incarnation Ministries for generously hosting these **Wednesday Soup Suppers**: March 18: *Servants of the Lord & Bible Study Group*; March 25: *Incarnation School*; April 1: *Women's Guild*. We encourage you to bring your own bowls/utensils and hope to see you there! Donations are welcome!

Heartfelt Thanks from Haiti

Once again I am humbled by the generosity of the good people of Incarnation Catholic Church. You're annual Giving Tree Fundraiser raised over \$5800 during 2019 Christmas Season for the **Santa Chiara Children's Center** in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. These badly needed funds will go to feeding, clothing, diapers, education and other needs of the children. We thank you for your continued support of our Ministry. God Bless all of You! —Gerry Straub

2020 Incarnation School News

Applications for Pre-School, TK, & Kindergarten are available at the school office weekdays, 8 AM to 3:30 PM. Applications are also online at www.incaschool.org. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour of the school, please contact the principal, **Dr. Colby Boysen**, at cboysen@incaschool.org.

Parish Contacts

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Celebrant Schedule for Sunday Mass

SAT., MAR. 14, 5:30 PM: FR. BALAGTAS
 SUN., MAR. 15, 7:30 AM: MSGR. HEFNER
 9:00 AM: FR. O'BRIEN
 10:30 AM: FR. SANDOVAL
 12:00 PM: FR. BALAGTAS
 5:30 PM: FR. SANDOVAL

SAT., MAR. 21, 5:30 PM: FR. O'BRIEN
 SUN., MAR. 22, 7:30 AM: MSGR. HEFNER
 9:00 AM: FR. BALAGTAS
 10:30 AM: FR. SANDOVAL
 12:00 PM: FR. O'BRIEN
 5:30 PM: FR. BALAGTAS



Readings for the Week ~ - March 16 - 22

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51, 6-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thur: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14

4TH Sunday of Lent:

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Special Prayer Requests

For the Sick: *Augustine Zacharias, Theresa Zick, Joe & Josephine Algiers, Dn. Restie Noriega, Teresita Napal-Saad, Ella Victoria Bayley.* **For the Deceased:** *Lorraine Halloran, Angelita Dechoso, Sammy D'Angelo, Steven Sarnicola.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 14 5:30 AZUCENA PINON (RIP)
 Sun., Mar. 15 7:30 NESTOR GAMBAN (RIP)
 9:00 ALFREDO VIVERO (RIP)
 10:30 JOE HOREJSI (RIP)
 12:00 PEOPLE OF INCARNATION (INT)
 5:30 BEA ANGELICA CASTRO (RIP)
 Mon., Mar. 16 8:30 CHARLES WELLS (INT)
 5:30 ROMMEL B. PANLILIO (RIP)
 Tue., Mar. 17 8:30 COLLECTIVE INTENTION
 Virgilio Cruz, INT; Ivan Macapagal, INT; Emma & Lino Brion, RIP;
 Karla Sida, INT; Fe Nene Brion, RIP; Napoleon Del Fierro, RIP
 5:30 GRACIELA MONTANO (INT)
 Wed., Mar. 18 8:30 AIDA CUSTIDIO (RIP)
 5:30 COLLECTIVE INTENTION
 Luis A. Bolognesi, INT; Dolores McLaren, INT
 Paul & Mary Wight, RIP; Leonor & June Monfero, RIP;
 Christopher Mahony, RIP; Dora Rayos, RIP;
 Thur., Mar. 19 8:30 FR. JOHN O'BRIEN (INT)
 5:30 JOSEFINA BOTE (INT)
 Fri., Mar. 20 8:30 ALBERTO & LUISA BOLOGNESI (RIP)
 5:30 ETHAN LUU (INT)
 Sat., Mar. 21 8:30 NELSON CRUZ (RIP)

2020 Incarnation Parish Summer Carnival *featuring our Car & Cash RAFFLE!*



1ST Prize - 2020 Toyota Highlander
\$100 per Ticket

2ND Prize - \$2,500 / 3RD Prize - \$1,000

4TH Prize - \$500 / 5TH Prize - \$250

Each ticket gives you a 1 in 1,000 chance to win!

We are offering an installment payment plan packet of envelopes to help you purchase your raffle tickets. Payments must be made in full no later than June 13, 2020.

Payment packets will be available following
all Sunday Masses. See Joe Chavez!

Proceeds to benefit Incarnation Parish & School! The drawing will be held on Sun., June 21, 8:45 PM. You need not be present to win. Must be 18 or older to play. The winner of the vehicle is required to pay ALL APPLICABLE FEES AND TAXES AT THE TIME THE 2020 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER IS DELIVERED, which must be within 30 days of drawing. Sorry, no cash option.

Vehicle provided by: BOB SMITH TOYOTA.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Parish Center: 818-242-2579.

FESTUM INCARNATIONIS **Next Saturday, March 21, 2020**

The 2nd Annual Festum Incarnationis (Feast of the Incarnation) Gala Dinner is Sat., March 21 at 6:45PM at the Incarnation Community Center. This year's FESTUM celebrates the 93rd Anniversary of Incarnation Parish and will include a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, raffle, live and silent auctions, and ballroom dancing, and all for only \$40 per person! Tickets will be for sale after Masses this weekend. Please make checks payable to ***Incarnation Catholic Church***. For more information contact Les Rangel-Santos, Director of Liturgy & Director of Music at liturgy-music@incaglendale.org.



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