

# GOOD NEWS!

One of the most important people in my life is a teacher. She's retired now. For several years I was her student. Later I was privileged to work with her as a colleague. She was a world traveler. Each summer her religious order would send her somewhere exotic—an international ecclesial meeting in Africa, a conference for women in the Church in Asia.

Each fall I would talk to her in the copying room: "Where have you been?" I wanted to live vicariously through her travels. I also wanted to know about whom she'd met, what she'd learned, what talks she'd given. She went to Hong Kong on one trip because she was already going to Korea. She was in the neighborhood, so why not? Sister D had a big neighborhood.

She introduced me to her kindred spirit, Egeria. You've heard of the Church Fathers, like Augustine, Ambrose, Gregory of Nyssa? She had us read all of them. She also had us read the Church Mother, Egeria. Probably from the late fourth century, her Travels, or at least big chunks of it, was lost for several centuries until it resurfaced in the late 1800s. Egeria came from the West and toured the Holy Land, writing about Christian customs, observing, interviewing, interacting, and pollinating the greater Church with tales from her journeys.

Egeria has vivid descriptions of different Lenten practices in Jerusalem. Some fasted for a day. Some took one meal. Some fasted the whole week, eating only on Sunday and Saturday. She has an interesting observation on the diverse practices: each person does what he or she can; no one is criticized or praised for his or her particulars (Travels, 28:1-3).

The communion of saints offers us a rich collection of fellow travelers becoming Christlike, and more than a few characters.

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# February 21, 2010

## First Sunday of Lent

### MASSES OF THE WEEK:

**FEBRUARY 21 TO 28, 2010**

#### **This Sunday, February 21:**

7:30 a.m. *Special Intentions of Don & DJ*

9:00 a.m. *Intentions of Antonina Balistreri* by *Rosalie Balistreri*

10:30 a.m. *Andrew Vinci* by *Luke Vinci*

12:00 noon *Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends*

#### **Monday:**

7:30 a.m. *Intentions of Lahib Romaya* by *Nibras*

12:00 noon *Antonina Sanfilippo* by *Giuseppe & Grazia Sanfilippo*

#### **Tuesday:**

7:30 a.m. *Kurtis Kaufman* by *Krissy Manthie*

12:00 noon *Mary Gunther Wilcox* by *Hortensia Mullally & Victor Gonzalez*

#### **Wednesday:**

7:30 a.m. *Josephine Messina* by *Sam Messina*

12:00 noon *Perpetual Membership*

#### **Thursday:**

7:30 a.m. *Intentions of Susan Marchica* by *Carol Kewell*

12:00 noon *Intentions of Yasmile & Luis*

#### **Friday:**

7:30 a.m. *Intentions of Donna, Diane, Jean, David, Elaine & John Ryan* by *Jean Ryan*

12:00 noon *Anna Brunetto* by *Mike & Anna Fiorentino*

#### **Saturday:**

7:30 a.m. *Madonna del Lume Society*

12:00 noon *Jennie Chagas* by *Vito & Rosalie De Maria*

5:30 p.m. (Vigil) *Margaret Spagna* by *Margaret Bamonte*

#### **Next Sunday, February 28:**

7:30 a.m. *Nicola Crivello* by *Frank & Anna Zizzo*

9:00 a.m. *Irene Battisti* by *Esther & Dolores*

10:30 a.m. *Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends*

12:00 noon *Mimmo Carini* by *Mimmo & Family*

Please remember that our daily Mass Calendar fills rapidly. Presently the wait is two to four months in advance. If you hope to have a mass celebrated on a special date, look ahead and call early.

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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES – FATIMA, LOURDES, AVILA, SALAMANCA, LISIEUX (HOME OF ST. THERESE) AND PARIS.**

**Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM**, Associate Pastor at **Old Mission San Luis Rey**, will lead a pilgrimage to **Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Lisieux** (home of the Little Flower) and **Paris**. *May 9–23, 2010*. Celebrate Mass with *His Holiness, Pope Benedict* at *Fatima Shrine* on *May 13th*, the anniversary of the first apparition. Visit the home of *St. Teresa of Avila*, historic **Salamanca** and **Zaragoza** as well as **Lourdes, Lisieux** and **Paris**. Total Cost: \$3,912.00 (from LAX). For further information contact **Linda Patera** at (760) 529-9378 or **Hermie Garcia** at (619) 656-1099. **Last day to reserve a place: February 23.**

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**AFTER ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC (OR CATHOLIC-FRIENDLY) WOMEN**  
*March 12-14, 2010*. Professionally led. Held at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego**. Closing Mass included. Cost \$45; scholarships available. Confidentiality maintained. Limited housing available. For information/registration call **Rosemary Benefield** (858) 581-3022, [rachels\\_hope@juno.com](mailto:rachels_hope@juno.com).

**CELTIC ECHOES – EARLY CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FROM THE BRITISH ISLES BY DR. FLORENCE GILLMAN**

*Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7 - 8:30 p.m.* at **USD's Salomon Hall & Bishop Maher Hall**. In the modern search for roots a great treasure trove of interesting history and vibrant spiritual practices has been found by those who investigate the Celtic period of early Christianity. This lecture, accompanied by vivid visual material, surveys some of that fascinating history and the enduring influence of many great Celtic figures such as Patrick, Aidan, Columba and Bridget. Pre-registration \$10; \$15 at the door; USD students, free with I.D.; USD Faculty and Staff are half price. For more information and registration, call (619) 260-4784, email [ccs@sandiego.edu](mailto:ccs@sandiego.edu) or visit our website, [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs).

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**CENSUS JOBS!**

Temporary employment opportunity with United States Census 2010. Available positions include Census Takers, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Recruiting Assistants and Census Clerks. Call (866) 861-2010 or visit online at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's Mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle. Let a Marriage Encounter weekend enrich your love for one another. Give your children the best gift they can get, parents with a great marriage. The next weekend encounter starts this *Friday, February 26-28*. For information call **Mike & Anita Barletta** at (866) 473-7730 or email them at [barfive@cox.net](mailto:barfive@cox.net).

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**ST. VINCENT SCHOOL**

Open house ~ *Thursday, March 18* at 6:00~8:00 PM. St. Vincent School is a Catholic, elementary school founded in 1949 in the **Mission Hills neighborhood of San Diego**. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, St. Vincent serves children in preschool through eighth grade and is staffed by the *Sisters of Mercy* and a complement of experienced lay teachers. Accepting application for Preschool through Eighth Grade. **4061 Ibis Street I, San Diego 92103**, (619) 296-2222, Fax (619) 296-2763, [www.svscatholic.org](http://www.svscatholic.org)

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**BAPTISMS** ~ The following children have been joyfully welcomed into the family of God:

**Braulio Francisco Arquilla**, son of **John & Mabelle Reynoso Arquilla**

**Beckett Nicholas Greenbaum**, son of **Daniel Robert & Silvia Helena Benett Ribeiro Greenbaum**

**Marcus Alcantara Rafael**, son of **Mark Anthony & Grace Alcantara Rafael**

God love & bless them always.

**MARRIAGE BANNS** ~ The following couple has exchanged a promise to marry in Christ:

**Gregory Dickey & Barbara Franke**

**REST IN PEACE** ~ Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **John Rudy Silva**, who was called to his eternal reward. Please remember him and his loved ones in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## OLR YOUTH NIGHT

Attention all high school and confirmation youth!  
You are invited to snack, have fun and hang out with cool Catholics who love life and live it to it's fullest and truest.

Bring a friend!

Youth group meets *every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month* in the  
**Parish Hall - Upstairs from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Next gathering is *Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>*.

[www.Olryouth.blogspot.com](http://www.Olryouth.blogspot.com)

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## *Our Lady's Gifts*

Located in the Pastoral Center Parking Lot

*Monday - Friday*

*8:00 AM - 4:30 PM*

*Sunday*

*8:30 AM - 1:00 PM*

**\*\* Proceeds to OLR Building Fund \*\***



### REMEMBER THE MYSTERY

This Lent, instead of simply giving something up, how about doing something extra? Spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament and focus on Christ. Commit to one weekly hour with the Lord in the **Adoration Chapel** (Church parking-lot). You will treasure the 60 minutes of peace and heart to heart with **Jesus in the Holy Eucharist**. If interested contact

*Fr. Steven* at (619) 234-4820.

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### 2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This is your opportunity to support our parish in meeting and exceeding our goal of **\$23,000** and assisting the **Diocesan Ministries of the Word** (to hand on our Faith through Education), **Ministries of Worship** (to celebrate our Faith in the Liturgy) and **Ministries of Service** (Family Service and Catholic Charities).

*\*Any amount over our goal is returned to our parish\**

## DEAR PADRE

### *When can people become Catholic?*

*Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?*

*Maureen*

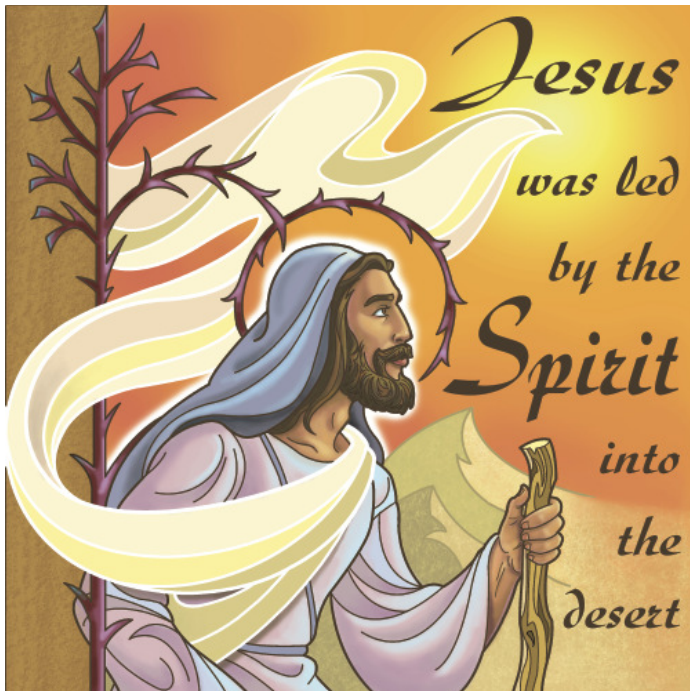
Dear Maureen,

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

*Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.*



## **Spring Family Ball**

Come join Our Lady of the Rosary's  
Madonna Societies

*Saturday March 6, 2010 (6:00 p.m. - Midnight)*

**FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON**

**8110 AERO DRIVE, SAN DIEGO**

**MONTGOMERY FIELD (AIRPORT)**

Semi-formal, festive attire \$45 Adults

& \$20 Children (10 and under)

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### **Menu**

Caesar salad, Grilled New York Steak,  
Scalloped potatoes with seasonal vegetables,  
rolls with butter, coffee, teas, ice teas and  
dessert

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Proceeds go to OLR Festa 2010

(NO Refunds after February 28)

To reserve your tickets and for more  
information contact:

**Leonora Zizzo** ~ Madonna Addolorata  
(619) 287-9302

**Tina Principato** ~ Madonna del Lume  
(619) 449-0956

**Giustina Crimi** ~ Madonna del Paradiso  
(619) 934-1615

Please make checks payable to:

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

## **ANNUAL 40 HOUR DEVOTIONS**

It's a cherished tradition to honor in a special way the Lord in the Holy Eucharist by placing the Sacred Host on the Altar, visible to the people worshipping the Lord. *March 4, 5, & 6, 2010.* Adoration from 8 AM to 7 PM. Everyone is invited to spend some time with the Lord and share in His special blessings for grateful and loving hearts.

## **ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT**

*Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 AM to 5:30 PM*

The Retreat will be conducted by  
**Fr. Louis M. Solcia** in the Parish Hall.  
Take a day off from your daily routine  
and get recharged.

**The Rosary** is the theme.

You will want to bring your lunch.

Reserve your spot by calling

The Pastoral Center at 234-4820.

Your day will be completed with the  
**Celebration of the Mass.**

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*Every Friday of Lent*

after the 12 Noon Mass and at 7:30 PM.

## **FIRST CONFESSION**

*This Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM* our First  
Communion class will make their First Confession.

## **INVITATION TO MORNING PRAYER**

During the *weekdays* of Lent, you are invited  
to recite the Church morning Prayers with the  
**Priests** at OLR at 7:00 AM.

## **OLR SOCIALIZERS**

Tired of the same old routine? Join us for lunch and  
visit with others who share your values. *Sunday,*  
*March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM* - Charisma restaurant in  
Hillcrest. Call **Ellen Hogan** at (619) 236-0732 for  
information and reservations.

## **MADONNA DEL PARADISO**

Meeting in the **Parish Hall**

this *Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.*