

Parish Office and Catholic Community News

Parish Staff and Office Hours — The Parish Staff is usually available to serve you during the following hours:

- ◆ Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-11:30 am/12:30 pm-7:30 pm
- ◆ Friday: 8:30 am-11:30 am/12:30 pm-5:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- ◆ Sunday: 8:30 am-2:00 pm

After hours **emergency** pager: 897-6371.

Room Scheduling Procedure — Requests for room space at St. Raphael are accepted **in writing** on the forms available in the Parish Office. Requests are processed one day a week (on Mondays).

Building Fund Update

The Parish Building Fund Collection is Now Complete!

Thank you to all the dedicated parishioners and generous donors to the long-term Parish Building Fund. Because of your generosity, we have been able to complete and pay for several parish improvement projects, including a new school roof, school fumigation, the property line fence, and parking lot repairs. We realize the many sacrifices you have made, especially in the current economy, and appreciate your support of our parish community.

Catholic Community News

Vocation Information — A Priesthood Discernment Retreat is offered twice a year for men with a college degree who are considering the diocesan priesthood. Call Father James Forsen at **(213) 637-7515**, or you may email: frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org.

Marriage Encounter — For information and the dates of upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, visit the website www.wvme-la-north.org, or call Russ and Jeanine Walker, **(805) 648-4244**. You can also email: walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net.

Catholic Counseling — Sliding scale fee based on family income. For more information, call **965-7045 x10** (English), and **extension 114** for Bilingual-Spanish.



Medical Network

Pregnancy options, counseling, post-abortion support groups, parenting and adoption support. All information is **free and confidential**. Call **967-9096** for more info.

Mission Toastmasters — Mission Toastmasters will begin meeting **every Tuesday evening** from 5:30 pm to 7:10 pm at Saint Raphael Church Parish Center, Room A. Mission Toastmasters was founded 31 years ago by a Saint Raphael parishioner. Toastmasters helps members improve their speaking, listening, and meeting management skills in a very supportive setting. The cost for membership is very reasonable. Members must be 18 years of age. Guests are most certainly welcome. The club is offering **two free memberships** to parishioners on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, if enough interest is shown, an eight week "Youth Leadership" program is also available for teens under the age of 18. For more info, call Sam S. Alfano, **(805) 967-0595**, or email: r123rangel@cox.net.

Faith and Film — **Free** movies at the Mission Renewal Center on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room. The movie for Monday, **March 8** is *Whale Rider* (2003). Park in the Mission Renewal Center parking lot behind the Mission.



Mentors Needed — Hospice of Santa Barbara (HSB) is seeking volunteers for the I Have a Friend® Mentor program. I Have a Friend® Mentors are adults who have lost a parent or sibling in their childhood and are ready to help a recently bereaved child with their grief. There is an increased need for bilingual and male volunteers. **Mentor Spring Training starts March 2** at 6:00 pm. Volunteers must be able to commit to a minimum of one year of service to a child including weekly visits and activities. All mentors must also pass a thorough background check, complete comprehensive training and attend quarterly support and training meetings. For an application or for more info, contact Joy at **(805) 563-8820** or visit the HSB website: hospiceofsantabarbara.org.

Miles Christi Groups — Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, weekly meetings are designed for **men or women** to help increase knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. Men meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Meeting schedule for women to be determined. For more information, contact Jim McClellan at **964-2709**, mccllellan4sb@hotmail.com; or Mary Rocha at **729-5197**, sbrocha@hotmail.com. Website: mileschristigroups.blogspot.com.

United States Census 2010 — Be counted in 2010. Complete and return your Census form. It is easy, safe, and important. More info: www.census.gov/2010census.