St. Louis de Montfort Mission Statement
We are called to be and to become a loving family centered in Jesus.
We acknowledge and accept that each of us is unique and
has special gifts from the Holy Spirit.
We wish to nurture, develop and share these gifts within and
for the Body of Christ.
Having been called by Baptism into that Body,
We celebrate our relationship in Word, Sacrament and Family Celebration.
We are then sent to call others to Christ
through whom we are and what we do.
We recognize Christ’s call to be one in Him and commit ourselves to his way of life.

THE HOLY FAMILY                                                                                                 DECEMBER 27, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:30am   James & Phyllis Goethel +
9:30am   Rose Cuva +
11:30am  Milinda Parra +
6:00pm   Joseph Mehm +

LOS ALAMOS, ST. ANTHONY’S:
Scheller Family (l & +)

SISQUOC, SAN RAMÓN CHAPEL:
Fumia Family (l & +)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 – The Holy Innocents
6:30am  Guadalupe Morales +
8:00am  John Foley +

TUESDAY, DEC. 29 - 5th Octave of the Lord
6:30am  Pat Zimmer +
8:00am  Joe Padilla +

WED., DEC. 30 – 6th Octave of the Lord
6:30am  Mariett Tongol +
8:00am  Shari Harrison +

THURSDAY, DEC. 31 - 7th Octave of the Lord
6:30am  Guadalupe Morales +
8:00am  William Wiley +

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
6:30am  Maureen Pericho
8:00am  Elis Parker +
5:30pm  Jim Jepsen +

SATURDAY, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen
8:00am  Jim Jepsen +
5:00pm  Wintroub & Singh Families (l & +)
6:45pm  Ray Sierra +

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30am  Anne & Stan Lewandowski +
9:30am  John Foley +
11:30am Maria Solano +
6:00pm  Mary Beth Reynolds

LOS ALAMOS, ST ANTHONY’S:
Daughters of Mary & Joseph (l & +)

SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:
Josephite Fathers (l & +)

Fr Aidan Peter writes:
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Christmas festivities go so well. The Church looks beautiful and we certainly celebrated the birth of the Lord with gusto. We are in the twilight zone now between Christmas and New Year, BUT please note various smaller feasts, St Stephen the first Martyr, St John the Evangelist, Holy Family, Holy Innocents, Mary, Mother of God, Epiphany... For the Christian Christmas starts on the 24/25th and is a twelve day festival. Secular society or more really the commercialism of Christmas starts in September and ends on 24/25th!! So please continue the party, be counter cultural, why not come to a weekday Mass? We must however always remember the heart of the festival season...the giftedness of God in the presence of Christ on earth. In this year of Mercy we recognize the Child as the Merciful Word of God made Flesh. The Christmas season can be a little testing time when everyone piles on top of each other in family gatherings and noses get put out of joint when people ask if there is a receipt to go with the un-wanted jumper! So keep the mercy theme strong at this time. A Jan 1st hint, if you make a New Year’s resolution make one that is realistic and not going to dent your ego because it is too ambitious and is broken within a week. Think smaller in order, after success, to grow taller! One extra prayer a day will be a good start.

God bless you and your families for 2016

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday:  Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday:  Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

BUNCO PARTY
The Catholic Daughters, Court Santa Maria, is having a fundraiser Bunco Party on **Sat., Feb. 20, 2016**, at St. Louis de Montfort, upper room, 5075 Harp Rd., SM. The public is invited to join in the fun at **1 PM**. There will be snacks, appetizers, and desserts. We will also have door prizes and the donation for all this is $15.00 per person. Call **Peggy Morris at 805 934-2948** and reserve a seat. If you don’t know how to play, don’t worry, we will teach you. It is an easy-to-learn game, so please come and see what the fun is all about!!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Do you want to give your spouse a gift that will last a lifetime? Give them the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend Feb 26-28 at the Best Western Canoga Park. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805-648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

Newlyweds — you’ve embarked on a journey that is at the heart of a civilization of love and life. Now is the time to grow and strengthen the beautiful gift of love that God has given you in the unity of marriage. If you’ve been married for up to 5 years, join us for Newlyweds 101: God Centric – a marriage enrichment program.

Newlyweds 101: God Centric
Series of 6 Monthly Friday Sessions from **January 22 – June 24, 2016**
For more information:
archla.org/newlyweds101
or contact Candy Metoyer
cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org | 213.637.7250

PROJECT NOREEN
Thanks to your wonderful generosity of adopting families or giving donations, we have made 50 families happier. **As usual, I am inspired and heartened by your caring.**
And your response to the request from Catholic Charities was equally generous. “You are the hands of Jesus…He has no other hands but yours.” Carry this message in your hearts as you spread your mercy on others. **A Blessed Christmas to all….from Sr. Catherine**

Religious Education & Junior High News:
**Religious Education classes:** We will NOT have classes the weeks of December 30th & 31st and January 6th & 7th due to Christmas and New Year’s. For more information contact Kelly via email: kelly@sldm.org or 937-8363
**Junior High group NO meeting on December 31st & January 7th due to Christmas & New Year’s.** For more information contact Kelly via email: kelly@sldm.org or 937-8363

**Catholic Parenting Tip:** There are things we Catholics can do to celebrate the New Year as well. Go to this link: [http://www.catholicicing.com/new-year-ideas-for-catholic-families-fun-traditions/](http://www.catholicicing.com/new-year-ideas-for-catholic-families-fun-traditions/) If you would like to subscribe to the Religious Education Office’s weekly update email: kelly@sldm.org to be added. Each week we offer a “tip of the week”.

**Rezamos por Nuestros Enfermos:** Mary Reinart, Lexi Brown, Don Raul Blanco, Celia Camacho, Mike Maroney, Marie Evans, Joe Herrmann, Santiago Bergen, Charlie Halsett, Michelle McCauley, Jenny Hoch, Pedro Ramirez, Shannon Kessler, Maria Orlando, Pedro & Teresa Ramirez.

**CHAPEL TO CHURCH 1/2 MARATHON**
...to benefit Catholic Charities of Santa Maria: they serve everyone. A Run/Walk event. Prove to yourself that you still have it in you. From San Ramon Chapel, Sisquoc, to St. Louis Church, Orcutt, via Palmer Road. **SATURDAY, JAN.30. WALK 8AM; RUN 9:00AM.** Hosted by Father John and the SLDM Parishioners. Register on line at Active.com, or at the SLDM rectory. The $60 fee includes medal, T-shirt and pork BBQ sandwich. Individual awards. Pledge card for participants available at the rectory (937-4555). Monetary donations to support the event are welcome. Form a 5-person team and go up against another team for bragging rights. Form a relay team with or without challenging another. Volunteer helpers needed. Sign up in the Vestibule.
DID YOU KNOW? Take a time out to communicate
Sometimes, kids need a place to go where they can say what they want, and they won’t be immediately punished or have to deal with a negative reaction. It’s important to make sure your child has such a space or time – after dinner conversations, an ice cream spot, riding home from school – where they can tell you what’s on their mind, good or bad, and you can just listen and discuss, without taking the instant parental approach. If your children feel safe talking to you openly, you are better equipped to notice and handle any red flags in their lives. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Modeling Good Communication,” email: jvienna@larchdiocese.org.

THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY 3:00 PM
Happy is the soul that calls upon the mercy of the Lord.” (St. Faustina Diary # 598)
The prayer group meets Fridays at 3:00pm at the Josephite Chapel, 180 Patterson Road.

IMAGINE
Matthew Kelly writes "How would your life be different one year from now if you read five pages of a great Catholic book each day?" Imagine how your life would change. Begin by joining our book review every Thursday evening in January from 7 to 8. So pull out the book you were given a few years ago "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" and join us for a discussion of the book. We will do one or two chapters per week. More information to follow. Contact dorothyguida@comcast.net.

FAMILY LIFE
Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

¿SABIA USTED? Tome un tiempo para comunicarse
Algunas veces los niños necesitan un lugar donde puedan ir y decir lo que quieran, y donde no serán castigados inmediatamente o donde tengan que lidiar con una reacción negativa. Es importante asegurar que su hijo o hija tenga tal espacio o tiempo, que puede ser después de las conversaciones de la cena, un lugar donde vaya a comer helado, o el trayecto de la escuela a la casa, donde él o ella puedan decirle lo que piensan, bueno o malo, y que usted sólo pueda escuchar sus palabras, sin tomar ninguna decisión inmediata. Si sus hijos se sienten seguros al platicar con usted abiertamente, usted estará mejor equipado/a para notar y manejar cualquier dificultad en sus vidas. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Modelando buena comunicación” por favor envíe un email a: jvienna@larchdiocese.org.

Catholic Charities Silent Angel Campaign
There is a silent angel who will 'double' any monetary donation you make from now until December 31, 2015 to the Santa Maria Catholic Charities. Now is the time to make a difference in people's lives by assisting with their hopes and dreams of being lifted up to self-sufficiency, feeding those most in need and keeping families together by mailing your gift to: Catholic Charities, 607 West Main St., S.M. 93458. Or stop by and tour the facilities. Thank you for your continued support and God Bless You.

Virtus Training: Protecting God's Children is being offered by St. Louis de Montfort Church on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 from 6:00-9:00pm in the Mahan Room. The Virtus training is an Archdiocese mandated requirement for anyone 18 or older if you work with children or teens in any ministry in a parish or in a school as a volunteer or paid staff (recertification is required every 4 years). If it has been 4 years since you attended the training, or you have not had the training, you need to attend the workshop. No cost to attend. Please RSVP to kelly@sldm.org.

JANUARY 1ST IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES.