ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ST. ANTHONY’S, LOS ALAMOS
270 Helena St.
Mass: 8:45AM & 11:30AM Span.

SAN RAMON CHAPEL, SISQUOC
Foxen Canyon Mass: 10:15AM
www.sanramonchapel.org

MASS SCHEDULE:  934-3172
Daily: 6:30AM, 8:00AM
First Fridays: 5:30PM
Saturday: 8:00AM
Vigil: 5 PM Eng, 6:45PM Span.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30, 3:00 Span. & 6:00PM
Holy Days: Vigil 5:30PM, 6:45 Span.
6:30AM, 8AM, 12 Noon, 6:00PM
Liturgy of the Hours: M-F 6:55AM
Novena/Benediction: Thursdays 7PM
Adoration: 8:30- Noon –Mondays
For 1st Friday: 7PM Thurs. to 6:30AM Fri.
Confessions: Sat. 3:15-4:45PM & 8-9PM Bilingual
**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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**
- 7:30am    Adrian Fernandez +
- 9:30am    Phil Lawrence +
- 11:30am   Parishioners
- 3:00pm    Miguel Guerra +
- 6:00pm    Al Partida +

**LOS ALAMOS, ST. ANTHONY'S:**
- Alicia Hernandez +

**SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:**
- Will Family &+

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**
- 6:30am  Laverne Sjoberg
- 8:00am  Albert Pincin +
- 5:30pm  1st Lt. Curtis Berenguer +

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**
- 6:30am  Goetsch Children & Families &+
- 8:00am  Arturo & Marian Macabeo
- 5:30pm  Deceased Members of Conrad Dyke Fam.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**
- 6:30am  Leticia Dayrit +
- 8:00am  Art & Marian Macabeo
- 5:30pm  Jerry Herrmann +

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**
- 6:30am  Barbara Delehant
- 8:00am  Amparo Santos +
- 5:30pm  Niko Barth

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**
- 6:30am  Art & Marian Macabeo
- 8:00am  Lucio Magdalen +
- 5:30pm  Rose Cuva +

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**
- 8:00am  Soltero & Clotilde Lopez +
- 5:00pm  Ruby & Jeffrey Wintroub
- 6:45pm  Baudelia Solorio +

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**
- 7:30am  Members of the Parish Council
- 9:30am  Albert Rodriguez +
- 11:30am  Linda Atkinson
- 4:00pm  Ron Guida +
- 6:00pm  James Wade +
- 12:00am  Gabriel & Pearl Garcia +

**LOS ALAMOS, ST ANTHONY'S:**
- Franklin Tosti +

**SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:**
- Parishioners

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**Fr Aidan Peter Writes:**

It is already the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Christmas is but 8/9 days away. Say a prayer for your parish clergy next weekend we have 23 Masses to celebrate in the space of 48 hours! Advent 4 and Christmas collide! Phew! Of course we don’t begrudge a moment of it. Christmas is in many ways a huge thank you for the gift of God’s Son. The Mass is our way of worship filled thanks giving: Eucharistia. But please no extra or unnecessary requests and try and allow us to put our feet up over the next couple of days!

The third Sunday of Advent is “Gaudete Sunday meaning Rejoice. The title comes from the opening Antiphon, “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice; indeed the Lord is near” – shades of Fr Bede CJ of pious memory who would sing this at the drop of a hat! One might ask, having experienced the Thomas fire these last two weeks, that there might be little to rejoice about. I am convinced that if every day we examine our day and look for things that went well, that lifted our spirits, or when God used us to lighten someone’s daily burden we can find them. We should always rejoice when God uses us, it allows little moments of the Kingdom to break into our lives.

God bless you and your families
and your final preparations for Christmas

Fr Aidan Peter CJ
CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Now that the outside of the church is ready for Christmas, it’s time to decorate the inside. Please help us, especially with the ten trees, on Saturday, December 23rd, at 8:30am. All help will be appreciated.

The Decorating Committee

THREE O’CLOCK -- THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY

"I want to prepare my heart for the coming of the Lord Jesus by silence and recollection of spirit, uniting myself with the Most Holy Mother and faithfully imitating Her virtue of silence, by which She found pleasure in the eyes of God Himself." --(St. Faustina, Diary #1398). The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets Fridays at 3:00 at the Josephite Chapel.

Gift Wrapping Service-Bald for Lexi Fundraiser

On Sunday, December 17th from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Upper Room you can have your Christmas gifts wrapped. Save yourself the hassle of wrapping your gifts yourself & let us wrap them for you for a donation to Bald for Lexi. Food, drinks & holiday cheer will surround you while you wait for your gifts to be wrapped. For more information contact Kelly at: mkk96@msn.com or at 805-264-5317.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God’s coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God’s coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today’s readings are full of joy. Mary’s Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

ROSEMARY HILL PANTRY NEEDS YOU!

Please help us with the following:

- White Rice (1 or 2 lb bags only)
- Pinto Beans (1 or 2 lb. bags only)
- Commercially packed beans & rice only, please!
  - Spaghetti Sauce
  - Canned Chicken
  - Jams/Jellies
  - Top Ramen

Please check expiration dates!
DID YOU KNOW?
Pay attention to signs of neglect
Neglect is a form of child abuse characterized by a failure to meet a child’s basic needs for nourishment, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education and so forth. Be on the lookout for signs of neglect in the children you see on a daily basis because if these needs are not met, a child may be suffering physically and emotionally. Some signs of neglect include malnourishment, poor hygiene, and insufficient medical care. For more information, and a copy of the VIRTUS® article “The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect,” visit http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx, or call (213) 637-7508.

HELPING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE THOMAS FIRE
From Bishop Barron’s Office:
In response to the recent Thomas Fire, many people in our parishes and schools in Ventura County have been affected in the worst way. Many have lost homes and many more have been evacuated. The following are ways to help those in immediate need. If you have further questions you may contact the Regional Office.

Donating Material Goods: You may drop off donations such as clothing, blankets, food and personal supplies at your nearest Catholic Charities. Indicate that donations are for the Thomas Fire. In Santa Maria, the address is 607 W. Main St and phone contact is 805-922-2059.

Providing Immediate Financial Support: Immediate support will be provided through the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Checks may be made in two ways.
Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010
To Call: 213-637-7438
or
Santa Barbara Pastoral Region
C/O Thomas Fire
3240 Calle Pinon
Santa Barbara, CA 93015

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Pp 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

¿SABIA USTED?
Preste atención a los signos de negligencia
La negligencia es una forma de maltrato infantil caracterizada por la falta de satisfacción de las necesidades básicas de alimentación, vestimenta, atención médica, educación, entre otros, de un niño. Esté atento a los signos de abandono en los niños que ve a diario porque si no se satisfacen estas necesidades, un niño está sufriendo física y emocionalmente. Algunos signos de negligencia incluyen desnutrición, falta de higiene y atención médica insuficiente. Para más información, y una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect” (El tipo de abuso a menudo olvidado: negligencia), visite http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx, o llame al (213) 637-7508.

TOGETHER IN MISSION UPDATE
CLOSING OUT 2017 PLEDGES
TOTAL PLEDGES 601
TOTAL PLEDGED $130,102
TOTAL PAID $123,927
BALANCES STILL OPEN $6,175

A VERY SUCCESSFUL TOGETHER IN MISSION APPEAL AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!! GOD BLESS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.