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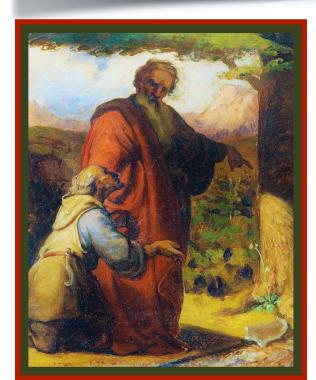


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"The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree" Detail c. 1850 Carl Rahn

There are many terrific opportunities within our family of faith, to Love, Grow & Serve. Please see our lists of Activities, Organizations, & Events, inside this bulletin!

Daily Mass

Mondays and Wed.-Fri. 8:00 AM

<u>Vigil on Saturday</u> 5:30 PM

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

First Saturdays 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursdays during Adoration, Fridays following the 8:00 AM Mass, Saturday, 4-5 PM, or By Appointment

Adoration/ **Exposition**

Thursdays following 8:00 AM Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion

Fridays following 8:00 AM Mass



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Baptism & Marriage Contact Father Rick

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> The mission of Our Lady of Light Church, is to provide an amicable environment of Catholic worship education, evangelization and service, to all of God's people. Together we strive to be instruments of God's love, peace, and joy, following the example of Our Lady of Light.



DAYS FOR LIFE...

Please join us... **Starting March 5th to** April 13th

Covering prayer shifts from 7 AM – 7 PM every day for 40 Days

Please join us for at least one hour in peaceful pray to end abortion in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 1685 E Main St., El Cajon (near Greenfield and East Main Street next to McDonalds)

Please sign up in the back of the church if you would like to get involved.

For more information contact Pat Hansen at 619-445-3822

elcajon40days@hotmail.com www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon

Please!

Remember in your prayers

Liz Sjoquist, Annette Musco. Paul Colwell, Jan Nasland, Pat Schumacher, Betty Ward, Mike Delvac, Fr. Rick, Carmen Dale, Susan Lancaster, Lulu Garcia, Andre Cosenza. Mary Lutz. Camille Werner and Beth Donivan.



Carmen White, Don Craighead, Phyllis Kubiak, and Craig Richwine.

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, March 22 5:30 PM Roger Seeman, Birthday Blessings Sunday, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Phyllis Kubiak, RIP Joan Schumacher, RIP Mona Heckscher, Healing 10:00 AM Monday, March 24

For the Protection of the Unborn 8:00 AM

Tuesday, March 25 No Mass Wednesday, March 26

8:00 AM

For Those in Need

Thursday, March 27

8:00 AM Parishioners & Benefactors

Friday, March 28

For all our prayer intentions 8:00 AM 12 Noon Stations of the Cross

Pope's Intention: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Organizations & Contact Info

Altar & Rosary Society Meetings; 2nd Thursday of each Month Charlene Phelps 9933char@amail.com 619-659-0488 Praver Circle Pat Hansen 619-445-3822 hansenpat@msn.com Mass Intentions & Bulletin Robin Shull rkshull54@gmail.com 619-473-1086 Religious Education Coordinator Irma Nystrom irmanvstrom177@amail.com 619-466-1230 Pro-Life Ministry "40 Days for Life" Pat Hansen 619-445-3822 hansenpat@msn.com Finance Council 619-722-4300 Mark Duda mark@ourladyoflight.church_

Parish Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office is temporarily closed for scheduled hours. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Fr. Rick at 619-445-4972. Otherwise you may leave a message at 619-445-3620 or contact us by email at office@ourladyoflight.church. You may continue to use the mail slot up in the Parish Hall to the right of the main double doors, under the OFFICE sign.

A Message Land From Father Rick

We are almost halfway through Lent. As God's people together we ask God's mercy and forgiveness for all and the grace to obey his commandments. We know. God is patient with us that is why he is giving us countless opportunities to come back to him in a most personal way. When Jesus preaches about repentance he is not threatening about God punishing his people. Bad things happen to good and innocent people. Good things happen to bad and evil people too. A good number of them became great Saints. Anything can happen to anyone. The question is when something happens; are we ready? The message of the Lord is clear. Repent, and receive the gift of peace and fullness of life. This is the lesson of the parable of the fig tree. It was given another chance, another year to bear fruit. There is still something that could be done to possibly make the fig tree bear fruit. There is still hope. Jesus, by His life, death, and resurrection has given hope to humanity. But humanity must respond to the call of the Lord to repentance and conversion. This is what it means for the ground around the fig tree to be cultivated and fertilized.

Parish Offerings March 16

| Plate Collections | \$ 1,452 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Envelope Tithes | \$ 935 |
| Donations (Restricted) | \$ 50 |
| Coffee & Donuts | \$ 4 |
| Total | \$ 2,441 |
| Building Fund (Restricted) | \$ 640 |

Please note that the Building Funds cannot be used towards Operating Expenses.

Avg. Wkly. Oper. Expenses \$ 2,817

The Latest Topics!



*Labor Dav BBQ...

We have been underway for a few weeks now on the upcoming 2025 Labor Day BBQ. The first meeting will take place at the April 5 Soup Kitchen, which is the Mens' Chili Cook-off. A couple areas of concern are that last year's band has broken up so we are looking for a recommendation. Also, we have some electrical issues that need taken care of in our kitchen. If you are an electrician or know of one that could help please contact our BBQ chairperson Dan Nagle at Danieldescanso91916@gmail.com

*Mass Intentions

Having a Mass said for someone living or deceased is a wonderful gesture. We have many openings available. Contact Robin Shull if you want to have a Mass said for someone you know. Info is in the Organizations/Info section of the weekly bulletin.

*Stations of the Cross

Each Friday at noon during Lent, we do the outdoor stations of the cross (weather permitting, otherwise inside). Please remember to wear appropriate shoes for walking the stations path.

*Soup Kitchens...M-M Good!

Come and enjoy good soups and precious time with one another after the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass

*Lenten "Opportunities"

During this time of Lent we often think about how we can do things differently, changes we can make in our personal lives. Here at Our Lady of Light, since we are largely a "volunteer" parish, there are many needs inside and outside our facilities that need attending to as far as upkeep. We also have other opportunities in the form of Parish groups to join...the Prayer Circle, Altar and Rosary, Lectors, BBQ chair positions, Altar servers, Catholic Chat, 40 Days for Life, and the list goes on and on. Pray during this Lenten and Easter season about participating in one of these groups. God bless.

*Congratulations...

Blessings to Chris and Barb Telesmanic on the convalidation of their marriage last Saturday. Father Rick was the celebrant. Wish them well as they are moving back east to be near family.

Prayer... Fasting... Almsgiving



Mary's Corner

"The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them."

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort