St. Peter Claver Parish

Corner of Cochran & Stow Streets

Pastor: Rev. Riz J. Carranza
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Permanent Deacons:
Rev. Mr. Brian Clements and
Rev. Mr. Melecio Zamora

PARISH SCHEDULE

MASSES:
Saturday: 5pm Vigil; 7pm (Español)
Sunday: 8am; 10am; 12noon & 5pm
Holy Day of Obligation: 5pm Eve before;
Day-7:30am; 12noon & 7pm
Weekdays: 7:30am (Monday - Friday)
DEVOTIONS: Perpetual Help Novena, Wednesdays, 7pm, Mass on first Wednesdays, 7pm; Adoration every Friday, 7pm
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays, 3 - 4:30pm (or by appointment); Eve of Holy Day & Thursday before first Friday, 4 - 4:45pm
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sundays, 1:30 pm; 4th Sunday - Spanish Baptism
BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:
Second Monday of each month, 7pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: 6 months prior notification needed

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Peter Claver, are a Catholic faith community within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Universal Church. Firm in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired by the example of our patron, we proclaim the kingdom of God to embrace everyone in love without discrimination of any kind. We are devoted to worship, to witness, and joyful service in the Spirit.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Address: 5649 Pittman St.
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Pre-School & Kindergarten:
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Middle School Youth Ministry
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Andrew Gafvert, *Director*
(805) 526-7975
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Parish Information

Safeguard the Children Committee:
Clyde Allen, Chair
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Becoming Catholic (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):
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Parish Vocation Animator:
Michael Johnson, 526-6499
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Larry Egan, 527-2444
Lector Coordinator: Jim Small, (805) 390-7260
Altar Servers: Brian Kane, 583-0466
Eucharistic Ministry of Hosp. & Home:
Joni Egan, 527-2444
Respect Life: Susan Riedley, (626) 676-3233
Parish Library: Sue Marron, (805) 584-5620
Bereavement Ministry:
Dcn. Melecio Zamora, 526-6499
Annulment Assistance:
Wally & Linda Cravens, 526-6499
Knights of Columbus: Rick Lepore, (805) 218-5703
Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
For assistance: (805) 404-3178
Music Director: Jim Leslie, (818) 324-2109
Couples for Christ:
Chito & Beth Coronel, 285-7453
Filipino Catholic Comm. Group:
Vangie Carlos, (805) 813-3995
Hispanic Catholic Community Group:
Dcn. Melecio Zamora, (818) 262-1090
Las Guadalupanas: Pilar Osorio, (310) 597-9548
Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
J.C. and Chelsea Baxter, (805) 522-4294
BINGO: Thursday, 6:30pm BINGO hotline: 526-2781

UNIVERSITY SERIES: FINAL SESSION AT ST. PETER CLAVER!

- **Monday eve., March 27th, 7:30-9pm: Fr. Bill Nicholas, "The Prophets: Ancient Men with a Modern Message!"**
  The Prophets: passionate, controversial men of the Old Testament. Who were they? What was their role then? How do they still speak to us today?

University Series 2017 continues in other local parishes. Please check the University Series 2017 catalogue for topics, places and times.

- Sessions are $8.00 at the door, including a guest for free.

Contemplations with Father Adrian

A Blessed Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday!

Today, our official color is rose and we may have flowers to decorate the altar. It's the midpoint of Lent and we joyfully anticipate remembering and celebrating *our salvation in the Paschal Mystery*: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord!

Laetare Sunday's sentiment is one of hope and rejoicing that Easter is near. This day is extra special because it is also the day of the second scrutiny (examination) in preparation for the baptism of catechumens on Easter Vigil. The prayer itself is a great cause for rejoicing:

> *Lord Jesus, you are the true light that enlightens the world. Through your Spirit of truth free those who are enslaved by the father of lies. Stir up the desire for good in these elect, whom you have chosen for your sacraments. Let them rejoice in your light, that they may see, and, like the man born blind whose sight you restored, let them prove to be staunch and fearless witnesses to the faith, for you are Lord for ever and ever.*

We all wish to be fed with joy now and forever. The discipline of Lent by this time should have been enriching and strengthening our poor weak nature into temples of grace.

Holy Mother the Church reminds us the ***causes of true joy*** this *Laetare* Sunday.

The FIRST source is Easter confession (Cf. Romans 10:9). It emancipates us from the slavery of sin. We free ourselves (at last) from the willful suffering which we put on ourselves through our sinful choices. We receive the freedom of Christ's Gospel of love (and mercy) because we have been liberated from the bondage of fear and uncertainty which prevailed in the days before Christ. Mark your calendars and seize this blessed opportunity! *Our Penance Service will be this Wednesday, March 29th at 7PM.*

The SECOND source is renewed faith (Cf. Luke 17:5). Faith is not just about what we know (albeit, basic) but also about our "lifestyle". Have we actually (and finally) thought of seriously and sincerely "resetting" or "setting ourselves right" with God especially this grace-filled Lent? Grace reminds us that God's mercy is offered to us *always* as a gift: *"Come back to Me with all your heart!"* Yet grace is also *our responsibility*, that is, *the ability to respond: "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner"* and "Your will be done". Saying "No" to God is *(always)* our loss, not God's. Saying "Yes" opens ourselves to freedom and peace that springs forth from sheer mercy, Divine Mercy! "In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world!"

The THIRD is deepened discipline (Cf. Luke 9:23) A good disciple follows Jesus and embodies His discipline (holy habits) and the greatest fruit of devotion is imitation (becoming Christ). Have we been appreciating and grateful experiencing praying *better*, fasting (abstaining) *better*, and working for mercy (a.k.a. almsgiving) *better.* Yes, not more but *better!* Have I been listening (discerning) *better* (as opposed to only talking) in praying? Have I been *better* detached from what I do not really need or from things I can live even without? Have I *grown* humbler, *better* in forgiving and being compassionate than simply being ritualistic and intellectual in my Lenten practice?

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises humanity to Heaven" (St. Ephraem of Syria).

The FOURTH is Easter communion (Cf. Matthew 5:23) which is the fruit of proper preparation and thanksgiving. The soul's instinctive hunger is satisfied by our personal communing with God -- through our neighbor, Jesus in disguise.

Since the First Sunday of Lent, have I been renewing my love for the Word and the Real Presence? The Eucharist is God conversing *with us* nourishing us, transforming us in and through the humble Bread and Wine. Humanity thus fed with Divinity, is joyously united in a real social and mystical union. "We become what we eat" (St. Augustine).

The acid test if our Lent this year has been, so far, bearing fruit is that we have been *becoming better* in loving "God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves". Are we living as bread for others? Do we live a life willing to broken and shared for others?

Easter is close, have we fervently been preparing and deepening ourselves to deserve the JOY of Easter?

Offer this day to the Lord

Parish Activities This Week

Monday, March 27th
4:00 pm Confessions (C)
7:00 pm Misioneros de Cristo Praise and Worship (PC)
7:00 pm EDGE Team Planning (YC)
7:30 pm University Series (H)
Tuesday, March 28th.
6:30 pm Adult Confirmation (PC)
7:00 pm Claver Coffeehouse (PC)
7:00 pm Hispanic Community Prayer Group (PC)
7:00 pm Adult Music Ministry (C)
Wednesday, March 29th
6:00 pm Connect Coffee-Women's Bible Study Group (PC)
6:30 pm Misioneros Charismatic Renewal (PC)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (H)
7:00 pm Parish Penance Service (C)
Thursday, March 30th
4:00 pm YM Stations Rehearsal (C)
6:00 pm Children's Choir (C)
6:30 pm BINGO
7:00 pm Noon Choir (C)
7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (CLR)
Friday, March 31st
5:00 pm Lenten Meal (PC)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Followed by Holy Hour (C)
7:00 pm Couples for Christ (PC)
7:00 pm Hispanic Community Choir (PC)
Saturday, April 1st
7:30 am Lenten Day of Prayer Begins (C, PC)
9:00 am Easter Choir Rehearsal (C)
3:00 pm Confessions (C)
4:15 pm Choir Practice (C)
6:00 pm Safeguarding the Children - Fingerprinting Kits (P)
6:00 pm Remembrance Lily Sales and Child Sponsorship Drive (P)
6:00 pm Vocations Ministry (P)
6:15 pm Confessions (Español) (C)
8:00 pm Safeguarding the Children - Fingerprinting Kits (P)
8:00 pm Remembrance Lily Sales and Child Sponsorship Drive (P)
8:00 pm Vocations Ministry (P)

We'd like to welcome our newest Christians through Baptism…

Mason Jethro G. Cabrera
Alina Hikaru Hayashida

Thank You!

Thank you for your donations on **Sunday, March 12th: $14,202.50.**

Thank you, also, for your donations on **Sunday, March 19th: $13,023.50.**

On This Sunday We Celebrate…

Ministry Fair - "Liturgical Ministries" - after all Masses

Parish Lending Library after Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am and 12(noon) Masses

Coffee and donut hospitality after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses

RCIA, 8:00am

Youth Choir, 4:00pm

Misioneros Women's Retreat Volunteers Prep, 6:00pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 25th
5:00 pm Wilfrido Gedang (RIP)
Jo King (RIP)
Sunday, March 26th
10:00 am Martha Kiwolski (RIP)
Maria Luisa Prieto (RIP)
12(noon) Patricia and John Ryan, Sr. (RIP)
Angelina Yasay (RIP)
5:00 pm Florestida D. Cancino (RIP)
Lionel Suarez (RIP)
Monday, March 27th
7:30 am All Souls (RIP)
Tony DeMarco (INT)
Bob Fowler (INT)
Tuesday, March 28th
7:30 am Cody Hoffman (RIP)
Fred Erickson (INT)
Mary Magliulo (INT)
Wednesday, March 29th
7:30 am Leonard Blair (RIP)
Reynaldo Zapata (RIP)
Bud Rumble (RIP)
Thursday, March 30th
7:30 am Signorina Vasquez (RIP)
Emerenciana Marquez (RIP)
Lourdes Ojerio (INT)
Friday, March 31st
7:30 am All Ancestral Souls (RIP)
Walter Swiacki (INT)
John Gammon (RIP)

Office of Faith Formation - "Building Households of Faith"

SPCFAITHFORMATION.ORG

The Office of Faith Formation is open Monday - Thursday, 1-5pm and 6-8pm.

Gospel John 9:1-41 In Baptism, Jesus reveals Himself to us, and we're called to be like the man in today's Gospel, accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship Him.

- **SEEDS (0-36 mos), Sprouts (3, 4 & 5 year olds) and 3-5 CLUB (3rd, 4th and 5th grades)** have open enrollment all year. The registration forms are on our website or in the Office of Faith Formation.
- **Tuesday, 3/28 - 6:30pm,** Room 5 Adult Confirmation meets. **Also Claver Coffee House meets at 7pm** in Room 7.
- **Sunday, 4/2 -** Faith Formation Meets!

June Missions of Mercy/Together We Serve! June 23, 24 and 25, 2017

Middle School Youth Ministry

- Have an amazing and safe Spring Break! We will be back on April 10th with our family sunset hike to the cross on Mt. McCoy! An email will be sent with details for this event!
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Middle School Youth Ministry led Stations of the Cross!

High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation

(805) 526-7975 • youthministry@saintpeterclaver.org • spcym.org

The Youth Ministry Office is located at the Youth Center and is open Monday - Thursday from 1 - 8pm.

- **Wednesday, March 29th: Parish Penance Service (7-8:30 pm, Church)**
  Youth and family participation, especially by Yr. 2 Confirmation Candidates, is strongly encouraged!
- **Saturday-Sunday, April 1st-2nd: Remembrance Lily Sales and Unbound Child Sponsorship Drive**
  Youth Ministry will be on the plaza again after all Masses next weekend, taking orders for Remembrance Lilies and encouraging families to sponsor children and aging adults in need through Unbound.
- **Sunday, April 2nd: Yr. 1 Confirmation Candidate & Parent Session (6-8:30 pm, West Hall)**
- **Sunday, April 2nd: Youth First Communion Preparation Session (7-8:30 pm, Parish Center)**

City of Saints Teen Conference

High school youth, don't miss the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' third annual City of Saints Teen Conference. Ask any of our youth who have attended in the past and they will tell you that you should go, because it's awesome! The conference will take place at UCLA again this summer, August 4th-6th, 2017. The total cost for high school youth to attend with St. Peter Claver Youth Ministry will be $250, including transportation. Payment of this $250 fee books your spot and the deadline to sign up by doing so is Thursday, April 6th (at the latest). Participant forms will follow. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you have any questions.

March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ~ Psalm 23:1

Fourth Week of Lent

Sight

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23:1-6
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

We do not see as God sees, for God sees a person's heart. Samuel originally thought, judging by appearances, that David's older brother was the one he was called to anoint. The blind man believed in Jesus, but the Pharisees, who could see, were not able to recognize Jesus for who He was.

Where am I blind? Is there someone I have judged quickly, looking only at appearances? This week I will take another look and try to get to know and understand the person. I will ask the Lord to give me the gift of His sight so that I may see people for who they truly are. I will avoid rash judgments.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-12 will be here in a few weeks! It will take place after the 12(noon) Masses on Easter Sunday. **And what is an Easter Egg Hunt without candy?** So we are asking parishioners to help us with "The Hunt" by donating individually wrapped candy. We ask that you leave your donations in the box by the main doors of the church, or bring them to the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity in giving for the hunt - the children of the parish have a great time - and we have a great time watching them!

By Your Side LA

During this season of Lent, we want to highlight By Your Side LA, a new ministry to offer healing to women and men affected by abortion. By Your Side is a comprehensive, bilingual ministry that includes a beautiful website, professional call center, trained lay Merciful Companions, and referrals to healing resources including sacraments, retreats, support groups, bible studies, mental health professionals, and more. We want to be by the side of each person journeying from pain following abortion to a new place of forgiveness and peace. We hope you will come to know that you are created out of love and for love. That abortion does not define you. That you can build a life deserving of the amazing person you are. We are here to listen. And we will be by your side. Visit **ByYourSideLA.org** for more information.

Please pray for the health of…

Priscila delas Alas-Uy; Raymund Sabay; Barbara Lawrie; Barbara Scroggins; Roy Bustamante; Arsenia Tenoso; Carly Smith; Marge Chamberlain; Carol Nelson; Gilbert Possick; Frank Cesario; Dana Freund; Sr. Chris, OCD (Florian Villena); Amy Smith; Kevin Illig; Mireille Apikyan; Kathryn Fairchild; Jim Womack; Justin Warn; Sherri Egan; Kurt von Osinski; Beverly Grimes; Heidi Frie; Linda Lynch; Bradley Sharp; Erick M., Jacob A., and Cecilia Frances; Diane Hazlewood; Marie Fardig; Bud Upper; Carla Maria Molina; Dave Morley; Kenny Bond; Gary Savas; Arlen Handberg; (child) Hazel Hammersley; (infant) John-Gabriel Bergeron; Marilyn Binggeli; Mary Jane Wickman; LaVonne Emerson; James Yncera; Charles Leo; Sheana Green; Deann Glynn; Dan Lang; Jack Scroggins; Joe Ortega; Dan Boland; Catherine Capaldi; Gregg Cassity; Virginia Dalcoe; Vera Barker; Chris Bordeleau; Bruce Vandelinder; Susan Womack; Helene Parlms-Jackson; Maria Lozano; Carolyn Currie; Chelsea White; Mary Smart; Mimi McGilvray; Rick Schuler; Elaine Swieca; Bill Waters; Marge Porterfield; Aaron Byron; Bob Bower; Jacqueline Sylvestre; Kittie Fidermutz; Martina Peters; Dillon Tunney; Barbara Pogorzelski; Sherry Estrella; Chase Dobson; Loretta Payne; Barbara Knight; Suzanne Shaefer.

Please pray for the souls of…

Rosemarie Coleman; Josephine Keithley, 3/19/17; Jeanette Berg, 3/19/17; Brenda Sindel, 3/14/17; Deanna Murray Moriarty, 3/13/17; Riyad Jerisat, 3/9/17; Geraldine Grzenia, 1/30/17; Cody Hoffman, 3/28/16; Miles Go, 4/1/16; Harrison Parks, 3/30/14; Frank Santangelo, 3/29/13; Angeline Costa, 3/27/13; Giovanni Biondi, 3/30/12; Brave Fama, 3/31/11; Stella Forte, 3/26/11; Francis Sobczyk, 3/31/08; LeRoy Holmes, 3/27/08; Margaret Godinez, 3/29/07; Frederick Voorhis, 3/28/06; Rodolpho Castillo, 3/30/05; Grace Montes, 3/28/03; Jean Roy, 3/30/02; Maria Garcia, 3/28/02; Oscar Montemayor, 3/27/02; Bertha DiMartino, 3/29/01; Lila Hambel, 3/26/01; Leah McCracken, 3/27/00; Richard Ervin, 3/31/99; Rosemary Renteria, 3/31/98; John Sobezyk, 3/27/96; Patricia Bowling, 3/26/92; Albert Spehek, 3/31/91; Louise Lauer, 3/26/91; Cameron Sylvestre, 3/28/89; Evan Sylvestre, 3/28/89; Bertha Barberena, 3/31/88; Marcella Kelly, 3/28/86; Carl Famulare, 4/1/81; Robert Sojka, 3/29/80; Linda Pruitt, 3/28/80; Henry Hendricks, 3/30/78; Grace Hall, 4/1/75; Mary Martin, 3/27/74.

Penance and Reconciliation

In this penitential season of Lent, the Christian faithful are obliged, and encouraged, to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual confession. Pastors and parishes are encouraged to make available communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to emphasize the social and ecclesial aspects of sin and reconciliation.

The Lenten Communal Penance Service at St. Peter Claver Church will be held this Wednesday, March 29th, at 7pm. Several priests will be available.

Confessions will also be heard on the remaining Mondays in Lent (3/27 and 4/3) from 4-5pm in the church.

There will be no confessions during Holy Week.

Unbound Child and Aging Adult Sponsorship Drive

Youth Ministry's Child and Aging Adult Sponsorship Drive through Unbound (an international nonprofit founded by lay Catholics with the mission of walking with the poor and marginalized of the world) continues on the plaza after all Masses next weekend, April 1st-2nd. Please stop by our table to learn more about becoming a sponsor or to make a single donation in support of the teen we sponsor. As an added bonus, Unbound will make a donation to St. Peter Claver Youth Ministry for every sponsorship made through this drive.

Lenten Suppers and Devotions

Please join us on Fridays during Lent in the Parish Hall and/or the church for our annual Lenten Meals and **Stations of the Cross** followed by **Holy Hour**.

This week Las Guadalupanas will be serving green cheese enchiladas, arroz con camarones (rice and shrimp), strawberry shortcake, and aguas frescas!

March 31st: Las Guadalupanas - Lenten meal (5pm)
Adult Bible Study - Stations (7pm)

April 7th: Couples for Christ - Lenten meal (5pm)
High School Youth Ministry - Stations (7pm)

LEGION OF MARY

The LEGION OF MARY at St. Rose of Lima Parish is commemorating, in this Year of Grace (2017), the apparitions of Mary in Fatima, as this is the 100th year of the apparitions. There is no cost nor study involved; simply a Catholic sharing in round-table discussions in an informal setting of fewer than a dozen people. These discussions will take place Tuesday evenings in May, from 7:30 to 9pm. Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars and call ahead at (805) 522-6107 or email **madeleine.k.sorensen@gmail.com**. Check the bulletin in April for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

get on the bus

...for Get On The Bus backpack stuffing night!
Monday, May 1st • 7pm in the Youth Center
Please come join us!

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IN PRAYER

JOIN THE WOMEN OF SAINT PETER CLAVER TO PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES AND FOR ONE ANOTHER.

WE MEET SATURDAY MORNINGS IN THE YOUTH CENTER FROM 8-9:30AM.
APRIL 8TH & 22ND, MAY 13TH & 27TH, AND JUNE 10TH & 24TH

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

An Inquiry Team is waiting for you…
please ask us to help you learn about our Catholic Faith!
Claver Coffeehouse is an evening for non-Catholics to ask questions, share stories, and explore the faith that the Catholic Church offers. Bring your curiosity and an open heart to learn more about living a life in Christ.
Please contact the Office of Faith Formation at (805) 526-0680 or Faithformation@saintpeterclaver.org.

Claver Coffeehouse - This Tuesday, March 28th
7pm, Parish Center, Room 7

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

ELECT Non-Baptized

Glenn Porter

Linda Wheeler

David Griggs

Celebrating **BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION,** & **EUCHARIST** on April 15

CANDIDATES Baptized Non-Catholic

Samantha Wallace

Curt Miller

Alissa Vaillancourt

Celebrating **PROFESSION OF FAITH, CONFIRMATION** & **EUCHARIST** on April 23

CONFIRMANDI Baptized Catholic for Confirmation

Maurice Higgins

Sandra Espiritu

Jay Espiritu

Chris Luczywek

Jeniffer Santillan

Fred Marlou Ganados

Deanna Mae Misa

David Espinoza

Maria Martinez

Fernando Velazquez

Dylan Good

Celebrating **CONFIRMATION** on May 6

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults **+ FAITH FORMATION**

San Fernando Pastoral Region's

1st Feast of Mercy Celebration

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017
St. Catherine of Sienna Parish,
18115 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

"The Divine Mercy, Our Salvation and Mission"

The day includes a Divine Mercy documentary video, a talk on the Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Benediction, Praise and Worship, Mass, and
For complete details, see the flyers in the black racks by the main doors of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 9410

POKER TOURNAMENT / MONTE CARLO NIGHT

*The Knights of Columbus annual **Poker Tournament/Monte Carlo Night** is coming on Saturday, April 22nd!*
***Early Bird Special** - sign up by April 1st for either the Poker Tournament or Monte Carlo and receive $500 in extra chips - or by April 15th for $250 in extra chips!*
*For more details, registration forms and/or information on sponsorship opportunities, please visit **www.9410charitypoker.com**.*
You can also contact
Joe Gray at (818) 421-0170 or
Rick Lepore at (805) 218-5703.

St. Peter Claver held their annual Valentine's Bingo Marathon on Sunday, February 12th, 2017.
A "full house" of bingo players participated in the fun and prizes.
A very special **"THANKS"** goes out to **all** the Bingo volunteers - callers, floor workers, kitchen staff, and pull tab sellers - who worked so diligently and professionally to make this event a success!
As a result of their efforts, a donation of over **$24,000.00** was made to the St. Peter Claver Building and Maintenance Fund!

By Your Side LA

Al entrar en esta temporada de Cuaresma, queremos resaltar a un ministerio nuevo, Contigo LA brinda apoyo a mujeres y hombres afectados por el aborto para lograr una sanación interior. Contigo LA es un ministerio intrgral y bilingüe que incluye una hermosa página web, un centro de llamadas profesional, Acompanates Misericordiosos (laicos capacitados). Además brinda informes a medios de sanación: sacramentos, retiros, grupos de apoyo, estudios bíblicos, acceso a profesionales de salud mental y mucho más. Queremos acompañar a cada persona en su jornada, del sufrimiento a un lugar de perdón y paz después de un aborto. Esperamos que llegues a saber que fuiste creado del amor para amar. El aborto no te define. Tu eres una persona extraordinaria y puedes crear una vida digna de ti. Estamos aquí para escucharte, estamos contigo. Para mayores informes visita ContigoLA.org.

Youth Ministry's Remembrance Lily Fundraiser

Honor your loved ones and support Youth Ministry by purchasing Remembrance Lilies to adorn our church during the Easter Season. Orders will be taken again on the plaza after all Masses the weekend of April 1st-2nd. Order forms can also be downloaded from our website, spcym.org and submitted in a number of ways (see form for details). All order forms must be received by Monday, April 3rd. Thank you for your support!

Spring Open House at La Reina

La Reina High School warmly welcomes all prospective students and their families to our Spring Open House on Thursday, March 30th from 6-8pm. Students will lead campus tours and faculty, parents and alumnae will be available to answer questions. Reservations for the Open House are not necessary; however, tours may be booked in advance on the La Reina website at www.lareina.com/spring17. A 2013 National Blue Ribbon School, La Reina is a Catholic, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6 through 12. Established in 1964 and sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, La Reina provides a strong spiritual and academic foundation in a nurturing environment. www.lareina.com

St. Peter Claver Bingo – "The Friendliest Bingo In Town!"

Thursday Nights In the Parish Center

Doors open at 4:30pm - Games begin at 6:30pm

All games pay $250

Major Credit Cards accepted - Phone: (805) 526-2781

¿Sabía Usted?

Mantenga a los niños conscientes de los peligros en internet - Casi todos en su comunidad tiene acceso a internet, y puede ser una valiosa herramienta para el aprendizaje, la comunicación y la educación. En el aula, los niños pueden usar Internet para hacer investigaciones y tareas. Los adultos también deben estar educando a los niños sobre los peligros que se esconden en la Internet, los depredadores y extraños que buscan información puede hacerse pasar como cualquier persona, y es importante que los niños tengan cuidado en cualquier sitio, no importa lo que estén haciendo. Para obtener más información sobre seguridad en internet, envíe un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508 para solicitar una copia del artículo VIRTUS© "Safety and Technology" (Seguridad y tecnología).

Did You Know?

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—Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2016

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