

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church San Felipe de Jesús Chapel

Fourth Sunday of Advent– December 21, 2014



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ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH + SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CHAPEL

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(Food Bank) -Hours open:
Mon. & Wed. 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Liturgies (Mass)

Saturday 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 12:30(Spanish) & 5:30 p.m.
Weekday 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Monday 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Saturday 4:00—5:00 p.m.
(You may also call a priest to schedule an appointment.)

Sacrament of the Sick

In the event of serious illness or medical emergency, contact the Parish office to arrange for Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist. In case of a medical emergency after office hours, call (949) 257-8017.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month following catechesis for parents and godparents. Parents of infants should contact the Faith Formation office (949) 496-6011 to enroll.

Celebration of Christian Funerals

At the time of death, a family member should contact the Parish office to arrange the date and time for the funeral liturgy.

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults requesting information about full initiation and communion with the Roman Catholic Church (the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) may contact the Faith Formation office at (949) 496-6011.

Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament presumes active sacramental participation on the part of one or both persons. Couples must begin preparation for their Sacrament at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Please call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration

On the first and third Monday of each month for 24 hours beginning after 8:15 a.m. Mass.

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We also hope you will share your special gifts with us. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. To register, please visit our parish office.

Christmas Liturgies

St. Edward the Confessor Church

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 p.m. (Children's Liturgy Choir—Church)

4:00 p.m. additional Mass in Knight Hall

6:00 p.m. (Contemporary Choir)

8:00 p.m. (Cantor and Accompanist)

10:00 p.m. Carols

10:30 p.m. (Adult Choir and Orchestra)

Christmas Morning, December 25th

7:30 a.m. (Cantor and Accompanist)

9:00 a.m. (Cantor and Accompanist)

11:00 a.m. (Adult Choir and Orchestra)

12:30 p.m. (Spanish Choir/Coro en Español)

NO 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

San Felipe de Jesus Chapel/Capilla

10:00 a.m. Mass at San Felipe de Jesús on Christmas Day

Misa de 10 am en San Felipe de Jesús el día de Navidad

Christmas Eve/ Noche Buena 24 de Diciembre

8:00 p.m. Spanish/Español en San Felipe

Christmas/ Navidad, 25 de Diciembre

10:00 a.m.— Spanish/Español en San Felipe

Las Posadas – a Place of Welcome

Las Posadas is a 500 year-old tradition that started in Spain and continues today throughout much of Latin America. Beginning on December 16th, Christians gather on nine consecutive days to commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The faithful reenact the pious tradition of Mary and Joseph looking for a *posada*, an inn or place of lodging, for their new family.

In today's first reading, King David expresses his desire to build a house for God. "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" (2 Sam 7:6). However, in the Gospel, Jesus chooses his own dwelling place: the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through baptism, God continues to make His home in us. We are God's preferred *posada*.

When Christ was born, the Holy Family welcomed a lot of strangers: shepherds, kings, rich and poor. Some came to honor the newborn King, others came out of mere curiosity, but everyone was, no doubt, welcomed by Mary and Joseph.

Like the Holy Family, we spend these last days of Advent waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, but we also prepare to welcome the thousands of visitors who are coming to our parish for Christmas. Let us welcome them with the hospitality of Mary and Joseph. Parking will be hectic and "your" regular seat will probably be taken by someone who only goes to church once or twice a year. Instead of becoming annoyed, let's ask ourselves what we can do to let them know and feel that they are truly welcome at our parish and that we want them to come back. Here are a few ideas:

- Attend one of the less-attended Christmas Masses in order to make room for visitors at the more popular Masses.
- Park in the neighborhood and let visitors park at the church.
- Go to Mass at Knight Hall so that more visitors can attend Mass in the church.
- Introduce yourself and welcome the person next to you.
- After Mass, let others leave the parking lot first

May everyone who walks through our doors this Christmas find the joy of Christ in us, the dwelling place of God. Let's give them a reason to come back.



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Wish you the warmest of blessings during this sacred season of Love and Light. You will be in our prayers during the entire Twelve Days of celebrating.

Please pray for us too!

RCIA RITE OF WELCOME

Our community welcomed the following people who have been journeying through RCIA with us throughout our Period of Inquiry and are now beginning the Period of the Catechumenate:

Lindsey Ahring

Bruce Becker

Isaiah Berg

Daisey Blower

Taylor Calkins

Aleah Chamberlain

Audrey Chang Kimes

Jeffrey Cretel

Trisha Culligan

Kelsey Cato

Amanda Dobson

Jason Dunkel

Pegge Dunkel

Tracy Ferguson

Gabriela Hurtado

Peter Knoppert

Harold Kruep

Allison Liu

Carla Marmolejo

David Mills

Katie Mitchell

Stephanie Reese

Lauren Roselli

Brent Scurci

WEEKLY CALENDAR: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am—RCIA Dismissal (from Mass)

12:00 noon—Outlet Doheny Beach Project

2:30 pm—Infant Baptisms

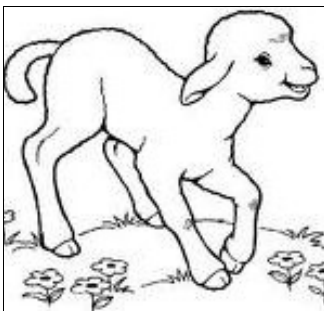
6:30 pm—Insight

**NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION UNTIL THE
NEW YEAR—PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 am—RCIA Dismissal (from Mass)

CONGRATULATIONS to our 90 Faith Formation children who celebrated their First Reconciliation on December 6th! It was a beautiful Advent celebration.



4th Sunday of Advent



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Join us to prepare for the coming of the Lord!

**Celebrate a Holy Hour (English)
with Fr. Armando Virrey in the Church**

**Monday, December 22
from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**



Church Renovations

After extensive reviews, site visits and conferences with Diocesan personnel dating back to August 2014 and detailed financial reviews and recommendations by our Finance Council, on December 5th we received approval from Bishop Kevin Vann and the requisite diocesan committees to proceed with the renovation of our church. Our Finance Council recommended to me that the total renovation should not exceed \$3M in order to maintain adequate liquidity reserves at our Parish level and I accepted that recommendation. With the current scope and pricing of our renovation work, the actual cost is estimated to be \$2.3M and that includes a 15% contingency. In addition, some parishioners have expressed a desire to donate toward the renovation which will, in turn, reduce the need to expend \$2.3M of Parish reserves.

The renovation of the church will begin Monday, December 29th, and will be completed on March 6th. During the renovation, the church will be closed. Bishop Vann will celebrate Mass at St. Edward the Confessor on Friday, March 6th at 7pm, which will include the dedication of the new altar.

For pictures and up-to-date information, please visit the parish website at stedward.com

Please note the following changes which are effective December 29, 2014 - March 7, 2015

Sunday Masses, including the Saturday 5:30pm, Mass will be held in a heated tent located next to the school field. With a seating capacity of one thousand, the tent will provide a comfortable space for everyone.

Daily Masses will be celebrated at our chapel, San Felipe de Jesus, located in Capo Beach, 1.5 miles from St. Edward the Confessor Church. The 8:15 daily Mass will continue as scheduled. The 5:30 Mass will be changed to 5:00pm Monday thru Friday due to religious education classes which begin at 6pm.

Baptisms and Funerals will take place at San Felipe de Jesus Chapel. Because the chapel has a capacity of 175 people, larger funerals will be coordinated with neighboring parishes according to the preference of the family.

Confessions will continue to be celebrated on Mondays at 6pm and Saturdays 4-5pm at St. Edward the Confessor, but they will be held in the Conference Room which is located near the entrance of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at San Felipe Chapel: 1st Fridays (8am -6:00pm) and 3rd Thursdays (9am Thursday – 8:00am Friday) of January and February

Year End Giving 2014

As you review your 2014 tax planning, please consider a year-end gift to support St. Edward the Confessor Parish.

Your charitable gift may be given to our parish or school.

To learn more about ways to make a year-end gift, please visit our website at www.stedward.com and click on "Donation" or contact us today at (949) 429-2874.

As the year comes to a close, open yourself up to new possibilities and success achieved through giving and receiving.

La Renovación de la Iglesia

Después de extensas revisiones, visitas y conferencias con personal Diocesano que se remontan a agosto de 2014 y las revisiones financieras detalladas y recomendaciones por parte de nuestro Consejo de Finanzas, el 5 de diciembre recibimos la aprobación del obispo Kevin Vann y los comités diocesanos necesarios para proceder con la renovación de nuestra iglesia. Nuestro Consejo de Finanzas me recomendó que la renovación total no debe exceder mas de \$ 3 millones a fin de mantener reservas de liquidez adecuadas a nuestro nivel parroquial y yo acepté esa recomendación. Con el alcance actual y los precios de nuestro trabajo de renovación, el costo real se estima en \$ 2.3 millones que incluye una contingencia del 15%. Además, algunos feligreses han expresado su deseo de donar a la renovación que, a su vez, puede reducir la necesidad de gastar \$ 2.3 millones de las reservas de la parroquia.

La renovación de la Iglesia comenzará el Lunes, 29 de diciembre, y terminara el 6 de marzo 2015. Durante la renovación, la iglesia estará cerrada. El Obispo Vann celebrará la Santa Misa en San Eduardo el Confesor el viernes, 6 de marzo a las 7:00 pm que contará con la dedicación del nuevo altar.

Usted podrá ver fotos e imágenes y tendrá acceso a mas información, visite el sitio web de la parroquia en stedward.com

Tenga en cuenta los siguientes cambios a partir del Lunes, 29 de diciembre 2014 al 7 de marzo 2015.

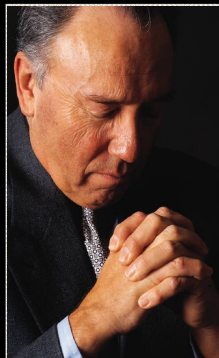
Misas dominicales, incluyendo el Sábado 5:30 pm Misa se llevará a cabo en una carpa climatizada situada junto al campo de la escuela. Con una capacidad de mil personas, la carpa tendrá un espacio cómodo para todos.

Misas diarias se celebraran en la Capilla de San Felipe de Jesús, ubicada en Capo Beach, a 1.5 millas de la Iglesia de San Eduardo el Confesor. La Misa diaria de 8:15 continuará como estaba previsto. La Misa de 5:30 pm se cambiará a las 5:00 pm de lunes a viernes, debido a las clases de educación religiosa que comienzan a las 6 pm.

Los bautismos y funerales tendrán lugar en La Capilla de San Felipe de Jesús. Debido a que la capilla tiene una capacidad de 175 personas, los funerales más grandes serán coordinados con las parroquias vecinas de acuerdo a la preferencia de la familia.

Confesiones continuarán los lunes a las 6:00 pm y los sábados de 4-5 pm en San Eduardo el Confesor, las confesiones serán en la Sala de Conferencias que está situada cerca de la entrada de la iglesia.

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en la Capilla de San Felipe: primer viernes del mes de (8 a.m. -6:00 pm) y el tercer jueves, las 24 horas de (9 a.m. Jueves - 8 a.m. viernes) en el mes de enero y febrero.



Men's Retreat January 30 -February 1 Mater Dolorosa

This Year's Theme:
"Holy Waiting – In a World
That Cannot Wait."

St. Edward the Confessor retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 30, 31 and Feb. 1.

Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. Many men who have attended in the past repeat each year. Ask one of them, why they keep coming back, they will tell you that the peace they "feel" there is like nothing else. Come join us, seek peace, turn the craziness of everyday life off for a few hours and RECHARGE!

The retreat begins Friday evening, Jan 30 with a buffet dinner and concludes Sunday, Feb. 1st at noon. Requested donation is \$215. No one is turned away if they cannot pay.

You can sign up by contacting one of the retreat captains:

Rob Wagner, (949) 842-2277, robwagner@cox.net
Greg Wise, (949) 240-1080, wise4@cox.net;



You Are Invited to Participate in OneLife LA Walk for Life

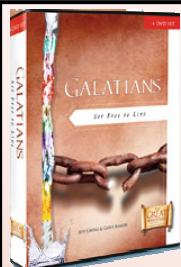
Saturday, January 17, 2015

The Diocese of Orange is co-sponsoring OneLife LA Walk for Life with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and the Dioceses of San Diego, San Bernardino and Fresno.

Join people from throughout Southern California on January 17, 2015 at OneLife LA, the first ever large-scale event in downtown LA celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. You do not want to miss this event!

Our Respect Life Ministry is looking into reserving a bus to depart from St. Edward the Confessor parking lot on Saturday, January 17 at 8:15 a.m. for the **OneLife LA** Walk for Life. Look for information, including the cost per person for the bus, in future bulletins or stop by the the sign up table after Masses the weekend of January 3-4.

For more information or to register for the walk, visit OneLifeLA.org



Servants of the Word Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays- Beginning January 13, 2015

9:15 - 11:30 a.m. - Knight Hall

Join us for fellowship, prayer, light fare, DVD lecture and small group discussion
\$30.00, including Registration

Contact Elizabeth Smith (949) 837-2141

Galatians: Set Free to Live An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" This fascinating letter reveals the merciful love that God the Father has for us, his children. It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and it explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. Galatians is a study that will reignite your love for God as you learn of the astonishing love God has for you.



SERENITY DAYS - Half-day Mini Retreats Feb.17 and May 5, 2015

"Speak, Lord, your Servant is Listening." I Samuel 3:9

*Thank you to our many volunteers who minister to,
pray for, and serve our parish and community.
May God bless you and your families with
His abundant love, joy and mercy during this holy
season of Christmas and throughout the new year.*

H.E.L.P. (HELP, EMPATHY, LOVE, & PRAYER)
Monday January 5 @ 4 to 5:30 p.m.

H.E.L.P. is a support group for those with
chronic illness and/or caregivers.

Please join us in the Church Meeting Room to pray
together and discuss practical treatment and issues
such as nutrition, exercise, rest, and stress relief. We
meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays for the month in the
Church Meeting Room. If you need information re-
garding referrals or home or hospital visits, please call
Maggie Prendiville, RN, MS at 496-7312.

Inviting Married Couples
Thursday, January 8

Circle your calendar for an evening of "Living Catho-
lic Marriage", a series of topics to enrich marriage by
helping husbands and wives communicate better and
grow stronger in their faith. We will meet at 7:30
PM in St. Edward's School, 2nd floor Parish
Room. Come join us! For more information, call
Bob and Mary Dausch at 481-1102.

Grieving????

Stephen Ministry offers confidential, Christ-centered
care for adults who are going through difficult times in
life, such as grief, divorce, illness, relocation, job loss
and other issues. If you or someone you know is ex-
periencing a difficult time, please call Stephen Ministry.
Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will
meet with you one-to-one to listen, encourage, and
pray with and for you. It's free and it's confidential.
Please email stephenministry@stedward.com or call
Stephen Ministry at (949)496-1307 x 2503.



**"Christ Caring for People
through People."**

Stephen Ministry

**Married Couples Needed for
Marriage Preparation Program**

Remember when you were engaged to be mar-
ried? Most likely you attended a Pre-Cana Program
or other workshop given by married couples who
cared about your marriage. Here's your chance to
help the engaged couples of today. Fr. Dave is form-
ing a new ministry for marriage preparation. If you'd
like to help, please call Bob & Mary Dausch at 481-
1102.

Circle of Praise
Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m.

This charismatic prayer group uses the gifts of the
Holy Spirit to praise and serve God. Join us on
Wednesday mornings in the Church Cry Room
after the 8:15 am Mass.



Thank you for Helping Us Fill Our Food Pantry

Thank you for your generosity for our Thanksgiving food drive
and collection. In addition to our food pantry being filled, you
provided \$2,559 in donations that will be used to assist our
less fortunate brothers and sisters.



Please Pray for...

The Sick

John Smith
Mary Briones
John St.Clair
Shannen Heussner
Leslie Collins
Dick Peters
Claudine Moran
Patricia Brun
Rose Defriazco
Maureen Parent
Vicky Janssen



Please remember our armed forces
and their families in your prayers.
Pray For Peace.



In Memoriam

The Deceased

- Dec. 21:** Ana Maria Santos (2003), Daniel Quayle (2006),
Rosalita Reames (2009), Audrey M. Dedinsky (2012)
- Dec. 22:** Clifton McClintock (1973), Francisca Mejia (2004),
Dagmar Geach (2006)
- Dec. 23:** Aren Toth (1984), Colleen Gagnon (2003),
Christine Vecchiarelli (2005), Alfred Stancati (2007),
Peter Special (2012), Robert Larwood (2012)
- Dec. 24:** Henry Mlynski (1999)
- Dec. 25:** Mildred Halbrook (1979),
Pasqua Jovena D'altorio (1998),
William Vermillion (2008)
- Dec. 26:** Joseph Enzweiler (1975), Lawrence Heiner (1978),
Marquita Corcoran (1980), Edward Lasher (1993),
Mark C. Lake (1996), Judy Harrison (1998),
Madeline Grace Reyonolds (2002), John Smeets
(2005)
- Dec. 27:** Edmund Babish (1987), Joseph Kitzman (1989),
Curtis Phillips (2012)

Mass Intentions

Sunday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dec 21

Mass for the People
Guillermina Mathews †
Jim Copp †
David Sosa †
Jan Richards †

Monday

8:15 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dec 22

Guillermina Mathews †
John Duncan †

Tuesday

8:15 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dec 23

Virgie Lund †
Collette Kelly †

Tuesday

8:15 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.KH
6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

December 24

Joan Walz †
Chase Church †
Jason Redmer †
Richard Procarione †
Shaun Scott O'Brien †
Ronald Milfs †

Wednesday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

December 25

Michael Tintle †
Quinn Conway †
Pete Cuellar †
Alejandro Castañeda †

Friday

8:15 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dec 26

Edmay Baker †
Mass Cancelled

Saturday

8:15 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dec 27

Chester Merek †
Fannie Lamendola †

Sunday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

Dec 28

Mass for the People
Ronald Milfs †
Belia Cuellar †
Joel Chavez †
Tomas O'Neill †

Please return your Commitment Cards

2015 Fiscal Year to Date Sunday Donations
Month ended October 31, 2014
\$669,063 Actual
\$732,200 Budget
(\$63,137)

Good Stewards All

In the month of November 2014
St. Edward and San Felipe de Jesus
ministries provided:

Baptisms	13 Individuals
Weddings	6 Couples
Quinceañeras	3 Young Women
Bereavement:	7 Funerals

Christian Service

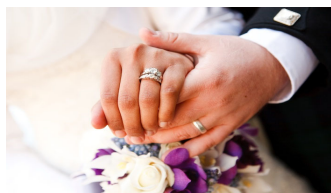
Food Distribution * 72 Families (121 adults and
107 children)

Services Provided 13

Referrals Provided 12

* Food distribution is sponsored by
St. Vincent de Paul and administered by
St. Edward Christian Service ministry.

Wedding Banns



This Week's Events

Monday	December 22
6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Confessions
Tuesday	December 23
6:00 p.m.	Blue Army Rosary, Church
Wednesday	December 24
9:00 a.m.	Circle of Praise

Christmas Eve Liturgies

4 p.m. Children's Mass in Church
4 p.m. Mass (Knight Hall)
6 p.m. Mass
8 p.m. Mass
10:00 p.m. Carols
10:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday December 25 Christmas

Christmas Liturgies

7:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish/español)
No 5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday December 26

Office closed

5:30 p.m. Mass Cancelled

Saturday December 27

4:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions, Church

Scripture Readings Dec 21— Dec 27

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Wed: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wanted: Caring and Compassionate Parents to Adopt or Foster Children

With approximately 56,000 children in the foster care system in California there is an urgent need for parents to foster and/or adopt. If God is calling you to open your home and heart to adopt or foster a child, Holy Family Adoption & Foster Care Services (HFS) can help you.

Whether you hope to adopt an infant or give an older child a loving home, HFS will work to help fulfill your dream of becoming a parent. For those considering becoming a foster parent, HFS created the Foster-Adopt program to bridge the gap between a child's initial need for temporary care and the long-term need for a permanent home. HFS works with public social services to assist in these placements.

Holy Family Adoption & Foster Care Services is an accredited, California state-licensed adoption and foster care agency dedicated to uniting children and infants in need of a loving home with hopeful adoptive parents and families. HFS provides direct services to birth parents, prospective adoptive parents, adult adoptees adopted through the agency, and interim foster care providers.

Holy Family Services provides monthly orientations to prospective adoptive parents seeking information about the infant adoption and the Foster-Adopt programs. We equip prospective parents with a step-by-step overview of the legal, financial and emotional process in becoming adoptive parents. Please call for Orientation times, at 1-800-464-2367. *If not you, then who?*

A representative from Holy Family Adoption & Foster Care Services will be at St. Edward the Confessor Church after Masses on the December 27 & 28.



Free Family Help—Catholics in Recovery Working the 12 Steps—Saturdays 9:30—11 a.m.

Catholics in Recovery (CIR) is for anyone with addictions or unhealthy habits and for family members and friends suffering with them. CIR meets every Saturday morning from 9:30—11:00 a.m. Room E in McGowan Hall at Our Lady of Fatima Church in San Clemente. Contact Betty (949) 939-9079 ebssoc@cox.net

IGNITE YOUNG ADULT GROUP



Join us for fellowship for young adult couples and singles in their 20's and 30's.

When: Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th of the month for fellowship
1st, 3rd and 5th of the month for social nights

Where: Mission Basilica, Serra Room in the underground pastoral building.

For information visit: IgniteMission.com

Myth-busting

The Catholic View of Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Myth: The Catholic Church supports illegal immigration and "open borders."

Fact: The Church does not support law breaking or open borders. "The Bishops of the United States recognized the validity of and need for effective border enforcement that protects Americans from criminal and terrorist elements, allows for orderly and legal immigration and respects the sovereign rule of law of the United States."

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/faq.shtml>.

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