



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish

## San Clemente, California

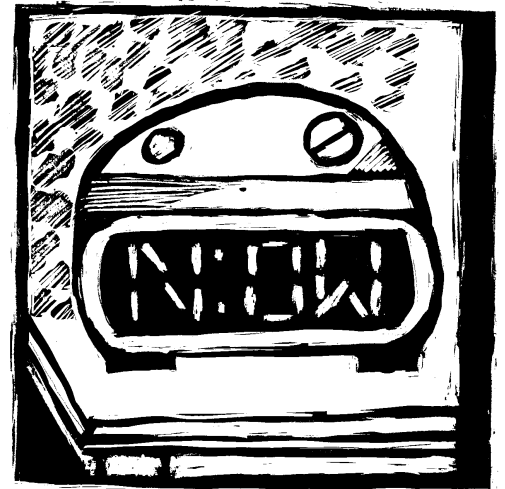
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August 28, 2011

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**W**e convince ourselves that life will be better after we finish school, find a good job, get married, or have children. Then we are impatient because our youngsters need so much time and attention, or we're frustrated dealing with teenagers. Better days must be just around the corner. We tell ourselves that our real life will start when our spouse gets the big promotion; when we can find that better job, take a vacation, or retire. Yet life will always be filled with challenges and hard times. It's best to admit this and decide to live in the here and now! Someone once said, "For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin—real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles *were* my life." So treasure every moment that you have, beginning today. Stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your ship comes in, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die—to decide that there is no better time than right now. Living is something you do now or never.



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## Calendar

August 28—Septiembre 4

**Today***Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27*

All Masses

9am &amp; 11am Masses

8:45am - 10:15am

**Event**

Monthly Food Drive

Coffee &amp; Donuts

Child Care

**Note**

food collected at all Masses  
after Mass on the patio  
Mod. 1 / kids 12 mos. up to age 4

**Monday**

11:30am

*1 Thes 4:13-18; Mk 6:17-29***Event**

Bridge Group

**Note**

Mod 8

**Tuesday***1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37***Event****Note****Wednesday***Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44***Event****Note****Thursday***Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11*

9am

**Event**

Bible Study

**Note**

Mod 8

**Friday***Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39*

10am-11am

**Event**

Take a Stand for Life — contact Liz Arjun for location and info. at 481-3230.  
Divine Mercy Mass & Adoration — contact Gerry Gerken for time and info. at 492-2297

**Note****Saturday***Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5***Event****Note****Sunday***Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20*

All Masses

9am &amp; 11am Masses

8:45am - 10:15am

**Event**

Maintenance Fund second collection

Coffee &amp; Donuts

Child Care

**Note**

after Mass on the patio  
Mod. 1 / kids 12 mos. up to age 4

**Mass Schedule****Saturday:** 5:30p.m.**Sunday:** 7, 9, 11a.m., 1p.m. (Sp), and 5:30p.m.**Daily Mass:** M-F 7a.m., 8:30a.m.; Sat 8a.m.**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4-5 p.m.**Eucharistic Adoration:** M-F 9a.m.-9p.m.;

Sat 9a.m.-5p.m.; Sun 2p.m.-5p.m.

Follow us on **Yes, Our Lady of Fatima is now on Twitter!**

Follow the parish on Twitter to get up-to-the minute info about all that's happening in your parish - including construction updates, opportunities for prayer and service, and news about seasonal events.

If you don't have a Twitter account, you can set one up at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) It's fast, easy and free! And you can even select the option to have tweets sent directly to your mobile phone! What a great way to stay connected with OLF.

**Child Care**

Child care for children ages 12 months (or walking) up to 4 years is available. The child care room is open from 8:45 until 10:15 am while parents and older sibling attend the 9:00 am Mass. The room is staffed each week by two young adults and teen assistants from our parish and is funded through the parish offertory. There is no additional cost but occasional help with snacks or supplies is welcome. All parents will be asked to complete a registration form at their first visit. Space is limited in order to maintain a safe child/adult ratio. Families are accommodated on a first come basis. To find out more or contact Robin Margraf in the parish office at 492-4101 or [rmargraf@olfchurch.net](mailto:rmargraf@olfchurch.net)

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish School Registration 2011-2012**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish School is an integral part of the Parish. Our school is accepting new enrollments for our Multi-Age Primary to 8th grade for the 2011-2012 school year. Find out more about our wonderful faith formation, academic excellence and progressive learning opportunities. We are educating our students to become Catholic leaders for the 21st Century. School will be in session beginning Tuesday, August 30th. Call (949) 492-7320 to schedule an appointment for admission or campus tour. Our School office is now open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

*From our Pastor, Fr. Jack Sewell*

*“The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in every person for the good of all.”  
(1 Corinthians 12:7)*

Our Blueprint for Pastoral Planning\* is the guiding document for building our parish’s future. Two of our capabilities as defined by the Blueprint are leadership and collaboration. Clearly one sign of our future is our new hall. It will provide a place for formation, service, and fellowship for many years to come. Another sign of our future are two new initiatives that will be presented this fall One is Parish Engagement, and the other is Faith Formation 2020. These initiatives, in conjunction with other elements of parish life from both the English and Spanish communities, will provide us with an opportunity to develop new models of parish leadership and collaboration.

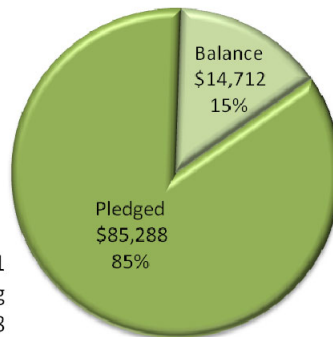


Our Parish Pastoral Council has provided significant leadership to our parish over many years culminating in the adoption of our Blueprint for Pastoral Planning in the spring of 2010. The parishioners who have served as Council members since 1995 have given generously of their wisdom and experience. I would like to thank those who have most recently served in this important ministry: Al Beuerlein, Jim Devore, Elvia Fernandez, Mary Kingston, Bob Szymczak, and Kathy Yates. Their leadership has moved our parish forward in our mission to Reveal the Light of Christ.

Each of us has been blessed by the Lord with gifts to be used “for the good of all.” The gifts are different but all are necessary so that the entire Body of Christ here may be built up. As our parish moves forward,, may we continue to grow in holiness, stewardship, and service as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*\*The Blueprint for Pastoral Planning is available online at [www.olfchurch.net](http://www.olfchurch.net)*

**Pastoral Services Appeal 2011**  
Goal: \$100,000



As of 08.24.11  
Participating Households: 238

Pledge envelopes are available at the ocean entrance or in the parish office or **contribute online** at [www.olfchurch.net](http://www.olfchurch.net)

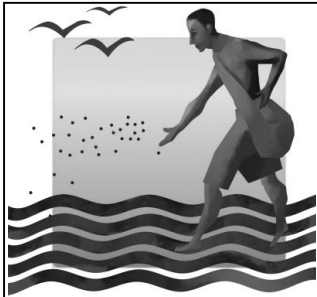
## THE BUILDING BLOCK

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

#### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The La Esperanza driveway is open! Please use caution as we adjust to new traffic flows once again. For now there is no parking along the La Esperanza drive in front of the church, so please drive directly up to the main parking lot.

With the opening of La Esperanza, it is time to work on the Presidio driveway. It is scheduled to close on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, until further notice. The only access to and from our campus will be from La Esperanza. In addition, the upper parking lot between the church and the sports field will be closed for all parking in order to allow construction trucks and equipment to have access to the hall, and to allow the safest flow for school traffic, and to protect the school playground area. Parking for the 7am and 8:30am Masses, along with all parish business and activities, will be in the parking area between the parish office and the retirement home. All construction is currently scheduled to be completed on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Let us continue our prayers for safety, and for the successful completion soon of our new hall!



*"Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." Mark 4:8*

#### Our Lady Of Fatima Parish "SEEDS" SURVEY

to renew the parish community at Our Lady of Fatima,  
and measure our spiritual health and level of  
engagement and belonging

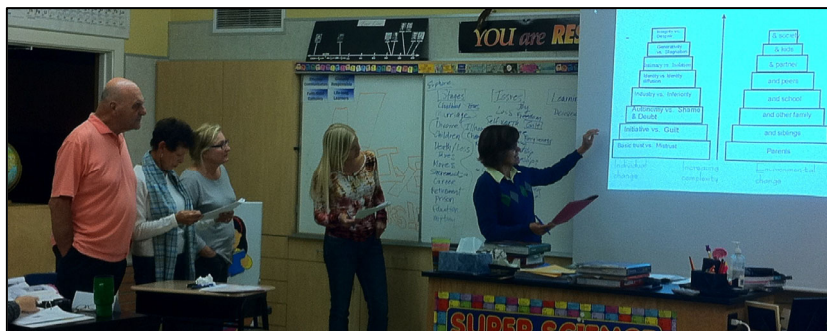
Coming this October

*Follow the bulletin and [www.olfchurch.net](http://www.olfchurch.net) for more details.*

# F•O•R•M•A•T•I•O•N I•N•F•O•R•M•A•T•I•O•N

## An Advanced Adult Faith Formation Experience...

ELI (Emerging Laity Initiative) is for adults (18 and up) who desire a mature, in-depth faith formation experience and are willing to contribute to the learning experience of others. For all, it's a growth experience in understanding Catholic faith. For some, it's a renewal of parish participation, for others, a gateway to further education or certification in theology, scripture study, or other ministerial pursuits.



Where will ELI take you? Contact Rick Hardy for more information, or for names of ELI graduates who can tell you firsthand about their experience.

Classes will meet on Thursday evenings, 6:45 -9:15, with class size limited to 20.

For additional information, contact Rick Hardy, [rhardy@olfchurch.net](mailto:rhardy@olfchurch.net)

## Movie Talk: The Help

Let's talk about this current film -- its message for us today, and the times it tells about. If you've seen "The Help," or can get to see it by then, come on over and talk with others about what it means to you. Thursday, September 8, 7 pm, Modular 8. Light refreshments. The movie and this discussion will be suitable for high school teens and adults. Younger children welcome at their parents' discretion. ("The Help" is rated PG-13, for vulgar language and racial slurs representative of the setting. The CNS rating is A-III.)

## Important Information for High School Confirmation Candidates

If you are interested in being confirmed and have not yet enrolled in the program, please plan to attend an orientation session with one of your parents on either September 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> in church at 6pm. Both of the meetings will be in Spanish and English. During this session you will learn what will be expected of you as you prepare for the celebration of the sacrament. Attendance at one of these sessions is the first step in the process.

Second year candidates, it is not necessary for you to come to an orientation session. Simply watch for an e-mail that directs you to go to the website and complete your registration and pay your fee. When your registration is submitted, you'll receive a schedule that will allow you to select your classes for the coming year.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Kay DuBay at [mkdubay@olfchurch.net](mailto:mkdubay@olfchurch.net) or at (949)492.4101 x104.

## The Faith Formation for children Program needs YOU!

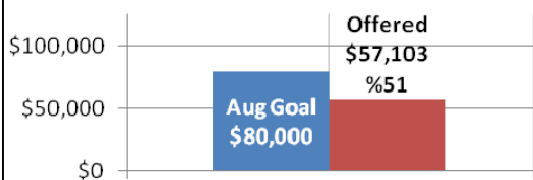
The heart of our program is the dedication of our catechists and their willingness to share their faith with our children. For our program to function, we need catechists and volunteers each week! We are very grateful to the wonderful catechists and volunteers who have already signed up for the fall! There are catechist opportunities for K, first, fourth and fifth grade classes. Classes are Wednesday 3:30 to 4:45 Please prayerfully consider joining us in this very important teaching ministry. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist or an assistant, please call Rosa Rama at (949)492-4101 x 119 during the month of August.

**August 21, 2011  
Weekly Offertory Report #3**

**Offertory**

Basket	\$ 9,718
Received during week	\$ 1,262
Electronic giving	<u>\$ 10,820</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,800</b>
 Maintenance Fund	 \$ 963

**Monthly Offertory Report  
August 2011 (4 Sundays)**

**Assist our wounded warriors**

The Pastoral Care Department, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, supports the Families of Wounded Servicemen and Servicewomen while their loved ones are recuperating at Camp Pendleton. It does so through assistance for hotel, transportation, and meals while the families are here in the local area. If you would like to support their work, please contact Deana at 525-7092, [dprogar@cox.net](mailto:dprogar@cox.net)

**Catholic Charities Auxiliary**

Catholic Charities Auxiliary is now having its annual Membership drive. We invite you to join us and other Catholic women from around the Diocese, who are devoted to working together to benefit the poor and less fortunate. The Auxiliary's main fundraising event of the year is the CC Auxiliary's "Woman-of-the-Year" benefit luncheon, honoring the women of the diocese for their outstanding volunteerism. Each chapter also has its own fundraising in its locale. Come join a group of friendly, caring, and talented ladies. For information, contact Mrs. Sharon Moore, Vice-president, at [yachtnewport@cox.net](mailto:yachtnewport@cox.net) or 290-2079.

**Mass Intentions**

Monday 8/29  
7a.m. Antoinette Biancorosso †  
8:30a.m. Miguel Peñuelas

Tuesday 8/30  
7a.m. Emily Kaddo †  
8:30a.m. Terry Carrigan †

Wednesday 8/31  
7a.m. Renato Neve †  
8:30a.m. Tom Milnes †

Thursday 9/1  
7a.m. Maria Cubillo  
8:30a.m. Lena Runolfson †

Friday 9/2  
7a.m. Rosalinda Palacios  
8:30a.m. Bonnie Andersen

Saturday 9/3  
8a.m. Lawson & Ethel Janes †

**We pray for all the sick**

Mary Gallagher	Dolores Padilla
Rosalinda Palacios	Msgr. McGowan
Patricia Lissner	Rosalinda Palacios
Christopher Lissner	Kathleen Gibney
Pat Fahy	Tim Conley
William Bennet	James Swancoat
Frank Domenichini	Doris Swancoat
Lidia Valdovinos	Pedro Jimenez
Vincent Albregt	Kimberly Alvarez
Edward Lesneski	Moe Moser
June Stack	Jorge Amuezca
Kelly Burns	Mary Matranga

**and for our beloved dead**

Alicia Diaz	Ralph Foster
Mariano Molina	Daniel Martin
Jose Nijme	Giovanni Mastrangelo
Pedro Mata	Gene O'Brien
Alicia Diaz	Irvin Archuleta
Josephina Campos	John Nasal
Irma Vega	Aurelia Hernandez
Juan Teran	and all victims of
Mariaelena Hernandez	war and violence

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[www.olfschool.net](http://www.olfschool.net)

For a complete listing of pastoral staff please visit us at [www.olfchurch.net](http://www.olfchurch.net)

**Horario de las Misas****Sábado:** 5:30p.m.**Domingo:** 7, 9, 11a.m., 1p.m. (Esp), y 5:30p.m.**Misas Diarias:** Lunes a Viernes 7a.m., 8:30a.m.,  
Sábado 8a.m.**Confesiones:** Sábado 4-5p.m.**Adoración Eucarística:** Lunes a Viernes 9a.m.-9p.m.;  
Sábado 9a.m.-5p.m.; Domingo 2p.m.-5p.m.**21 de agosto del 2011  
Reporte del Ofertorio #3****Ofertorio**

Canasta regular	\$ 9,718
Recibido durante la semana	\$ 1,262
Electrónicamente	\$ <u>10,820</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 21,800

Fondo de Mantenimiento \$ 963

**Inscripciones de la Escuela Parroquial Nuestra Señora de 2011-2012**

Escuela de parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Fátima es parte integral de la parroquia. Nuestra escuela está aceptando nuevas inscripciones para su programa multi-edad de primaria hasta el 8vo grado para el año escolar 2011-2012. Obtenga más información acerca de la maravillosa formación de fe, excelencia académica y oportunidades de progreso de aprendizaje. Estamos educando a nuestros estudiantes para que sean líderes Católicos del Siglo 21. La escuela va a estar en sesión empezando el martes, 30 de agosto. Llame al 492-7320 para hacer una cita para admisión o una excursión del la escuela. El horario de oficina escolar es de lunes a viernes 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Adoración al Santísimo**

Se les invita a pasar una hora o el tiempo que puedan en adoración frente al Santísimo. Si desea tener un compromiso con el Señor o para información, favor de llamar a la oficina al 492-4101.

**Lecturas de hoy****Primera lectura**

Me sedujiste, Señor,  
y me dejé seducir por ti  
(Jeremías 20:7-9).

**Salmo**

Mi alma está sedienta de ti,  
Señor, mi Dios  
(Salmo 63 [62]).

**Segunda lectura**

No se dejan llevar por las  
cosas del mundo, más bien  
transfórmense por la  
renovación de su mente  
(Romanos 12:1-2).

**Evangelio**

Si quieres seguirme,  
renuncia a ti mismo,  
carga con tu cruz y sígueme  
(Mateo 16:21-27).

**Lecturas de la semana**

Lunes 8/29

*1 Tes 4:13-18; Mc 6:17-29*

Martes 8/30

*1 Tes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lc 4:31-37*

Miércoles 8/31

*Col 1:1-8; Lc 4:38-44*

Jueves 9/1

*Col 1:9-14; Lc 5:1-11*

Viernes 9/2

*Col 1:15-20; Lc 5:33-39*

Sábado 9/3

*Col 1:21-23; Lc 6:1-5*

Domingo 9/4

*Ez 33:7-9; Sal 95 (94);  
Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20***Oremos por los enfermos**

Mary Gallagher	Dolores Padilla
Rosalinda Palacios	Msgr. McGowan
Patricia Lissner	Rosalinda Palacios
Christopher Lissner	Kathleen Gibney
Pat Fahy	Tim Conley
William Bennet	James Swancoat
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Lidia Valdovinos	Pedro Jimenez
Vincent Albregt	Kimberly Alvarez
Edward Lesneski	Moe Moser
June Stack	Jorge Amuezca
Kelly Burns	Mary Matranga

**y por nuestros queridos fallecidos**

Alicia Diaz	Ralph Foster
Mariano Molina	Daniel Martin
Jose Nijme	Giovanni Mastrangelo
Pedro Mata	Gene O'Brien
Alicia Diaz	Irvin Archuleta
Josephina Campos	John Nasal
Irma Vega	Aurelia Hernandez
Juan Teran	y por todas las victimas de la guerra y violencia.
Mariaelena Hernandez	

## *De nuestro Párroco, Padre Jack Sewell*

*“La presencia del Espíritu es mostrada en alguna forma en cada persona para el bien de todos”*  
(I Cor 12,17)

**E**l Plan Pastoral Parroquial es el documento de dirección para construir el futuro de nuestra parroquia. Dos de las capacidades definidas en el plan son el liderazgo y la colaboración. Claramente, un signo de nuestro futuro es el nuevo salón parroquial. Este proporcionará un lugar para la formación, el servicio, y el compañerismo durante muchos años en el futuro. Otro signo son las iniciativas que serán presentadas este otoño: el Compromiso Parroquial, y el otro la Formación de Fe 2020; nuevos modelos de liderazgo y colaboración.

Nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial que ha proporcionado un liderazgo significativo en nuestra parroquia durante muchos años, y culminó con la adopción del Plan Parroquial en la primavera del año pasado. Los feligreses que han servido como miembros del Consejo han dado generosamente su sabiduría y experiencia por más de tres años. Quiero agradecer a aquellos que han servido recientemente en este importante ministerio: Al Beuerlein, Jim Devore, Elvia Fernandez, Mary Kingston, Bob Szymczak y Kathy Yates. Su liderazgo ha impulsado nuestra parroquia en la misión de Revelar la Luz de Cristo.



Cada uno de nosotros ha sido bendecido por el Señor con dones para ser usados “para el bien de todos.” Los dones son diferentes, pero todos son necesarios, de modo que el Cuerpo de Cristo se ha construido. Mientras nuestra parroquia avanza, ojala que todos podamos seguir creciendo en santidad, en la administración de los bienes y en el servicio como discípulos de Jesucristo.

### **Mil Gracias**

La Comunidad de Nuestra Señora de Fátima agradece profundamente al Padre Sergio Ramos, su tiempo que estuvo con nosotros dándonos consejos, acompañándonos en los grupos, visitando enfermos en los hospitales y casas y oficiando la Santa Misa. Gracias Padre Sergio, que Dios siga siendo su guía en la vida.

**Registros** — Una vez más les recordamos que es importante que se registren en la parroquia para ser reconocidos como miembros oficiales. Si ya lo hizo es importante poner al día cualquier información como; si hay un nuevo miembro en su familia, cambio de dirección, alguno de ustedes recibió un nuevo sacramento, etc. El registrarse o hacer cambios solo les toma 5 minutos. A la salida del templo y en la oficina parroquial hay formularios disponibles llénelos hoy, o llévenselos y tráiganlos durante la semana.

### **El Santo Rosario**

#### **En Honor a: Santa Catalina de Siena**

Será este viernes 2 de septiembre a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia de Fátima.

El Rosario es:

¡Un Ramo de Rosas Que Maria Entrega a Jesús!

Vengamos a unir nuestra rosa y nuestras necesidades al ramo que Maria entregara a Jesús este 2 de septiembre.



# Calendario

# Agosto 28—Septiembre 4

<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
1pm	Misa Dominical	2da Colecta / Campaña Capital
<b>Lunes</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
7pm	Alcohólicos Anónimos	Mod. 1
<b>Martes</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
7 - 9pm 7 - 9pm	Jóvenes Para Cristo Ángeles de Fátima (Adolescentes)	Iglesia Mod. 8
<b>Jueves</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
7 - 9pm	Jóvenes Para Cristo (Equipo)	
<b>Viernes</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
7-9pm 7pm	Grupo Juvenil Alfa Y Omega (18-35 años) Rosario Comunitario	Mod. 8 Iglesia / ver pagina 3.
<b>Sábado</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
4-5pm	Confesiones	Iglesia
<b>Hoy</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Notas</b>
1pm	Misa Dominical	2da Colecta / Fondo de Mantenimiento

## EL BLOQUE DE CONSTRUCCION

ACTUALIZACION DE LA CONSTRUCCION

### Actualización de la Construcción

La entrada de La Esperanza está abierta! Por favor tenga cuidado mientras nos adaptamos a los nuevos flujos de tráfico, una vez más. Por ahora no hay estacionamiento a lo largo del camino La Esperanza frente a la iglesia, así que por favor sigan directamente hasta el estacionamiento principal.

Con la apertura de La Esperanza, es tiempo de trabajar en el camino de entrada de Presidio. Que está previsto ser cerrada a partir del lunes, 29 de agosto, hasta nuevo aviso. El único acceso hacia y desde nuestro terreno será de La Esperanza. Además, el estacionamiento superior, entre la iglesia y el campo de deportes estará cerrado para permitir que los camiones de la construcción y su equipo se estacione y tenga acceso al nuevo salón parroquial, y para permitir el flujo más seguro para el tráfico de la escuela, y para proteger la zona de la escolar y zona de los juegos. El estacionamiento para las Misas de 7 y las 8:30am, junto con todos los asuntos de la parroquia y sus actividades, será en la zona de estacionamiento entre la oficina de la parroquia y la casa de retiro. Toda la construcción está programada para ser terminada el 9 de noviembre. Vamos a continuar nuestras oraciones por la seguridad, y para concluir con éxito nuestro nuevo salón parroquial!



# Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Fátima

## San Clemente, California

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28 de Agosto del 2011

## 22º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Con frecuencia tratamos de convencernos a nosotros mismos de que las cosas mejorarán cuando termine el colegio o una vez hayamos conseguido trabajo, o cuando nos casemos y tengamos hijos. Luego nos impacientamos porque nuestros hijos necesitan de mucho tiempo y gran atención, o nos frustramos al lidiar con nuestros adolescentes. Nos decimos que seguro vendrán tiempos mejores cuando nuestro cónyuge reciba su gran ascenso, cuando encontremos ese trabajo ideal, cuando sea el tiempo de las vacaciones o cuando nos jubilemos. Sin embargo, la vida siempre estará llena de retos y de momentos difíciles. ¡Lo mejor sería admitir eso y decidirnos a vivir en el presente! Alguien se expresó así una vez: “Hace un tiempo pensé que me empezaba a ir bien en la vida. Con todo y eso, siempre había un obstáculo en el camino, algo que primero tenía que resolverse, algún asunto pendiente o una deuda que pagar. Después, todo marcharía bien. Por fin caí en cuenta de que todos esos obstáculos *eran* mi vida”. Así es que empieza ya desde hoy a dar gracias y aprovechar cada momento que tienes. No esperes a terminar el colegio o a regresar al colegio, a perder diez libras de peso, a tener niños o a que los hijos ya no vivan en casa, a empezar a trabajar o para cuando te jubiles, hasta que te cases, hasta el viernes por la noche o hasta el domingo por la mañana, hasta que tengas un coche nuevo o una casa nueva, hasta que termines de pagar el coche o la casa, hasta la primavera, el verano, el otoño o el invierno, hasta que ya no necesites la asistencia social, hasta el día primero o hasta el día quince, hasta que te des un trago, hasta que se te pase la embriaguez, o hasta que te mueras para darte cuenta de que no hay mejor momento que el presente. La vida se vive ahora o no se vive.



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