



# Saint Raphael Catholic Church

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you do not repent,  
you will all perish  
as they did!"  
- Lk 13:3

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March 23, 2025 / 23 de Marzo del 2025  
3º Domingo de la Cuaresma

### Pastor

Fr. Rolando Clarin

### Associate Pastor

Fr. Rajan Sengol

### Deacons

Dcn. Stephen Montross

Dcn. Sergio López

### Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 pm–5:00 pm in the church

### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,  
11:00 am (English)  
1:00 pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass Mon–Fri: 8:00 am

First Saturday of every month 8:00 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of every month  
8:30 am Mass until Benediction at  
6:00 pm (Winter Hours)

### Parish Office Hours

Mon & Fri: 9:00 am–5:00 pm

Wed: 9:00 am–7:00 pm

Tue & Thur: 9:00 am–12:30 pm  
3:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am–12:30 pm

Closed daily: 12:30–1:00 pm

After hours emergency:  
(323) 787-2738

### St. Raphael School

160 St. Joseph Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Michelle Limb, Principal  
(805) 967-2115, [www.straphaelschoolsb.org](http://www.straphaelschoolsb.org)



Fr. Rolando  
Clarin  
Pastor

### Pastor's Corner

God's goodness and gracious generosity shine out today ... in His call to Abram, for one. Such abundant generosity also shows God's love and patience. He did not give up even when fruits were not forthcoming, as the Gospel reports. He was willing to give more time and more chances.

It only means that the Lord, in His patient love for us, is waiting for us to produce the fruits of a sincere and loving response to His initiatives. There ought to be, indeed, a state of mutuality in our relationship with a God who is graciously generous and patient with us.

May we learn to be humble enough to admit our weaknesses and go to God for forgiveness and pardon as we give thanks to His ever-abiding protection. God always gives us a second chance to change for the better. Let us take this opportunity to become better persons to be true to our identity as made in His image and likeness.

### Mass Intentions

Mar 22, Sat, 5:30 pm Our Parish Community  
 Mar 23, Sun, 7:00 am Joe Rossi  
                     9:00 am Bill Wellenstein  
                     11:00am Sheila Barthel †  
                     1:00 pm Alfredo Orozco & Lupe Mendoza †  
 Mar 24, Mon, 8:00 am Stanley E. Florez †  
 Mar 25, Tues, 8:00 am William Durham IV  
 Mar 26, Wed, 8:00 am Lily Aspillera †  
 Mar 27, Thu, 8:00 am Marta Rosell Navalles †  
 Mar 28, Fri, 8:00 am Sean Pittman

*For The Repose of The Soul  
of Our Recently Deceased, We Pray To The Lord*

Ruben Mendoza  
Joseph Campos  
Madelyn Radcliffe



**Bulletin Submissions** Please submit items no later than Friday, **ten days prior** to the intended Sunday bulletin. **Holidays require earlier submission.** Parish organizations have priority. Items must be emailed or typed clearly on paper. **No** phone-in announcements please. Announcements may be edited for space. **Send bulletin announcements to the Parish Office:** [bulletin@straphaelsb.org](mailto:bulletin@straphaelsb.org).

### Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

<b>Gregorio Aguilar</b>	<b>Tammy Marquez</b>
<b>David Andrade</b>	<b>Nicole Martinez</b>
<b>Diane Deneau</b>	<b>Ruben Mendoza Sr.</b>
<b>John Egan</b>	<b>Rita Molina</b>
<b>Rudyne Egan</b>	<b>Carol McLafferty</b>
<b>Carmen Escobedo</b>	<b>Mel Page</b>
<b>Mary Evans</b>	<b>Anne Pullens</b>
<b>Mary Ann Fewell</b>	<b>Art Ramirez</b>
<b>Sally Guarnes</b>	<b>Gerianne Ramirez</b>
<b>Carmen Gutierrez</b>	<b>Maria Santos Ramirez</b>
<b>Randy Howard</b>	<b>Maria Rodriguez</b>
<b>Timothy Konkol</b>	<b>Mandy Terrones</b>
<b>Kelly Lallier</b>	<b>Alfred Torres</b>
<b>Marie Lundfelt</b>	<b>Irene Torres</b>
<b>Angela Hernandez Mayo</b>	<b>Dolores Velasco</b>
<b>Mauro Hernandez Mena</b>	<b>Ann Winter</b>
<b>Edward Maher</b>	<b>Sharon Zrelak</b>

To add or remove immediate family from the list of the sick, please contact the Parish Office: **(805) 967-5641**. Names will be removed from the list after 90 days unless the Parish Office is advised.

## Safeguard The Children

### What cultural values make it hard to recognize abuse?

Cultural values and norms may have an influence on abusive or dangerous situations for children. Some of the cultural challenges in recognizing abuse may include an unwillingness to see certain actions as abusive or a different understanding of appropriate touch and boundaries. Safe adults can reflect on their own cultural background, and what impact it has had on their understanding of appropriate and inappropriate behavior and actions.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "What We Culturally Prioritize Can Influence a Child's Vulnerability" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## Service & Outreach

**Always Our Children:** Support group for parents of LGBTQ children. Joe & Kathie Schneider (805) 687-4338

**Catholic Charities Santa Barbara:** (805) 965-7045

**Community Counseling Center:** (805) 962-3363

**Engaged Encounter:** <http://www.cceofla.org>

**Hospice of Santa Barbara (counseling):** (805) 563-8820

**Immigration Affairs (Archdiocese of Los Angeles):**

[immigration@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:immigration@la-archdiocese.org) (213) 637-7820

**Knights of Columbus:**

Third Degree Grand Knight: Ron Williams (951) 522-4999

Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator: Edward Decaro (805) 722-7605

**Network Medical:** Supporting unplanned pregnancies (805) 967-9096

**Respect for Life:** Cindy Hagon (805) 636-5950

**Rachel's Vineyard:** Post-abortion support for women and men (877) 467-3463 (877-HOPE4ME)

**Rescue Mission:** (805) 966-1316

**Safeguard the Children:** Fr. Rolando Clarin (805) 967-5641, (103)

**Santa Barbara Pastoral Region Office:** (805) 682-0442

**Victims Assistance Ministry:** Suzanne Healy (213) 637-7650

**Villa Majella:** Services/shelter for single pregnant women, [villamajella.org](http://villamajella.org), (805) 683-2838

**Visiting Nurse and Hospice:** (805) 965-5555

**24-Hour Help Line/Crisis Intervention:** (805) 692-4011 or (800) 400-1572

**Vocation Information — [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org)**

Additional info: Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter (@LAVocations).

**Pro-Life —** Join in prayer for an end to abortion and for the conversion of those working at Planned Parenthood: 518 Garden Street, Santa Barbara.

Cindy Hagon (805) 636 5950

**Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.** The Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited.

Questions? Text/call Reid Wagner: (805) 363-2031.

**The Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
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There will be a second collection for the benefit of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul the weekend of March 29/30. Your generosity allows us to help our neighbors in need in the Goleta Valley. Thank you for your kind donations.

## Spirituality & Fellowship

**Divine Mercy:** Meets monthly (usually the first Sunday of the month) at 3:00 pm, in the church. Martha Avila 964-4945.

**Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition:** Lisa Schlesselmann (805) 698-1127; [lisaschlesselmann@gmail.com](mailto:lisaschlesselmann@gmail.com)

**Healing of Families:** Dcn. Stephen Montross 964-9152

**Operation Outreach:** Beth Fairfield 964-7919

**Charismatic Prayer and Worship:** Barbara Flynn  
Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, in the Conference Room

**Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer Group:** Meets Thursdays, 8:30 am, in the church "crying room"

**Rosary Makers:** Janet Fanucchi 886-9723

**Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites:** Meets monthly  
Nancy Wagner at [4nancynfamily@gmail.com](mailto:4nancynfamily@gmail.com) or (805) 698-2884

**St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group:** Richard Hagon

805-689-8694. Meets Wednesdays, **5:30 pm**, in the church

**St. Raphael Bowling League:** Joanne Anderson, 967-8645  
or Carol McLafferty, (805) 685-4284

## Liturgical Ministries

**Baptism Coordinator:** Ana Cervantes  
(213) 774-1783 or [acervantes@straphaelsb.org](mailto:acervantes@straphaelsb.org)

**Children's Liturgy of The Word:**

Nancy Panizzon (805) 964-5462

**End of Life:** Parish Office (805) 967-5641

**Religious Education (CCD):**

Ana Cervantes, (805) 335-8639

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:**

Dcn. Sergio Lopez, (805) 689-5087

**Anointing of the Sick:** (805) 967-5641

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:**

If someone needs the Eucharist brought to them, please call (805) 967-5641

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Haake (805) 705-2874

**Lectors:** Marcia Greiten (805) 705-8924

**Music:** Dorothy Turner (805) 968-0683;

Bob/Patty Burnham (805) 569-5858

**Sacristans:** John Pittman (805) 680-3607

**Adoration:** Lisa Schlesselmann (805) 698-1127

**Ushers:** Carlos Valenzuela (805) 680 5990



## Financial Information



The bishops of the United States established the [national collections](#) to support the Church's works of social justice, evangelization and education. Jesus reminds us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our contributions help people across the street and around the world, people who struggle to practice the faith, and people who live in great need. Each of these important collections is worthy of support and represents the community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives. Catholics are encouraged to view the national collections in the light of stewardship and of sharing. *(National Collections not managed by USCCB)*

**April 18, 2025**

**May 17-18, 2025**

**June 7-8, 2025**

**Holy Land Collection**

**Cardinal McIntyre Fund**

**Retirement Fund for  
Archdiocesan Priests**

For more information on these collections, please go online to:  
<https://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving>



Please join us in praying the  
Holy Rosary of our Blessed  
Mother  
Every Morning  
Monday—Friday  
7:15am before Daily Mass



## Volunteers Needed

**9AM MASS  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### Children's Ministry

Help make a difference in the lives of our kids! During the school year, the 9am service has a 20-minute kids' class. Volunteers are always needed—if you're interested please reach out to Lisa Patterson

[lisa.claire.patterson@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.claire.patterson@gmail.com)

### Donuts and Coffee

Join us in creating community at the 9am Mass! We need volunteers to pick up donuts on the 1st Sunday of each month. It's a fun and easy way to get involved. Contact Kathleen Vampola for more info

[kc.vampola@gmail.com](mailto:kc.vampola@gmail.com)



## "CALLED TO RENEW"

Called to Renew is a bold plan to strengthen every parish and Catholic center in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These vital ministries serve thousands each year, through education, faith formation to our children, support priests and those discerning the call. Every Catholic will be invited to participate in this effort to affirm a commitment to our faith over the next three years. Lives will be changed, and through our faith and action, we can each answer a call for renewal here in Southern California.

### "Called to Renew" Update

Our parish goal is \$1,180,000 and our generous parishioners have pledged \$644,426 as of

**March 2025**; a total of \$340,287 has been paid on those pledges. If you have contributed to this important diocesan fund, thank you! If you have not yet pledged to this fund, please consider doing so. Together we can spread the healing Gospel of Christ into our wounded world. For more information or to donate, please visit:

<https://lacatholics.org/called-to-renew>.



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2025

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### Helping New Mothers and Babies

Have you wondered how you can support the prolife cause in a positive way? Help to keep the maternity/baby box in the church vestibule filled. The Knights of Columbus will get the items to cooperating agencies that help women and babies involved in problem pregnancies. Needed: diapers, wipes, clothing, changing pads, swaddles, strollers, etc., gift cards for Amazon, Target. Lent is a perfect time to start.

**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name  
welcomes me. Mark 9:36-37.**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Raphael Church. Your contributions make a significant impact on the life of our parish. Your 2024 contribution statements are now available. If you would like to receive a copy, please submit your request by email to [finance@straphaelsb.org](mailto:finance@straphaelsb.org).



### Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

Knights of Columbus Council 5300 is sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on each of the Friday evenings in Lent beginning March 7th. (No fish fry on Good Friday). Come to St. Raphael's Parish to enjoy a wonderful Lenten fish dinner which includes breaded white fish fillet, rice pilaf, vegetables, coleslaw, bread roll, butter, tartar sauce, lemon wedge, coffee, tea and punch. Cost is only \$15. Children under 12 are \$10. Take-out meals are available. Serving begins at 6:00 pm. Proceeds support the charitable works of the Council.



### K OF C MEET AND GREET WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus Charitable Organization was founded by Fr. Michael McGivney on March 29, 1882. In honor of Founder's Month, Goleta Valley Council 5300 will be holding a Meet and Greet Information and sign-up event after all the Masses on the weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to stop by their table which will be set up outside the front of the Church.

### Confirmation Office Hours

Monday: 3:30-5:30pm  
Thursday: 3-5pm Friday: 2-5pm  
Saturday: 4-5:50pm  
[confirmation@straphaelsb.org](mailto:confirmation@straphaelsb.org)  
(805) 967-6541 ext. 119



NEXT SUNDAY THE 23RD, AFTER THE 9 AM, 11 AM AND 1 PM MASSES, BUY A TRI TIP SANDWICH TO SUPPORT THE SAINT RAPHAEL'S CONFIRMATION RETREATS!

Sandwiches are \$25 and come with chips, water or soda and homemade potato salad or pasta salad.



### Dear St. Raphael School Families,

As we navigate through the seemingly endless rain showers that keeping hitting the Santa Barbara area, I can't help but marvel at the transformative effects it has on our surroundings. The skies clear, the mountains radiate with greenery, flowers bloom, and local creeks rush with life-giving water. In many ways, the rain mirrors the Sacrament of Reconciliation – cleansing our souls, renewing our lives, and preparing us to shine brightly. Over the next two weeks, our students in grades 3–8 will partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, while our second graders will joyously celebrate their First Reconciliation on March 20. We are thrilled to guide our students through this beautiful sacrament, envisioning them as beacons of Christ's light for all to witness. Registration week for the 2025-2026 school year begins next Monday. The process is conveniently facilitated through Gradelink. Completing the application process and a minimum registration payment of \$200 ensures enrollment. Please note that registration must be finalized by March 19 to secure your child's spot. After this date, families on our waitlist will be given an opportunity to register. For any inquiries, feel free to reach out to the office at [office@srs805.org](mailto:office@srs805.org). Amidst the Lenten season, we invite you to join us each Friday at 1:15 pm as our eighth graders present the Stations of the Cross. This will be a reflective and meaningful experience for our entire community, providing an opportunity for spiritual growth and introspection.

On a lighter note, Fridays during Lent bring a delightful treat to our school – indulge in our \$5 grilled cheese sandwiches or mac & cheese, accompanied by tortilla chips and homemade salsa for \$2. Lunch is served from 12 - 12:35 pm, so ensure your child has funds for this delicious lunch. Parents, you're welcome to join us for a grilled cheese anytime – a perfect way to connect with our school community!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the growth and spiritual development of our St. Raphael School community.

In Mary's Love,

**Ms. Michelle Limb**

Principal, St. Raphael School



### Del Párroco

La bondad y la generosidad de Dios brillan hoy... por ejemplo, en su llamada a Abram. Una generosidad tan abundante muestra también el amor y la paciencia de Dios. No se dio por vencido ni siquiera cuando no hubo frutos, como relata el Evangelio. Estaba dispuesto a dar más tiempo y más oportunidades.

*P. Rolando  
Clarin  
Párroco*

Esto sólo significa que el Señor, en su amor paciente por nosotros, está esperando que produzcamos los frutos de una respuesta sincera y amorosa a sus iniciativas. Debería existir, en efecto, un estado de reciprocidad en nuestra relación con un Dios que es generoso y paciente con nosotros.

Que aprendamos a ser lo suficientemente humildes como para admitir nuestras debilidades y acudir a Dios en busca de perdón y de indulgencia, al tiempo que damos gracias a su protección permanente. Dios siempre nos da una segunda oportunidad para cambiar a mejor. Aprovechemos esta oportunidad para ser mejores personas y ser fieles a nuestra identidad como personas hechas a su imagen y semejanza.

### Ministerios Litúrgicos

**Ministros de Eucaristía:** Ana L. López (805) 895-2027

**Ministros de Eucaristía de los enfermos:**

Yolanda Reyes (805) 451-8964

**Ujieres/Hospitalidad:** Bernardo Lule (805) 964-9194

**Grupo de Oración:** Jesús Lopez (805) 895-4099

**Proclamadores de la palabra:**

Nahum Hernández (805) 324-0060

### Horarios de Oficina

<b>Lunes y Viernes:</b>	9:00 am — 5:00 pm
<b>Martes y Jueves:</b>	9:00 am — 12:30 pm 3:00 pm — 6:00 pm
<b>Miércoles:</b>	9:00 am — 7:00 pm
<b>Cerrado Diario:</b>	12:30 pm — 1:00 pm
<b>Domingo:</b>	8:30 am — 12:30 pm

(805) 967-5641 @straphaelsb.org

**Teléfono de Emergencias fuera del Horario (323) 787-2738**

### Formación en la Fé

**Escuela de Evangelización (EDE):** Diácono Sergio Lopez (805) 689-5087 y Ana L. Lopez (805) 895-2027

**Liturgia Dominical Para Niños:** Ester Lopez, (805) 895-4099

**R.I.C.A:** Diácono Sergio Lopez (805) 689-5087

**Donaciones parroquiales** ¡Gracias a todos ustedes que continua donando regularmente! Nuestra parroquia depende las contribuciones de nuestra comunidad y mantener a nuestro personal y continuar con nuestro ministerio. Por favor visite nuestro sitio web, ver nuestro portal de donaciones en línea. Las contribuciones también pueden ser enviadas por correo o dejadas en la ranura de correo cerca a la puerta de la Oficina Parroquial. ¡Estamos agradecidos por su continuo apoyo!

### CENAS DE "PESCADO FRITO" EN CUARESMA

El Consejo 5300 de Caballeros de Colón patrocina una vez más sus famosas cenas de Cuaresma de pescado frito en cada una de las seis noches de viernes de Cuaresma a partir del 7 de marzo. (No habrá pescado frito el Viernes Santo). Venga al Salón Parroquial de San Rafael en Goleta para disfrutar de una maravillosa cena de pescado de Cuaresma que incluye filete de pescado blanco empanado, arroz pilaf, verduras, ensalada de col, panecillo, mantequilla, salsa tártara, cuña de limón, café, té y ponche. El precio es de sólo 15 dólares.

Los menores de 12 años cuestan 10 \$.

Hay comida para llevar. El servicio comienza a las 6:00 pm. La recaudación se destinará a las obras de caridad del Consejo.



### Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios

#### Enseñe límites personales a sus hijos

Las comunidades prosperan cuando hay límites adecuados. Sin ellos, todos somos vulnerables, especialmente los niños, en una cultura de "todo vale". Como adultos de confianza, podemos empoderar a los niños defendiendo y reforzando sus límites personales. Los niños aprenden por observar a los adultos que les rodean. Vernos poner y mantener límites personales les enseñan esta habilidad increíblemente importante. Para saber más sobre de cómo establecer y mantener límites, lea el artículo en VIRTUS® "Cuando abundan los límites, nuestras vidas pueden florecer" en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



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## Divine Mercy Sunday,

April 27, 2025  
at St. Raphael Church

Divine Mercy Novena  
Good Friday, April 18-26

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** April 27<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am Mass will be the "Official" Divine Mercy Mass. The greater Santa Barbara community is invited to join us. The Chaplet will be recited at 10:30am. This will be followed by a reception in parish hall.

### **Divine Mercy Novena**

**Good Friday, April 18:** 8:00am Morning Prayer followed by Day 1 Divine Mercy Novena.

**Holy Saturday, April 19:** 8:00am Morning Prayer followed by Day 2 Divine Mercy Novena.

**Easter Sunday, April 20:** 3:00pm in the Church, Day 3 Divine Mercy Novena.

**Easter Monday through Friday, April 21-25:** 8:00am Morning Mass followed by 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Days of Divine Mercy Novena

**Easter Saturday, April 26:** at 3:00pm in the Church, Day 9 Divine Mercy Novena.

### **How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday**

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand, (suggested within the past few weeks) and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy and do some acts of Mercy as well.

*All are invited to join us this year of 2025 in the preparations and celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy at*

**St. Raphael Catholic Church**

*5444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93111*

**For more information, contact Martha Avila at 805-964-4945**