

## Time for School! *¡Hora para la escuela!*

### **Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,**

June 2009 marked the end of the present Holy Cross Catholic Church Parish Pastoral Council year. The Council is on hiatus until the retreat at the end of August when the year begins anew.

This Council, like every Council on which I have served, is comprised of a fantastic group of people, each with unique gifts that they willingly share for the good of our Parish. It has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve as President during this Council year.

I want to extend my personal thanks to all those that served:

—Fr. Ludo for organizing a Council continuing to show us how he values the gifts we offer.

—Deacon Curran, Deacon Saake, and Deacon Cabello for faithfully serving as ex-officio members.

Council members have up to two terms of three years each. Deacons serve continuously.

—Cemy Camargo, Renate Franquet, Jim Garland, Gary Longaberger, Jose Perez, Bill Stoltz, Sharon Di Ubaldo, and Alma Ruth Vaja for their dedication and commitment.

I also want to offer special acknowledgement and appreciation to: Sharon for faithfully preparing agendas and minutes and delivering them to each member, Randy for leading the reflective faith sharing, Nick and Alma for provisioning us during our year's worth of meetings, Oscar Peñaloza who substituted for Cemy, and Christina Peñaloza who filled in for Oscar.

Lastly, I want to extend my gratitude to those parishioners who took the time to attend Council meetings or to share their concerns with Council members and to Mesa residents and others that joined Council meetings to offer their ideas and support.

—Steve Romofsky

### **Estimados Feligreses de la Holy Cross**

*En Junio se terminó el año por el presente Consejo Pastoral de nuestra parroquia (CPP). Con su retiro anual este domingo 22 de Agosto reasumimos nuestras juntas. El consejo actual – así como otros del pasado – es compuesto de feligreses admirables, cada uno con sus propios talentos que usan para el bien de nuestra parroquia. Ha sido verdaderamente un honor y alegría servir como presidente del CPP. Por lo tanto quiero agradecer a mis compañeros:*

—al Padre Ludo por tener un CPP y mostrar que el valoriza nuestros dones.

—a los diáconos Curran, Saake y Cabello por su ministerio fiel como miembros ex-officio, es decir que ellos participan continuamente, mientras que los otros miembros sirven hasta dos veces tres años.

—a Cemy Camargo, Renate Franquet, Jim Garland, Gary Longaberger, José Pérez, Bill Stoltz, Sharon Di Ubaldo y Alma Ruth Vaja por su compromiso y dedicación.

*Expreso mi reconocimiento particular a Sharon, la cual prepara los agendas y notas para cada miembro; a Randy por conducir la reflexión evangélica, Nick y Alma por los refrescos a cada junta, y Oscar y Cristina Peñaloza reemplazando a Cemy.*

*Finalmente, presento mi agradecimiento a estos feligreses quienes vinieron a una junta o los que compartieron sus preocupaciones con miembros del CPP, y también a unos vecinos de la Mesa que participaron con sus sugerencias y apoyo.*

—Steve Romofsky



# Parish News & Notes

## FIRST COMMUNION!



## Eco-Fair 2009

On August 8, Holy Cross held its first Eco-Fair, in conjunction with the monthly “Donut Sunday.” Representatives from local “green” groups, spearheaded by the Community Environmental Council, attended the event to update parishioners about local and national opportunities for us to play a part in preserving the Earth. Holy Cross has been a local leader among faith communities taking part in a program that in incorporating a message of care for God’s creation into many parts of ministry. The Eco-Fair was just one part of that program, which includes care for the parish grounds, the community garden, messages about recycling, and bulletin announcements about local ways to help.



Some young “green guys” check out types of low-energy-use lightbulbs at the first Holy Cross Eco-Fair.

# ¡Viva La Fiesta!



Once again, Holy Cross parishioners joined in on the fun—and work!—of Fiesta with a tamales booth at De La Guerra Plaza. Teaming up with La Bella Rosa Restaurant, a large crew of volunteers sold 6,000 tasty tamales, raising money for Holy Cross Religious Education programs. Thanks to Joanne and Bill Stoltz for help with daily followups for supplies. We also thank the many teens from the parish who gave their time to help. It was truly another wonderful Fiesta for Holy Cross!

## Parish BBQ!

## BBQ de la Parroquia

Sunday, Sept. 13

Noon – 4 p.m.

*Domingo, 17 de Septiembre,*

*12 del dia – 4 p.m.*

Barbecue beef or chicken dinner  
Tickets at door: \$10  
Child's plate (for ages 1-11): \$5

Barbacoa de carne de res o pollo  
A la entrada: \$10  
Niños menores de 12 años: \$5

This year's barbecue is dedicated in gratitude to **Miguel Franco**, who chaired the parish BBQ for 13 years and passed away on August 7, 2009.

*Este evento es dedicado a la memoria del Sr. Miguel Franco, fallecido el 7 de Agosto, 2009.*



# It Takes a Village . . . Hall— Thoughts on Holy Cross’s Role

Let’s start with a quick look back at the early church architecture. It is very significant that, as soon as Christian groups were allowed to gather publicly in large numbers for worshipping, the Church leaders did not adopt the sacred space model from Judaism nor from the Greco-Roman temple blueprint, but rather the Roman basilica architecture. Antique temples were considered “houses” for God or deities and no mortals were allowed inside, except for priests to perform certain rituals. The worship by the people happened outside the temples around exterior altars. The original Roman basilica, however, was a covered secular gathering space or assembly hall for people’s political, judicial, or social affairs. When the private homes of wealthier Christians were getting too small for liturgies, they adapted the Roman hall or mall floor plan to be the “living room” of the people of God.

It is in this vision and tradition that we understand the role of both Holy Cross parish hall and church building. Most Christian faith communities receive their fullest identity not only from what they are and do together as a particular denomination, but also—some would say, even more so—from who they are for the community at large and from what they do in the service of their neighborhood, city, country, and world community. In that perspective, our church social hall belongs obviously first to the parish that built it and still maintains it. Second, though, it should be

used for other social activities and community building. That is why Holy Cross parishioners are proud and happy that our hall can be used by the Mesa Village and other nonprofit groups and programs.

Similarly, the proper church space is not for the exclusive use of our Catholic practicing members. We hope that the Christ statue with open arms on our front lawn on Cliff Drive says it all. Our quiet and peaceful space is accessible for anybody from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. through the doors from our parking area. We hope it can be seen and experienced as a symbolic and universal space for the “other dimension” of life and reality, however you individually call it. Like parks, churches used to be—or still are—a point of orientation in many a village.

May Holy Cross sanctuary equally be a point of orientation and source of blessings for the Mesa villagers. All of you, fellow neighbors, feel free to consider our church space an extraterritorial welcome place away from the hustle and bustle of the shopping center, or, if needed, as an inn of refuge for the weary traveler.

May the quiet of the hospitable outer space between the church walls contribute to your own private and peace-filled inner space. Allowing yourself to be absorbed by, or to breathe in, this outer space may energize, cure, transform, relax your spirit, or maybe inspire you to prayer.

*Fr. Ludo*

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# Parish Pastoral Council Review

This Council year started in August 2008, like most years, with a half-day gathering at the Bishop Center. The time was spent focusing on how to organize the Council for the coming year and selecting people for the positions of President and Secretary. Topics requiring Council focus were discussed. The organization of the monthly meetings was reviewed and it was decided to open each meeting with Faith Sharing. The Council also renewed its commitment to close each meeting with a prayer followed by a brief social time.

Regular meetings proceeded throughout the year, typically the first Wednesday of each month. Agendas and meeting minutes were faithfully prepared and shared. The Council members gave freely of their time, both for the meetings and for follow-up tasks and assignments.

Some of the issues addressed by the Council were (in no particular order): ECO-Faith, Religious Education, Easy-Lift, Development Ideas for the Northwest Corner, Vocations, 50th Anniversary Celebration, St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble, Renew, Epiphany Concert, St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Lenten Soup, Easter Triduum, Community Garden, Mass Schedule Survey, Confirmation, and PPC Retreat. Each meeting also included time for Council members to share comments received from parishioners.

Please offer your thanks to those that served: Fr. Ludo, Deacon Curran, Deacon Saake, Deacon Cabello, Cemy Camargo, Renate Franquet, Jim Garland, Gary Longaberger, Christina Peñaloza, Oscar Peñaloza, Jose Perez, Steve Romofsky, Bill Stoltz, Sharon Di Ubaldo, and Alma Ruth Vaja.

## ***Dress Code?***

I have been a member of Holy Cross Church since it was built 50 years ago. When my children were small, Sunday 8 am was our Mass. That meant we were all dressed in our "Sunday clothes." Nobody wore T-shirts, cutoff jeans, and torn and dirty clothes. I have gone to many different churches and have never seen anybody dressed the way people attend Mass at our church.

I am appalled the way some people come to Mass. Would you dress like that when you're invited to somebody's home for dinner? The Mass is much more important than any formal dinner you'll ever attend.

It is time—just an hour or so—spent with Christ, and everyone should be dressed accordingly, with dignity and respect. We should NOT need a dress code. That's something parents have to teach their children from day one.

Think about it! —Alice Gibbons

*Note from Fr. Ludo: Alice's concerns are mine as well. That's why we keep handy in the sacristy a white poncho to cover up what's lacking in female apparel at weddings or quinceaneras.*

## ***Support Bishop Diego High!***

Bishop Garcia High School continues to prepare students for life in many important ways: academically, spiritually, emotionally. Now it needs help! Please donate and do not worry about the donation being small! For some of us, it has to be small if we are to give. You can send what you can to:

**Bishop Diego Garcia  
High School  
4000 La Colina Rd.  
Santa Barbara 93105**

Many thanks!

—Jeanne Moulton

# School Days!

**A**nother school year is about to begin! As I write this, I am reminded of the song, “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” written by Pete Seeger in 1960. It makes me think, “Where have all the children gone?” In the past two years, more than 100 children have received First Holy Communion. Is this their last until confirmation time? Our Religious Education teachers are volunteers. Their reward is seeing the children receive Communion for the first time. Mary Lenhard teaches the preschoolers (and up) every Sunday at 9:30 Mass. Mary Lou and John Williams teach the first graders during the school year (they are our “babies”). Some do not know how to read, do not even know how to bless themselves, and many have not even been in the church.

By the end of the school year, however, they know most of their prayers and are spiritually ready to move on to year two, where they will find Anja Baker and Chris Bastian, another great team. They will learn all about confession, the Eucharist, and much, much more and be ready to receive Communion in the Spring.

Phyllis Schwartz and Ilahiza Begg teach a combined class of students ranging from fourth grade

on, who are in first and second-year Communion. Sister Virginia and Raedine Werthmann teach the Holy Cross club and the junior high students. Griselda Garcia and Christine López teach the year one Confirmation Class, while Randy and Michelle Saake teach the year two confirmation class.

These dedicated teachers ask only one thing: Please bring your children to Mass . . . that is, to Christ!

There is something for everyone in this year’s Religious Education program:

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Tuesdays 3:30 to 5:00: English year one and Holy Cross Club\*
- Saturday and Sunday 9:30 to 11: Spanish Communion classes, years one and two
- Sunday 5:30 to 7:00: Junior High Club and also Confirmation Classes

Please remember, these children are the responsibility of all of us. Please keep them in your prayers.

God bless everyone!

—*Sr. Virginia*

## Be an Altar Server!

All the children who have received First Holy Communion are eligible to become Altar Servers. You may sign up for this during registration dates, which are August 15 through September 13. (A full schedule of classes is on the page opposite.) You can also sign up to be an altar server after Masses and at the Rectory during the week. The children receive “on the job” training from experienced Altar Servers. There is no age limit!



## 1

### Two-Year Preparation for First Communion

On Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

#### Communion Year I:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

#### Communion Year II:

for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders who have finished  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> yr.

#### Older First Communion:

For 4<sup>th</sup> graders and up.

**All classes start on Tuesday, September 15**

## 2

### After First Communion, Grades 3-5

“Holy Cross Club”

On Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Classes start on September 15

## 3

### Junior High Program : 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

On Sunday, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Classes start on September 20

## 4

### Confirmation

#### Two-Year Preparation of High School students

**Year 1:** First & Third Sundays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

starting on September 20<sup>th</sup> with parents

**Year 2:** Second & Fourth Sundays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

starting on Sept. 27 with parents and sponsors

## REGISTRATION

### Beginning August 15:

Monday through Friday in the rectory

Sat. & Sundays: In the Hall after Masses

**Fee:** \$65 for one student; \$25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$25  
for 3<sup>rd</sup> child of the same family

**!!! Important: We need a copy of the  
BAPTISM CERTIFICATE from EACH student !!!**

## 1

### Dos años de Preparación para la Primera Comunión

Los sábados o domingos, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

#### Comunión Año I :

\* Un grupo para niños de los grados 1-3

\* Otro grupo para los grados 4to ó más

#### Comunión Año II: para los que terminaron año I

**Primer día de clase: 19 & 20 de Sept.**

## 2

### Después de la Primera Comunión:

Para los niños de los grados 3-5:

Esta clase es en inglés solamente

Los Martes, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

Primer día de clase: 15 de Septiembre

## 3

### Jovencitos de los grados 6-8, en inglés

Los domingos, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Primer día de clase: 20 de Septiembre

## 4

### Dos años de Preparación para la Confirmación (en inglés)

**1<sup>o</sup> Año:** primer y tercer domingos, 5:30-7 p.m.

Primer día de clase: 20 de Septiembre con padres

**2<sup>do</sup> año:** segundo y cuarto domingos, 5:30-7 p.m.

Primer día de clase: 27 de Septiembre  
con padres y padrinos

## INSCRIPCIONES

### Comienzan el 15 de Agosto

Lunes a viernes en la rectoría

Sábados y Domingos después de las misas:

en la oficina en el salón

**Cuotas:** \$65 por un niño; \$25 por el 2<sup>do</sup>  
y \$25 por el 3<sup>ro</sup>

**!!! Importantísimo: Necesitamos una copia de la  
acta de bautizo de cada uno !!!**

# Reflexiones

By Zoilita Arias

**L**a vida es un continuo aprender. “La escuela de la vida” nunca se termina. Tal vez sea porque es una larga lección de humildad. (No es mi opinión, muchos lo dicen y lo han dicho.) Muchas ideas rondan en mi mente y me siento capaz de abordar cada una de ellas, pero algo dentro de mí obliga a detenerme unos minutos. Estoy sentada frente al patio verde de mi casa y al fondo se encuentra un frondoso árbol... Ahí estaba una ave muy pequeña posada en una de las ramas más débiles y livianas, entonando una melodía preciosa y moviendo su pequeña cabecita a todos los lados.

Luego extiende sus alitas y emprende vuelo hasta perderse de mi vista.

Una ave muy pequeña y frágil, una melodía suave y hermosa. Una maravilla del Prodigio Divino. ¿Cómo un ser mínimo puede elevarse hasta las alturas? Para mí esto es un ejemplo de humildad. Se dice que la vida es una larga lección de humildad, - que no es timidez, ni mucho menos humillación. Es el saber apreciar, admirar y asombrarse ante la

infinita gama de atributos con que han sido dotados todos los seres del universo. La humildad nos permite acercarnos – o dejar que se acerquen a nosotros – con el corazón y los sentidos bien abiertos, siempre atentos a recibir una lección de vida; pues, para ser humilde no se necesita juntar las manos, ni bajar la cabeza u ojos ante los hombres o la naturaleza. Es simplemente reconocer las maravillas del universo. Que mucho de lo que sabemos (haya sido bueno o malo) lo hemos aprendido de nuestros antepasados, abuelos o padres. Que nuestra valija de conocimientos la hemos obtenido gracias al esfuerzo y tesón de aquellos que nos precedieron y trazaron la mejor ruta para que no

perdiéramos las señales dejadas en el rocoso camino de la vida. Ser humilde es aceptarnos a nosotros mismos tal cual somos, con nuestros defectos y virtudes. El mejor ejemplo de humildad es el de Jesucristo quien descendió de los cielos volviéndose hombre y quien día a día nos fortalece y nos toma de la mano en este recorrido por la vida. Dios los bendiga.



# Do You Have a CLUE?

By **Beatriz Flores**

Do you have a CLUE? What is CLUE SB? Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (“CLUE SB”) is an inter-faith organization that seeks, through the spirit of collaboration, by building coalitions and by actively finding commonalities amongst other faith communities, to inspire people to work for economic justice in response to the needs of those marginalized by economic inequities in the Santa Barbara community.

CLUE SB believes that “heartened by the transforming power of faith, economic justice will prevail in our community and beyond, where equal access to shared economic resources will ensure lives of dignity and respect for all.”

CLUE SB seeks to bring together the Santa Barbara faith community to give a voice to and empower the marginalized and unrepresented members of our community. For example, CLUE SB is an avid supporter and active participant in Santa Barbara’s goal to end chronic homelessness in Santa Barbara. CLUE SB has partnered with Casa Esperanza in their shared goal of bringing vital services and resources to our local homeless population, while at the same time working to understand what causes and perpetuates chronic homelessness so that in a not so distant future, the

chronically homeless will simply be, home.

CLUE SB’s Homelessness committee members are actively involved in the City of Santa Barbara’s subcommittee on homelessness, continuously advocating for a dignified, fair and loving response. CLUE SB is committed to ending chronic homelessness and is involving the faith community to help mobilize and keep this issue front and center until that time that change is effected.

Another group of people who CLUE SB is concerned about is Santa Barbara’s undocumented population. Working with PUEBLO, a coalition partner, CLUE SB assisted in interviewing, editing and printing the book “In the Shadows of Paradise,” which documents and gives a voice to Santa Barbara’s undocumented immigrants. In this and in the next calendar year CLUE SB will be hosting sponsor book study groups in local congregations to get people thinking and talking about the need for humane, dignified and fair immigration reform, which closely aligns with our Catholic tradition.

“The Church has historically held a strong interest in immigration and how public policy affects immigrants seeking a new life in the United States. Based on scriptural and social teachings. . . the Catholic Church is compelled to raise her voice on

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CLUE works for fairness in employment, labor, wages, and immigration.

# Sometime a Good Priest

*A true story in honor of the Year of the Priest*

Today as I stepped out of the church I noticed a police car standing outside: someone had called—I looked around myself and saw nothing and no one suspicious.

When I got across the street, In the parking lot of a store, a slight, clean shaven elderly black man approached me, and with a smile and a hello, softly and nervously started talking to me about “Transition House” and I thought maybe he was asking for directions to it, and he said “no, ma’am, I know where it is, but because it’s July 4th, they did not let us in today,” and after a long nervous speech, which I didn’t really understand, the man finally said “So we were referred to stay at Motel 6 on upper State, and it is \$84. We are \$23 short.”

My first instinct was to be defensive, I remembered that I only had a couple of dollars in my purse, and I told the man “I never carry a lot of cash, I think I only have a couple of dollars.”

And he replied, “Ma’am, that’s OK, that’s OK”

I opened up my purse and there was, actually, a twenty-dollar bill and three ones. \$23 exactly! OK, I thought, this is more than a coincidence, so I took it out and handed it to the man, saying “Look, I have exactly \$23, so you can have it.”

## Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict has dedicated this year as the “Year of the Priest.”

We have a year to meditate on what our priests mean to us. We have a year to stop and acknowledge, with gratefulness, the fact that each priest has, at some point in his youth, followed a calling and decided to give up his entire self in order to serve God: To help us be closer to God.

We have a year to wonder at the daily devotion and selflessness that our priests have, the sacrifice they made with complete willingness and joy—for no other reason but that our lives, our eternal lives, would be better.

We have a year to marvel at the footsteps our priests take in the footsteps of Jesus. We have a year to try to understand what our priests do and what they are, and maybe to try to be like that ourselves.

So how should we express our gratefulness, when our priests seek nothing for themselves? How should we thank them, what should we give them, how can we love them, when they require and ask for nothing, when their fulfilment and happiness has long ago been sealed at their ordination?

For starters, these are things we will think about in the coming year. At the right is a prayercard depicting an ordination. What I most is the presence of Jesus in the upper left corner of the painting.

This gentle man suddenly lunged forward and gave me a big soft hug as he thanked me. This was so spontaneous; I think he, not only I, was surprised he did this.

After taking four steps away, I turned around to take a last look at him to see that he was OK—but he was gone, nowhere in sight.

He may have lied, he may have been a thief, but this did not matter to me at all because goodness is contagious, and goodness asks no questions. He may have been an angel allowing me to do a good deed.

Maybe I had answered God’s challenge: If you are grateful to what I have given you, SHOW ME. Not just by thanking me, but show me by giving to my poor. Show me by helping my hungry and my homeless. Show me.

I sometime knew a good priest who shook 100 forgetful hands 100 times, and on the 101st time one hand remembered and a life was changed forever.

This year is the Year of the Priest. We have a chance to celebrate this good priest. Not just by thanking him, or praying for him, but by showing; by doing as the good priest does.

—*Elisheva Basha*



# With Brother Jesus

how do I want to die?  
in a great battle

or remembering what it was like once  
looking into the eyes of my beloved virgin love,  
(he knows who he is)  
remembering what it was like  
touching his hand  
and remembering the remembering  
before slumber

in a field where I talked with God

in love

in glorious battle

under a full moon sky at the start of a snowstorm  
with God's frozen tears  
beginning to drift on me  
in love with my God

with my daughter and those she loves  
happy for me, all happy for my life

with holy men consoling  
with a crucifix held out for me to kiss  
with all my love  
by a good priest holding a cross for me to kiss

and in love

and how do I want to be farewelled?  
with chanting  
Christian chanting, and all other,  
long, monotone, with incense.  
inebriating incense and candles  
and chanting, and you will see me smile  
signs and wonders will happen  
by Jesus and some will see them  
and wonder and maybe not wonder.

with Brother Jesus  
with Brother Jesus  
to my young, youthful, everlasting  
my beloved and blessed God  
made of light and making others  
also of light now

in love

in great battle

to go a few steps  
and bow before those  
who will be sitting to the right of God  
and making merry in robes made of light  
left foot on footstool  
arms on arms of thrones  
young God laughing  
young God so beautiful  
everyone merry

in love.

—*Elisheva Basha*

# Down Baja Way with Jim and Pam

We left home with hopes of reaching Mission San Fernando by late evening, a journey of more than 300 miles south of Santa Barbara. Before reaching our goal, we would have to pass through Los Angeles, San Diego, Tijuana, Ensenada, not to mention Santo Tomas (home of the best winery in Baja) Camalu, and finally San Quintin. It was more distance than we could possibly make in the old truck in one day, so we pulled over in San Quintin and found a quiet little motel for about 400 pesos. We would have to explore the old Mission in the morning. The old '65 Chevy needed a rest as much as we did.

By 8:30 the next morning, we found the turnoff for the Mission—a sign with a little picture of a mission church. That led to a dirt road. The road got narrower and narrower as we moved along it, and we found more and more soft spots. Was this the road? We drove with the windows down and half our bodies outside to combat the desert heat. Of course, this meant that the cab filled with dust. Pam was not pleased with this development!

Yet finally we emerged into a clearing alongside an arroyo. Beyond was a mountain canyon with steep sides and walls decorated with ancient petroglyphs. This was the mission founded by Fr. Junipero Serra in the early 1700s as the only Francisco mission in Baja California.

We pulled up at the site next to a little adobe house. Up the road was another larger adobe house, with a military truck parked nearby. A group of soldiers, it seemed, was preparing for a mission . . . from the Mission. Eventually, they drove off, smiling and waving, and we sighed with relief. We were alone.

The old ruins have been fenced off to keep people like us out, but we slipped the fence for a couple of photos and a quick inspection. There were several grave sites marked with crosses, right in the

middle of where the church must have been. A couple of the old mission walls were still standing, though suffering from extreme decay.

We saved an interesting rock from the roadside for future deposit on our land in Todos Santos. Fr. Serra would approve, we hope, and perhaps his blessing will be on our home there. As we climbed back into the old Chevy to continue our journey, we were greeted by a creature the likes of which we had never seen before—it was a giant black wasp the size of a tennis ball! But he soon left us, each to continue his own journey.

Back on the road, we didn't stop until we broke down in Jesus Maria and our guardian angel led us to a good mechanic, who drained and refilled our differential fluid. Eureka! Back on the road, we rolled into San Ignacio at about 10 p.m. to be greeted by a beautiful motel and a swimming pool. How do you spell relief?

In the morning, we visited the San Ignacio Mission (pictured below), which is so beautiful inside, it leaves you breathless. A gilded backdrop behind the altar and awesome artwork grace the interior. This is a functioning church still, and the people here are blessed by it.

The evening of that day would find us in our destination, Todos Santos, and just in time to celebrate Pam's birthday. We would attend Mass the coming Sunday with the wonderful sound of an all-Spanish, all-ages choir. Inspiring! This mission is one of the oldest in Baja, though I think it was relocated once. Interestingly, one of the great donors to the church, I believe in the late 1800s, was the De La

Penafamilia—one of my ancestors' names!

It had been at least 30 hours of driving, covering more than 1,200 miles, in an old, but trusty truck . . . but the memories will make the hard trip worth the effort.

—*Jim and Pamela  
Garland*



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behalf of those who are marginalized and whose God-given rights are not respected. . . the Church has a responsibility to shine the message of God on this issue and help to build bridges . . . so that a immigration system can be created that is just for all. . .” (The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform, [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)) As a result of cost-cutting by our local Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), individuals who rely on public transportation are subject to rising price and declining routes. Clue SB has joined a coalition to work with MTD to discuss the issues of rising fares, environmental impact, funding and customer service. At MTD Board meetings CLUE SB has been a vocal presence and has spoken for and supported individuals who depend on our local bus system for their transportation. CLUE SB has been instrumental in voicing the need to keep fares reasonable and servicing routes that serve low-income workers.

In an effort to continue finding and expressing our commonalities with regard to social and economic based issues, CLUE SB sponsored Faith Works for Justice, and interfaith workshop designed to find common values among Santa Barbara’s diverse faith communities.

CLUE SB continues to contact and acquaint itself with Santa Barbara’s faith communities in our

continuing vision to find commonalities among the various faith communities as well as looking for and cementing areas of mutual interest where we can collaborate, for the benefit of our society.

Another issue that benefits all of society is affordable, decent and quality healthcare which is why CLUE SB continues its efforts to educate itself on healthcare issues and continues to educate local congregations regarding health care legislation at both the state and federal levels. A general meeting focusing on healthcare is planned for Fall 2009.

CLUE SB has various issues that they are actively involved in such as, but not limited to, landlord/tenant rights, fair and living wage, healthcare reform, homelessness, worker rights and connecting congregations with other congregations for the purpose of collectively doing good in our community.

The bottom line is that CLUE SB is trying to do what’s right—it’s visible, it’s tangible and it’s here local in Santa Barbara. CLUE SB is a wonderful organization that truly inspires people from various faith traditions to band together to do good in our local Santa Barbara community. We welcome you to join us in our endeavor to do what’s right- to help others. For more information, please call Beatriz P. Flores, CLUE SB’s Executive Director and a parishioner of Holy Cross.

Get involved! Do good! Help others! Be inCLUEded. +

### ***Next Issue!***

The next issue of *Shared Grace* will come out early in Advent. Start thinking about how you can share your graces in these pages! Send contributions to [jbuckley@earthlink.net](mailto:jbuckley@earthlink.net) or drop them off at the rectory. Thank you!

# Mis Experiencias

## Como Ministro de Eucaristía

**N**o ha sido fácil para mí tomar la decisión de escribir este artículo ya que debido a mis limitaciones intelectuales, es muy difícil expresar por escrito mis experiencias como ministro de Eucaristía en el Hospital Cottage. Me limitaré a relatar algunas, con la esperanza de llevar un mensaje a los ministros de Eucaristía que, como yo, pueden hacer este ministerio tan importante que me ha enseñado a ser más compasiva, comprensiva, paciente y amorosa con las personas que me necesitan.

Por ejemplo: conocí a una señora que me recibió muy enojada, me dijo que no quería hablar de Dios porque Él a ella no la escuchaba. Yo le sonreí, le tomé las manos y se las acaricié y le dije que la comprendía porque a lo mejor si yo estuviera sufriendo con tanto dolor como ella, también estaría enojada. Empecé a hablarle de los padecimientos de nuestro Señor Jesús por nosotros y que los soporto por nosotros sin una sola queja siendo inocente, siendo el Hijo de Dios. Continuamos con la conversación y ella empezó a interesarse y hacerme preguntas llorando. Me pidió que le ayudara porque quería aprender a leer la Biblia, rezar el rosario y a orar. Hice todo lo que estuvo a mi alcance para ayudarla. La próxima semana me esperaba muy contenta y me dijo que se había preparado para recibir la sagrada comunión y su cambio de actitud era evi-

dente. Le di mi número de teléfono, aun nos comunicamos con frecuencia. Y ya lee la Biblia, reza el rosario, va a la iglesia y ha logrado que su esposo y su hija se unan a ella. Me hace feliz haber compartido con ella mis pocos conocimientos.

También he tenido que quedarme junto a una señora a petición de ella, apoyándola, consolándola y rezando junto a su esposo hasta el momento de su fallecimiento.

Semanas después acompañé a un matrimonio que me pidió que me quedara rezando con ellos porque su niño de dos años se estaba muriendo. El niño murió y fue muy doloroso para mi ver y sentir el dolor de aquellos padres, pero poder consolarlos y aliviar un poco su dolor y orar con ellos me ha hecho sentir útil, y más conciente del dolor ajeno.

Después de cinco años en este ministerio son muchas las experiencias que tengo, unas alegres y otras dolorosas. Es imposible contarlas todas. Yo invito a otros ministros de Eucaristía a decidirse a hacer éste ministerio en el Hospital Cottage. Poder llevar la Sagrada Comunión a los enfermos, compartir con ellos y darle ánimo y consuelo y asegurarles que nuestro Señor siempre está con ellos, no es un sacrificio sino un privilegio.

Doy gracias a Dios por este privilegio.

—Leonides “Tita” Zaragoza

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 Sundays/Domingos 8 & 9:30 a.m.  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confesiones**

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Favor de hablar con el padre por los menos con seis  
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*Sí su salud no le permite venir al templo. . .*

*. . . usted es un feligrés precioso de nuestra parroquia. Con mucho gusto le llevaremos la Santa Comunción a su casa. La misión de la Iglesia es de unirlo en nombre de Cristo. El sacramento de la unción de los enfermos es la gracia curadora de Dios cariñoso. Pero la misión de usted es de rezar por las familias jóvenes y por los sacerdotes.*

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