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Our Lady of Perpetual Help

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC GUILD

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PRESIDENT

Lucy Solares

OLPH Women's Guild Mission Statement

A group of united, inspired ladies dedicated to enriching the lives of others through spiritual, social and charitable activities in our parish and community guided by the Blessed Mother.

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This summer, my family and I enjoyed time together on a Scandinavian cruise. It allowed us to recharge and reflect on the importance of family bonding and making new memories together. It also gave me the opportunity to reflect on my goals for the Guild this coming year. I would like to focus my energy this year on the following areas which are essential to the Guild's continued success:

(1) Fundraising - the Guild must continue to raise the necessary funds to meet its operational needs. We will continue to explore fundraising opportunities to solidify our general fund; (2) Visibility - we should enhance the Guild's visibility by increasing our participation with other OLPH ministries, the school and within the community; and (3) Membership - the lifeline of any organization is its membership and finding innovative ways of attracting new members will be a top priority. As you are aware, the June/July/August newsletter was reduced to four printed pages and the expanded eight-page version was made available on the Guild's website. This was a trial run aimed at reducing costs and encouraging our membership to visit the Guild's website. The Board believed that since 60% of our members are email accessible, this would be well-received. However, based on your feedback, it appears that members are requesting that the eight-page printed copy be brought back. The Board is attentive to this request and, going forward, the standard eight-page printed newsletter will return. I look forward to seeing you at our September Women's Guild general meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 10:00 am at the Knights of Columbus Hall. As we get ready to begin our calendar year, I am reminded of the words of St. Basil - He who plants kindness gathers love.



VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Lopez



I hope everyone had a pleasant summer, enjoyed some family gatherings, vacation time and carefree sunny days. We had a great turnout at our Frantone's Fundraiser in June, which benefited the Women's Guild General Fund. Many members attended with their families and had a good time as they enjoyed a delicious dinner at one of our community's well known family owned and operate Italian Restaurants since 1964.

As Frantone's will soon close their doors at the Downey location, we are very grateful for their decades of generosity and support to many of our schools, clubs and organizations in our community, such as the Catholic Women's Guild.

The Hawaiian Sunset Dinner Fundraiser was a great success in raising money for our Adopt-A- Family Program. A great big thanks to all those who helped and attended. Colorful Hawaiian decorations and Tiki Lamps created a lovely Hawaiian ambiance. The evening started with tasty appetizers of Hawaiian Meatballs, Fresh Vegetables with a side of Dip, and crunchy Maui Onion Potato Chips. The main entree consisted of Huli Huli Grilled Chicken, Grilled Pineapple and Veggies, and not to mention a delicious Hawaiian Macaroni Salad. All of these dishes were accompanied with non-alcoholic Aloha Made Beverages, a variety of Wines, and flavorful Hawaiian Drinks, like Blue Hawaiian, Mai Tai, Hawaiian Tea and many others. Finally, we concluded this flavorful dinner with an exotic Hawaiian Dessert. As the sun began to set, and this festive evening came to an end, many of our guests happily departed with their exciting raffle prizes and lovely auction items in hand.

Lastly, our membership drive has begun. Our goal is to increase our membership in order to share our wonderful women's guild community with others. Bring a friend, spread the word and invite a person to share with you our women's guild community. We want to welcome inspiring women like yourselves.

OLPH Womens Guild

WELCOMES YOU
to our first meeting

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023
at 10am**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
11231 RIVES AVE
DOWNEY

RSVP BY 9/15
COST IS \$15

AFTER DUE DATE THE COST WILL BE \$20 CASH OR CHECK ONLY

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Rose Douglas

Welcome to the Guilds 2023-2024 membership year. Our annual membership drive has begun and will end October 31, 2023. Renewal forms were in the mail end of August so be on the lookout for it. Please take the time to renew when it arrives. You can send your renewal in the envelope provided or drop it off at the rectory for the Guild folder.

The Secret Sister program has been a success, so we are continuing with this donation to help members in need of assistance. Just check the Secret Sister box on the form and include an extra \$25 membership fee. It is also a way to give a membership to a friend or family member. Just give me the name and address of the person and I will send them a letter letting them know you have paid their dues for 2023-2024.

Please print clearly on the membership forms as I will compare this information to the Directory to determine any changes. Changes will be published in a future newsletter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate contacting me at 310-849-5157 or via email at rosedouglas333@gmail.com

Update General Meeting Fee

The Guild has consistently been very mindful of fees charged at our General Meetings and has always sought to maintain costs to a minimum. The Guild will continue to keep the General Meeting cost at \$15.00, if pre-paid by due date. If fees are paid after the due date or at the door, the fee will be \$20.00 (cash or check only). We welcome everyone to our meetings.



Successful Casino Trip

Imelda Lopez and Paula Mayfield

Fifty-four guests joined us on our chartered bus as we hit Harrah's So Cal Casino in August plus, we had a wait list! We were able to begin to replenish the Guild Treasury and some of us came home with pockets full of winnings and raffle prizes! YES! We'll be doing this again in a couple months! Hope you can join us!



Happy BIRTHDAY

ACCW

MEETINGS ARE BACK

Paula Mayfield

The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women of the San Pedro Pastoral Region joyfully came together again on May 25, 2023! The group met at St. Matthew Catholic Church, in Long Beach. It was nice to visit again with women from various churches in our region as we enjoyed a tasty continental breakfast. As a bow to our Blessed Mother in the month of May, Deacon Alberto Reyes spoke about the Blessed Virgin Mary, citing various Old Testament and New Testament scripture about her. Before we knew it, it was time to celebrate the Eucharist with Fr. Randy Campos. After Mass, we enjoyed a yummy Subway lunch and dessert. Then we concluded our day with a short meeting and a raffle! We had nine ladies attending this meeting, the biggest representation for the day. Some of us carpooled and some drove themselves. I invite and encourage you to come along to the next ACCW meeting; learn something new, meet new friends, share the Eucharist and a meal. It was a pleasant way to spend a day!

- 1 Anna Mescavage
- 2 Carol Diaz
- 2 Mary Rogers
- 5 Rosales Flores
- 6 Robert J. O'Leary
- 9 Maria (Lupe) Garcia
- 10 Barbara Grothe
- 14 Fr. Joseph Dadiri
- 14 Diane Garcia
- 17 Dora Mok
- 23 Joanne Essex
- 26 Lorraine Lee
- 27 Marion Clauson
- 27 Rachel Duran
- 28 Carmen Cortavitarte
- 29 Margery Lewis
- 30 Terry Knoth



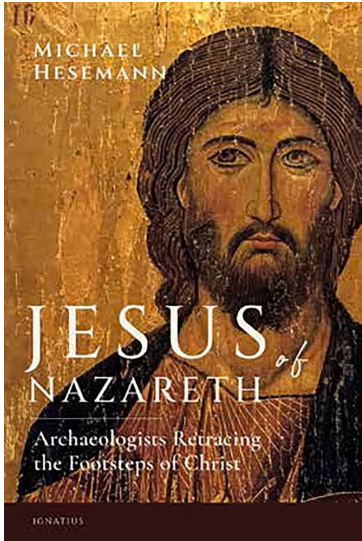
Pictured, left to right: Lulu Lara, Irma Saavedra, Paula Mayfield, Kookie Brown, Nora Szechy (the birthday girl!), Maria Cortes, Yolanda Medina, Terry Wright, Melodie Santana



Spiritual Development

PAULA MAYFIELD

Have a blessed trip!



I invite you to pick up one of my favorite books, "Jesus of Nazareth—Archaeologists Retracing the Footsteps of Christ"

and follow Christ's footsteps through the Holy Land.

The author, Michael Hesemann, takes us on a journey from a thousand years of prophecies, the writings of the historian Flavius Josephus during Jesus' time, archeologists' findings that affirm so much written in the Old and New Testaments; the Magi, Zoroastrianism, Iran, the Christmas star, (fascinating). He pinpoints significant dates...Jesus' birth, His Bar Mitzvah, the wedding at Cana and Jesus' first public miracle.

Jesus' foster father, Joseph, probably a much younger man than usually portrayed, likely plied his trade as a master builder in Sepphoris, a cosmopolitan city being rebuilt by Antipas, as his capital, just an hour's walk from the Holy Family's house in Nazareth.

During this time, Jesus learned the trade of His father, and probably became fluent in Aramaic and Hebrew as well as Greek. Hesemann draws such a vivid picture of life during Jesus' time on earth. I learned how the water in the Pool of Bethesda was "troubled." We visited sites of many of Jesus' miracles. We found the likely site in Capernaum where Jesus would sometimes stay with Peter, his wife and mother-in-law and his brother Andrew. Have a blessed trip!

Financial Report September 1, 2023

Dianna Hampton

Beginning Balance

May 1, 2023.....\$ 19,408.43

Deposits May -\$993.37

Expenses May -\$12,833.00

Ending Balance:

June 1, 2023.....\$ 7,568.80

Deposits

June.....\$1,353.40

July\$345.00

Expenses

June.....\$ 762.85

July.....\$ 0.00

Ending Balance

July 31, 2023\$8,504.35

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FRANTONES NIGHT



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DECEASED
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P.33 **Gillespie, Phyllis**



Here are our wonderful ladies at the OLPH Picnic.
Left / Nancy Lopez, Margie Delgado, Lucy Solares,
Linda Malme, and Dianna Hampton

Navigating Change: Importance of Amending Constitution & Bylaws

Jo Ann Ramirez
Bylaws Committee Chair

Bylaws Committee Members Margie Delgado and Yolanda Ramirez

The constitution and bylaws of any organization serve as a guiding document that outlines the rules, procedures, and governance structure. Over time, it may become necessary to amend the constitution and bylaws to accommodate changing needs, or to improve the overall efficiency of the organization. The Bylaws Committee's goals are twofold: 1.) to review and recommend changes to the Guild's Executive Committee and the membership and 2.) effectively communicate these proposed changes to ensure transparency and member engagement. Since changes to the bylaws directly affect the rights and responsibilities of its members your opinions and concerns are valued. Therefore, the Bylaws Committee will utilize the newsletter to inform our members on the process of amending our constitution and bylaws. The membership will vote to amend or not amend at the April 2024 general meeting. A copy of the current constitution and bylaws are published in the 2023-24 Guild Directory.

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