



### The "orans"

Early Christian art frequently depicted Christians with hands outstretched in a gesture of prayer: "orans" means "praying." These two male and female figures with the symbol of Christ in the center are probably fragments from a sarcophagus dating not more than 300 years after Christ. I took this picture in a hallway at the Istanbul Archaeological Museum where these marble reliefs were being temporarily stored, and there was no catalogue information, so I'm guessing as to the date. But they are certainly typical of the spirit that characterizes so much early Christian art. (See my invitation inside to explore our Christian heritage and history with me.) Fr. Tom Welbers

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### MASSES

Sundays 8:30, 10:30 am,  
12:00, 5:30 pm  
Saturdays 8:00 am & 5:30 pm Vigil  
Holy Days 6:30, 12:05, 7:30 pm  
Monday-Friday 6:30 am, 12:05 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm  
Fridays before 12:05 pm Mass

### BAPTISMS

**ONLY** on the 4th Sunday of the month.  
Please call the Parish Office  
regarding preparations.

### MARRIAGES

Please make an appointment  
with one of the priests six months before  
the event.

### DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Devotion:  
First Fridays 12:30-1:30 pm  
Fatima Devotion: First Saturday  
after the 8:00 am Mass



Come, walk the paths of our history with me

Summer is the time when many regularly scheduled activities take a break, and open up time for new forms of leisure. Several people who regularly attend the Sr. Kathleen's Bible Study and/or Fr. Colm O'Ryan's spiritual reading program have asked me to lead a summer series of classes on the history of the Church. In response to their request, I've outlined six sessions that I believe could be entertaining and informative, exploring our heritage as Catholics and helping us to understand better who we are and where we are coming from as people of faith.

So, mark your calendars for the following Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. All sessions will be in the Good Shepherd Room of the Pastoral Center.

July 12

The pagan world and the beginning of the Church: What happened during the first three centuries after Jesus? Where did the Bible come from? Why were there conflicts among Christians even back then, and why were Christians persecuted?

July 19

Breathing with both lungs:How did the first eight centuries define how we understand the Bible revelation about God and Jesus? East and West: Constantinople and Rome. Why is this important for us to understand?

July 26

Middle Ages and "Dark" Ages. The Barbarians are coming! The Arabs are coming! (Notice I didn't say "The Muslims are coming!" Why?) (An interesting and sobering thought: if you're white of European origin, the people labeled Barbarians were your --and my -- ancestors!) Crusades and the Inquisition: fact and fiction (Yeah, we gotta say we're sorry -- big time!)

August 2

The Church just ain't what it used to be. The Protestant Reformation and the "changes" in the Church brought about by the Council of Trent. What happened over the last 400 years? Why do we have religious orders: Jesuits, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. -- so what? What about nuns?

August 9

People are what it's all about. Looking back over history, what did/does all this mean to us ordinary folk? Saints and sinners through the ages: why do we have them and what can they teach us?

August 16

Jesus at the center of the universe: Catholic faith and the beginnings and common ground of all the religions of humankind. Comparative religion really is fun. We have to understand ourselves before we can really understand others; and we have to understand others before we can really understand ourselves.

I hope you find these titles and topics intriguing, and will have as much interest in these sessions as I will in preparing and giving them. History should be as enjoyable as an afternoon spent exploring Grandma's attic, discovering hidden treasures.

I love you,

Fr. Tom Welbers



**PRAYER MINISTRIES**

—**Meditation** times in our Parish Center Chapel, Tuesday evenings 7:00 — 8:00 PM and Thursday mornings, 11:00 — 12:00 Noon.

—**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

For those who like to pray as they knit and crochet come join our new prayer shawl group. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet we can teach you.

We meet on the first and third Mondays, from 10:00 AM–12:00 Noon, and once a month on the third Saturday, from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM. If you would like to join this prayer ministry or request a prayer shawl for a friend or loved one, please call the Parish Office at **(310) 285-5425**.

—**Prayer Ministry Letter**

You will receive a letter once a month listing Parish needs. You are invited to pray with these intentions during the month.

—**Intercessory Prayer Ministry**

Many people call asking for prayers for a sick person, a surgery, someone dying etc... this prayer group would receive an e-mail, giving the name of the person and their request for prayer. Just think of the power of prayer reaching out all over the parish!

Please call the Parish Office at **(310) 285-5425** if you are interested in any one of these ministries.

**BIBLE STUDY NEWS**

The Adult Bible Study Group is a discussion and faith-sharing group; not a lecture class. Thus, if you join the Bible Study Group, you will not feel as though you are returning to a classroom. We meet twice a month on **Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon** and **Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** Parish Center. **Monday evenings** is a repeat of the Saturday session.

Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, September 11, 2010**. At that time we will be studying the **“Book of Exodus.”**

If you would like to join or obtain more information about our Bible Study sessions, please call Sister Kathleen at **(310) 285-5425**

**YOUNG AT HEART**

The Young At Heart Senior Group will gather Saturday, **July 10, 2010** at **11:00 AM**. There will be a speaker followed by lunch. The lunch will be \$10.00 per person. Please contact the parish office at **(310) 285-5425** to RSVP no later than **July 7, 2010**.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A new Class will begin in September for all high school students interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please call Sister Kathleen at **(310) 285-5425**.

**NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL**

**Summer School Program Offered at Good Shepherd School**

The **Pre-K program** is offering eight, 1 week sessions from Monday to Thursday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, June 14 through August 6. Activities are designed for 3 year olds through kindergarteners and will include water play, art, sports, science, simple cooking, literacy building activities, math, music and movement. The sessions are \$200 per week and payment is due when registering.

The graduating **Kindergarten through 8th grade program** will be from July 5th and July 23rd and offer both 8:30 am – 12:00 pm and include reading, language arts and math. The cost for the morning session is \$300 for 3 weeks and payment is due when registering.

The **afternoon session** will offer a choice of Art from 12:30 – 2:00 pm at \$200 for the 3 weeks or Physical Fitness from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm at \$300 for the 3 weeks with payment due when registering.

You may call the school at **(310) 275-8601** for more information or to make an appointment for a tour or visit the school website at:

**www.goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com**

**2010-2011 Registration is Still Open for Preschool – 8th Grade**

Registration is still open for Good Shepherd Parish School, located at *148 South Linden Drive, (approximately 5 minutes south of the church) between Wilshire Blvd. and Charleville Blvd.*

Registration information and forms can be found on the Good Shepherd School website:

**www.goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com**

Parents who are not familiar with Good Shepherd School are invited to take a tour of the school or call the Admissions Director, Sharon Monroe at **(310) 275-8601** or email her at:

**admissions@goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Good Shepherd Catholic Church will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this **Sunday, June 27th**, after all Masses. We invite you to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, oatmeal, bacon, and sausage. Please note this change: Donation is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

For more information or if you would like to join us in the kitchen, please call the Parish Office **(310) 285-5425**.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Irenaeus
- Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul
- Wednesday: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Thursday: Blessed Junipero Serra; Canada Day
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Thomas; First Saturday

### **FORGIVENESS: LETTING GO OF A GRUDGE**

Forgiveness and reconciliation are sorely needed today. It is good for our physical, mental and spiritual health. It is good for our society. Join Fr. Frank Desiderio, CSP in the beautiful setting of La Casa de Maria where we will explore the benefits of forgiveness, and a five-step process to Let Go of a Grudge and connect with God's mercy. Frank Desiderio, is a Paulist priest who has served as Associate Pastor at St. Paul the Apostle parish, Campus Minister at UCLA and President of Paulist Productions. He is the Executive Producer of many films including The Big Question: A Film about Forgiveness, which will be shown on the retreat.

**Friday, July 9 - 11, 2010; 7:30 PM - Sunday 1 PM**

La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center  
Santa Barbara, CA. **805-969-5031**

**Fee: \$325 [www.lacasademaria.org](http://www.lacasademaria.org)**

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

June is the month to celebrate Married Love! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a special way to celebrate and enhance your marriage. There are several spaces available on the next weekend scheduled for July 30 - August 1, 2010.

For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores at **(562) 923-7335** or go online at **[www.ilovemypouse.org](http://www.ilovemypouse.org)**.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Vincent Meals on Wheels need your help to prepare and deliver hot meals to homebound seniors in the LA community. Kitchen help is needed from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon Monday thru Friday. Office support to answer phones is **greatly needed** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Drivers and Runners needed to deliver meals 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM seven days a week. For more information call Carol Martinez (213) 484-7494.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20;  
Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;  
Mt 16:13-19  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66; Gal 6:14-18;  
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

### **AT A LOSS**

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.

—*German proverb*