

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ADVENET & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE, Page Six



Served by the Augustinian's ~Pastor Father Tom Verber O.S.A.
Associate Pastor Father Fernando Lopez O.S.A. and Deacon Phil Nelson
In Residence: Father Bill Ryan O.S.A., retired and Rev. Alvin Paligutan O.S.A.

LITURGIES

Saturday

8:00AM Daily Mass

Vigils

5:00PM English & 7:30PM Spanish

Sunday

7:30AM & 9:30AM English
11:30AM Spanish

Weekdays

M-F 9:00AM Parish
Villanova 7:00AM Mass

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM or
by appointment 646-4338 X105

ROSARIES

Wednesday 6:15PM ~ Spanish
Friday 9:30AM ~ Cenacles of Life
Sunday 7:00AM

ADORER CHAPEL HOURS

NO ADORATION 12-28-30
Adoration will RESUME
January 4th

PRAYER LINE

805-276-3799 or deaconphil@stacojai.org

WEDDINGS

Call for appointment with the Pastor

BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)
Spanish-Father Fernando
English-Deacon Phil

FUNERALS

Please call 646-4338 X101



FOURTH SUNDAY

OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 24, 2017

CUARTO DOMINGO

DE Adviento

Yo soy la esclava del Señor;
cúmplase en mí lo
que me has dicho.

Lucas 1:38

**The Year of Grace****El año de gracia**

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary Jesus the Christ, To him be glory and praise forever.
Monday: Vigil:	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] God's covenant gloriously shines forth in the birth of Jesus, son of David
During the Night:	Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Darkness has scattered for God's grace has been revealed in the birth of the Messiah.
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared. Light dawns for us all!
Day:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22 Filled with the spirit, Stephen entrusts his life to the Lord for the sake of the gospel.
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 John testifies to what he has seen: Jesus risen from the dead. And so, let us rejoice!
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18 The massacre of the Innocents bears witness to the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from sin and frees us from death.
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 Jesus is the light who scatters the darkness of hatred and sin among all peoples.
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40 Faithful to God's will, Anna gives thanks for the deliverance of her people.
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40] Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mindful of his covenant, God blesses the faith of Abraham and Sarah in their son Isaac. The child Jesus and his parents are blessed by Simeon.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday:	St. John
Thursday:	The Holy Innocents
Friday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

*The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.
Luke 1:35*

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38
Lunes:	Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14 Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20 Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Martes:	Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22
Miércoles:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Jueves:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Viernes:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35
Sábado:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40
Domingo:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura	El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).
Salmo	Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).
Segunda lectura	Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).
Evangelio	El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

SANTOS Y OBSERVACIONES ESPECIALES

Domingo:	Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
Lunes:	La Natividad del Señor
Martes:	San Esteban; Kwanza
Miércoles:	San Juan apóstol
Jueves:	Los Santos Inocentes
Viernes:	Quinto día de la Octava de Navidad; Santo Tomás Becket
Sábado:	Sexto día de la Octava de Navidad

NO DEMASIADO

Si tienes demasiadas cosas que hacer, con la ayuda de Dios encontrarás el tiempo para hacerlo todo.

San Pedro Canisio



Dear Sons And Daughters of the Christ Child,

About 2000 years ago, Our lady and St. Joseph were traveling on the long journey to Bethlehem, walking in faith and trust. Today we too are called to travel the roads of our life with a lively faith and trust in God, who is with us. This sacred holiday is a time to encounter the Lord anew in faith and to allow him to renew us in love and in spirit. How precious a gift is our faith!

Jesus awaits us in the quiet of our hearts with love. He awaits us in the activity and turmoil of our daily lives; awaits us to turn to Him for light and guidance and forgiveness. He awaits us in the Sacraments, eager to fill us with his mercy and love and to lead us to the Father, sharing with us the very life of the Trinity. God chose us in Christ, before the world began, to be holy and without blemish before Him.

This is the ultimate Christmas gift - God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to redeem us. The Three Kings who followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn King began a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season which we enjoy each year. God has bestowed many gifts on each one of us throughout our life times. We are merely stewards of these gifts and, therefore, must use them for good, including investing in our beautiful parish.

What greater gifts are there than the love of the Father who has chosen us, who desires to fill us with His very life, love, peace and joy, and who is always journeying to meet us on the road of life? As St. Augustine says, "We are all loved by God who created us, but God doesn't look on us as a mass of His holy people. God's love is deeply personal. He looks on each of us as if we were the only one". God looks everyone of us in the face, in the eyes, because love is not abstract. Love is concrete. Our prayer for you this Christmas is that you come to know and recognize God's loving gaze upon you. May we humbly adore the Infant Jesus. May He bring peace into your soul and abundant blessings into your home. May every heart be opened to the Prince of Peace by a fervent reception of the Sacrament of His love. May Jesus be your light so you may Experience His peace and love.

A blessed Christmas to you and your family,

Fr. Tom

Queridos hijos e hijas del Niño Jesús

Hace 2000 años, la Virgen y San José estaban viajando en el viaje largo a Belén, caminando en la fe y confianza. También hoy nosotros estamos llamados a recorrer los caminos de nuestra vida con una fe viva y confianza en Dios, que está con nos. Esta fiesta sagrada es un momento de encuentro con el Señor de nuevo en la fe y para permitir que él nos renueve en el amor y en espíritu. ¡Qué precioso regalo es nuestra fe!

Jesús nos espera en la tranquilidad de nuestros corazones con el amor. Él nos espera en la actividad y la confusión de nuestra vida diaria; nos espera a recurrir a Él en busca de la luz y la orientación y el perdón. Él nos espera en los Sacramentos, ansiosos por llenarnos de su misericordia y amor y para conducirnos al Padre, compartiendo con nosotros la misma vida de la Trinidad. Dios nos escogió en Cristo, antes que el mundo, para que fuésemos santos y sin mancha delante de Él.

Este es el último regalo de Navidad - Dios envió a su Hijo único, Jesucristo para redimirnos. Los Reyes Magos que siguieron la estrella para traer regalos al recién nacido Rey comenzaron una tradición de dar regalos para la temporada de Navidad que disfrutamos cada año. Dios nos ha dado muchos regalos en cada uno de nosotros a lo largo de nuestros tiempos de vida. Somos simplemente mayordomos de estos regalos y, por lo tanto, debe utilizarlos para el bien, incluyendo la inversión en nuestra parroquia hermosa.

¿Qué dones mejores están ahí que el amor del Padre que nos ha elegido, el cual quiere que nos llene de su propia vida, el amor, la paz y la alegría, y que siempre está viajando para reunirse con nosotros en el camino de la vida? Como dice San Agustín, "Todos somos amados por Dios que nos ha creado, pero Dios no se ve en nosotros como una masa de su pueblo santo. El amor de Dios es profundamente personal. Se ve en cada uno de nosotros como si fuéramos de la solo uno." Dios mira cada uno de nosotros en la cara, en los ojos, porque el amor no es abstracto. El amor es concreto.

Nuestra oración para ti en esta Navidad es que se llega a saber y reconocer la mirada amorosa de Dios sobre ti. Que podamos humildemente adorar al Niño Jesús. Él puede traer la paz a su alma y abundantes bendiciones en su hogar. Que cada corazón se abrió al Príncipe de la Paz por una recepción ferviente del Sacramento de su amor. Que Jesús sea tu luz por lo que puede experimentar su paz y amor.

Una Navidad bendecido para usted y su familia,
Padre Tom





Sun:	12-24	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Vigil of Nativity of the Lord
	7:00AM	Rosary
	7:30AM	Mass
	9:30AM	Mass
	5:00PM	Family Mass
		Children's Choir
	7:00PM	Carols in Spanish
	7:30PM	Mass-Sp
	9:30PM	Carols in English
	10:00PM	Mass at Night
Mon:	12-25	CHRISTMAS Nativity of the Lord
	9:30AM	Mass-English
	11:30AM	Mass-Spanish
Tue:	12-26	HOMELESS SHELTER
	6:00PM	Choir
	7:00PM	RCIA
Wed:	12-27	FAMILY TO FAMILY
	6:15PM	Rosary-Sp
	6:30PM	Guadalupano
	7:30PM	Choir-Sp
Thurs:	12-28	* NO Adoration
	7:00PM	Choir
	7-8:30PM	English Class
Fri:	12-29	* NO Adoration
	9:30AM	Rosary
Sat:	12-30	* NO Adoration
	3:30-4:30PM	Reconciliation
Sun:	12-31	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH
	7:00AM	Rosary
	10:30AM	RCIA
	7:30PM	Vigil Mass-Bilingual
Mon:	1-1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (Not HDOO)
	9:00AM	Mass-English
	11:30AM	Mass-Sp

Dom:	12-24	4 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor
	7:00AM	Rosario
	7:30AM	Misa
	9:30AM	Misa
	5:00PM	Misa familiar
		Coro de niños
	7:00PM	Villancicos en inglés
	7:30PM	Misa-Sp
	9:30PM	Villancicos en inglés
	10:00PM	Misa-Igl
Lun:	12-25	NAVIDAD Natividad del Señor
	9:30AM	Misa-Igl
	11:30AM	Misa-Sp
Mart:	12-26	REFUGIO PARA INDIGENTES
	7:00 PM	Coro 7:00 PM RCIA
	7:00PM	RCIA
Mié:	12-27	FAMILIA Y FAMILIA
	6:15 PM	Rosary-Sp
	6:30 PM	Guadalupano
	7:30 PM	Choir-Sp
Jue:	12-28	* NO Adoración
	7:00PM	Coro
	7-8: 30PM	Clase de inglés
Vie:	12-29	* NO Adoración
	9:30AM	Rosario
Sáb:	12-30	* NO Adoración
	3: 30-4:30PM	Reconciliación
Dom:	12-31	SANTA FAMILIA DE JESÚS MARÍA Y JOSÉ
	7:00AM	Rosario
	10:30AM	RCIA
	7:30PM	Vigil Mass-Bilingual
Ene. 1		SOLEMNITY OF OF MARY LA MADRE DE DIOS (no HDOO)
	9:00AM	Mass-English
	11:30AM	Mass-Sp

PRAYER LINE

If you have not already become a member of our active Prayer Line, please consider joining now. 805-276-3799 or deaconphil@stacojai.org

There is a link on our web STACOJAI.ORG and easy to follow instructions. It just takes a moment to remember someone in need in a prayer-where power of faith is.

A special request to pray for Al Gonelli, his wife Judy, our beloved former Parish Secretary, and all their family. Al is now on hospice and your prayers for strength and peace for the Al, Judy, their family are so appreciated.

LINEA DE ORACION

Si aún no se ha convertido en miembro de nuestra Línea de Oración activa, considere unirse ahora. 805-276-3799 o deaconphil@stacojai.org

Hay un enlace en nuestra web STACOJAI.ORG y instrucciones fáciles de seguir. Solo toma un momento recordar a alguien necesitado en una oración, donde está el poder de la fe.

Una petición especial para orar por Al Gonelli, su esposa Judy, nuestra amada ex secretaria de la parroquia y toda su familia. Al está ahora en un hospicio y sus oraciones por fortaleza y paz para Al, Judy, su familia es muy apreciada.



**Rise Up! Is the theme for the
Congress of Religious Education 2018.
March 16-18**

Congress is for everyone – not only for people in ministry at the parish.

If you've been wanting to understand and grow more in faith, but need a little help getting there, please consider this: it is a weekend of amazing speakers, workshops, prayer experiences, art exhibits, and a beautiful sacred space for prayer and reflection with the Blessed Sacrament.

If you haven't been in a while or have never been, please consider attending the 2018 Congress in Anaheim on March 16-18, 2018. If you can't commit for the entire weekend, try one day to check it out!

If you have any questions or would like to know more about it, please feel free to contact
Aina Yates at 646-4338 x 111.
Hotel room availability is limited.

**Levántate! Es el tema del Congreso
de Educación Religiosa 2018.
marzo 16-18**

El Congreso es para todos – no es no más por los que están en ministerio en la parroquia.

Si han querido entender y crecer más en fe, pero necesita un poco de ayuda en como llegar, por favor considere esto: es un fin de semana con increíbles oradores, talleres, experiencias de oración, exposiciones de arte y un hermoso espacio sagrado de oración y reflexión con el Santísimo Sacramento.

Si no ha ido en mucho tiempo o nunca ha ido, por favor considere asistir al Congreso de 2018 en Anaheim en marzo 16-18 de 2018. Si no puede comprometer el fin de semana entero, calle le un día a comprobarlo!

Si tiene preguntas o le gustaría saber más información, por favor de llamar a
Aina Yates al 646-4338 x 111.
Espacio en el hotel es limitado.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Please come and enjoy the beautiful voices of the
Children's Christmas Choir on
**Sunday, December 24th at
The 5:00PM Mass**

Lisa Boyd, we thank you for your time and dedication working with youth for all of us to enjoy.



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Thank you for your ongoing and continued support of our Parish. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

CORO DE NAVIDAD PARA NIÑOS

Por favor, ven y disfruta de las bellas voces de la
Coro infantil de Navidad en
**Domingo, 24 de diciembre en
La misa de las 5:00 PM**

Lisa Boyd, le agradecemos por su tiempo y dedicación al trabajar con los jóvenes para que todos podamos disfrutarlo.



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Gracias por su continuo y continuo apoyo a nuestra Parroquia. Que usted y su familia tengan una bendita Navidad y Año Nuevo.



Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
 5:00PM Family Mass
 Children's Choir Performs
 7:00PM Spanish Carols
 7:30PM Mass-Sp
 9:30PM English Carols
 10:00PM Mass at Night

Dec. 25 **NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
 9:30AM Mass-English
 11:00AM Mass-SP

NO ADORATION 12/28, 12/29, 12/30
ADORATION WILL RESUME January 4th

Dec. 31 **VIGIL OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
 7:30PM Vigil Mass-Bilingual

Jan. 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
THE MOTHER OF GOD
(Not HDOO)
 9:00AM Mass-English
 11:30AM Mass-Sp

Dec. 24 **VÍSPERA DE NAVIDAD**
 5:00PM Misa familiar
 Coro de niños realiza
 7:00PM Español villancicos
 7:30PM Mass-Sp
 9:30PM villancicos ingleses
 10:00PM Misa en la noche

Dec. 25 **NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR**
 9:30AM Mass-English
 11:00AM Mass-SP

NO ADORACIÓN 12/28, 12/29, 12/30
La adoración se reanudará el 4 de enero

Dec. 31 **VIGILIA DE LA SOLEMNIDAD DE**
MARÍA
 7:30PM Misa de Vigilia-Bilingüe

Ene. 1 **SOLEMNITY OF OF MARY**
LA MADRE DE DIOS
(no HDOO)
 9:00AM Mass-English
 11:30AM Mass-Sp



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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY

From the Office of Family Life
 Separated & Divorced Support Group
THURSDAYS 7:00-9:00PM

Divorce or separation is troubling and painful to most people. The support group's goal is to become a source of spiritual strength and wisdom to process the grief, to ease the pain, and to give comfort and hope to those recovering from separation and divorce. Please join our ongoing group: Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Pastoral Center. No charge.

Where: Holy Family Catholic Church
 1501 Fremont Avenue,
 South Pasadena, CA 91030
More information: Terri Lynn Doubet (818) 729-0577

MINISTERIO SEPARADO Y DIVORCIADO

Desde la Oficina de Vida Familiar
 Grupo de apoyo separado y divorciado
JUEVES 7: 00-9: 00PM

El divorcio o la separación son preocupantes y dolorosos para la mayoría de las personas. El objetivo del grupo de apoyo es convertirse en una fuente de fortaleza espiritual y sabiduría para procesar el dolor, aliviar el dolor y brindar consuelo y esperanza a quienes se recuperan de la separación y el divorcio. Únase a nuestro grupo en curso: los jueves de 7:00 a 9:00 p. M. En el Centro Pastoral. Sin cargo.

Dónde: Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia
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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	December 17	9:30AM 11:30AM	Hilda Jean Smith †	By:	Scott & Sharon Morgan
Monday	December 18	9:00AM	Joseph Nocero †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Tuesday	December 19	9:00AM	Julia Garcia †	By:	Christina Orthuber
Wednesday	December 20	9:00AM	Terese Montag ☀	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Thursday	December 21	10:00AM	John Nocero †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Friday	December 22	9:00AM	Ruben Duarte †	By:	Rachel Duarte
Saturday	December 23	8:00AM 5:00PM	Clare Hennigan ☀ Sr. Leonella Lynch †	By:	The Hennigan Family Constance Campbell
Sunday	December 24		No Intentions		Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Eve
Monday	December 25		No Intentions		Nativity of the Lord—Christmas
Tuesday	December 26	9:00AM	Marie Coscarelli †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Wednesday	December 27	9:00AM	Maye & Jim Murphy	By:	Leslie & Jay Murphy
Thursday	December 28	9:00AM	Kevin Lansing †	By:	Kathleen Lansing & Barbara Vize
Friday	December 29	9:00AM	Larry Acarig †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Saturday	December 30	8:00AM 5:00PM	Bill & Mary Lee Huber ♥ Chuck Montag	By:	Happy 48th Anniversary! Chuck Coscarelli

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of,

Al Enser, husband of Melvie and Jane & Gary Bammerlin.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please keep Al, Melvie, Jane and Gary, and all their family and friends in your prayers in these difficult days.

DID YOU KNOW?

Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. It is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, safety and access to health care. Neglect is most often characterized by acts of omission that aren't easy to see. The signs of neglect are wide and varied, and may include: failure to develop and grow appropriately, or malnourishment, among infants; wearing inadequate clothing for the weather; and children who seem to be wholly responsible for the welfare of their siblings. If you know that any type of abuse is occurring, or if a child discloses to you, it is important to communicate these concerns to the appropriate authorities. Call your local law enforcement or child protective services department to report suspected abuse of any kind. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> or call (213) 637-7508

¿SABÍA USTED?

La negligencia es sinónimo de abuso. La negligencia es la forma más común de abuso infantil. Es la incapacidad de satisfacer las necesidades básicas de un niño, incluyendo la vivienda, la alimentación, la vestimenta, la educación, la seguridad y el acceso al cuidado de salud. La negligencia se caracteriza más a menudo por actos de omisión que no son fáciles de "ver", no es como el abuso físico, donde normalmente hay evidencia de marcas físicas. Los signos de negligencia son amplios y variados, y pueden incluir: falta de desarrollo y crecimiento físico adecuado o malnutrición entre los lactantes; vestir a los niños con ropa inadecuada para el clima; y niños que parecen estar a cargo del cuidado de sus hermanos. Si usted sabe que está ocurriendo cualquier tipo de abuso, o si un niño se lo revela a usted, es importante comunicar sus preocupaciones a las autoridades correspondientes. Llame al departamento de policía o al departamento de protección de menores para reportar sospechas de abuso de cualquier tipo. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect" (El tipo de abuso comúnmente olvidado: negligencia), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> o llame al (213) 637-7508.