

# Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR  
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

**D**ecember issues the Christmas Season. It is a season of giving, in celebration of God's gift, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. In fact Christmas gets its name from Christ. It has been a slogan for years which says "keep Christ in Christmas" It is a nice slogan and worthwhile but Christmas after Christmas we are consciously robbing Christmas of Christ. Witness for instance the drop in Christmas cards and the increase in emails. It just isn't the same; Likewise, the rush to commercialism over sacredness or holiness. Our Christmas songs are devoid of Christ. Witness also the decline in people returning to Church. At Christmas time we, at Mary's Table try to make Christmas a giving holy time for families. We have a Christmas party for some 1,100 hundred kids and their families. Please join us with prayer, Christmas carols and donations to really put Jesus back into Christmas. Have a 'Happy Christmas.'

- Fr. Mike

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*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

John 1:14 (ESV)



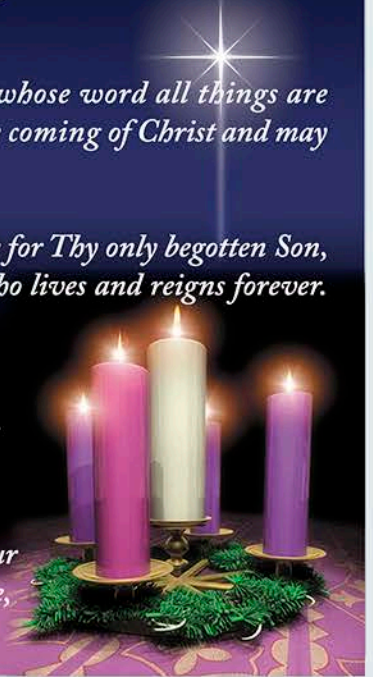
# Season of Advent

On the first Sunday of Advent: "O God, Who lives and reigns forever, and by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon us that we may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. Amen."

On the second Sunday of Advent: "O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve with pure minds You, Who lives and reigns forever. Amen"

On the third Sunday of Advent: "O Lord, Who lives and reigns forever, we beg You incline Your ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your visitation. Amen."

On the fourth Sunday of Advent: "O Lord, Who lives and reigns forever, stir up Your power, we pray, and come with great might to help us, that with the help of Your grace, Your merciful forgiveness may hasten what ever sins impede. Amen."



## Hunger can affect people from all walks of life.



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BAND OF MISSION INDIANS



Many Americans are one job loss or medical crisis away from food insecurity – but some people, including children and seniors, may be at greater risk of hunger than others. We are grateful for Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino for their assistance this past month! San Manuel Band of Mission Indians volunteers and LA Kings staff, broadcasters, and alumni were on site to help with day-of logistics, donate products, and provide a fun hockey experience to all who were present that day.



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Thank  
you!







A big shout out to Julie, Jordan and her Girl Scout Troop for their donations of Pampers! We have some dry and happy babies due to their hard work!

*Thank You!*

*Congratulations!*



To Rebecca Steiner for completing the Alcohol After Care Recovery Program

Our children at Veronica's home of Mercy try out their culinary baking talents during their Thanksgiving Holiday!



Year End Appeal! Our buildings are in need of some TLC!

There is painting to do and walls to fix. Our carpets are frayed with stains we cannot erase. So we are sending this plea for donations of money or time.

We need professional painters, carpet layers and carpenters. If you can help us in our need, please give us a call.

*You will be blessed! God is never outdone in generosity.*

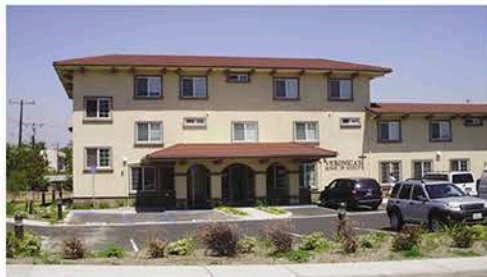


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## Did You KNOW



In October 2017 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **6,371** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **554 bags** (over 3 Wednesdays)

Showers (including a change of clothes): **511** (including a change of clothes)

Hair cuts: **15**; Blankets: **10**; Jackets: **24**; Shoes: **21 pairs**; Shaving kits: **23**

Hygiene kits: **495**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **69**, of which **42** were for extreme emergencies.

Children's Program: **38 families' needs were met. 150 lbs. of clothing and 3 strollers were given out.**

*We were able to help also with 1 twin bed, 2 wheel chairs and 3 irons*

**THANK YOU** - what we are able to do is possible because of you!



thank you!

To Pat, Elaine, Susan, Linda, Don and Mary Jo  
our "Dust Buster Team".

**Our kitchen has never looked so good!**

