

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.

April is a vague month. It comes and seems to fade rather rapidly. Yet it is a full month. April has tax day, April 15. April has Holy Week (April 14th to April 20th) and April has Easter (April 21st.) Then April has one of the newer feasts called Mercy Sunday (April 28th.) What is most exciting about April is life. April signifies spring, new life. April has the feast of Easter which is new eternal life. April has the feast of Divine Mercy which tells us of the 'ocean of god's mercy.' What does that have to do with Mary's Mercy Center. There are those who are naysayers who say that they will never change. The Poor, the homeless have no motivation; they don't care; they are dirty; they are scary, and on and on. They too come to Mary's Mercy center for life. It may be a good meal: it may be acceptance and not judgment. It may be clothing; it may be shelter from the weather and some warm clothing. They come because in some way they get life and hope. Hope is so essential. They know one another and do not pass each other in the streets. If you want to see hope , then come to Mary's Table. If you want to see gratitude and appreciation then come to Mary's Mercy Center. The poet Emma Lazarus penned a poem which can be found at the base of the Statue of Liberty it reads: "Give me your poor etc. Mary's Mercy Center fulfills that vision. That poem on the statue of Liberty was a beacon of hope for the poor and homeless, immigrants of 1849. It is still a beacon of hope today.

- *Father Mike*

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"*May God bless you at Easter,
and keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith you need,
to make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help,
to guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now,
to bless your Easter Day.*"

Volunteer Luncheon 2019



We appreciate our volunteers more than words can express. Volunteers are the vital life blood of the work we do at Mary's Table. We happily celebrated our past and current volunteers at our 2019 Volunteer Luncheon. Special recognition was given to:

5 Years - Pat Kelly, Diana Abajian, Yvonne Sanchez, Marie Fentress, Ling Yen, Jose Dato & Laurie Geniuch

10 Years - Charlotte Moralez & John Curran

Anniversaries

15 Years - Eleonor Yamboa & Pilar Yamboa

20 Years - Bob LaBelle, Patti LaBelle & Ofelia Vest

25 Years - Emilia Santos



Over 100 Hours: Odie Arellanes, Diego Arroyo, Barbara Cregan, Diep SoKhoeum, Marie Fentress, Paulette Finnesth, Christina Garcia, Laurie Geniuch, Gordon Gertner, Lydia Hollomby, Bonnie Hubers, Tom Huerta, Lydia Huerta, Alma Limon, Oynh Nguyen, Yvonne Sanchez, Gerard Smith, Paulene Smith, Betsy Taylor, Eileen Verosik, Cecilia Zertuche

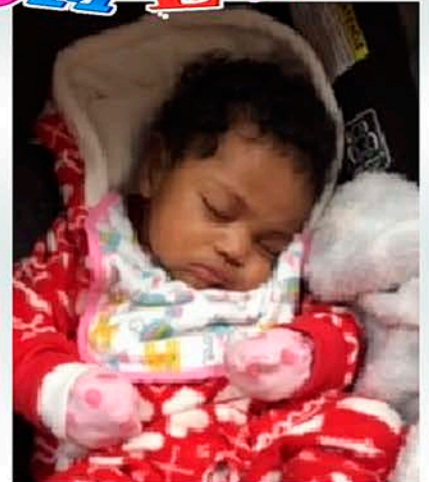
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Over 400 Hours: Mark Evans and Marci Reyes

Most Hours: Mary Gonzalez

Thank you! Each of you make a BIG difference in what we are able to accomplish.

WELCOME HOME



Veronica's Home welcomes its newest members - Cloe (6 lbs 10 oz), Itzel (5 lbs 7oz), and Irene (7 lbs)

Way To Go, Ladies!



Congratulations Maria! With lots of study and hard work Maria is now a certified Medical Assistant.

Andrea is enrolled in a program at San Bernardino Adult Education to become a Medical Assistant. Andrea is busy studying for a test on her knowledge of the Heart.



The Long Arm of Compassion



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Col 3:12

We send a BIG thank you to Judy, Jo, Terri and Stella. These women have been working to provide our St. Joseph's closet with clothing in sizes that are needed but seldom received. They've been helping in this way for over a year and they haven't let distance get in the way. These ladies live in Arizona! Yet that doesn't hinder the compassion they show to our poor and homeless.

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Did You KNOW



In February 2019 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **5,713** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **452** (over 3 Wednesdays)

Showers (including a change of clothes): **340**

Hygiene kits: **146 plus 127 shaving kits**

Hair Cuts: **13**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **167** of which **156** were for extreme emergencies.

Thursday Giveaway: **300** individuals & families

Children's Program: **23** families' needs were met.

We were also able to help families with 4 car seats, 12 baby blankets, 90 pounds of baby clothes and two boxes of children's toys. We were also able to help some of our handicapped guests with 1 wheelchair and 3 senior canes.

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

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future
for every human being; the cry for unending life which is
a part of the person is indeed answered"

Pope Benedict XVI

Have a
Happy Easter