

Greatest Gift is Sermon Topic

"The Greatest Gift" is the Christmas message at the morning worship service at 11 a.m. in the South Bay Baptist church, 4565 Sharynne Lane. Dr. J. C. Brumfield, pastor, is the speaker. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Erling Fredrickson will sing the traditional carols. Mrs. Floyd Roberts is church organist.

The choir will present in the evening worship hour commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Fellowship groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Primary includes children from age

'STAR AND THE STABLE' SLATED

The entire Sunday School of the Central EUB church will take part in the pageant, "The Star and the Stable," on Sunday, December 22, 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by treats for all the youngsters.

After the program the Juniors and the Young People will go caroling.

The regular worship service will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Walter M. Stanton speaking on "The World Prepares for Christmas!"

Church News

FILIPINO SDA CHURCH PLANS XMAS MUSICALE

A special program of Christmas music will be presented by the Filipino SDA church choir and guest artists on December 22, 4:30 p.m., at Gardena Youth center, 1651 Market st. Soloist with the church choir will be Jovita C. Carbajal and Michael Pickards.

"O Holy Night" by Adam and several Christmas carols, modern and beautifully arranged for the occasion, will be sung to the accompaniment of a concert zither—an antique musical instrument to be played by Mr. Meissner. Elder Meissner, pastor of the Torrance SDA church, will be giving several violin selections.

In addition to the Christmas music, several Filipino folk songs and Hawaiian folk dances will be presented in the first half of the program.

The proceeds from the food sale, which will be held between the two parts of the program, will be used to buy gifts for the deserving poor of the community.

Pastor A. A. Alcaraz, pastor of the Filipino church, will give a 10-minute message on the significance of Christmas.

Candlelight Service Set

Sunday, December 22, Dr. Earl D. Barnum, of the Redondo Beach Church of Religious Science, will deliver a sermon which will strive to bring to the attention of the listener the true significance of the Christmas season by pointing up some of the meanings behind the many beautiful ceremonies of the occasion.

On Christmas Eve the church will present its annual candlelight service at 8 p.m. This service lasts 45 minutes and is the most beautiful and inspirational service of the year. This year Dr. Barnum will speak on: "The Second Christmas." There will be traditional music sung by a newly formed choir. Everyone is invited to attend these special services and all functions of the church are open to the public.

Sermon On Christ Power

The Christmas season will be observed by the Christian Scientists in the Christian Science churches on Sunday with a Lesson-Sermon which is illustrated by the birth and mission of Christ Jesus. The Lesson-Sermon subject is the question, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

The account of the announcement to the virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel that she would bear the child Jesus, is set forth when the angelic messenger tells her that she shall "bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:31, 32).

Church Plans Yule Program

The Narbonne Avenue Baptist church will hold the annual Christmas party on Friday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m., in the gymnasium of the Recreation building. Treats will be given to the children and Santa has promised to be present.

The adult choir will present the Christmas music this Sunday, 7:30 p.m. The choir is directed by Bill Morgan, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Sylvan Shipley on the organ and Mrs. Roland Talmadge at the piano.

The 11:00 a.m. message will be delivered by Pastor Robert A. Wells. He will speak on the subject, "Unto Us A Son Is Given".

Marines Open Local Office

The U. S. Marine Corps announced the establishment of a permanent recruiting office located in the Post Office Building, 1433 Marcelina st.

The area to be covered by the Torrance office will include Lomita, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Gardena and Lawndale. The office was established primarily to process the ever increasing number of Marine enlistments from the above areas, as well as to provide information and guidance for young men and women interested in Marine Corps service.

Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the office is Master Sergeant John R. Dolly, USMC, a veteran of over 14 years service in the Corps including combat service during both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Sergeant Dolly stated that he will be able to provide the latest information of the Universal Military Training Act and Reserve Forces Act, both of which govern compulsory military service.

He went on to say that he feels it will benefit any young man faced with a military obligation to visit him at the Torrance office to find out exactly what the modern-day Marine Corps has to offer, then to compare the Corps with other branches of the Armed Forces before making a definite decision as to which branch he will choose.

'HOME FOR CHRISTMAS' TITLE OF CHURCH PLAY TO CELEBRATE HIGH MASS

"Home for Christmas" is the title of a three-act play to be presented Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30, at the Torrance Foursquare church located at 2150 W. Sepulveda boulevard (corner of Arlington and Sepulveda). This one-hour performance is the story of an embittered young woman who is estranged from her family. Christmas eve, a soldier, a pair of red mittens and a small child, each have a part in bringing about a Christmas miracle.

Included in the cast is Carolyn Bell, Karyn Busse, Richard Davis, Carol Hoffine, Noni Johnson, Betty Saddler, Mrs. Norman Wainwright, and Robert Walker. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Howard Hoffine, and scenery is being designed by Kyomi Hanaoka. Others assisting with the production are Mrs. Joseph Feit, Louis Servaes Jr., and Norma Wainwright.

Rev. James P. Lowen, pastor of the church, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

On Christmas day at 6 a.m. high mass will be celebrated at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic church in Lomita, by the pastor Rev. John V. Hegarty. Music will be by the Senior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Butterfield at the organ.

Low mass will be celebrated at 8, 9, 10 and 11:30 a.m., with Christmas music.

Children's mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m., with the children singing Christmas carols.

FIRST MASS

The new St. Philomena's Catholic church, 21848 Main st., will celebrate its first mass on Christmas day.

High mass will be celebrated at 6 a.m. by Rev. Edward Callahan. The newly formed choir will sing Christmas carols. Frank C. Fisher will be organist, and Mrs. Dorothy DiSabatino, of Palos Verdes, will be soloist.

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To Describe Birthplace Of Jesus

For Christmas Sunday, December 22, the Reverend John L. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist church, will bring a first-hand description of the place of Jesus's birth. This past summer the pastor and his wife visited in the Holy Land and on August 21 went to Bethlehem, the village of Jesus's birth, south of Jerusalem.

The sermon topic is a part of the series: "On Seeing What Jesus Saw", which is a review of the life of Jesus.

The Chancel Choir of the church will sing, "Christmas Day", arranged by Gustaf Holst and "Gloria in excelsis Deo" by Heckenlively. A special group from the Children's Choirs will assist in the anthem, "Sing Gloria" by Davis. Sue Baca, Richard Brundin, and Claire McCown are soloists.

Over 400 children and teachers will take part in two Sunday school services on Sunday evening. The primary Sunday school Christmas service under the direction of Mrs. Norval Thompson will present "Little Children Tell of Jesus" at 5:30 p.m., and the senior Sunday school under the supervision of Mrs. Bill Sands will present "From Darkness to Light" at 8 p.m. Organists will be Mrs. Clifford Bredman and Mrs. Matt McCoy, and special music will be provided by the Junior choir.

Christmas Day worship will be held at 10 a.m. with music by both choirs.

Cantata Set For Friday

Christ the King Lutheran church at 2706 W. 182nd st. will be the setting for a Christmas cantata on Friday evening at 7:30. Soloists for the "Song of Christmas" under the direction of Janet Myren will be Mrs. Ellis Kennedy, Mrs. Norvel Thompson, Robert Gunderson and Mike Bankson. The junior choir with Mrs. Ellis Kennedy as director will sing several numbers and there will be a Christmas meditation by the Rev. Maynard V. Midthun.

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XMAS PROGRAM

"God's Unspeakable Gift," will be the subject of Reverend W. F. Alexander, pastor of the First Baptist church, 158th and Brighton ave. in Gardena.

The service starts at 11 o'clock and running concurrently with the church service is a Junior church service under the leadership of Mrs. Lena Crader, and Pianist Miss Alma Lowenberg.

Soloist for the morning service will be Mrs. Emma C. Alexander. The choir will present a special Christmas selection.

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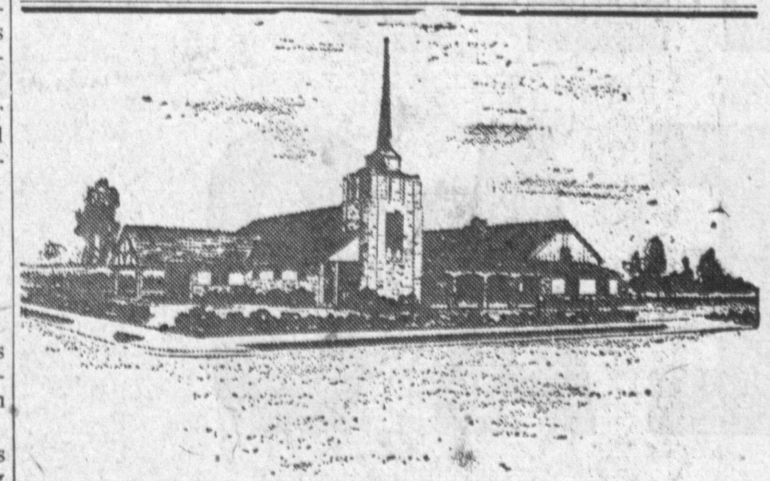
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