



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. The disciples were sent out by Christ to preach repentance. They cast out demons and anointed the sick. Their preaching and their ministry were effective.

It is tempting to look back on those days when Jesus walked the earth and to think that the disciples back then had an "in," that in some way the fact that they spoke with the Lord made their efforts more efficacious.

But through the centuries the Church has proclaimed that Christ is truly present in the community of faith. The Christ that sent out the disciples in 1st century Galilee is the same Christ who guides the missionary activity of the Church today.

We're not off the hook! Christ is still giving us a mission. We may not be wearing sandals, but we are still called to preach.

II. I am very grateful to Ross Mariano for installing our new church ceiling fans. They are much needed at this time of year!!!

Father William

South Coast Interfaith Council - Interfaith Café

What: Small group discussions for laity and youth (9th-12th grade) (clergy and religious leaders are also invited) about how their faith impacts their daily lives and how their faith makes it possible to relate to and appreciate those from other faith traditions. Each session will have the same format, with different participants. You may come to any or all of them.

Why: To foster understanding about different faith traditions; to educate about the SCIC and serving opportunities; to become more relevant and responsive to our membership.

To confirm your attendance or for more info: 983-1665.
August 13, Pacific Unitarian, 5621 Montemalaga Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes

15TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION



From the Deacon's Desk:

Leftovers from last week's homily:

"When I was a kid, my parents moved a lot, but I always found them!"... Rodney Dangerfield, from *I Get No Respect*. "Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, a brother of James, Joses, Judas and Simon?" They could not accept Him. In fact they "took offense at Him." Talk about not getting respect. They resented Him after He cured many and gave inspired teaching of wisdom in the synagogue.

Speaking of no respect: There are over a billion Catholics in the world. Yet we understand that there are only 25% to 28% who are "practicing Catholics". That makes the non practicing the largest Christian group outside the Catholic Christians! How do we take them from where they are & help them decipher where God is to be found?

It has been reported that 10's of millions of Catholics have jumped to evangelical churches because our religious practices were neglected such as processions, devotions to saints especially Mary, "even Sunday Masses have become 'rallies' for social issues rather than worship". Page 35, Wm. Bausch "Storytelling the Word".

"He was amazed at their lack of faith."

Did you read this past Sunday's letters to the editor? I quote the last sentence of "Does God Intervene?": "...I have heard actors and athletes ascribe their winning of awards or games to God - more nonsense. Wake up, people." There is only one way to respond to this person:

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one who does not have faith, no explanation is possible."

As the Lord said to Ezekiel, "Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you." These very words are now said to you and me as we take our place as "priest, PROPHET, and king". These words were first said at our anointing with Chrism when we were baptized, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life."

Pray for all who need to hear God's loving and reassuring words.

P.S. There is a forgotten group that I ask your prayers for, the widows of deacons - pray for God's grace to be upon them.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Mary Jane Merk
John Lawler



Take a Stress-free Prayer Break.....

Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE - Join us for an hour to pray and say a rosary for the PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT. MONDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 pm in the CHURCH. CALL John, 430-5839, FOR A RIDE. JOIN US to fight abortion and for all human rights from conception to natural death in a lay rosary and prayer service.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary & Middle School: Re-registration forms have been mailed. Please return completed form by **August 31** for a reduced registration fee. New families may call the religious education office at **598-0519** to receive a registration form.

Sacrament Program: Preparation for receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a **two year** program which usually begins at the First Grade level.

Sacrament Program/Older Children: Older children may receive the sacraments through our RCIA for Children Program. Please call the religious education office at **598-0519** for further information.

Early Childhood: Our regular year runs Sep. - Apr. Sign up NOW for the 2006-07 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon, 430-6840, for info.

Sunday Nursery: The nursery is open on Sundays from 8:30 - 11:30 am, except on holidays.

Theology On Tap

Come join us for this four week speaker and conversation series that gives you an opportunity to gather with other young adults (single or couple in your 20's or 30's). Contemplate new ways of seeing God in your life and quench your spiritual thirst in a relaxing and fun environment. "Theology-On-Tap" -Tuesday evenings at 7 pm - July 18 & 25, Aug. 1 & 8 at Holy Family Church in Artesia. For more information, please call, Joe Hall, 235-6397, or Bettyrae Reyes, 630-2111.

Liturgy Days October 27-28 at the LA Convention Center. Presenters Jerry Galipeau and Fr. Tim Piasecki will focus on the preparation for the liturgical celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

A Magical Effect - Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish. — John Quincy Adams

Apologetics Bible Study Class - Don't apologize for your faith! Learn apologetic arguments for the defense and explanation of your beliefs. Apologetics comes from the Greek *apologia* meaning "defense". We all encounter people questioning our faith in our daily lives and are in need of a ready defense. Whether it's your brother-in-law asking, "why do you Catholics worship Mary" or the Mormon missionary at your door questioning the doctrine of the Trinity, the Bible tells you, **"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope but do it with gentleness and reverence... (1 Peter 3:15-16)**

Join us Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm upstairs in the PAC. Bring your bible, your questions, and your knowledge to share. Babysitting is always available! Please contact Brian & Erin Dau, 804-2808, with questions.



Panama Canal Cruise Oct 23-Nov 2 - OPEN TO EVERYONE Come join us. Information: call Olga K.

July 17 - Regular meeting - remember, new members are always welcome. Dues are \$5/year.

We are continuing to bring our own lunch.

Desserts, beverages and snacks will be served.

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a two day, one night bus trip to the Hacienda Hotel and Casino in Boulder City, Nevada on Wednesday and Thursday, **Aug. 9-10**. The cost, \$30 per person, double occupancy, provides transportation in an air conditioned bus, a room, and one buffet. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811. First come, first served.

Scripture Focus - The Twelve are sent to towns of Galilee. It is a trial mission that looks ahead to the Christian mission to the world at large. All Christians are to speak for God in the world, even when the world does not care to listen. Jesus shares with the Twelve his powers over the forces of evil. Jesus says to get moving on this mission right away. The Twelve are to travel light. If they are offered hospitality, they should accept it. If not, they are to shake the dust from their feet, which is what pious Jews did when they returned from unholy territory. Jesus did not tell the Twelve to preach about God's reign. That task belonged to Jesus. They were to be much like John the Baptizer preparing for Jesus' mission. They were happy with their success.

Life Focus - * Describe a time in your life when you were genuinely lacking resources, but the task got done in spite of your poverty. * Share a time when you were able to let go of the disappointment of your failures and get on with your life. * How did you feel when called away on an emergency and you had to leave without any of the usual necessities? * Relate a time in your life when your attitude shifted from, "No way, I can't do it" to "I certainly can." What caused the shift?

Come join us for Bible Study and Fellowship!

Give it a try! Get to know Jesus
while talking about the issues that matter to YOU!
Come explore your faith in a teen driven environment!

Feel the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT
and let him work in your life.

WHEN: Fridays, 7-8:30 pm

WHERE: St. Joseph PAC

WHO: All are welcome. Bring a friend!

KNOW JOY AND PEACE!

10 MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Do you have high blood pressure? Are you more than 30 pounds overweight? Do you smoke? If yes, YOU may want to consider being screened for abdominal aortic aneurysm risk. Life Line Screening screens the aorta for aneurysms as warning signs are vague and if ruptured, they are 80-94% fatal. St. Joseph's is hosting a screening on Wednesday, August 2. Call **1-800-324-1851** for more information or to pre-register. The cost of an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening is \$45.

Quote from Tradition

Those who intended to insult the Lord's lineage, with reference to Joseph, confess the truth & indicate a characteristic of his true Father in saying, *He is the son of a craftsman*. They are silent about the person, so as to reveal the Father by his skill, by saying the Son, not of Joseph, but of the Craftsman. And who is as great a Craftsman as the one who created such a great and impressive world out of nothing? And who is as great a Craftsman as the one who is the sole Creator, the sole provider of every good skill? So let them call him the Son of the Craftsman, so that they may involuntarily acknowledge that he is the Son of God; let them call him Son of Mary, so that they are forced to confess that he is true man but also Son of power; let them call these his brothers, so that they may declare and reveal how very gracious their Creator is. Although they are attempting in this way to hide the virtues of his holy mother, nevertheless the Evangelist attests that those whom they call brothers were the children not of Joseph and Mary but of her sister Cleopha. For it is recognized even in contemporary parlance that the children of siblings are called brothers. For the Lord would never have acted against family devotion and entrusted his mother to an outsider, that is to John, from the cross, if she had other children besides him; but he gives a Virgin to a virgin. So the Lord adds, *A prophet is not without honor except in his own homeland*. Blessed is the one who had deserved to have God as his Father; he requires no other homeland except for the heavenly one.

St. Peter Chrysologus, Sermon 49 on Mark, 406-450

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Whether you are a long-time resident, newly arrived, or a visitor, we wish you the Peace, Joy and Love of Christ.

Everyone 18 years and older is invited to register and become a member of our parish community. If we can help you in any way, please call us at **562-594-4657**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

☐ I would like to register

☐ This is a change of address and/or phone

☐ I am moving out of the parish

Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox.

**Upcoming Event:**

Food From the Heart is our August project. We will give you more information in the weeks to come.

L. B. Project Achieve... Call us or Tina Gath if you can help buy, prepare, deliver, and/or serve dinner for about 60 adults on the **4th Monday** of the month. Many volunteers split up the work, a real labor of love. The project helps people get back on their feet while working and/or studying.

Please keep using the **BLUE "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes** to help us. Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal. Your **blue envelope donations** are soooo appreciated!

If you have any questions, new ideas, would like to help with a project or would like to learn more about Movement For a Better world, please call John or Jan at 430-5839.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the First Congregational Church's Drop In Center for homeless, on Cedar Avenue in Long Beach, on Sunday afternoons. This is a safe place for homeless to get a drink of water, use a restroom, get out of the heat or cold, read a newspaper, or get something to eat. Help is needed to set up and monitor activity at food, game and movie stations. Volunteers with computer skills are needed to help those using the computer lab to look for jobs, prepare résumés and send emails to family. Please contact Janet Rhodes, 590-9520, or email at janet_rhodes@yahoo.com if you can help.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Take a vacation from the world and learn what God's plan is for your marriage. Make a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is scheduled for **July 21-23**. For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 562-923-7335 or sign up online at www.geocities.com/melawest.



Congratulations to Sara Smith and Nicholas Diulio who were married on June 30.

Please remember in your prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country in the Middle East and elsewhere, especially those of our parish families, including:

Vincent Vezzetti

Drew Melvin

Raul Carranza

William T. Worthy, Jr.

Glen Warren

Joseph LaRicca

Joseph Comfort

Irene Avila

Karen Roberts

Todd Risk

Rudy Espinoza

Christopher Ward

Amy Mann

Nick Compton

Ian Bobbitt

Mike Carmody

Peter LuPiba

We would like to have a framed picture of your loved one serving in the Service to display in the back of the church. Please include a number so we can contact you.

To add a name to the list, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 15

5:00 PM - † Robert Hennei, request of Halligan family

SUNDAY, July 16

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Katharine M. Lavoie, request of Lavoie family

10:30 AM - † Steve Durkin, request of Ruth Durkin

12:30 PM - † Robert D. Barclay, request of Annette Barclay

MONDAY, July 17

8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang, request of Dang family

TUESDAY, July 18

8:00 AM - † Leo McCarthy, request of Bielman family

WEDNESDAY, July 19

8:00 AM - † Sylvia & Ray Sr. Bielman, request of Bielman family

THURSDAY, July 20

8:00 AM - † McCarthy family, request of Bielman family

FRIDAY, July 21

8:00 AM - † Rosalie Gorman, request of Close family

SATURDAY, July 22

5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvati family, request of family

SUNDAY, July 23

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Paul A. Lavoie, living, request of Lavoie family

10:30 AM - † Steve Durkin, request of Ruth Durkin

12:30 PM - † Ralph Kortz II, request of Ray & Virginia Young

The way we dress for church reflects the reverence we have for Christ who is present in the Mass, in our fellow parishioners, and in ourselves. Please be respectful.



Last week: \$10,625
Last year: \$9,398

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dortha Bradley, Mary Lovelace, Jeanne Sexton, Christina Knight, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bernard & Jan Carpenter, Bert Willis, John & Nellie Barycki, Alexander Crook, Becky Fremgen, Phil McCafferty, Honey Weinstein, Mary Mariano, Anna Sharples, Paul Halliburton, Heather Choppin, Lydia Simpson, Susan Meicht, Elizabeth Rouse, David Sudakou, Jesse Torres, Mike Lowen, Helen Belli, Dick Ingalls, & Cletus Schmidt.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ALTAR SERVERS	Craig Lawrence	430-0913
	craigslawrence@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Brid Considine
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Carole Dellavalle
SECRETARIES	Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska
PTO PRESIDENT	Linda Smith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Cindy Rodriguez	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA INQUIRY	Shane & Olga Cuda	594-4657
RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto	425-4834
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Peter Baine	598-4130
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0143
	rely5@verizon.net	
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	Mike.santy@charter.net	
FAMILY ROUND TABLE	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Nancy Miller	429-2546
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Michelle Parize	477-3647
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
PARISH HALL	Victoria Higgins	597-6979
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Jim & Theresa Murphy	431-5025
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
GIRL SCOUTS	Cynthia Stabelfeldt	421-8492
CAMP FIRE GIRLS	Cyndy Diaz	421-2006
CUB SCOUTS	Douglas Alchorn	594-9407
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Zofrea	493-2940

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE