



### From the Pastor's Desk:

The reading of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel that we began last Sunday is interrupted today for the celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast takes precedence over a Sunday in Ordinary Time. It was added to the calendar by Pope Callistus III in 1457 to commemorate the victory over the Turks in a battle near Belgrade. August 6 is also the day that the electric chair was first used for capital punishment, and the day that an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

The readings of today's celebration remind us who has ultimate dominion over the earth: "All peoples, nations, and languages serve (the Son of man)." Greater than any human power or sovereignty is the kingdom of Christ. It is a reminder to us of who is ultimately in charge of our lives.

Father William

### Holy Day of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, August 15

Mass times are:

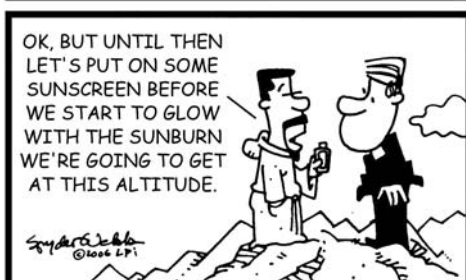
Vigil, August 14, Monday, 7:00 pm

Feast day, August 15, 6:30 and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm

***The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.***  
— Psalm 97:6

**Men's Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House - Aug. 11th-13th.** This retreat is for any men of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality; a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. To make your reservation, contact Sacred Heart Retreat House at 626-289-1353 ext. 200.

TRANSFIGURATION  
HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM



### From the Deacon's Desk:

What's a deacon anyway? Just after being ordained 5 years ago, I was walking across the school yard and saw a young student. I said "Hi" and he greeted me and said, "You're the new deacon." I asked his name. Then I asked if he knew what a deacon was. He said, "My mom says a deacon is a 'grunt'!!" I took that as a compliment since I thought of the term in the military sense, i.e. a grunt is an infantryman, a person who is in the front line of battle, the foot soldier. As in Acts 6:1-7: The disciples grew in number and some widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. The disciples selected 7 men filled with faith and the Holy Spirit and presented them to the apostles who prayed over them and laid hands upon them. They became the foot soldiers for the apostles.

Most of us over 50 years old only knew the diaconate as a step along the way to the priesthood. That is considered a "transitional deacon" - he is sort of "passing through" on the ordination journey. During Vatican II, the pope and bishops decided to restore the old order of permanent diaconate. I have to interject here that the word deacon is derived from the Greek *diakonos* which means "servant" and "helper", reference Philippians 1:1. The diaconate flourished for several centuries. St. Clement of Rome (96 A.D.) speaks of bishops and deacons as the "first fruits of the Apostles". Stephen was the first martyr and Philip the evangelist (Acts 21:8) was the host of Paul and Luke in Caesarea. Rome honored St. Lawrence (d.258) as deacon martyr. St. Ephrem (d. 373) was a deacon scholar. Deacon educator Alcuin (804) and Francis of Assisi (d. 1226) were admired universally as the model of poverty and simplicity. The "golden age" came to an end in the early fourth century in the Latin Church. Resentment of excessive diaconal power and influence threatened the original meaning of deacon as servant. The Council of Sardica declared that this order would become a transitional step to priesthood. For 16 centuries until Vatican II the diaconate remained dormant.

On the feast of St. Ephrem, Deacon, June 18, 1967, Pope Paul VI restored the Order of Deacon as a permanent ministry in the Latin Church. April 23, 1968, the American Bishops petitioned for the restoration of the diaconate in the United States. The petition was granted in August that year.

Next week: What they do - Ministry of **Word**, Ministry of **Eucharist**, and Ministry of **Service**.

**Adult Confirmation Classes** at Our Lady of Refuge, Sundays beginning Sept. 10, 9:15 am. Call our Religious Education Department to sign up, 598-0519.

### 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 8:45 - 11:30 am, except on holidays.

**WANTED!** Enthusiastic, positive personality to work with the teens in our Confirmation program. We are in need of a few good volunteers to round out our sensational team. We have a variety of flexible schedules to choose from. If you have an interest in sharing your Catholic faith with our parish teens, then we want to hear from YOU! Contact Cindy Rodriguez @ 598-0519 or [rodsquad12@msn.com](mailto:rodsquad12@msn.com). (YOU won't be sorry!)

**Theology On Tap** - For Singles and Couples in their 20's or 30's held at Holy Family Church, 18708 S. Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, **Tuesdays 7 pm**. Donations Accepted.

**Aug. 8 -De-Coding the DaVinci Code** Fr Edward Owens For more information, please call, Joe Hall, 235-6397, or Bettyrae Reyes, 630-2111.

**Women's Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House - Sept. 8th-10th:** Jesus says, "Come to me all of you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you." This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality; a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. But don't delay, make your reservation today, rooms are filling up fast. Call Madeline Majick at 562-596-6219 or Marie Newton at 562-429-7939 to reserve a room.

**South Coast Interfaith Council - Interfaith Café**

**What:** Small group discussions for laity and youth (9th-12th grade) (clergy & religious leaders are invited) about how faith impacts their daily lives and how faith makes it possible to relate to & appreciate those from other faiths. 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 & serving opportunities; to become more relevant & responsive to our members.

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



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

**Aug 7** - Hopefully we are back on schedule and our regular fun meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. We will have our regular games, Bingo, Bridge, Poker, Social conversation table etc. Remember, new members are always welcome!

**Aug 8** - Casino Trip to Fantasy Springs. Cost is \$28 per person, you will get a \$20 cash refund. Taking stand by only. Bus leaves promptly at 8 am.

**Aug 21** - Social meeting, regular games

**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.**

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Aug. 8. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**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.

**Small Faith Communities:**

**Scripture focus:** The Gospel of Mark was written about a half-century after the Resurrection, so its stories of Jesus reflect both traditions about the life of Jesus and the traditions of the earliest Christian communities, who saw in the life of Jesus an inspiration for the hardships they faced in their own lives of faith.

The three accounts of the Transfiguration in the synoptic Gospels all depict Jesus in shining white, but each of the evangelists describes this with different words (although many translations don't reflect that). For Matthew his clothes were "white as light," for Luke "dazzling white," and here in Mark they were "dazzling ..as no fuller on earth could bleach them."

The narrative here has four basic parts: the Transfiguration with the apostles nearby, the appearance of Elijah and Moses and Peter's words, the voice from the cloud, and finally the descent and Jesus' command that they tell no one what took place.

**Life focus** \* In what ways does Mark's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus highlight the brilliance and significance of Jesus? \* How does Mark's Transfiguration account compare with Gospel passages about the appearances of the Risen Lord? What is the same, and what is different? \* What does the identification of Jesus as the glorious Son of Man suggest about his role in the fullness of God's kingdom?

**Attention Married and Engaged Couples** - Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve pregnancy through a modern method of Natural Family Planning. NFP is medically safe, healthy, effective, and encouraged by the Church. For more information, or to register for a class, call Greg or Beth Gath at 377-5877 or email us at bethandgreg@verizon.net.

**Matthew Kelly** at Our Lady of Refuge, **Sept. 14, 7 pm.** Mark your calendars now. People of all ages, 12 and up, come and discover how the seven levels of intimacy can change your relationships and your life! One of the best speakers in the world with a keen sense of humor and heart-warming charm. Be elevated and energized!

### ATTENTION!!!

**Whoever borrowed the Church easels, please return them to the church. Also, we are missing some tablecloths. Please return those to the rectory. Thanks!**

### Quote from Tradition

Peter said, *Let us make three tents.* But the Lord shows them a dwelling not made with hands. There was ineffable light, and a voice. In order to show that he was speaking not simply of one of the three, but only of Christ, when the voice had finished speaking, Moses and Elijah had departed. For if it had spoken merely of any one of them, Christ would not have remained alone while the others departed. And what did this voice say? *This is my beloved Son.* If he is the Beloved, do not fear, Peter. You should now know of both his power and his majesty, and be confident of his resurrection; but since you do not know these things, then at least take courage from the voice of the Father. For if the Father is all-powerful, his Son is as well. So do not be afraid of dangers. But if this will not reassure you, then remember at least that he is the Father's Son, and his Beloved! For, he says, *this is my beloved Son.* If he is the Beloved, do not be afraid. Because no one casts off the one he loves. Do not be troubled then: however much you love him, you do not love him as much as his own Father does. *Listen to him,* he says. So, if he wills to be crucified, do not oppose him.

*John Chrysostom, Homily 56, on the Transfiguration, 347-407 A.D.*

**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:

<b>Vincent Vezzetti</b>	<b>Todd Risk</b>
<b>Drew Melvin</b>	<b>Rudy Espinoza</b>
<b>Raul Carranza</b>	<b>Christopher Ward</b>
<b>William T. Worthy, Jr.</b>	<b>Amy Mann</b>
<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph LaRicca</b>	<b>Ian Bobbitt</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Mike Carmody</b>
<b>Irene Avila</b>	<b>Peter LuPiba</b>
<b>Kevin Roberts</b>	

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.



**Food From the Heart** - Please remember to pick up your food coupon today. (There will be a basket at each door.) Return the food item or items at the rectory garage next weekend. Thank you for your support to help

Catholic Charities feed the families in need.

**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.

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.

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!

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

After your vacation, if you find yourself with some "hotel size" soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc and don't know what to do with them, donate them to our Homeless Ministry. We have a box in the back of the Church for collection of these items which we will bring to the homeless on the streets. "What you do unto the least of My brothers and sisters you do it for Me."

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - First Congregational Church's Drop In Center for homeless, on Cedar Avenue in Long Beach, on Sundays. A safe place for homeless to get a drink of water, use a restroom, get out of the heat or cold, or get something to eat. Help is needed to set up & 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.

### 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.

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, August 5

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

### SUNDAY, August 6

7:30 AM - † Edward Dondero, request of Dondero family

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael Tetreault, request of Grandma B & family

12:30 PM - † Juana Cendeno, request of Cora Tinio

### MONDAY, August 7

8:00 AM - † Irene Martinez, request of Mary & Joe Spinelli

### TUESDAY, August 8

8:00 AM - † Margarite Lewis, request of Feliciani family

### WEDNESDAY, August 9

8:00 AM - † John Ginther, request of Powell family

### THURSDAY, August 10

8:00 AM - † Faye Welter, request of Anselmo family

### FRIDAY, August 11

8:00 AM - † Jim & Florence Smith, request of Feliciani family

### SATURDAY, August 12

5:00 PM - † Donald Dryer, request of Frances Bettis

### SUNDAY, August 13

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Deceased members of the Munda-Reyes families, request of Munda-Reyes family

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

12:30 PM - † Tori Busch, request of Karen Kozaite

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



Last week: \$9,838  
Last year: \$9,621

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dorthea 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, Tony Bernardo & David Dresnick.

### 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	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	Mike.santy@charter.net	
	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
FAMILY ROUND TABLE		
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