



From the Pastor's Desk:

The wisdom of God has come down upon the earth much like the manna fell in the desert for the Hebrew people. God's truth exists in the natural law that guides humankind.

God's wisdom is revealed in the created world, since the creation reflects the Creator.

Jesus is that ultimate revelation of God who has come down from heaven. In today's Gospel, there were those who questioned Jesus' pronouncement of who he was. But for those who believe, he is nothing less than the incarnate Word, made flesh and dwelling among us. Christ gives us himself in Word, so that we may be taught by God, and in sacrament, so that we may be nourished for eternal life.

Father William

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

Vigil, August 14, Monday, 7:00 pm

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

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

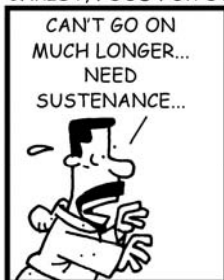
Nellie Barycki



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.

19TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
CHRIST, FOOD FOR OUR JOURNEY



From the Deacon's Desk:

Ministry of the **Word**:

At the ordination, the Archbishop presents the deacon with the Book of the Gospels and imparts these words, "**Believe what you read, Teach what you believe, Practice what you**

teach." The deacon rightfully proclaims the Gospel at Mass, even if the **pope** himself is present!!

Deacons, like priests, are expected to pray the "**Liturgy of the Hours**" (sometimes referred to as the 'breviary' or 'Divine Office'), which is **the official prayer of the Church**. Through this prayer the deacon unites himself with the universal Church. The prayer consists of Old and New Testament readings, teachings of saints, excerpts from Councils and Doctors of the Church and includes intercessory (intentions) prayers.

Just as important as the deacon is his wife. They stay close to the Word of God by loving it, praying and studying and finally living it. The spiritual union of deacon and wife is crucial to the deacon's ministry of the Word. The deacon-couple then becomes a living gospel to the community and the Church. The deacon's wife is of utmost importance since it is she who supports and encourages her husband. The two are one spirit, one mind (Tina might question that one) and one flesh. The deacon-couple proclaims the Word to the secular world by their presence in their job and social life. They proclaim the gentleness and power of God's Word by their presence.

The ministry of the **Word** is a far-ranging one. It may include, besides proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, catechetical instruction and other forms of teaching, outreach to alienated Catholics and instruction to catechumens. The deacons' secular involvement equips them to bring questions and insights to bear on the Gospel and the clergy and can thus help lead the Church to a richer and deeper appreciation of the faith by which it lives.

If you stop and think about the above, it is not only the deacon-couple's responsibility but the responsibility of each and every one of us who by virtue of our Baptism are called to be "priest (to be holy), prophet (tell the truth) and king (help the less fortunate)".

PAPAL INTENTIONS for the month of August: That the Christian faithful may be aware of their own missionary vocation in every environment and circumstance (Mission); That orphans may not lack the care necessary for their human Christian formation (General).

Pray for Peace and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Next week: Ministry of **Eucharist (Liturgy)**

Our Parish Hall will be closed August 14 - 25.

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.



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

Due to the hall floor being repaired, we will have **NO MEETING on Aug. 21. New date will be Aug. 28** for our regular games, social meeting, etc. Starts at 12! **We are continuing to bring our own lunch. Desserts, beverages, and snacks will be served.** Remember, new members are always welcome! **Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

*St. Joseph Bible Study
The Gospel of John*

The Gospel according to John begins with an amazing truth: the Word of God, God the Son, who existed before creation and by which everything was created, became human and lived with us.

Come & stay awhile as we dwell in the mystery of our faith. Be transformed by the WORD.

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Classes begin Tuesday mornings and evenings Sept. 19. Call Rita 714-761-4376 or the Religion Ed. Office for info.

HELP WANTED!! Volunteers, who love being involved with children, are needed for our Religious Education Elementary Program. We are currently searching for two people who feel called to share their faith with our 5th Graders in our Rel. Ed. Program. This is a team teaching approach to enable flexibility with schedules. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:45 am. We offer several opportunities for training to help you feel comfortable in a classroom setting. Please call the Religious Education Office at **598-0519** for information.

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. (YOU won't be sorry!)

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.

Scripture Focus: The theme of "bread from heaven" is developed in many ways in this chapter of John's Gospel. Today's reading opens with the people murmuring. Since he was born in time, since the people knew his father and his mother, Jesus simply could not have come from heaven. Jesus does not meet their objection directly. He raises the discussion to a higher level. To understand him it is necessary to have faith. Only God can give faith. God holds out the gift to all who are open to receive it. Faith is acceptance of Jesus, and this faith in Jesus, eating the living bread, gives eternal life.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you had a difficult time seeing Christ in someone you know well. * Describe a time when you felt empty inside. What helped you through that empty period? * Describe a time when you offered help to another and were rejected. How did you feel, and what did you do? * How does believing in eternal life affect your daily living? * Where does your life need nourishing? * Relate an experience when you surprised yourself by doing something you ordinarily would be unable to do. * Describe a time when someone fulfilled a hunger or a need in your life. * Relate a time when you were misjudged or misinterpreted when you told the truth or did something good.

Interested in Enhancing your Marriage? Try Natural Family Planning. For more information on this medically safe, healthy, and effective means of postponing or achieving pregnancy, or to register for a class, call Greg or Beth Gath at 377-5877 or email us at bethandgreg@verizon.net.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN FINGERPRINTING

All catechists and parish staff who work with our children are required by the Archdiocese to be fingerprinted. There will be an opportunity to be fingerprinted in our region on Tuesday, **August 22**, at **St. Pancratius in Lakewood**. If you have not yet been fingerprinted and will be volunteering with our children, please call for an appointment at **634-1611**. Future dates and places will be available as we receive them. For further information, please contact the religious education office at 598-0519.

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

My flesh, he says, for the life of the world. The baptized come to know the Body of Christ, if they do not fail to be the Body of Christ. Let them become the Body of Christ, if they wish to live by the Spirit of Christ. Brothers and sisters, understand what I'm saying to you. You are a human being. You have a spirit, and a body: I mean you have a soul, and because of that you are a human being, composed of body and soul. So you have an invisible spirit, a visible body. Tell me: which lives by the other; does your spirit live by your body, or your body by your spirit? Everyone alive will answer me: undoubtedly, my body lives by my spirit. Do you then wish to live by the Spirit of Christ? Belong to the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ can only live by the Spirit of Christ. It is because of this that Paul the Apostle, explaining this Bread to us, says: *We, being many, are one body, one bread.* O mystery of compassion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity! He who wants to live, has the place where he may live, and what he may live by. Let him draw near. Let him believe; let him be made one with that Body, so he can live by it. Let him not fear to be united to its members. Let him not be a decaying member, deserving to be cut off. Let him not be a deformed member, of which it is ashamed. Let him be a pleasing member, sound and healthy. Let him adhere firmly to the Body. Let him live from God and for God. Let him labor now on earth, so he can reign in heaven..

St. Augustine of Hippo, Tractate 26 on John, 354-430



Last week: \$12,913
Last year: \$10,359

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

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 the food coupon today and BRING your food item to the RECTORY GARAGE. ONE COLLECTION POINT - THE RECTORY GARAGE. You are free to substitute food

items. 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."

Attention all Lectors! Enrichment day for Lectors on Saturday, **Sept. 16**, from 9am to 2 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, (in the ballroom at the Center at Cathedral Plaza). Presenter is Fr. J. Patrick Mullen. Cost is \$15 before Sept. 1, \$25 after. Space is limited. Box lunch available for \$10. Questions and registration, please call the Office for Worship, 213-637-7262.

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 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

MONDAY, August 14

8:00 AM - † William Olin, request of Feliciani family

7:00 PM - † Sebastian Attardo, request of Addie Gay

TUESDAY, August 15

6:30 AM - † Elena Puzio, request of Feliciani family

9:00 AM - † Angela Lichon, request of Stephanie Burt

7:00 PM - The Mullins family, living, requested by Daniel O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY, August 16

8:00 AM - † Willard Summerfelt, request of Andrina Summerfelt & family

THURSDAY, August 17

8:00 AM - † Robert Preston, request of his friends

FRIDAY, August 18

8:00 AM - † Teresa Flores, request of Connie Pino & family

SATURDAY, August 19

5:00 PM - † Louis G. Camus, request of Camus family

SUNDAY, August 20

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Lillian Wythe, special intention, request of Farrell family

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

12:30 PM - † Julian D'Avanzo, request of Hilda Dizon & family

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 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,	Virginia Young	598-0519
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Cindy Rodriguez	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Virginia Young	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
SUNDAY NURSERY		
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	
	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
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