



### From the Pastor's Desk:

The real presence of Christ in the sacrament of his body and blood is a belief to which Catholics adhere. When we receive communion, we truly receive Christ under the forms of bread and wine. Our sharing in the Eucharist unites us ever more closely to Christ and to one another.

St. Augustine told the faithful, "Receive what you are, become what you receive" (Sermon 272). It was his shorthand way of saying that the body of Christ extends beyond the Eucharist that we receive. Those who share in communion are to become the body of Christ out in the world.

It is a challenge to all of us. The bread and wine at Mass truly become Christ, whose body and blood we receive. The remaining hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, also the real presence of Christ, to be taken to the sick and to be adored. But through our communion we become no less than the real presence of Christ beyond the walls of the church building because he remains in us, and we in him.

Father William

### 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!

"Almost all higher animals start their lives from a single cell, the fertilized ovum (zygote). ... The time of fertilization represents the starting point in the life history, or ontogeny, of the individual."

Carlson, Bruce M., *Patten's Foundations of Embryology*, 6th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996

### 20TH ORDINARY SUNDAY THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION



### From the Deacon's Desk:

#### Ministry of **Eucharist (Liturgy)**:

The deacon's place during the celebration of Mass, is to the right of the main celebrant, even if the celebrant is the bishop. The deacon stands or sits at his right hand and assists throughout the liturgy. The deacon assists by preparing the altar (placing the corporal, vessels and sacramentary) or by receiving the gifts and prepares the chalice with wine and some water while inaudibly saying, "by the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." If incense is used, he assists the priest in the preparation of the thurible, then the priest incenses the offerings and the altar. The deacon walks around the altar at the priest's side and he may incense the priest and the people. In some dioceses the deacon may invite the people to respond to the memorial acclamation: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith."

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer, the deacon stands beside the priest and elevates the chalice while the priest elevates the consecrated bread (this is called the Minor Elevation - this is the raising of the Body and Blood of Jesus to the Father in praise and thanksgiving - the Major Elevation takes place at the Consecration). After the priest says the prayer for peace and has greeted the people with the peace of Christ, the deacon invites all to exchange the sign of peace. At Communion, he assists in distributing the Hosts; but if Communion is given under both species he normally dispenses the Precious Blood.

It is the deacon's role to dismiss the community at the end of Mass following the final blessing.

#### Next week: Ministry of **Service**

Our Prayer: *O, Lord, may all those who love and pursue justice, work together without deceit to build a world of true peace. Be with the oppressed, free the captives of mental illness and drug abuse, console the sorrowing, feed the hungry, strengthen the weak and in all people reveal the victory of Your cross.*

### 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). Scriptural based spirituality and formation for those who proclaim the Word presented by 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**.

**Our Parish Hall will be closed until August 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.

**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](mailto: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.



**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.**

**Small Faith Communities:**

**Scripture Focus:** John's Gospel has no direct account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Rather, it includes this sermon on the Bread of Life that we have been hearing for the past several weeks. The statement of the opening verse, "the *bread* that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," is very close to the account in Luke's Gospel of Jesus blessing bread at the Last Supper and saying, "This is my body given for you." Accepting the teaching of Jesus, the Liturgy of the Word, important as this is, only prepares us to share his body and blood.

**Participation in the Eucharist brings present possession of "eternal life" and is thus a pledge of eventual resurrection.**

**Life Focus:** \* Jesus puts great emphasis on the "flesh and blood" reality of the food we now call the Eucharist. Name other ways you "feed on" the "flesh and blood" reality of Jesus. \* What have you done with this "life" received in the Eucharist? \* Describe an experience when you have been the "bread of life" for others.

**The glory of God is a person fully alive. -St. Irenaeus**

**SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention "Strength for the Journey", Sept. 1-3, Anaheim Convention Center.** Speakers, Workshops, Teen Conference, Young Adult Conference, Children's Program, Daily Liturgies. For registration or information contact SCRC, 818-771-1361, [spirit@scrc.org](mailto:spirit@scrc.org), [www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org).

**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.

**Masses: All Things to All People**

The word Catholic means all embracing and the Sunday Masses are targeted for various and perhaps diverse groups. The youth of our Parish, as are youth everywhere, are an exuberant group. The 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday reflects the exuberance and enthusiasm they feel for our religion, especially in the singing. If you have to attend the 12:30 pm Mass on Sundays, be prepared for some loud singing and, better still, join in!

**Mater Dei High School** has an opening for a Lunch Monitor, \$12/hr, 2 1/2 hours a day, five days a week. Must be fluent in English. Fax: 714-754-1880, [www.materdei.org](http://www.materdei.org).

**Quote from Tradition**

In an unspeakable manner, which surpasses human understanding, the Word united himself to his own flesh, and having, as it were, transformed it all into himself, drove out from our nature its corruption, and dislodged death which had prevailed because of sin. *Whoever*, then, *eats* the holy *flesh* of Christ, *has eternal life*: for the flesh has in itself the Word which is by nature Life. So, he says, *I will raise him on the last day*. Instead of saying, 'my body will raise him,' he says, *I*: not as though he were other than his own flesh (or not wholly so by nature), for after the union he cannot be severed into a pair of sons. *I*, therefore, who have been received in him through my own flesh, will *raise him*, who eats my flesh, *on the last day*. For it is certainly impossible that he who is Life by nature should not overcome decay, and master death. So that even though death compels the human body to decay as a result of the transgression, still, because Christ is in us through his own flesh, we shall surely rise. For it would be incredible, or rather, impossible that Life should not make alive those in whom it is. For just as if one took a spark and buried it among the stubble, in order that the seed of fire preserved there might catch hold of it, so our Lord Jesus Christ hides life in us, too, through his own flesh, and inserts it as a seed of immortality, wholly abolishing the corruption in us.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of John*

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 LaRiccica</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 - Another Success**, due to the generosity of St. Joseph parishioners. Thank you for your support to help Catholic Charities feed the families in need.

**Diaper-A-Baby** - 2,618 diapers received, \$1,100 to buy more diapers. Thank you.

**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!

Our  
Weekly Offering



Last week: \$12,673

Last year: \$8,195

**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."

"SAINTS" from St. Anthony High School's **Class of 56's** 50th High School Reunion will be on **Friday, Sept. 15**, at Lakewood Country Club. The committee is planning a Weekend of events in the Long Beach area including a tour of St. Anthony's. For more information please contact Zita Roehrig, 562-429-4251, or e-mail at [zroehrig@yahoo.com](mailto:zroehrig@yahoo.com). We are looking for classmates' mailing addresses and e-mail addresses.

**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 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

### MONDAY, August 21

8:00 AM - † Anthony Dongarra, request of Feliciani family

### TUESDAY, August 22

8:00 AM - † Agnes Jenkins, request of Jack & Mary O'Shea

### WEDNESDAY, August 23

8:00 AM - † Vince Feliciani, request of Feliciani family

### THURSDAY, August 24

8:00 AM - † Loui DiCarlo, request of Joe & Julia Bartolotti

### FRIDAY, August 25

8:00 AM - † Lilian Jones, request of Myrna Ramos

### SATURDAY, August 26

5:00 PM - Celeste & Gerry Kohnen  
60th Wedding Anniversary

### SUNDAY, August 27

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Loui DiCarlo, request of Judy & Paul Muehlebach

10:30 AM - † Nancy Malone, request of Malone family

12:30 PM - † Rosemary Rondeau, request of Colleen Ciriacks

### 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!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dorteia 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 craigslawrence@yahoo.com	430-0913
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 rely5@verizon.net	430-0143
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy Mike.santy@charter.net	799-0660
	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