



### From the Pastor's Desk:

"Master, to whom shall we go?" are the words Simon Peter voices in response to Jesus when he asks the Twelve if they, too, want to leave after the difficult revelations in this section of John's gospel. Of course, with

hindsight, we know from the gospel story that Peter does leave, deserting Jesus in the garden after his arrest, and denying him in the high priest's courtyard.

And we, followers of Christ in this age, may not be so different from Simon Peter. On some days, we turn to the Lord and boldly profess that there is no one else to whom we would turn. Like Simon Peter, we are convinced that Christ is the Holy One of God. And then there are other days when we might deny him with the same fervor as Peter answering the queries of the high priest's servant. Being faithful is not always easy!

Father William

### Attention! Attention!

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 28**, at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments and delicious desserts will be served beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Pastoral Council will report on the Parish activities over the past year and will seek your advice and counsel to the direction the Parish should take in the future. We are the Church and we should join together to make this great Parish even better.

### 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!

21ST ORDINARY SUNDAY / THE RISK OF FAITH



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, August 31, 6-8 pm



### From the Deacon's Desk:

Ministry of **Service**: A deacon is chosen from the Christian community to be ordained by the bishop for ministry of service. After special training and formation, he is ordained for a life of service and worship recommended by the Gospel, Vatican Council II, the pope, and the U.S. bishops.

For this reason, much emphasis is put on **service** in the training of deacons. Those responsible for deacon formation do not want these men to be "glorified altar boys" or in a "social position" in the Church. They are called to serve. The challenge for a deacon is to discover what service is all about. Perhaps a better word is **ministry**.

Often in the presence of Bishop Sartoris I noted that he would approach a deacon and his first question would be, "What is your ministry?" Many deacons have as their ministry that of "detention ministry", some serve the poor or homeless, others teach, minister to the sick, work in soup kitchens, as spiritual directors or family counselors, prepare couples for marriage, work in hospitals and the list is endless. He is a "living sacrament" and official sign of the Church's love and concern for all who are in need.

A deacon is a fully ordained minister of the Church, no less ordained than a priest. While deacons are on the lower level of the hierarchy, they are still a sign of loving service to the Church.

The role of the deacon's wife is fundamental to his ministry, as fundamental as his ordination. A deacon said that he recognized the call to the vocation of Holy Orders because he knew what vocation was all about through his call to marriage. Service is not a function. It is love lived out in the ministries of **Word, Eucharist, and Service**.

The first class ordained by Cardinal Manning in the L.A. Archdiocese consisted of 25 men. Currently there are 210 active deacons serving in the L.A. Archdiocese. Cardinal Archbishop Roger Mahony would like to have 3 deacons in every parish! **Pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.**

Note: much of the above from Deacon Henry Libersat thru Liguori publications and the Archdiocese Diaconate Handbook.

**Labor Day Mass** - Monday, **Sept. 4, 10 am**, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Info: 213-637-7690.

### 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:** Elementary classes will begin on Sunday, **September 24**. Middle School will start on Tuesday, **October 10**.

**Registration Sunday:** A special registration will take place in the Parish Activity Center on Sunday, **Sept. 10**, after the **9:00** and **10:30 am Masses**. As a reminder, due to insurance requirements, only those registered will be allowed to attend class. Please register before the start dates of class. You 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.

**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!)

**Attention Computerphobes!**

Some parishioners are worried that the bulletin will be exclusively available on-line. Rest assured, this will not be the case. The bulletin will be available in printed form after each Sunday Mass. If you don't make it one Sunday, say through illness or the like, and you can type [www.stjosephparishcommunity.com](http://www.stjosephparishcommunity.com) into the web browser of your computer, you will be able to read the bulletin on-line as they say. Have no fears though, the bulletin will be available after Sunday Masses.



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

**MEETING on Aug. 28** - 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 Community:** It is good to reflect on the Gospel and the 1st reading this Sunday. Note the first reading from the Book of Joshua. The phrase "other gods" may sound unusual to us, but if you think about the many things that we strive for or covet so highly that they get in the way of our faith, *that* becomes an "other god". The culture of acquisition and narcissism (excessive self-love) in which we live is what the Book of Joshua addresses. "Decide today whom you will serve, the gods of your fathers or the gods of the Amorites or ... serve the Lord."

**Scripture Focus:** Faced with Jesus' claim to be the real bread from heaven, the truth, the revelation of the Father, his disciples had to make a decision. Today's Gospel reading gives their reaction to that claim. Many reject his words and refuse to believe that he "came down" from heaven. Jesus told them to "stop murmuring" and pointed out the need for that faith which only God can give. The Twelve remain with Jesus. They were the ones who would "remain with Jesus" once he ascended to the Father. Peter sums up their faith, accepting the revelation of Jesus with the words, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The people who deserted him wanted answers they could understand. Their faith was weak. The apostles did not understand either, but because they loved Jesus, they believed and accepted without understanding. We, too, cannot really understand how Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We cannot know, intellectually, how bread and wine become his "body and blood." When we make our act of faith, however, we become one with him in a special, life-giving way.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe a struggle you had which led to a deeper faith. \* Relate an experience that has shaken your faith.

**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 **Friday, Sept. 29**, at **St. John Fisher in Rancho Palos Verdes**. If you have not yet been fingerprinted and will be volunteering with our children, please call for an appointment at **310-377-5571**. 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!

**Quote from Tradition**

Our Lord examined the Twelve who remained as to their willingness to stay on; and so he said to the Twelve, that is, to the Apostles, *Do you too wish to leave?* He asked them this for two reasons. First, so that they would not take pride, thinking it was due to their own goodness, in the fact that they stayed on while the others left, and think they were doing Christ a favor. And so he showed that he did not need them by holding them off, but still giving them strength: *If you live rightly, what do you give him, or what does he receive from your hand?* (Job 35:7). Secondly, it sometimes happens that a person would really prefer to leave another but is kept from doing so by shame or embarrassment. Our Lord did not want them to stay with him because they were forced to do so out of embarrassment (because to serve unwillingly is not to serve at all), and so he took away any embarrassment in their leaving or necessity for their staying, and left it to their own judgment whether they wanted to stay with him or leave, because *God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9:7). Then, from Peter's answer, we see the devotion of those who did not leave. For Peter - who loved the brethren, who guarded his friendships, and had a special affection for Christ - answered for the whole group, and said, *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* Here he did three things. First, he extolled the greatness of Christ; secondly, he praised his teaching; and thirdly, he professed his faith.

*St. Thomas Aquinas, commentary on the Gospel of John*

**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.



**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!

**Music Ministry News**

**Children's Choir** rehearsals resume Saturday mornings, 8-9 am in the church beginning Sept. 23. New members (grades 2-8) welcome through the middle of October. Please pick up schedule at rehearsal or weekend Mass. Seasonal classics will lead the way in the music we sing. Music theory studied as time permits. Staging and drama will be introduced through the dramatization of the Gospels. Instructional vocal technique will infiltrate all the fun! Hope you can join us!

**Sunday Choir - 10:30 Mass** - rehearsals resume Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the church beginning August 23. There will be a few Wednesdays in September that we won't meet due to "Back to School" nights and such. Please pick up a calendar. A wide variety of music will be studied. You will be offered tools in which to learn choral singing if you have no background. Open to high-schoolers on up! High-schoolers, this is an excellent means by which to earn community service hours!

**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.

**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  
Kevin 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, 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

## MONDAY, August 28

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

## TUESDAY, August 29

8:00 AM - Dick Ingalls, get well, request of Kelly Rey

## WEDNESDAY, August 30

8:00 AM - Lily Dang, thanksgiving, request of St. Joseph Seniors

## THURSDAY, August 31

8:00 AM - † Lorraine Lee, request of Robert Taylor family

## FRIDAY, September 1

8:00 AM - † Sofia Atencio, request of Connie Pino & family

## SATURDAY, September 2

5:00 PM - † Adrian Cavasea, request of McCune family

## SUNDAY, September 3

7:30 AM - † Janis Grahma, request of John & Elizabeth Allen  
9:00 AM - † Jean Donnelly Altfillisch, request of Willis & Dolores Kerr  
10:30 AM - † Robert Meicht, request of Martha Vierra  
12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

**FOUND** at 12:30 pm Mass, last month: Large black diaper bag with shoulder strap. Call rectory, 594-4657.



Last week: \$12,151  
Last year: \$14,796

**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	
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
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