



From the Pastor's Desk:

Rules, statutes, and commandments help us live in a society. We recognize that these limits on unfettered freedom make it possible for humankind to develop a community that can serve the common good. And yet not every law carries equal weight. A "No Parking" zone in front of a hospital is generally a good idea, unless one is rushing a critically ill child into the emergency room.

In today's Gospel Jesus points out that God's laws take precedence over human precepts. God's precepts are not just directed at forming external behavior. As Jesus makes clear, it is one's internal attitude that can be in need of reformation. Ultimately, the commandments of the Lord require a change of heart!

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.

The church office will be closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

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!

22ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE HUMAN & DIVINE ELEMENT IN RELIGION



From the Deacon's Desk:

What a timely article in the Columbia magazine. The August issue of the Knights of Columbus monthly had an article titled, "Deacons: In Service to One. In Service to All." All you Knights out there need to sit down and share this with your family. It is felt, with some scattered accuracy, that the majority of U.S. deacons are Knights.

Pope Benedict XVI paid tribute to the permanent deacons in February marking the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the order of permanent deacon. He called deacons to serve the need in a "silent and daily witness of charity."

There is a definite correlation with the diaconate and the Knights of Columbus. Both have their foundation and cornerstone of **charity**.

One point that the article made, which I did not point out, and that is, "if a deacon's wife predeceases him, he may not remarry." This follows the rule that once ordained, a man may not receive the sacrament of matrimony.

Deacons may be recognized through their service at the altar but it is through their work as servant that they, and that includes ALL Catholic Christians, are called to love one another as Christ loves us.

Thriving Marriages - Speakers John & Claire Yzaguirre

What are the essential ingredients for a lasting Christian marriage? In this special church and school-wide outreach to all married couples and those preparing for marriage or seriously dating, join us for an inspirational and marriage-changing seminar. Dr. John and Claire discuss how to: love each other in an intelligent and transforming way; renew and balance your personal and family life; better your communication, conflict-resolution and forgiveness skills; learn how to overcome marital crisis. Invite all of your friends to attend this special 'mini-retreat' for couples. Sunday, **Sept. 24, 2-5 pm**. Child Care provided. Registration forms to come soon. Call Bob or Amy Schallmann with questions, 594-0917.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS!

Learn to become an altar server in two fun and convenient training sessions. You must attend both days to be a server. Open to all children in Grade 5 or above.

When: Saturdays, September 16 and 23

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: St. Joseph Church

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 morning and evening Sept. 19. Call Rita 714-761-4376 or the Religion Ed. Office for info.

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

Oppose School Based Clinic Expansion - Phone, fax or write and urge our governor to veto AB 2560 which would further isolate parents from their child's health care. Call: 213-897-0322 or 916-445-2841, fax: 916-445-4633.

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 each Sunday. If you don't make it to Mass one Sunday and you can type www.stjosephparishcommunity.com into the web browser of your computer, you will be able to read the bulletin on-line.



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

Due to Labor Day falling on the 1st Monday, Sept. 4, our meetings for Sept. are as follows:

Sept. 11 - second Monday - we will have our regular games and some announcements.

Sept. 25 - 4th Monday - games and announcements - Mark your calendars for Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 for the Parish Annual Meeting. The Parish Council will report on all activities and future plans. Refreshments will be served. Seniors, please come! Important!

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

Scripture Focus: Jesus' words are strong about getting caught up in what one does on the outside. Religion cannot be all externals. Jesus takes the offensive here. He adapts a quote from Isaiah about paying lip service to God with no heart. He warns them about insisting that human rules are God's will. In fact, the Book of Deuteronomy clearly says that nothing may be added or taken away from God's law. Deuteronomy speaks of God's law as a way to show gratitude for God's great love. God chose and formed people freely. These laws of God are not a heavy burden nor a way to win God's love; they are simply a way to respond with love to God's goodness. The Pharisees took God's law seriously and followed it with devotion. But a few Pharisees forgot the heart of religion - God's relationship with people - and got trapped in mere regulations. This passage can speak to our own lives in the Church today.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when your heart led you to do something good, but the "law" stood in the way.

* Name an experience when "the way we (your church, society, your small church community, your personal life) do things" got in the way of what's really important.

* Relate a time when you judged a person unacceptable because of externals.

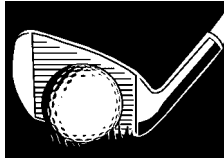
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN FINGERPRINTING

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.

Boy Scout Car Wash - our Troop 120 annual car wash, Saturday, **Sept. 16, 8 am to noon**, here at St. Joseph parking lot. All vehicles only \$7.00.

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER CHARITY GOLF - Sept 20

Pick up your registration form in the vestibule or see Deacon Don (co-chair of the event). We need hole sponsors as well as golfers and duffers and "would-be golfers". 100% of the proceeds help support the shelter in their very worthwhile service to homeless women in crisis.



Quote from Tradition

The apostles and others in the Gospel thoroughly realized that everything good is brought to perfection by the aid of the Lord, and did not imagine that they could preserve their faith unharmed by their own strength or free will, so they prayed that it might be granted to them by the Lord. And if in Peter's case there was need of the Lord's help not to fail, who will be so presumptuous and blind as to fancy that he has no need of daily assistance from the Lord? Especially since the Lord himself has made this clear in the gospel, saying: *Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.* And again: *because without me you can do nothing.* It is clearly shown then, how foolish and wicked it is to attribute any good action to our own diligence and not to God's grace and assistance, by the Lords' saying, which lays down that no one can show forth the fruits of the Spirit without his inspiration and co-operation. *For all good giving and every perfect boon is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.* And Zechariah also says, *For whatever is good is his, and what is excellent is from him.* And so the blessed Apostle consistently says: *What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you had not received it?*

St. John Cassian, Conference 3 of Abbot Paphnutius

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.



Our **FIRST** general meeting of the new year is on the horizon.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 20, Wednesday, in the PAC at 7:30 pm. "A time to learn, a time to meet other parishioners, a time to give a little in thanks-giving for all that we have."

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
Scott Williams

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, 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

MONDAY, September 4

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

TUESDAY, September 5

8:00 AM - † Henri Litzinger, request of Ron & Sheila Litzinger

WEDNESDAY, September 6

8:00 AM - † Vincent Holian, request of PJ & Jennifer Mullen

THURSDAY, September 7

8:00 AM - † Antonio & Elena Puzio, request of Feliciani family

FRIDAY, September 8

8:00 AM - † Florence Boyd, request of Anselmo family

SATURDAY, September 9

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

SUNDAY, September 10

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Frater John Henry Edward Hanson, living, request of Toni & Bob Hanson

10:30 AM - † Kenneth Bettis, request of Frances Bettis

12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael Tetreault, request of Grandma B & family

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



Last week: \$11,852

Last year: \$8,930

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,		
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
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