



From the Pastor's Desk:

Any of us would jump for joy and make it known if we were suddenly cured of some affliction. We use modern medicine to not only cure disease, but to even get rid of minor annoyances. With such powerful tools of healing at our disposal day and night, we often lose sight of the everyday miracles that happen when we take an aspirin or get a cavity filled.

Jesus' cure of the deaf man with a speech impediment in today's Gospel was certainly extraordinary! None of us could do such a work, and not even a doctor could just use a little spittle to heal such afflictions.

But the healing work of Christ continues to this day in clinics, hospitals, and doctor's offices around the world. We can praise God for these wondrous things, and give God thanks for the wisdom and insight bestowed on this world.

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.

"Who Do You Say I Am?" - Sept. 17 is Catechetical Sunday. Our theme considers the question of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: "Who do you say I am?" As we recognize all those who pass on our faith to others, let us all consider this question and reflect on how we might answer Jesus. Please keep our catechists in your prayers as they take up Jesus' call-to-action. A special commissioning ceremony will take place at the 9 am Mass next Sunday.

23RD ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE HEALING ACTIVITY OF OUR LORD



From the Deacon's Desk:

Through the summer months in my Liturgy of the Hours both morning and evening prayers I have included in my intentions the safety of our school students of St. Joseph including the Religious Education students who have been so generous to us in the homeless ministry. At this time I would like to impart a special blessing upon you students and your teachers as you begin your new school year.

From the Book of Sirach: If you wish, you can be taught; if you apply yourself, you will be shrewd. If you are willing to listen, you will learn; if you give heed, you will be wise. Be eager to hear every godly discourse; let no wise saying escape you. Reflect on the precepts of the Lord, let His commandments be your constant meditation, then He will enlighten your mind, and the wisdom you desire He will grant. Sirach 6:32-37

My Blessing: Lord God, Your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon these students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well. Look upon their teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge and gentle patience, and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that student and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, for ever and ever. Amen.

May your learning be used to benefit your neighbor and those less fortunate. Peace be with you.

Thriving Marriages - Speakers John & Claire Yzaguirre

What are the essential ingredients for a lasting Christian marriage? All married couples and those preparing for marriage or seriously dating are welcome 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

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 **Sept. 24**. Middle School will start on **Oct. 10**.

Registration Sunday: A special registration in the Parish Activity Center today after the **9:00 & 10:30 am Masses**. 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* 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.

Family Round Table - Ever wonder if you're overdoing it? Come learn about the value of Moderation this month. Also learn some wonderful traditions for the arrival of a baby. Tuesday, **Sept. 19**, at 7:30 pm in the PAC. Visitors are always welcome! Call Marianne, 594-8678, for info.

WANTED! Enthusiastic person to work with teens in our Confirmation program. 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 rod-squad12@msn.com. (YOU won't be sorry!)

St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry's nine week **Grief Support Group** on Wednesdays at 10 am, beginning Oct. 4, to bring people together who have suffered the death of a loved one, to provide an opportunity for a grieving person to learn about the grieving process in a safe and caring environment. If you would like to participate, please contact Erlinda Ramstead, 598-2609.

Join St. Joseph School on Friday, **Oct. 6** for two fun events: 14th annual **Golf Classic** at Recreation Golf Course with tee prizes, food & beverages on the course (for registration call Dave Stankavich 795-5767) and **Oktoberfest** offering great food, music & auction items (call Cindy Howard 682-9005 for ticket info). Sponsorship opportunities are available (Javier Munoz 310-993-9618).



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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: The cure of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel points to a deeper reality. We are told that Jesus returned "into the district of the ten cities." This was Gentile country. The deaf-mute symbolizes the Gentiles who had to have their ears opened to God's word before they could proclaim it. For Mark's community, which was mostly Gentile, the man's cure dramatized their hearing the Good News. God draws near to all, Jews & Gentiles.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience when you were accepted or helped by a stranger. How did this experience make you feel? * Recall an experience when you reached out to someone beyond your circle of friends.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

For those who will be volunteering with our parish children, a workshop will be held on Tuesday, **Sept. 19**, from **7-10 pm** in the hall regarding child abuse. This is a **mandatory** workshop. If you have not yet attended this workshop and will be volunteering as a catechist, aide, coach, etc., you must attend. For further information, please contact Shannon Carpenter, 430-6840 or 598-0519.

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 have hole sponsors. Now we have need of 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

Glory be to him who received from us in order to give to us; so that through what is ours we could more abundantly receive from what is his! Yes, through that Mediator, mankind was able to receive life from its helper, as through a mediator it had received in the beginning death from its slayer. You are he who made for yourself a body as a servant, so that through it you might give to those who desire you, all that they desire. That power which may not be handled came down and clothed itself in the members of a body, so that it could be touched; so that the needy could draw near to him, so that in touching his humanity they could discern his Godhead. For that dumb man whom the Lord healed with the fingers of the body, discerned that he had approached his ears & touched his tongue, but more: by Christ's fingers that may be touched, the dumb man touched the Godhead, that may not be touched; when those fingers were loosing the string of his tongue, and opening the clogged doors of his ears. For the architect of the body and artificer of the flesh came to him, and with his gentle voice pierced without pain his thickened ears. And his mouth which was closed up, so that it could not give birth to a word, gave birth to praise to him who made its barrenness fruitful in the birth of words. He, then, who gave to Adam the ability to speak at once without any teaching, himself gave to the dumb the ability to speak easily tongues that are learned with difficulty.

St. Ephraem the Syrian, Homily on Our Lord, d. 373.

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. 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 for all that we have."

Parish Puzzle: Sept. 20 is a special day, do you know why?

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!

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!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Herbert Coleman



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
Rudy Espinoza
Christopher Ward
Amy Mann
Nick Compton
Ian Bobbitt
Irene Avila
Kevin Roberts

Drew Melvin
Raul Carranza
William T. Worthy, Jr.
Glen Warren
Joseph LaRiccia
Joseph Comfort
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 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

MONDAY, September 11

8:00 AM - Peter & Margaret Miles, living, request of Noel Devine

TUESDAY, September 12

8:00 AM - † Thomas & Margaret Devine, request of Noel Devine

WEDNESDAY, September 13

8:00 AM - Francis & Nora Devine & family, living, request of Noel Devine

THURSDAY, September 14

8:00 AM - Dolores Devine, living, request of Noel Devine

FRIDAY, September 15

8:00 AM - Jim & Mary Whitlock, 50th Wedding Anniversary, request of Richard & Mary Elliott

SATURDAY, September 16

5:00 PM - † Romeo Taganlangit, request of Sylvia Taganlangit

SUNDAY, September 17

7:30 AM - Jim & Mary Whitlock, 50th Wedding Anniversary, request of Joe & Doris Eno

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Mary Jane Merk, request of Helen Ripley & family

12:30 PM - † Heidi Berger, request of Hilda Dizon



Last week: \$12,222

Last year: \$10,928

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	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
	msanty@verizon.net	
FAMILY ROUND TABLE	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
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