



From the Pastor's Desk:

The question that Jesus asks his disciples in today's Gospel, "Who do you say that I am?" provoked Peter to make a confession of faith: "You are the Christ."

Of course Jesus could ask each of us exactly the same question: "Who do you say that I am?" And we would be put on the spot to describe our relationship with him, who he really is for us in our day-to-day lives. It is a question worth pondering.

But today's Gospel goes on. We are called to take up the cross and follow in his footsteps. Through our baptism, we are to become Christ in this world today. And so, maybe he would ask us the question in a slightly different way, "Who do people say that YOU are?"

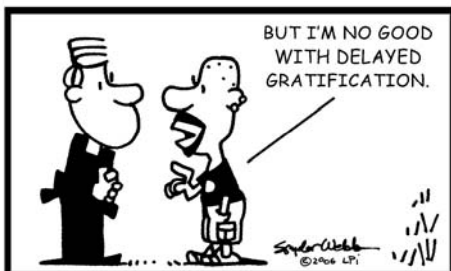
Father William

"Who Do You Say I Am?" - Today we celebrate 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.

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.

24TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
TAKING UP OUR CROSS



From the Deacon's Desk:

Here is a quote from anonymous, "When we take credit for what God has done, it's like an echo taking credit for producing its sound." Too often we think we are the ones who have become the "self-made man". I'm sure that God is either chuckling or a little disheartened that He does not get credit. Many of us feel that "success" is measured by riches, maybe prestige or possessions. I have a friend who came up with what I feel is one of the best measures. He said, "If I can make someone breathe a little easier because of my existence, I consider that success." That, my friends, is a better measure of success than "he who has the most toys wins".

In the Gospel of last week, Jesus took the deaf-mute away from the crowd, away from the noise. He took him to have a personal encounter with the Messiah. Jesus calls us away from the crowd and away from the noise. He asks you to be quiet before Him. Let Him speak to you in the silence of your heart. It is an opportune time before and after Mass to spend time with Him, even time in silence with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Silence out of respect for others and respect for our own need to listen to the Lord. Silence, in the quiet of our own home for 10 or 15 minutes after the kids are in bed or before the morning gets going. Let the Lord touch us. He might even open our eyes and our mouths to help us to stand up for our Catholic Christian beliefs and lifestyle that are in concert with the true will of the Lord, and that may allow us to consider the "social justice" issues that face us today. God presents us with the principle of "God's preferential love for the poor".

We pray this week in appreciation for those who work hard to produce the food that is on our tables, that they may get a fair living wage for the work they do and be provided with safe working conditions.

Parish Annual Meeting - Sept. 28, 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 can join together to make this great Parish even better.

"Faces of the Death Penalty" at Holy Trinity Parish in San Pedro on **Sept. 18 at 7 pm**. This will be an opportunity for people to hear from a person wrongfully convicted of murder as well as from one whose father was murdered. For questions, please contact Tom Villager from Holy Trinity at tomvillager@aol.com or 310-521-8117.

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**. 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.

Confirmation: Orientation for **Year 1** Confirmation will be on Monday, **Oct. 16**, at **7 pm** in the hall. This information/registration is for **parents ONLY**. This meeting is vital as we have changed the format and schedule of the program. Please bring a copy of your teen's Baptismal certificate and \$125 check, payable to St. Joseph Church. See you there! Year 1 classes will begin in November.

Year 2 Confirmation Orientation/registration will be on Monday, **Nov. 20, 7 pm** in the hall. This meeting is for **parents and sponsors only** (no candidates, please!). Please bring a check for \$185, payable to St. Joseph Church. Year 2 classes will begin in January.

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.

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.

We need new members!**Welcome all seniors, any age!**

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 back on schedule, 1st & 3rd Mondays in October.
Oct. 2 - fun games and announcements
Oct. 16 - our usual get together and fun
We are continuing to bring our own lunch.
Desserts, beverages, and snacks will be served.
Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel is a key passage in Mark, a sort of hinge between the first and second parts of his Gospel. The first part is all about reactions to Jesus, looking forward to his final rejection in Jerusalem. In today's passage, we get the reaction of his own disciples, a crucial reaction. Peter, who appears to speak for all the disciples, gives a clear and direct reply. Jesus is the Messiah. But Jesus suspects that Peter's idea of a messiah is off the mark. Jesus predicts the Passion that will be the backbone of the next section. The emphasis will now be on the suffering Son of Man. Peter's idea of a popular political messiah gets a public reprimand from Jesus. This leads to the first of three instructions on discipleship. All share the fact that following Jesus will mean suffering with him through a life of selfless love.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience when you were willing to pay a price to follow the Lord. * Relate an experience that led you to a change of heart.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

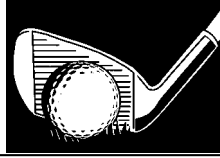
For those volunteering with our parish children, a workshop will be held on **Sept. 19, 7-10 pm** in the hall regarding child abuse. This is a **mandatory** workshop. If you have not yet attended this workshop and will be volunteering as a catechist, aide, coach, etc., you must attend. For information,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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN FINGERPRINTING

All catechists & parish staff who work with our children are required by the Archdiocese to be fingerprinted. There will be an opportunity to be fingerprinted on **Sept. 29**, at **St. John Fisher in Rancho Palos Verdes**. If you have not yet been fingerprinted & will be volunteering with our children, please call for an appointment, **310-377-5571**. Future dates and places will be available. For information, please contact the religious education office at 598-0519.

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.



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.

Quote from Tradition

I write to all the Churches, and impress on them all, that I shall willingly die for God, unless you hinder me. I beg you not to show an unseasonable goodwill towards me. Suffer me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of God. Rather, entice the wild beasts, that they may become my tomb, and may leave nothing of my body; so that when I have fallen asleep, I may not be found troublesome to any one. Then I shall be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world shall not see so much as my body. Entreat the Lord for me, that by these instruments I may be found a sacrifice to God. All the pleasures of the world, and all the kingdoms of this earth, shall profit me nothing. It is better for me to die on behalf of Jesus Christ, than to reign over all the ends of the earth. *What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?* Him I seek, who died for us: him I desire, who rose again for our sake. This is the gain which is laid up for me. Pardon me, brethren: do not hinder me from living, do not wish to keep me in a state of death; and while I desire to belong to God, do not give me over to the world, Suffer me to obtain pure light: when I have gone there, I shall indeed be a man of God. Permit me to be an imitator of the passion of my God.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Romans, d., ca. 98-117.

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
Rudy Espinoza	Raul Carranza
Christopher Ward	William T. Worthy, Jr.
Amy Mann	Glen Warren
Nick Compton	Joseph LaRiccica
Ian Bobbitt	Joseph Comfort
Irene Avila	Peter LuPiba
Kevin Roberts	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.



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 have resumed, Wednesdays at 7 pm in the church. 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!

"Where words fail, music speaks." Hans Christian Anderson

A.C.C.W. meeting **Sept. 28** at St. Albert the Great in Compton. Main speaker Sr. Jean Sholtz. Send \$10 check to Virginia Souza, 2233 Conquista Ave, Long Beach 90815. Questions/carpool, please call Virginia, 596-6048.

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, September 16

5:00 PM - † Romeo Taganlangit, request of Syl-
via 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

MONDAY, September 18

8:00 AM - † Katherine Luebbert, request of
Schaeffer family

TUESDAY, September 19

8:00 AM - † Mary Jane Merk, request of Celeste
& Gerry Kohnen

WEDNESDAY, September 20

8:00 AM - Helen Rideaux

THURSDAY, September 21

8:00 AM - † Nellie Barycki, request of Gerald &
Haydee Koppenheffer

FRIDAY, September 22

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

SATURDAY, September 23

5:00 PM - John Halligan, living, request of
Malone family

SUNDAY, September 24

7:30 AM - † Mary Jane Merk, request of St. Jo-
seph Seniors

9:00 AM - † Lorenza D. Portillo, request of Con-
nie Pino & family

10:30 AM - † Rose & George Laurencot, request
of Pollock family

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

Beginning next week, our "Mass Intentions" section will
no longer list who the Masses have been requested by.
The list will otherwise remain the same as it is now.



Last week: \$11,901
Last year: \$9,766

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 McCaf-
ferty, 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