

# LaserCom Cover Sheet

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### From the Pastor's Desk:

The harvest is being gathered around the country, but most of us are unaware of it. The fields are being picked clean even as orchards and vineyards yield their fruit. But most of us simply stop at the grocery store to find the same produce that we have purchased week after week.

The selection from the Letter of James this week reminds us that the convenience of our grocery purchases comes at a price. We want inexpensive food as much as we want cheap gas. James does not mince words today. He says: "the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord."

Visit the U.S. Bishops' web site: <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/> and discover how you can act on the words of James today.

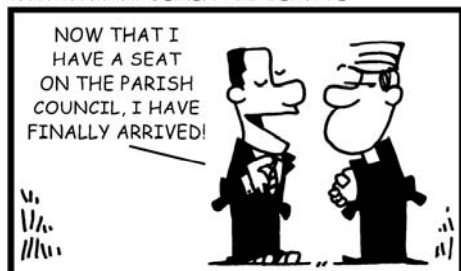
Father William

**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.

**The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.** — James 3:18

**PARISH PICNIC** - Everyone welcome!! Sunday, Oct. 1, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Bring your chairs and blankets, drinks, and side dishes out to our field. Hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by our Knights of Columbus available for \$1.00 each. Fun activities for kids!! Questions?? Call our religious education office at 598-0519.

25TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
CHURCH MANAGEMENT IS SERVICE



### From the Deacon's Desk:

**"Children's prayers are very powerful with God."** We as parents need to pray as a family which includes WITH our children. We are the best teachers of our children. We need to encourage them to pray. When we think about it, we can understand that children's prayers, many times, are more sincere than our own. That's the reason I say: **Children's prayers are very powerful with God.** You need a little extra boost for your "petition to God"? Ask your children to help you pray for that intention. God always answers our prayers. His answer may come in one of three varieties: A. Yes. or B. Wait. or C. **"I have a better plan."** You see, **God's reality is different than our own.**

We owe it to our youth to bring them up in the faith. We need leaders to bring our faith to all. It begins in the home and family. Our faith and ministry does not end when we receive Confirmation. We now must take the next step, not unlike our own professions which require that we do "CE" that is "continuing education" - it's an ongoing process. Some people call it mystagogia. I call it "CE". Speaking of words that may confound some people (like the deacon) - catechesis is one. Catechesis means instruction. The word "liturgy" originally meant a "public work" or "service in the name of or on behalf of the people". In our Christian tradition it means the participation of the People of God in "the work of God". Through the liturgy Christ, our redeemer and high priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through His Church. That's us. This last part is taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (page 278).

"To get to heaven, turn right and keep straight." — Anonymous.

**Our Prayer this week: St. Joseph, your life was guided by faith and trust in the Lord and His angels. Be with me, guard me and protect me wherever I go. Keep my heart open to the needs of others as yours was, and help me to always obey the will of God in my life. Amen.**

**Proposition 85** - Please be aware of the November elections coming up regarding Prop 85, the Parents' Right to Know Initiative. Prop 85 will curb the abuses of parental rights that currently exist. Presently a minor can be released from the public school to obtain an abortion without the parent's knowledge. The Calif. Catholic Bishops support Prop 85 stating, "We believe that society's common good is enhanced when family integrity is honored, parental responsibility is respected, and nascent human life is preserved." Go out and vote!

### 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:** WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES!! Classes start today. Registration is still being accepted. You may call the religious education office at **598-0519** to receive a registration form.

**Middle School:** Classes start on Tuesday, **October 10**, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm for grades 6, 7, and 8. Registration forms are available from the religious education office.

**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:** First class today! Mandatory Parent Meeting in the Hall during class. Children may stay in the nursery with Miss Nancy. We have a few spots available in our 4 year old and kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

Next week - Parish-wide picnic on the field! Bring your sunscreen, chairs, umbrellas, drinks and sides. We have fun for the whole family and hamburgers & hot dogs with all the fixin's for \$1 grilled by the Knights!

**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.  
Call Rita 714-761-4376 or the Religion Ed. Office for info.

**Life Chain** - Please participate in our Life Chain this year on **October 1**, from **2:30-4pm**, corner of Lakewood and Del Amo. It is a prayerful demonstration and act of fellowship for us to gather and pray for all stages of life. Signs will be provided.

**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.



**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:** After the second prediction of suffering, the disciples fail or refuse to ask about its meaning. Instead, they do the exact opposite of Jesus' teaching: They struggle with each other for position and power. Jesus answers with a symbolic action that is stronger than words. He embraces a child, a symbol of powerlessness. He directs them not to build up a power structure but to embrace powerlessness. In the same way, the power of the Christian community will be in powerlessness.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe an experience when you gained insight from an experience of being defenseless and powerless. \* Why is it difficult for you to be last of all? Why is it worth it? \* Tell of a time when your life was enriched by a person who gave up power willingly. \* Relate a situation when you were tempted to try to control another's life or situation.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community Baptized Sept. 17:

**Eric Daniel Brown**

**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.

**10th Annual MEMORIAL MASS** - The Clergy and Bereavement Ministry of Saint Joseph Church invite all parishioners, their family and friends to participate in our Tenth Annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, **October 29 at 4:00 pm** in our church.

This season of the year has always held a special significance for the remembrance in prayer of our loved ones who have died and also gives us, as a parish community, the opportunity to support those of us who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

To have the name of your loved one inscribed in our parish "Perpetual Book of Life" and read during the Memorial Mass, just fill out one of the forms located outside each door of our church and return to the Rectory Office.

NOTE: the name of your loved one must be returned **no later than October 16**.

Following the Memorial Mass, the Bereavement Team will host a "Potluck" dinner in our parish hall. You are asked to bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately 6 people. For further information, you may call Nancy 429-2546 or Pat 598-0978.

#### **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.

Fr. Tom Allender, S.J. will be giving a "Life's Journey" parish mission at St. Pancratius Church in Lakewood on **October 9-10-11**. The theme of this mission is "Processing Our Guilt." Each day will be a different presentation but all will focus on spirituality for the imperfect, helping us recognize that God loves us unconditionally. The morning session will include 8:00 am Mass, hospitality time, and the mission talk. The evening session will be the mission talk at 7:00 pm, followed by hospitality.

#### **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.



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

Thanks to all who attended our first meeting of the new year. These are the Board of Directors who guide us from year to year. Questions? Call us.

**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!

**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).

#### **Quote from Tradition**

*He will surely not lose his reward.* This man was not separating himself from the society of the disciples so as to scorn it like a heretic. Rather, his position was somewhat like the familiar one of those who, while not yet going to the length of receiving the sacraments of Christ, nevertheless favor the Christian name even so far as to receive Christians, and accommodate themselves to them for the very reason that they are Christians; it is of such people that he tells us, they do not lose their reward. This does not mean, however, that they ought to at once think themselves safe & secure simply on account of this kindness which they cherish towards Christians, while at the same time they are neither cleansed by Christ's baptism, nor incorporated into the unity of his body. But the meaning is, that they are now being guided by the mercy of God in such a way that they too may come to these higher things, and leave the present world in safety. And such people are certainly more profitable servants, even before they become Christians, than those who, while already bearing the Christian name and partaking in the Christian sacraments, recommend courses of action which are fitted only to drag others, whom they persuade to adopt them, along with themselves into eternal punishment. These are those to whom he refers under the figure of the members of the body, & whom he commands to be cast out from the body like an offending hand or eye; that is, cut off from the fellowship of that unity, in order that those in the body should seek to enter into life without such associates, rather than go to hell in their company.

*St. Augustine of Hippo, Harmony of the Gospels, 354-430*

# Mass Intentions



## SATURDAY, September 23

5:00 PM - John Halligan, living

## SUNDAY, September 24

7:30 AM - † Mary Jane Merk

9:00 AM - † Lorenza D. Portillo

10:30 AM - † Rose & George Laurencot

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

## MONDAY, September 25

8:00 AM - † Salud B. Garcia

## TUESDAY, September 26

8:00 AM - † Ben J. McQuillan

## WEDNESDAY, September 27

8:00 AM - † James Burke

## THURSDAY, September 28

8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang

## FRIDAY, September 29

8:00 AM - † Loretta Greer

## SATURDAY, September 30

5:00 PM - † Bernard McCune

## SUNDAY, October 1

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Mary F. Desmond

10:30 AM - † Sebastian Attardo

12:30 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

**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.



Last week: \$11,811

Last year: \$9,274

**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 LaRiccica**  
**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.

## 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

|                                 |                |
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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY                       | Veronica Gibb  |

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

|                                   |                   |          |
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| 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