



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 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**.

Music News - Every Sunday at the 12:30 Mass, musicians and singers, known as The Perfect Cry, lead the congregation in making a joyful noise unto the Lord. This group presents an upbeat mix of praise songs, traditional hymns, & original tunes. Playing at St. Joseph's for the past three years isn't the only thing they've been up to. The group has recorded two CDs of original music. The most recent, **"Touching Stars"** has been nominated for Best Rock Album for 2006 by the United Catholic Music & Video Association. Some of the songs can be heard on Catholic radio stations. The group was the featured artist in the June 2006 Long Beach Magazine and a write-up is upcoming in the Parish World Magazine. Some of their music also appears on two compilation CDs: **The Next Generation of Catholic Music: Los Angeles, and Catholic Music 2007!**

26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
OPEN-MINDED RESPECT AND LOVE FOR ALL



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, October 5, 6-8 pm



From the Deacon's Desk:

The Gospel today is what I call "shock therapy": giving a cup of water to one in need is to be rewarded; that I can handle. But if my hand is an occasion of sin, "cut it off" shakes me up a little....maybe a lot! I like to think of Jesus as the "Lord of second chances". After all He did forgive Peter who denied Jesus not once but three times!!

The Gospel has other messages within it. Example: John says, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him because he does not follow us."

We should respect and love every conscientious person no matter how different they may be. It seems to be an inborn instinct to mistreat and disqualify people who are different from us. Whether it is a bearded and longhaired young man or a lady whose dress code is not ours. Some of you will remember the saying, "the wrong side of the tracks". Today it's the inner city versus the suburbs. This very thing happened to Jesus who came to His own, "But His own people did not accept him" (Jn 1:11).

I recall in one of our Small Faith Community sessions, when we came to the "So what?!?" part of the morning, we were asked: "How will this Gospel change us in the coming week?" One response came, "I will try to love the person not the action. I will try not to be judgmental which destroys love and clogs my spiritual arteries."

This week's "FOCUS QUESTION" may be one to reflect on and consider: **"Describe an experience in which a person was misjudged because he or she was not 'one of us'".**

"When we Christians make Jesus Christ the center of our feelings and thoughts, we do NOT turn away from people and their needs. On the contrary, we are caught up in the eternal movement of God's love that comes to meet us....The reason why man is the primary and fundamental way for the Church is that the Church walks in the footsteps of Jesus." Pope John Paul II

Our prayer: Grant freedom to our brothers and sisters who are enduring bodily or spiritual chains. May our young people imitate Your example and grow in wisdom and grace and remain blameless in Your sight as they generously follow Your call.

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: Classes have started. Registration is still being accepted. You may call the religious education office at **598-0519** to receive a registration form.

Sacrament Program: A workshop will be held on Sunday, **Oct. 15**, for parents & children in our **2nd Year** Program. The title of this workshop is "**Eucharist & the Family**" and our guest speaker is Claire Yzaguirre. This workshop is for both our religious education & school families.

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: Regular class today. Parish-wide picnic on the field at noon! Come join the fun! We have a few spots available in our 4 year old and kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

Sunday Nursery: The nursery is open during the 9 am Mass, 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.

EUCCHARIST AND THE FAMILY - Guest speaker, Claire Yzaguirre, will be presenting a workshop for our Sacrament Program on Sunday, **October 15**, at 2:00 pm in the hall titled, "**Eucharist and the Family.**" This workshop is open to everyone! Claire and her husband John gave a wonderful marriage seminar on Sept. 24. We are pleased to have her back for this very informative afternoon.



Panama Canal Cruise Oct 23-Nov 2 - OPEN TO EVERYONE Come join us. Information: call Olga K. **CRUISE PEOPLE** - pick up tickets Monday, Oct 2 at 3:00 pm in the parish hall.

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

Oct. 2 - We are back on schedule, 1st & 3rd Mondays. We will have our regular announcements and of course our games.

Oct. 16 - our games start at 12:00 noon.

We are continuing to bring our own lunch.

Desserts, beverages, and snacks will be served.

Oct. 1 - Remember our Parish picnic, 11:30-2:30. Bring chair & blanket. Burgers & hot dogs \$1.

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: There is always a temptation in Church communities to control & possess all the ways God works and not give credit to anyone who is not of our kind. In today's Gospel the apostles forbid a man from casting out demons because he is not in their group of followers of Jesus. The same narrowness shows up in the first reading. Joshua complains that two Israelites are speaking for God with the power of God's spirit. They were not part of the seventy helpers at the special ceremony. Moses answers much like Jesus. The disciples are told they belong to Christ. The phrase is literally, "in the name of Christ." This name is powerful enough, not only to cast out demons, but to gather people into the person of Christ. Anything done for those who belong to Christ will be appreciated by God. Anything done to hurt or stand in the way of one who belongs to Christ deserves punishment. Any sacrifice is worth the effort to belong to Christ.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience in which a person was misjudged because he or she was not "one of us."
* Relate an experience when God's power or love came to you through an unlikely person. * Name a time when your action became an obstacle to God's power working.
* What do you need to do in order to be more fully alive?

Help Wanted!! A Sunday morning nursery caretaker is needed for the 10:30 am Mass, 18 or over, paid position. Call Shannon Carpenter for information, 430-6840.

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.

Bereavement Ministry for Children - The Catholic Church throughout the world sets aside one day a year to remember and pray for people who have died. If you fill out and return the Children's Form, the name of your loved one will be read out loud at the Memorial Mass and written in the Parish's "Book of Life". You will be given a flower to place on the altar during the reading of names. There are Children's Forms available at the rectory and school office for you. For more information, please call Mimi at 597-0785.

Proposition 85 - On November 7, the voters of California will have an opportunity to correct a present threat to family life and parental authority. Cardinal Mahony and the California Conference of Catholic bishops are asking for support of **Proposition 85, the Parents' Right to Know and Child Protection Initiative**. A **"YES" vote on Proposition 85** will require parents to be notified 48 hours before a planned abortion on a minor.

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.



Feed-A-Baby next weekend! Oct. 7 & 8. Bring your baby products to church next weekend! All the food stuffs and baby items will go to Long Beach Catholic Charities. The need is great and we are trying to meet it.

Thanks to all of the parishioners who attended our meeting. Any questions? Call us!

We will be collecting **new blankets** starting **Oct. 28 & 29** for the families to which we deliver the food baskets.

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! Our balance is about \$7,000. We need to be at \$13,000 in time for our Christmas Food Gift Baskets, including funds for Wednesday lunches and Concern America donations. Thank you for helping so many right here in Long Beach.

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 and 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, and 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 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

MONDAY, October 2

8:00 AM - † William Anthony Fay

TUESDAY, October 3

8:00 AM - † Nick Delgado

WEDNESDAY, October 4

8:00 AM - † Sebastian Attardo

THURSDAY, October 5

8:00 AM - † Q. John Bincol

FRIDAY, October 6

8:00 AM - † Sebastian Attardo

SATURDAY, October 7

5:00 PM - † Botelho/Salvati family

SUNDAY, October 8

7:30 AM - † Jesus Rendon

9:00 AM - † Olive Burnet

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Sebastian Attardo

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: \$10,040

Last year: \$9,457

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

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