



From the Pastor's Desk:

The first reading and the Gospel today clearly focus on the bond between husband and wife. The mutuality that is to be present in Christian marriage has not always been clearly expressed down through the ages.

Today, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes explicit what sometimes has been obscured. In speaking of husband and wife, it states "their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves humanity."

Mutuality implies equal respect and a lifegiving exchange of love. Neither spouse lords it over the other. Rather, together they form a communion of life. It's a lofty goal, one that takes a lifetime to attain.

Father William

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Edward Boyes



Parish Mission

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, **October 9, 10, and 11, 7:30 - 9:00 pm** in the church, Sister Therese Even will be presenting our parish mission. The mission focus will be on Hope, Faith and Love. The Creative Christian Living sessions deal with the whole person, stressing the need to integrate the spiritual, the emotional and the psychological aspects of one's life. Make your plans to attend and be enriched.

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the missions. A total of \$4,970 was collected. The continued vitality of the Calcutta missions will be aided by your gift.

27TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
UNSHAKABLE FIDELITY



From the Deacon's Desk:

God tells an angel about creating the world: "I just made a 24 hour period." God explains, "It will be half light and half dark, and will keep repeating itself until the end of time." "What are you going to do next?" "Well," God pauses, "I think I'll call it a day."

This past Monday (Oct. 2) was Guardian Angels feast day. It was begun in Spain in the 16th century. It is believed that each one of us has their own guardian angel. Have you conversed with yours lately? It's time to start. Our granddaughter came home Monday and had memorized the Guardian Angel prayer. I was embarrassed that I had not said that prayer for quite some time.

Last week's Parish Town Hall meeting was very successful. Thank you Peter Baine. We learned of the future of the PAC and some of the inner workings of the RCIA, thank you Mrs. Walton. It was good to have the principal of the school give us an outline of the day to day expenses that we often take for granted. Parish finances seem to be under control, expenses were below budget. Our next project would be adding a unisex ADA restroom. The annual parish fair, was successful and ably chaired by Isabel Schleeter and Chris Knight. We will again be blessed by their leadership next year. Among suggestions was reaching out and involving the non-school families and students in the parish fair in key positions. Attendance at the Parish Town Hall meeting could be boosted somewhat.

LECTORS: We missed you at the Cathedral workshop a couple of Saturdays ago. Your role in the Liturgy is extremely important. The lector must be able to communicate a sense of prayerfulness and reverence. You are called on to enable the congregation to share your enthusiasm for God's word. The reverent proclamation of the word of God gives the people the opportunity to encounter the Lord in a special way. It was said that "when the first and second readings along with the responsorial psalm are proclaimed so that the congregation absorbs it, then there is no need for a homily after the Gospel."

Our Prayer: God our Father, You commanded Your angels to watch over Your servants in all their ways and gave them the mission of announcing peace to all. Inspire counsels of peace in the hearts of leaders and peoples of all nations. Hear our prayers, defend us always by their protection and let us share Your life with them for ever. Amen.

PRAY THE ROSARY *** OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. ***** PRAY THE ROSARY**

No prayer service this week due to the Mission.

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. JOIN US to pray for all human rights, from conception to natural death, in a lay rosary and prayer service. Bring your special intentions. CALL John, 430-5839, FOR A RIDE.

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. Thanks to all those who came to the picnic last week. What a great community we have at St. Joseph! 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.

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.

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.



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!

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

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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

It's never too late to be an altar server! Would you like to help serve your parish through this ministry? Now accepting anyone, ages 10 to 110. Help is especially needed at the 5:00 pm and 7:30 am Masses. Please call the rectory for more information, 594-4657.

We pray the Rosary for world peace every Thursday at 7:30 pm at 2604 Vuelta Grande (Gabe & Jessie Tostado's home). Call Deacon Don for details.

We pray the Rosary every Monday evening at 7 pm, in the church for the pro-life movement.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: In Mark's Gospel Jesus goes beyond the Law of Moses and back to God's own command. Jesus teaches the clear ideal of Genesis 2. The Hebrews saw a human person as body, soul and spirit - all together. You are your body. So, when a man and woman "become one body," they are like one person. There is no domination of man over woman here. Man and woman complement one another, complete each other.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience in your life when, because of your trust in a person, you accepted something difficult to understand. * How have you lived through the experience of not being accepted by an individual or group? * Relate an experience in your marriage or in a close relationship when you felt alone or felt a strong sense of belonging. * How has a married couple contributed to your life? * How have you helped heal the hurt of someone who has divorced?

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The Religious Education staff would like to thank all who participated in our Parish Picnic last Sunday. Everyone had a great time!! Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus for all the great "grillin'." Also thanks to the Crowley family for providing fun activities for the kids. Monies collected met the cost of food, bounce house, & "God Rocks" bracelets for the kids.

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.



At our parish town hall meeting, the council pointed out that **Movement for a Better World is 20 years old!!** Congrats to Tom and founding leaders. It keeps delivering!

Feed-A-Baby Today! Oct. 7 & 8.

Bring your baby products to church today. 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 and the parish town hall 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.

Precious Life Shelter needs volunteers. A wide range of opportunities are available. Please call Dana Stenson, 562-431-3356, to share your expertise.

Quote from Tradition

*What God has joined together, no human being must separate. These things were spoken to the Pharisees; but hear them now, you who do such things as these, who change your wives as readily as your garments; who if provoked a little, immediately write a bill of divorce; you who leave many widows while you are still alive - believe me, marriage is terminated only by death or adultery. In marriage, O man, both soul and body are united, so that disposition is mingled with disposition, and flesh with flesh. How, then, are you going to sever the bond of marriage without suffering? How can you withdraw from this union easily and without pain, after taking your sister and wife not as a servant of a few days, but as a partner for life, a sister by reason of her formation and creations, and wife because of the conjugal union, because of the law of marriage? What sort of a bond, then, are you about to break, for you are bound by both law and nature; and how will you nullify the agreements which you made at marriage? What sort of compacts do you think I mean? Those made when the dowry had been agreed upon, when you signed the roll, and sealed the contract? These are strong enough, but I refer back to the words of Adam: *This is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bones. This one shall be called my wife.* Uttered by the first man, this is the common covenant of men, made with the whole class of women, who are joined by law to their husbands. Do not be surprised if by what one has said, another is bound. For whatever happened in the beginning, in the case of those first created, belongs to the nature of their posterity.*

Asterius of Amasea, On Divorce, ca. 400

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, October 9

8:00 AM - The family of Nellie Barycki

TUESDAY, October 10

8:00 AM - † Nancy Spencer

WEDNESDAY, October 11

8:00 AM - † Peter J. Boiro

THURSDAY, October 12

8:00 AM - † Nellie Barycki

FRIDAY, October 13

8:00 AM - † Sebastian Attardo

SATURDAY, October 14

5:00 PM - † Harold & Rosemary Cavallaro

SUNDAY, October 15

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Mary Desmond

10:30 AM - † Timothy Gilchrist

12:30 PM - † Mel & Mary Jo Deane

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.



Last week: \$14,697

Last year: \$10,319

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