



From the Pastor's Desk:

Keeping all the commandments is not enough to inherit eternal life. Jesus requires more than simply obeying the ten laws given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. For the Christian, there is still the command to give to the poor.

In today's Gospel, Jesus looked at the man and loved him and then invited him to follow. It is no less for us. Jesus loves us all, and invites us to follow him by giving to the poor. Indeed, he even promises us that as we give up wealth and possessions for the sake of the kingdom, we will be blessed even more.

Can you help someone today?

Father William

EUCHARIST AND THE FAMILY - Guest speaker, Claire Yzaguirre, will be presenting a workshop for our Sacrament Program **today 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 with us for this very informative afternoon.

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.

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.

28TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
RENUNCIATION & STEWARDSHIP



From the Deacon's Desk:

Pray the Rosary - - - - -

It is our gift to Jesus thru Mary

WHAT IS LITURGY?

It's a word that comes from Greek meaning "a public work". It is something that was done for the benefit of the community. Example: a person built a bridge; that person was considered to have performed a "liturgy". Today, liturgy is defined as a public worship of God by and/or for the community of believers. It is **Public**, that is to say it is an action that affects the whole of the community and involves the community in carrying it out. It is **Worship** because of its reverence and honor that we give to God as Creator and Redeemer of creation. It is given to **God** as our worship by the community of believers. It is not a work done in isolation, but carried out in the name of and by the members of the community. It is not to be confused with private prayer or worship. A visit to the church and prayer by the tabernacle or the rosary is private prayer. Worship is an expression of our relationship with God **as a community**. Even the rosary recited in public and by hundreds of people is not liturgy. It is a devotional practice by participants.

The **Eucharist** is the **ULTIMATE** form of our worship, even if it is done by two or three, as it is an expression of the faith of the community.

"The most holy EUCHARIST contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth, Christ himself, our Passover and living bread" ... Pope John Paul II

The Mass throughout history has had changes ever since the Last Supper. The basics have **NEVER** changed, but the details, decisions by Church authority and attitudes of the participants has undergone modifications and development. In this sense the celebration of EUCHARIST is a dynamic and living reality. The noble core of the EUCHARISTIC liturgy from the Upper Room to the cathedrals to village churches has withstood the ups and downs of history and always will for it is God's will that He will be with us always.

"Eucharist unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation." ... Pope John Paul II

OUR PRAYER: O God, in Your hands are the hearts of the powerful; bestow Your wisdom upon government leaders, may they draw from the fountain of Your counsel and please you in thought and deed. Amen.

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

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 today for parents and 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 and school families.

Year 1 Sacrament Workshop Session #1 will be held on Sunday, **October 22**, at 2:00 pm in the hall for parents and children.

Middle School: Classes have started. Registration is still being accepted and forms are available from the religious education office.

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. We have a few spots available in our 4 year old and kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

Sunday Nursery: We have caretakers for the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses! See next week's bulletin for an introduction to these great ladies.

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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel illustrates the frequent conflict between wisdom and wealth. The man who asked the secret of everlasting life was clearly a thoroughly good person. But Jesus senses in this man an attitude of not needing anyone else. Jesus tells him, in effect, "All the resources on which you rely are useless. Get rid of them, trust in God, and follow me." The challenge here was not to poverty as such, but to trust. Salvation is God's gift, not a reward for human efforts.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you had to rely on someone other than yourself. How did this make you feel? * When have you abandoned something or someone you valued in order to better follow the gospel? * When have you worked too hard to earn respect or love? * What would you let go of right now to increase your trust in God?



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 - we will be doing games, etc. and collecting for catered lunch on 11/20.

Nov. 6 - Meeting starts at 12:00, all our games plus announcements for Nov. & Dec.

Nov. 20 - We are celebrating Thanksgiving with a catered lunch at 12 and our regular fun and games. Cost of catered lunch is \$8 per person.

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

Cruise People - Bus leaves for airport promptly at 4:30 am on Sunday, Oct. 21.

From St. John Bosco High School: It is our extreme pleasure to announce parishioners Jake and Judy DeRuyter will be honored by St. John Bosco High School at the school's "New Legends" extravaganza on Saturday, November 18 for their legacy as alumni parents as well as their community involvement with their own St. Joseph Parish. We warmly invite all members of St. Joseph's to join with us as we salute their legacy. For information, please contact the school at 562-920-1734 x597 or x239.

Quote from Tradition

The rich young man boasted that he had fulfilled all the requirements of the law, but the Lord said to him: *One thing you lack: if you would be perfect, go, sell all that you have, and give to the poor; and come follow me.* He who declared that he had done all things gave in immediately to the power of riches. So the rich find it hard to enter the kingdom of heaven, which desires for its citizens souls that soar aloft, free from all ties and hindrances. *Go, sell* not a part of your possessions, but *all you have, and give to the poor.* Keep back nothing for yourself because you fear to be poor some day, lest you be condemned like Ananias and Sapphira; but give everything to the poor and make friends for yourself with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Obey the Master's injunction, *follow me*, and take the Lord of the world for your possession; that you may be able to sing with the prophet, *The Lord is my portion*, and like a true Levite may possess no earthly inheritance. Do this if you wish to be perfect, if you desire to attain the apostles' glory, if you wish to take up your cross and to follow Christ... It is you yourself that the Lord wishes for, *a living sacrifice, acceptable to God.* Yourself, I say, and not what you have... The apostles boasted that they had left all things and had followed the Savior. We do not read that they left anything except their ship and their nets; yet they were crowned with the approval of him who was to be their judge. Why? Because in offering up themselves they had indeed left all that they had.

St. Jerome, Letter 118 to Julian, ca. 340-420.

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! Oct. 7 & 8. Another successful event for our little babies. All the food stuffs and baby items will go to Long Beach Catholic Charities.

Thanks to Terry Tibor, Fran Wheeler & Ivonne Cabrera!

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.

St. Joseph High School - Spooktacular Casino Night, 5825 Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, **Saturday, October 21, 7:00-10:45 pm**. Info: 925-5074.

OPEN HOUSE at St. Anthony High School on Sunday, **Oct. 22, 1-4 pm**. St. Anthony's is Long Beach's only Catholic high school. Open House is for students & families interested in a co-ed, college prep school experience. The school completed a \$1.4 million facilities renovation this summer. Interested students and their families are welcome to visit the school. Prospective students are also invited to spend a day on campus attending classes. For more information, call Admissions, 562-435-4496 x214.

Connelly High School admissions information home reception hosted by Eleanor Stewart and her daughter Shauna, **Oct. 22, 7:00-8:30 pm**. Faculty and students will be present to share their experiences of this Catholic, college-preparatory, girls' school. RSVP 714-776-1717 x34.

FALL PLANT SALE - 8th Grade fundraiser, Sunday, October 22, in the parish parking lot. Low prices, great quality. Pre-order color bowls and hanging baskets by calling the school office by Oct. 18, 596-6115. Flats, one gallon plants and topiaries available. Free delivery and planting by the 8th graders available on all orders over \$100.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, October 16

8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang

TUESDAY, October 17

8:00 AM - † Belma Torres

WEDNESDAY, October 18

8:00 AM - † James Contreras

THURSDAY, October 19

8:00 AM - † Jose Catangay

FRIDAY, October 20

8:00 AM - † James Sullivan O'Donnell

SATURDAY, October 21

5:00 PM - † John Ginther

SUNDAY, October 22

7:30 AM - † Paul Revilla

9:00 AM - † Lynn Revilla

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Pete Vasay

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 & Elisa Gigliotti.



Last week: \$13,501

Last year: \$10,298

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Nancy Miller | 429-2546 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| 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