



From the Pastor's Desk:

With elections just a few weeks away, it is easy to draw a parallel between today's Gospel, and political office. Our democracy functions best when those who serve in office are attentive to the needs of their constituents, the men and women who have elected them. Exercising authority in our form of government happens with the consent of the governed.

Of course Jesus was not canonizing a political system. He was describing what was expected of his followers. Being a servant is what is required. Sometimes that is as easy as holding the door for the person behind you. At other times, acting as a servant requires a heroic effort, sometimes to the point of sacrificing one's own life.

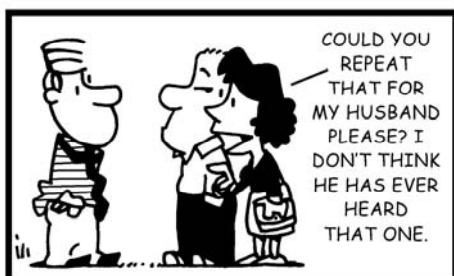
If you haven't been practicing the little ways of servanthood lately, it is time to get back in the habit. It will prepare you for the large efforts that may be asked of you in the future.

Father William

From Sister Therese - I am grateful to Father Will for the privilege of sharing with you for a third time. It was good to see familiar faces at the sessions. Your presence was appreciated. Many thanks for your generous "love offering." I pray that our gracious God will reward you abundantly. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families. You can be proud of St. Joseph parish. You are a welcoming and spirited community. More power to you! With grateful love, Sister Therese Even, SSND

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.

29TH ORDINARY SUNDAY / BEING OF SERVICE



From the Deacon's Desk:

There's a true story of a rural doctor in Oklahoma who made house calls. He discovered that he was terminally ill. His children were small, so he decided to tape things that he wanted to tell them. One tape dealt with practicing medicine. He said, "Are you willing to get out of a warm bed on a cold night and drive 20 miles to see a sick person, knowing that they can't pay you and that they could wait until morning to be treated? If you can answer yes to that question, you are ready to study medicine." In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Could we answer "yes" to the doctor's question? Could we do this for a friend? Are we ready to follow Jesus? Even in small ways?

PROJECT ACHIEVE is being served by three "teams" from St. Joseph. We serve only on the fourth Monday of the month. Is it possible that we might be able to take another night? Maybe a Wednesday? Maybe a weekend night? As mentioned at the Parish Town Hall meeting, Project Achieve has been successful in placing 120 men and women, once homeless, into permanent housing. Is your "Catholic" showing?

October 29 is the fifth Sunday of the month. That is St. Joseph's day to feed the homeless "under the bridges." We ask your prayers that we may bring the Word of God to touch them and let them know they are not forgotten.

This Sunday's Gospel is about service. How many slogans in businesses do you know that say, "Our business is to serve you" in one form or another? John Paul II's papal motto was "servant of the servants." The Prime Minister of Great Britain is known as the "First Servant." Public servants come in all shapes and sizes: waitresses, bank tellers, nurses, doctors, police, firemen and women and sales people. We are a service oriented society. Now we need to turn it up a notch. As Jack Lemmon once said, "When you have done well in life, it is time to send the elevator back down."

OUR PRAYER: Lord our God, Father of all, You guard us under the shadow of Your wings. You are the source of power and inspiration; give us strength and joy in serving You through our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

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

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.

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**Sacrament Program: Year 1 Sacrament Workshop**

Session #1 will be held today 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: 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. Next week - Halloween Animal Parade at the end of class! Remember: no costumes. 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!

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.

Mass & Healing Service Oct. 24, 7 pm, Fr. Ramon Valera, St. Cyprian Church, 4714 Clark Ave., 421-9487.

Quote from Tradition

The Lord says, "those who seek the first place harm and disgrace themselves most, for they are among the last - things with us are not like things outside. *For the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them*, but with me, the last is first. As proof that I do not say these things without cause, look at the things which I do and suffer - and I have done something even greater. For, though King of the powers above, I was willing to become man, and I submitted to be despised, and treated shamefully. And I was not satisfied even with this, but I came to my death." Therefore he says, "*The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" For I even gave my life as a ransom, and for whom? For my enemies. If you are abused, it is on your own account; but I am abused for your sake." Do not be afraid, then, as though your honor were degraded. For however much you humble yourself, you cannot descend as much as your Lord. And yet his descent has become the ascent of all, and has made his own glory shine forth. For before he was made man, he was known only among the angels; but after he was made man and was crucified, far from lessening that glory, he acquired even more. Do not fear, then, as though your honor were diminished, if you should abase yourself, for in this way your glory is exalted and becomes greater. This is the door of the kingdom. So let us not go the opposite way, nor war against ourselves. For if we desire to appear great, we shall not be great, but the most dishonored of all.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 65 on Matthew, 347-407 A.D.



We need new members!

Welcome all seniors, any age!

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.

Fr. Tom Hoffman, our Jesuit friend from New Orleans, is going to visit us at our meeting on Nov. 20. Please join us for a delightful visit. All are welcome. We are having our annual Thanksgiving dinner and will need reservations (cost \$8). Please call Olga or Betty to make your reservation.

Would you like to help serve your parish through the ministry of altar serving? Help is especially needed at the 5:00 pm and 7:30 am Masses. Please call the rectory for more information, 594-4657

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

Harbor Christmas Light Cruise - The Knights are hosting a Boat Cruise on Sunday, **December 17** to view the shoreline of Long Beach and the boats in and around Belmont Shore. Cost **before Nov. 15:** Adults \$25, Children 12 and under \$10. **After Nov. 15:** Adults \$35, Children \$15. Inside seating assigned with paid reservations. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

Dear Fellow Parishioners of Middle-Schoolers,

I've been involved with religious education for about 9 years now, but have never had a child old enough to attend Middle School Rel. Ed. Classes here at our parish. I wanted to share a story about our family's experience. It may be similar to those you might be having.

My son has been complaining since he found out I signed him up for class. "I don't want to go. I don't have to go. Why do I have to go?" To which my reply is, "You don't attend Catholic school and I want you to learn more about our faith than I am able to teach you."

I was so surprised to walk into our class and see about 9 families present. My immediate thought was: Great, I know just about everyone. Later, my thoughts turned to: How many kids in our parish are missing out on this great class? When my son left his first class & I asked him how it was, I braced myself for the worst possible response. Imagine my disbelief when he said, "It was so fun, Mom." No way. I thought for sure, even if he kind of liked it, that he would think it was too un-cool to admit to it being fun!

If you have a middle-schooler who does not attend Catholic school, get them enrolled in a Rel. Ed. Class. Call Veronica or Virginia, 598-0519. Classes are Tues., 7-8 pm. You get to make this decision for your kids; have them come to just one class and bring a friend. It is worth your time and energy. What better way to show your kids all this church has to offer than to get them to class and wanting to come back for more. Shannon Carpenter

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.

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.

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.

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!

It's almost FOOD basket delivery

time. Check your schedules. Then call to sign up to drive to our needy families at Thanksgiving. Delivery will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Our volunteers are busy lining up the 64 families for this fiscal year.

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.

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

CASINO TRIP to Harrah's, Rincon casino. Sponsored by St. Pius X Y.L.I. Friday, **Nov. 10**, 8:00 to 5:30. Donation \$16. For reservations call Elizabeth Scott, 421-0870.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: Today Jesus predicts his suffering, rejection & resurrection for the third time. The pattern is always the same: Jesus predicts his suffering; the disciples fail to understand; Jesus then teaches clearly about himself & about what following him means. In his third prediction of suffering, Jesus describes how he will be handed over to his own people's religious leaders and to the Gentiles and will be spit upon and mocked. James and John, Jesus' inner circle of followers, get caught on the glory promised. They argue for first place. But Jesus points out to them that true greatness is serving the real needs of others - not what the masses of people or the ones in power want. Jesus is that obedient servant of God.

Life Focus: * Speak of a time when you took the rap for someone else or when someone took the rap for you.

* When has suffering in your life caused you to see things differently? * Describe an experience when you were required to do something you didn't want to do.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, October 23

8:00 AM - † Lucy Le Mieux

TUESDAY, October 24

8:00 AM - † For all the souls of the family and friends of June Villarete

WEDNESDAY, October 25

8:00 AM - † Robert Adrover

THURSDAY, October 26

8:00 AM - † Virginia Reinard

FRIDAY, October 27

8:00 AM - Karen Davis, living

SATURDAY, October 28

5:00 PM - † Maria & Dominico Dang

SUNDAY, October 29

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Lillian Wythe

10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael Tetreault, Jr.

12:30 PM - † Timothy Matthew O'Donnell

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dortehea 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: \$11,506

Last year: \$9,226

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
Raul Carranza
William T. Worthy, Jr.
Glen Warren
Joseph LaRiccia
Irene Avila
Kevin Roberts

Rudy Espinoza
Christopher Ward
Amy Mann
Nick Compton
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