



From the Pastor's Desk:

The better seats always command a higher price. At the stadium, at a concert, at a play, or in the arena, the seats that are closest to the action always cost more than those that are further away. It's the same with real estate. The house on the hill with expansive vistas or the condominium with the ocean view is valued much more than the same building in a suburban tract.

We want to see! Just like blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel, we naturally want a good view. And we're willing to pay good money to get it.

No amount of money could give Bartimaeus sight - that came through the power of Christ. It is not a good view that will save us, but rather insight into God's will for us and following Christ throughout our lives.

Father William

Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints Day - Wednesday, November 1

Vigil, October 31, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Feast day, November 1, 6:30 and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Leroy Perkins
Frank McGee



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.

30TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
MASTER, I WANT TO SEE



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, November 2, 6-8 pm



From the Deacon's Desk:

I read recently that a man had a nightmare: He dreamt that he had died & gone to heaven. He was standing in line to see St. Peter. Ahead of this man was Blessed Mother Teresa & he overheard St. Peter say to her, "you know, you could have done a little more"! That's enough to scare anyone!

Remember back in August I spoke about what a deacon does and spoke about the "ministry of the word"? That reference in part dealt with the "Liturgy of the Hours", the "official" prayer of the Church. Some old timers have heard it referred to as "the Office" or "the Breviary". John Paul II, in ushering in the new millennium, urged all Catholics to make the Liturgy of the Hours part of their daily practice of prayers and join the Church in the "Morning Prayer" (aka Lauds) and "Evening Prayer" (aka Vespers). It is not only for clergy and religious but for all God's Church. In my research I found that the early Church, that is, all Catholics frequently prayed Lauds and Vespers besides going to Holy Mass.

Two weeks ago I mentioned that "liturgy" meant the work of the people. Liturgy of the Hours falls into that category. This book has prayers for us to pray each day. Most of the prayers come from Sacred Scripture including the Psalms which Jesus prayed. As the **official** prayer of the Church, it is said all over the world and when we say the Liturgy of the Hours we pray united with the whole Church and with Jesus Christ who is the head of the Church. If we pray it regularly for the whole year, we celebrate all of the great feasts of the Church & the central mysteries of our Faith. The four book volume has the "Office of readings" which have readings from Vatican II, sermons by various saints, and reflections by close friends of the saints.

We urge you to look into this prayer of the Church. The deacon can help you get started. This Sunday's Gospel is about Jesus healing the blind man, Bartimaeus. The Liturgy of the Hours helps us open our eyes to the wonders of God's mercy and kindness.

PAPAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: That all those who are baptized may mature in their faith and manifest it through clear, coherent and courageous choices in life.

*****PRAY FOR VOCATIONS*****

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 Program: Just a reminder to all our families to please join us at our **Family Gathering at 10:15 am** located on the outside basketball courts each Sunday morning. Music, Prayer and Activities for everyone!! Those not involved in our program are also welcome!!

Middle School: Classes have started. Registration is still being accepted and forms are available from the religious education office. **No Class** on Tuesday, **Oct. 31**, due to Halloween!

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. Halloween Animal Parade at the end of class today! Happy All Hallow's Eve!

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.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community Baptized Oct. 22:

Ethan Matthew Bradford
Felicity Ann Dau
Kai Guido Winterscheid

Introducing our new Nursery Caretakers:

Please join us in welcoming Nancy Torres, Michelle Gath and Lisa Murach to our Sunday School Program.

Nancy is a mother of a one year old girl and has been helping us at the 9 am Mass throughout the summer. She works as an attorney and is a graduate of Bishop Montgomery High School, UCSB and Hastings College of Law. She works at the 9 am Mass.

Michelle is a mother of one Kindergarten girl. She has taught 4th grade and currently teaches junior high. She is a member of The Perfect Cry and sings at the 12:30 Mass. She will work every other week at 10:30.

Lisa is a stay-at-home mom of a Pre-K boy and a Kindergarten girl. She volunteered at a co-op preschool with three and four year olds for two years and has taken courses in Social Work at CSULB. She will be working every other week at the 10:30 Mass.



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.

A new class for adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith is beginning in early November. Adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but have not received other Sacraments are also invited. For more information, please call Olga or Shane Cudea at 493-0541.

Quote from Tradition

The command of the Lord shines out, *enlightening the eyes*. Receive Christ, receive sight, receive your light, so that you may clearly know both God and man. Sweet is the Word that gives us light, precious above gold and gems; it is to be desired above honey and the honeycomb. For how can it not be desirable, since it has filled with light the mind which had been buried in darkness, and made the "light-bringing eyes" of the soul keen? For just as night would have brooded over the universe, if the sun had not been in existence, so, we, if we had not known the Word and been illuminated by Him, would have been no different from fowls that are fed and fattened in darkness for slaughter. Let us then admit the light, so as to admit God; let us admit the light, and become disciples to the Lord. He promised to the Father: *I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the Church I will praise you*. Praise and proclaim God your Father to me! Your words save; your song teaches me that so far I have wandered astray, in searching for God. But since you lead me to the light, O Lord, and I find God through you, and receive the Father from you, I become *your fellow-heir*, since you *were not ashamed of me as your brother*. Let us put away forgetfulness of the truth, then, and casting away the darkness which obstructs and dims our sight, let us contemplate the only true God, first raising our voice in this hymn of praise: Hail, O light! For within us, who were buried in darkness, shut up in the shadow of death, light has shone forth from heaven, purer than the sun, sweeter than life here below. That light is eternal life; and whoever partakes of it lives.

St. Clement of Alexandria, Exhortation to the Heathen, 11. d., ca. 215 A. D.

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.

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.

St. Joseph's 2007 T-Ball League - T-Ball is back at St. Joseph's! Registration will begin in January 2007. The league will be starting in March 2007. More details to come. All children pre-K to 1st grade are welcome. Coaches will also be needed. For questions call or email: Dave Bierman, 430-4493, davebierman@gmail.com, or Bob Bond, 412-1193, bbond@bondconsultingservices.com

Introduction to Centering Prayer - This workshop will be held at St. Bartholomew Church on Saturday, **Nov. 4, 9 am to 1 pm**, and is presented by Marie Howard and Barbara Brown, commissioned contemplative outreach presenters. Weekly follow-up sessions begin on Wednesday, November 8, and continue each Wednesday evening throughout Advent. Suggested donation: \$35 includes all sessions. Please RSVP by Oct 30: Pat Metzger, 433-2452, patmetzgercb@aol.com.

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.

Next week we will begin collecting the **homeless kits**. The envelopes will be on the cross in the back of church. Both the **blankets** and the **homeless kits** can be brought to the back of church.

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 \$9,000. 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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus: The second half of Mark's Gospel is all about seeing and not seeing Jesus for who he really is. Three times Jesus predicts his rejection and execution by the leaders. He and the disciples are on the long journey to Jerusalem where he will be seen clearly. The disciples refuse to see. They cannot and will not recognize such a leader. Bartimaeus, even in his blindness, sees and shouts to Jesus as the Son of David, a title for the messiah. When Jesus asks, the blind man is simple and clear and he follows Jesus on the road to Jerusalem - to suffering, dying and rising. Bartimaeus calls Jesus "Master." Bartimaeus is the new disciple going along with Jesus.

Life Focus: * What do you need to see in order to follow God better in your life? * Recall an experience when your values were questioned and you either shouted louder or shut up. * Describe a time when you were moved to change your way of seeing things because of a very important person in your life. * When have you acted on blind faith? * Relate a time when you found Christ approachable. * Give an example of a time in your life when you called out for Christ's help and you found him available. * Think of a time when Christ might have said to you, "Your faith has made you well."

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, October 30

8:00 AM - † John DeRuyter

TUESDAY, October 31

8:00 AM - † Margaret Worley

7:00 PM - Vi & June Enriquez

WEDNESDAY, November 1

6:30 AM - † Alicia Moscoco

9:00 AM - † John DeRuyter

7:00 PM - † John DeRuyter

THURSDAY, November 2

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

FRIDAY, November 3

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

SATURDAY, November 4

5:00 PM - † All Souls Novena

SUNDAY, November 5

7:30 AM - † All Souls Novena

9:00 AM - † Clifford Burt

10:30 AM - Virginia Souza, living

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dortha 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: \$11,244

Last year: \$12,211

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 LaRiccica
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