



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. The *Shema* is considered the most important text in Judaism. "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!" expresses both the unity of God and exclusive fidelity to God. It is a command to the people to be faithful to God.

These verses from Deuteronomy are quoted by Jesus in today's Gospel when he responds to the question of which is the greatest commandment. He adds to it a second commandment which comes from Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love of God and love of neighbor are not just nice words to engrave on a plaque or hang on a wall. (Although it's interesting that you don't hear of many Christians trying to get these two commandments posted in local courthouses.)

These commandments are to be engraved on our hearts and lived in our lives!

II. This weekend we acknowledge the importance of Fr. Harold Ford to our parish. Fr. Ford was ordained a priest in 1949 and has served the church in exemplary fashion ever since. His last parish before retiring to St. Joseph was All Souls in Alhambra. Fr. Ford arrived here at St. Joseph in 1989 and has spent the last 17 years helping out in our parish. Fr. Ford usually celebrates the 5:00 pm vigil Mass and always the 7:30 am Sunday Mass. As many a new altar server can attest, Fr. Ford's kindness and understanding has eased their anxieties. His thought provoking homilies have become a trademark of his Masses. This together with the Confessions that Fr. Ford hears provides a valuable ministry to our parish. We should all be extremely grateful to our octogenarian priest for all the help that he has given to the parish during his 17 years here.

Thank you Fr. Ford! Ad multos anos!

Father William

31ST ORDINARY SUNDAY
TWO LOVES NOT TO BE SEPARATED



From the Deacon's Desk:

Jesus said of the commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and **your neighbor as yourself.**"

All of this was demonstrated last Sunday as St. Joseph's team set out to feed the homeless in Los Angeles. Especially the "love your neighbor as yourself" part. Each of us had a part, and we were pleased to have with us two of Blessed Mother Teresa's nuns. Sister Lilliana from Poland and Sister Joan-Magdalena from Mexico City were a delight and so full of joy as they engaged the homeless men and women at each stop. We had two tents and did not know when or to whom to give them. As it turned out at our last stop one of the men we spoke with was sleeping on cardboard and had one blanket. Darryl (one of our volunteers) said afterward that he was so thrilled to be able to set up the tent for this man. He said his heart was busting with joy.

Your blankets came in just in time as the weather was turning cold. The toiletries were desperately needed as well as the socks and Halloween treats, not to mention the warm pasta meal. Some of us stopped at Soup Plantation for salad and a meal and spoke of the experience.

Cicero was right when he said, "In nothing do we more nearly approach the gods than in doing good to other people."

Anonymous always gets my vote when (s)he comes up with things like: **"If Christians spent as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about."**

Papal Intentions for November: "That, everywhere in the world, an end be put to all forms of terrorism. That through the efforts of believers, together with living forces of society, the new and old chains which prevent the development of the African Continent may be broken."

Our Prayer: We pray during this month of remembrance that You, Lord, will aid our departed family and friends whom You have redeemed with your blood; make them worthy to enter Your wedding feast.

If I truly love myself, I'm with someone I like 24 hrs a day.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Frank Blavet



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: Fun night in the hall is this Tuesday, **November 6! No Class** on Tuesday, **Nov. 21**, for Thanksgiving. Registration is still being accepted. Please call the religious ed office at 598-0519 for more information.

Confirmation: **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 - remember to bring a non-perishable food item and drop it in the collection box outside before going to class!

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.

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.

A.C.C.W. District Meeting on Thursday, **November 16** at St. Cyprian parish, 4714 Clark Ave. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes Conciglia Coretti speaking on *"My Life with Padre Pio"*, Mass, luncheon and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge is **\$10 pre-paid!** Make checks payable and mail to : Collette Collins, 4856 Dunrobin Ave., Long Beach 90808 **before Nov. 13**. For info, call Collette 425-7765. All Catholic women are automatically members of ACCW and are invited to attend.

South Coast Interfaith Council Festival of Music Benefit Concert - November 12, 3-5pm, Los Altos United Methodist Church, 5950 Willow St.

Gambler's Delight Bus Trip - The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners 21 years and older to a one night, two day bus trip to Stateline's Whiskey Pete's Hotel and Casino on December 13 & 14. The cost is \$30 per person (double occupancy) and includes room, bus, and one free buffet. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811. Remember, first come, first served.



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.

Attention Parishioners on Medicare! Information about 2007 Medicare Part D Prescription coverage is available to all parishioners on Medicare through Catholic Golden Age. Call toll-free 1-866-825-4210 for information.

St. Cyprian's Holiday Boutique Nov. 5, 8am - 2 pm.

Quote from Tradition

The scribe's answer seems to agree with the Lord's words, for he too proclaims the innermost love of one God, and professes the love of neighbor to be as real as the love of self, placing love of God and neighbor above all burnt offerings and sacrifices. But what follows? *When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, you are not far from the kingdom of God.* What is the meaning of such moderate praise? Believe in one God; love him with all your soul, all your strength, and all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself; if this is the faith which makes one perfect for the kingdom of God, why is the scribe not already within, instead of *not far*? Elsewhere the Lord grants the kingdom to those who clothe the naked, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and visit the sick and the prisoner. Their possession is complete, their inheritance of the kingdom is secured. But was this man's confession short of theirs? His ideal of duty raises love of neighbor to the level of love of self; what more did he lack for perfection? But the scribe was barred from perfection, because he did not know the mystery which had been accomplished. The Lord praised him for his profession of faith and he heard that he was not far from the kingdom, but he was not put in actual possession of the blessed of the blessed hope.... His own profession of the law is a reproach to him that the mystery of the law has escaped him; he does not know Christ the Lord, the Son of God, to be included in the confession of the one God, which according to the law seemed to leave no room for the Son of God in the mystery of one Lord.

St. Hilary of Poitiers, On the Trinity, d., 368.

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.

Quote from U.S. Bishops - "We encourage *all citizens*, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate *in building the culture of life*. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue, or lack thereof, is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to *see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest.*"

From the Question/Suggestion Box:

Church - School financial Arrangements - The school and the church form a single entity called the Parish. The two are inextricably related. The church subsidizes the school with a monthly stipend that helps with the day-to-day operation of the school. The school's administration wisely uses such money for irregular expenditures. The school uses standard business practices to keep expenditures to a minimum.

Mass Intentions - Very few parishes now include the names of the people requesting a Mass for their intentions. In an effort to save space in the bulletin, our Parish is also omitting such names. However, the people who request the Mass know when it will be celebrated.

Stewardship

1. Do I have a need to or do I give only when there is a need?
2. Do I understand that there is an obligation to provide regular financial support to the parish?
3. Where does the parish fit relative to the other ways that I spend my money?
4. How much do I give to the parish on a weekly basis? (If you give monthly or quarterly, calculate your weekly commitment to put it in perspective.)
5. Is it too much, too little or just right?
6. If I am not at the parish for one or more Sundays, do I make up the amount that I have not given?
7. How much will I give each week during the coming year?

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:9-10



Our 21st year for the Movement for a Better World!!

It's almost FOOD basket delivery time. November 18 is delivery day, 8:30 am. Call Patty Brio 425-5964 to sign up to drive to our needy families.

Our volunteers are busy lining up the 64 families.

We are collecting **NEW blankets** for the families to which we deliver the food baskets. We will begin collecting the **homeless kits** this weekend. 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.

Our fall meeting is coming soon, November 8, in the PAC at 7:30 pm. Save the date!

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.



Marriage Encounter - "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Our closest "neighbor" in married life is our spouse. Let Marriage Encounter help you deepen your love for one another. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 10-12. For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores 923-7335 or go online at www.geocities.com/melawest.

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.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, November 6

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

TUESDAY, November 7

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

WEDNESDAY, November 8

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

THURSDAY, November 9

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

FRIDAY, November 10

8:00 AM - † All Souls Novena

SATURDAY, November 11

5:00 PM - Gerry & Celeste Kohnen, living

SUNDAY, November 12

7:30 AM - † Alexander Shinar

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Herbert Coleman

12:30 PM - † Robert C. Lee

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: \$11,477
Last year: \$11,867

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