



### From the Pastor's Desk:

It is well known that it now costs more than one cent to make a penny. The prices of the common metals that comprise the coin have skyrocketed in recent years as annual usage of zinc and copper have quadrupled in the last century. Despite the clamor for investments in common metals, few people bother to bend over and pick up a penny when they see it on the ground.

But the change in our pockets can add up, and what we do with it can say a lot about our attitude toward all that has been given us by God.

See if you can do this: Take a bowl or a small box and each night empty your pockets or purse of all your loose change. After 3 months or 6 months, take the coins to the bank and exchange them for dollar bills. (You may be surprised how much your family may accumulate in that short time if everyone participates.) Decide which charity should get that contribution, and then start the process all over again. See if you can resist the temptation to take a few coins when you think you need them, remembering that the poor have a greater need than you!

Father William

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Elisa Gigliotti  
Byron Jacobson



**Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community. Pope Benedict XVI states, "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously next weekend.

32ND ORDINARY SUNDAY  
SELF-GIVING TO GOD



### From the Deacon's Desk:

Today's Gospel deals with a widow that gives from her want whereas others give from their excess. Jesus says that "she put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

I would like to address the giving of "quality time" to the Lord. Sunday Mass is where we celebrate as a community, one body in Christ. Liturgy is NOT a spectator sport. It requires full and active participation. It has been brought to my attention more than once that many of our good parishioners will receive Christ in Communion and dash out the door. Communion is a holy time, a time to be in prayer, not preoccupied with other things. I think that you have heard that it is rude, if not impolite, to "eat and run" especially when we have an Honored Guest at a special banquet. It is disrespectful to the other parishioners, priest and our choir and music ministers who give of themselves for us.

The final prayers and blessings give us strength to live the Mass throughout the week. We need it and we are worth it. We owe everything to God. As St. Augustine says, "Of whose possessions do we give, if not from His? If you were to give of your own, it would be largess (a generous gift giving), but since you give of His, it is restitution (giving to the rightful owner)". Again, we owe everything to God; He deserves our best.

#### Points for meditation:

"Lord, You mete out peace to us, for it is You who have accomplished all we have done." ...Isaiah 26:12

Fr. Mark Link, S.J. asks, "To what extent do I reduce religion to ritual, rather than believing and loving?"

"We must constantly guard against conforming our belief to our behavior, rather than our behavior to our belief." ...Anon.

**Our Prayer:** God our Father, Yours is the beauty of creation and the good things You have given us. Look kindly on our weakness and hasten to our aid, for without You we can do nothing. Remember the poor and the afflicted, do not let this day be a burden to them. Help us to begin this day joyfully in Your name and spend it in loving service of You and our neighbor. Amen.

**Parish Library** - Do you have questions about your Catholic Faith? Would you like to develop your spirituality? Please feel free to visit our Parish Library each Sunday **after the 9:00 am Mass** in the Parish Activity Center. There are many books, tapes and periodicals available on topics such as, spirituality, theology, lives of the saints, sacraments, and family issues. Questions? Please call the religious education office at **598-0519**.

#### Take a Stress-free Prayer Break.....

**Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE** - Join us for an hour to pray and say a rosary with 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 & Activities for everyone!! Those not involved in our program are also welcome!! **No Class** on Sunday, **November 26**, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Middle School: No Class** on Tuesday, **Nov. 21**, for Thanksgiving. Registration is still being accepted. Please call the religious ed office at 598-0519 for 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. Thank you for participating in our food drive! Next week - Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of the class!

**Sunday Nursery:** We have caretakers for the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses!

**Family Round Table** - Come join us for an evening of sharing and connecting with other moms as we learn how to teach Dependability in our families and get great ideas to celebrate a child's coming of age. **Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 pm in the PAC.** Please Call Marianne Schaeffer, 594-8678, if you have any questions or would like more information. **All are welcome!**

"That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet." - Emily Dickenson

**Quote from Tradition**

Upon what a small price the kingdom of heaven depends! At how cheap a price such a great possession is offered! It is offered on earth, in order that you may possess it in heaven; what is offered in time you may possess in eternity. You cannot say: I do not have the means to buy it, because it is so great a possession that I cannot find a suitable price. Is not as much as you may have enough? A certain widow bought the kingdom of heaven for two mites; she put two coins in the treasury of the Church. *Amen, I say to you, no one has put more into the house of God than this widow; for they have put in out of their abundance, but she put in all that she had.* Since the Lord gave her food, she now had two coins over and above to live on for one day. Therefore, she put them into the house of God and bought for herself the kingdom of heaven. Look, since you feared that it was too costly and you were not capable, see that it is possible for two mites... The man who possesses good will has everything. If it is present, it alone suffices but everything else is worth nothing if charity alone is lacking. If you had in your house treasure with which you might feel secure, you would rejoice and exult; you possess good will in your heart, and are you sad? You could fear a thief in your treasury, but whom do you fear in your heart? Do not allow an enemy in your heart; if you possess good will, you fear nothing.

*Caesarius of Arles, Sermon 182, 470-543.*



**We need new members!**  
**Welcome all seniors, any age!**

**Important!**

**Nov. 20 - We will be starting our games at 10:00 am and play until we have our catered lunch.**

**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. **Note:** Last day to order lunch is Wednesday, Nov. 15.

**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 by Nov. 15.

**Dec. meetings: 2nd and 3rd Mondays, Dec. 11 & 18.** (Hall is being used for basketball tournament on Dec. 4.) More info to follow on Christmas party luncheon, etc.

Our annual Laughlin trip - Jan. 8-10, three days, 2 nites.

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.**

**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 reading from Kings illustrates several things: God's care for the poor, even the foreign poor (Zarephath was over Israel's border in what is now Lebanon); Elijah's activity as his agent; and, in the context of today's liturgy, the trusting generosity of a widow who sacrifices her own livelihood to the needs of another.

Quite clearly we are invited to connect her to the widow of the Gospel reading. In Mark's Gospel the poor widow who contributed "all that she had to live on" is sharply contrasted with the wealthy who gave sizable amounts from their surplus wealth. The rich do not depend on God. They have plenty to live on. The widow now had only God and God's people to lean upon.

**Life Focus:** \* The scribes say long prayers and Jesus disapproves. How would you describe your prayer life and its development? \* From your experience, what are some practical ways you can contribute to the Church besides money? \* Jesus criticizes the scribes for being religious in the wrong way. What are the qualities you find in a person you consider to be religious?

### **School News**

Our 14th Annual Golf Tournament and Oktoberfest was very enjoyable and very successful. Mr. & Mrs. Martin Howard, Mrs. Mary Ellen Roide, Mr. David Stankavich and their committee did an excellent job. A special thank you to Chef Peter Lehmar who even makes Brussels sprouts taste good!

St. Joseph School proudly announces the dedication of our football field to Coach Bob Fitzpatrick. It will forever be known as "Fitz Field". Our dedication ceremony will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2:00 pm on "Fitz Field" with a reception to follow in Fr. Martin Hall. Fr. Martin recruited Bob fresh out of the service in 1959 and the rest is history. If you have any pictures (especially of Fitz when he had hair) or memories of being coached or taught by Fitz, please contact Bridget in the school office, 596-6115. Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we roast and toast our legendary coach. More details to follow.

Parent/Teacher Conferences begin the week of Nov. 13. Students in grades 2-8 have received their report cards and it is the time for parents to touch base with the teachers to discuss their child/children's progress. The test results from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will also be explained and discussed with the parents.

Students are preparing a Thanksgiving Prayer Service to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 11:30 am in the church. Each grade will give thanks in their own unique way. If you are in the area, please join us.

**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.

### **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**



### **It's almost FOOD basket delivery time. November 18 is delivery day.**

Meet at the hall at **8:30 am**, deliver between 9:00 am and noon. Call **Patty Brio 425-5964** to sign up to drive to our needy 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.

**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.

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**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.

### **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 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

## MONDAY, November 13

8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang

## TUESDAY, November 14

8:00 AM - † Alice Supancheck

## WEDNESDAY, November 15

8:00 AM - † Anthony Ryan

## THURSDAY, November 16

8:00 AM - † Mary Jane Merk

## FRIDAY, November 17

8:00 AM - † Charles Settina

## SATURDAY, November 18

5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvati family

## SUNDAY, November 19

7:30 AM - † James Sharp

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Ellie Bezart

12:30 PM - Vincent Radtke, living

**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: \$15,361  
Last year: \$15,288

**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