



### From the Pastor's Desk:

In a variety of ways, the Department of Homeland Security seeks to be prepared for the unexpected. Groups like the American Red Cross hold emergency preparedness drills for their staff and volunteers. Local, state, and federal officials are on the watch for a host of possible tribulations, from forest fires to hurricanes, from man-made disasters to unexpected (but likely) natural events.

A person can buy insurance to protect them from the effects of practically any unwelcome outcome, from a car accident to trip cancellation, to health problems. We even have "life" insurance which curiously is paid out at a person's death!

None of these preparations, and no insurance, will guard us at the return of the Lord. Only our faithful service and our witness to Christ will make a difference.

Father William



### From the Deacon's Desk:

I can't say leftovers from my last homily. So, this is the homily that never was:

A grieving widow was discussing her late husband with a friend: "My Albert was such a good man, and I miss him so. He provided well for me with that \$50,000 insurance policy - but I'd give a \$1,000 of it just to have him back." Just like the disciples, she failed to appreciate the difference between real and apparent sacrifice. Real sacrifice is internal. The radical message of today's (11-12) readings is that we must place our TRUST and confidence in God rather than material possessions. This is hard because it requires us to practice that forgotten virtue of HUMILITY. Only a humble person sees where he or she stands before God. Only a humble person is certain that the presence of God in their life is the essential element to happiness.

Of utmost importance is NOT what you give, but WHY you give. All giving should symbolize self-giving as the widow in the first reading and the Gospel exemplify. Even the responsorial Psalm says, "The Lord raises up those who are bowed down. The Lord loves the just." Then God will give His reward.

Last weekend we honored our veterans. They gave their lives for our freedom, the freedom to come to Mass and ask God for forgiveness. We come to the altar in humility and trusting in God's providential care that He will nourish us in Word and Sacrament that we may serve Him in one another.

**Our Prayer:** O Lord, give us a greater awareness of our responsibility to the formation of a Catholic Christian society which includes a deeper awareness of the plight of our homeless within our city, and give us the courage to take part in reaching out to them. Amen.

**Altar Servers Needed** - Did you used to be an altar server? Would you like to help serve your parish through the ministry of altar serving once again? Help is especially needed at the 5:00 pm and 7:30 am Masses. If you have never served but would like to, training is available. Please call the rectory for more information, 594-4657.

**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.



**Our annual Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving morning. There will be a table set up for the blessing of the bread.**

**Fr. Will and the parish staff wish each of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development** - When we hear that 37 million Americans live in poverty - that many families are two paychecks away from becoming poor themselves - are we overwhelmed? Paralyzed? We can make a difference. We can give a hand up to people struggling to change their lives and communities. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of poor and low-income people working together to break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to CCHD in today's collection.

33RD ORDINARY SUNDAY  
HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** No Class next week, **November 26**. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! Our **Advent Celebration** will take place on Sunday, **December 3**, at **10:15 am** in the hall.

**Middle School:** No Class on Tuesday, **Nov. 21**, for Thanksgiving.

**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. Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of the class! No class next week.

**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

**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.

**Concern America** - On Sunday, **December 10**, Concern America returns with **The Marketplace of Fair Trade Crafts** - just in time for Christmas shopping, birthdays, weddings or any other special event you may celebrate. Please consider purchasing gifts that will warm the heart of the recipient and promote justice and fair trade for the families in Central America and Bangladesh who produce the crafts. Through your appreciation of their crafts and your generosity, many materially poor artisans will be able to earn a just wage, support their families, and keep alive their cultural heritage.

Concern America, is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA, 714-953-8575. You may view a selection of their crafts on the website: [www.concernamerica.org](http://www.concernamerica.org).

**What is fair trade?** Fair trade means that trading partnerships are based on reciprocal benefits and mutual respect; that prices paid to producers reflect the work they do; that national health, safety, and wage laws are enforced; and the products are environmentally sustainable and conserve natural resources.



**New members are welcome, any age!**

**Important - Nov. 20** - We are starting our games at **10:00 am** and play until we have our catered lunch. Special guest **Fr. Tom Hoffman** will be visiting!

**December meetings are as follows - note change:**

Hall is being used for basketball tournament on Dec. 4.

**Dec. 11** - Note date change! Our regular games etc.

**Dec. 18** - Christmas party catered lunch and great entertainment. This year we are doing gifts for **Project Achieve**. We will issue you a list of what is needed! Cost of Christmas lunch is \$10. Checks only please.

**Jan. 8-10** - Our annual Laughlin trip includes our big party champagne buffet, music & dancing. Call Olga or Betty for more info. Cost is \$83 per person double occ, \$97 per person single. Please note: **one bag per person** and one carry on. Price includes bus driver tip.

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

**Attention:** The 50+ Singles of St. Pancratius (Divorced, Single, Widowed Catholics), 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lkwd, will meet on Sunday, **Nov. 20 at 2 pm** in the Conference Room (behind Parish Hall). Info: Mary, 596-9449.

**Holiday Dance for Single Catholics** - Join the L.A. Catholic Alumni (Singles) for their Day after Thanksgiving Dance, Friday, November 24, Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean, Van Nuys, 8 pm to midnight. All ages (mostly 35-55). \$16 at door. First 250 only. 24 hr infoline: 818-759-1545. Also New Year's Eve Dance at St. Mels.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** who are going to the workshop on December 2: Meet in the St. Joseph parking lot at 7:00 am to carpool.

**LECTORS:** Please come to the rectory to pick up your new **Lector Workbook** as soon as possible.

**Mass with Healing Service** Tuesday, **November 21, 7:30 pm**, Fr. Mike Barry, St. Cyprian Church, 4714 Clark Ave., Long Beach, 421-9487.

**Safeguard the Children Fingerprinting** - All parish staff, catechists, and volunteers who work with our children are required by the Archdiocese to be fingerprinted. There will be an opportunity to be fingerprinted here at St. Joseph's on Friday, **December 8**, in the Parish Activity Center. The hours are **12:00 to 4:00 pm and 5:20 to 7:20 pm**. Please call the religious education office at **598-0519** to **schedule an appointment**.

The parish office will be closed on November 23 and 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Quote from Tradition**

*He waits until his enemies are made his footstool.* There is no anxiety in this waiting for Christ, as there would be for us. It shows the merciful will which God has towards us. *The Lord is waiting to show us mercy* (Is 30:18). All are placed under his feet - that is, some bend their will towards the humanity of Christ, and in this their salvation consists, namely in doing his will. But the wicked who are unwilling are put down, because his will is not fulfilled through them; yet it is fulfilled as far as the work of justice. *How long will you refuse to submit to me?* (Ex 10:3). And so all things are subjected in their own way. He has placed all things under his feet (Ps 8:7). When he says by *one offering* he gives the reason why he sits as Lord and not a minister like the priests of the Law, because they could not take away sin with one sacrifice, but had to make frequent offerings. *For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.* But the sacrifice which Christ offered took away all sins. As it says above, *Christ was offered once to take away the sins of many.* And so it says that *by one offering he has forever made perfect those who are being consecrated*, that is, by reconciling and uniting us to God as our head, because the sacrifice of Christ, who is both God and man, has an eternal power of sanctifying. And below it says, *Jesus suffered to consecrate the people by his own blood.* For through Christ we are perfected and united to God.

*St. Thomas Aquinas, On the Letter to the Hebrews, 1225-1274*

**Mary Star of the Sea High School** invites all prospective students for the 2007-2008 school year and their parents to attend the annual **Information Evening on Tuesday, November 21, 6-9 pm, 810 W. 8th St., San Pedro, 310-547-1138.** The evening will include: update about the new campus (opening next school year), presentations of our academic and co-curricular programs and an opportunity to meet all the administrators, teachers and coaching staff. Come and find out why everyone is talking about Mary Star of the Sea High School!

**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**



Delivery day was November 18 for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Christmas Delivery will be Dec. 16th. **Drivers for Thanksgiving are expected to drive for Christmas. Call Patty Brio to help deliver, 425-5964.**

Our Christmas delivery is MAJOR. We will be delivering beautiful presents and the food. Our volunteers have lined up 64 families to help this year. Watch for the envelopes on the Christmas Trees in back of church. If you take an envelope from the tree, we need the gift wrapped and returned to Church the following weekend by 12:30 pm on the 9th of December for sorting.

We will begin collecting the **homeless kits** this weekend. 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 sooo appreciated! Our balance is about \$8,500 now and we need to be at \$10,000 by Christmas for the Christmas Food Gift Baskets, including funds for Wednesday lunches & Concern America donations. Thank you for helping so many in Long Beach.

**St. Joseph High School** invites parents and educators of teenage girls to a very special Parent Education Evening, Wednesday, **Nov. 29, 7-9 pm**, Sr. Ursula Flynn Center. Speaker: Rosalind Wiseman, national speaker and educator, author of "Queen Bees and Wannabes". Topic: A Look into the Dynamics of Girl World. Ms. Wiseman offers parents/educators a guide to navigating the adolescent landscape. Wiseman helps parents understand their daughters' challenges with cliques, boyfriends, etc.

**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 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

### MONDAY, November 20

8:00 AM - † Lucille Stilman Dasset

### TUESDAY, November 21

8:00 AM - † Michael David Romero

### WEDNESDAY, November 22

8:00 AM - Louis & Mary Ryan, living

### THURSDAY, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM - Virginia Souza, living

### FRIDAY, November 24

8:00 AM - Joe Eno, Sr., living

### SATURDAY, November 25

5:00 PM - † Ermadeen Adelman

### SUNDAY, November 26

7:30 AM - † Delfin Flores

9:00 AM - Thanksgiving, Munda - Reyes family

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault

**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, Dorothy Custer & Allyne Bond.



Last week: \$12,668

Last year: \$12,853

**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  
Christopher Ward  
Amy Mann  
Nick Compton  
Joseph Comfort  
Peter LuPiba  
Scott Williams

Raul Carranza  
William T. Worthy, Jr.  
Glen Warren  
Joseph LaRiccica  
Irene Avila  
Kevin Roberts  
Justin Ray

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