



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

It is interesting the multiple ways the word "net" is used. There is the fishing net of today's Gospel. There is such a thing as a "safety net," both literal (for the aerial artist) and figurative (for the poor and elderly). A good investment is said to "net" someone a fortune. And there is the net that many of us use everyday, the "Internet."

All of those "nets" imply some type of gathering up, whether collecting the fallen tightrope walker, or weaving together a vast amount of information.

Today's Gospel, with Jesus' final injunction to Simon about catching something other than fish, is often interpreted as a vocation message. It can be that. But it can also be seen as a call to all of us to help gather people into the community of faith.

Father William

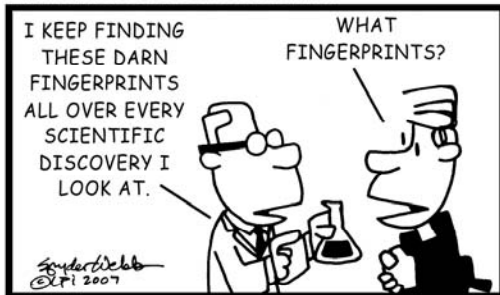
**The Rosary Bowl** - Dave the date - A world at prayer is a world at peace: A Rosary Celebration, **May 19, 6-9 pm**, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Spread the word! Pray for this event!

**Blood Drive**

**Date:** February 18  
**Time:** 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**Place:** St. Joseph Parish Hall  
**Sponsor:** St. Joseph Church & Knights of Columbus Council #3629  
**Contact:** Mark Smith @ [msmith@uces.csulb.edu](mailto:msmith@uces.csulb.edu) or Shauna Gwin @ [sgwin@socalbnlood.com](mailto:sgwin@socalbnlood.com) or 818-917-4294.

**Changes** - Bereavement education and support for children and teens. Tuesday nights for 7 weeks beginning **Feb. 6, 6:45-8 pm**. For information and registration, please call Pathways Volunteer Hospice, 531-3031.

5TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE



**From the Deacon's Desk:**

There were numerous requests for copies of this from last week's homily. I thought it best to publish it.

*What a Teacher Makes:*

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to be a teacher?" He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest, "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest, what do YOU make?" Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?" She paused for a second, then began, "Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ student feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 minutes without an iPod, Game Cube or movie rental. You want to know what I make?" She paused again and looked at each guest at the table. "I make them apologize and MEAN IT! I teach them respect and to take responsibility for their actions. I make them show all their work in math. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know in English while praising their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where the students feel safe. I make my students stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, because we live in the United States of America. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given by God, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life." She paused one last time and continued, "Then when people try to judge me by what I make, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant. You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make?"

**Our Prayer:** Lord, your call to Peter is echoed in our own call to discipleship. Take our hesitancy and transform it into courage and confidence in You so we may make a difference in our world. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community baptized on January 28:

**Trenton John Piburn**  
**Caden Robert Chavez**  
**Zachary Christopher Makoa Woodson**

**Monday Night.....Take a Stress-free Prayer Break.....**  
**Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE - Just an HOUR**  
MONDAY NIGHTS - 7:00 - 8:00 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****Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School:**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Family Mass and Potluck Brunch last week. It was a great success!! Special thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this such a fun event!

**Sacrament Program:** Reconciliation Workshop will be held on Sunday, **February 25**, from **2:00 to 4:30 pm** in the hall for our **2nd Year** students and parent. This is a required workshop for both religious education and school families and is preparation for the children receiving First Reconciliation.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's readings)*

**Adults:** What is it, at the deepest level of my being, that I sense Jesus is asking of me as one of his disciples?

**Children:** What is a way that I can follow Jesus?

**Teens:** How is Jesus asking me to be his follower this week?

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today.

**Sunday Nursery:** We have caretakers for the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, holidays included!

**St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry** nine week **Grief Support Group**, Thursdays, 7:30 pm, beginning **Feb. 8**. The purpose of this group is to bring people together who have suffered the loss of a loved one by death or divorce, and provide an opportunity for a grieving person to learn about the grieving process in a safe and caring environment. If you would like to participate, please contact Erlinda Ramstead, 598-2609, or Donna Luciene, 421-4993.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture focus** - In today's Gospel we hear Jesus calling the disciples. Jesus calls unlikely, even unworthy people to follow him, but in response to his assurance of forgiveness, we see a generous response to the call. Even Peter, first among the apostles, is first astonished at the power of Jesus and then overcome by a sense of his own sinfulness. But Jesus overlooks Peter's protests that he is unworthy and calls him beyond that to reach out to others.

Like Peter, we risk realizing our own greatness when we say "Yes" to God in Christ. We enter into a partnership, a discipleship, when we consent to God's invitation. We bring to the call humility and an awareness that nothing great can happen of our own doing. It may be necessary for God to reach out and perform minor miracles to convince us the call is real. We may require some purification to be ready. It may take a miraculous catch of some kind to help us realize God's seriousness. But our call is as real as Peter's, and so is the risk. Are we willing?

**Life Focus** - \* Relate an experience when you felt a sense of awe or wonder. \* What do you think God is calling you to do in your life? \* How is God calling you this week to carry out your mission? \* Describe an experience when another person helped you overcome fear. \* When were you asked to do something you couldn't handle? Where did you find the strength?



We are starting a new year. It would be nice to welcome into our midst some of the younger set - say like 50 - 60 year old age group, or even younger! We need young blood. Come join us -

**Feb. 5** - our next get together - announcements, games, fun, etc. We will also be taking names for Casino Trip. Please bring your checkbook.

**Feb. 20** - Casino trip to Aqua Caliente. Cost \$25 includes: \$10 cash refund, free \$11 buffet lunch, bus trip, Carl's tip, 2 for 1 coupon book. Bus leaves 9:30 am, return approx. 6 pm. We need a full bus, 47 people.

**Feb. 19** - Regular stuff, info on our next cruise - Fall Foliage, Canada and New England, 7 nights, Princess Lines.

**March meetings** changed to 2nd & 4th Mondays:

**March 12** - Fr. Mike Gleason will be having our Mini Retreat, catered lunch. More info to follow. Retreat open to all in the parish.

**March 18** - Sunday - St. Joseph Table

**March 26** - Regular meeting.

**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.

**Dance Lessons! Come dance like a star!**

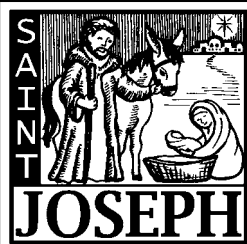
For the fifth year, professional dance teachers Nicolas & Cheryl Cotton will be teaching us to Cha Cha Cha and much, much more! Please contact Veronica at the religious ed office, **598-0519**, to sign up and join the fun. All proceeds go to help the Confirmation candidates pay for & build two houses for families in Mexico. It is fun, a bargain, & a good cause. **Hurry**, lessons start Feb. 9. **Don't miss the fun! Cost: \$100/couple for 6 weeks.**

**Safeguard the Children  
FEBRUARY FINGERPRINTING**

All parish staff, catechists, and volunteers who work with our children are required by the Archdiocese to be fingerprinted. There will be another opportunity to be fingerprinted on **Saturday, Feb. 10**, at **St. Philip Neri in Lynwood**. Please call for an appointment, **310-632-7179**.

**LITURGICAL DANCING**

Are you a dancer? Do you have any background in dancing? Would you like to be involved in special liturgies? We are in the process of forming a group to learn Liturgical Dancing. If you have some background in dancing and would like more information, please call the religious education office at **598-0519**.



**You are Invited  
Celebrate  
St. Joseph  
Our Patron Saint  
March 18 - 1:00 pm  
Fr. Martin Hall**

**Together In Mission 2007**

“Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.” Psalm 40:5  
Cardinal Mahony is sending a letter to past contributors to the *Together in Mission* campaign. If you receive this letter, please respond with a generous pledge to support the ministries, programs and services provided by the parishes and schools that receive these funds.

This weekend, we will provide additional information about this campaign that provides funds to 35 parishes and 48 schools that would find it difficult, it not impossible, to operate without them.

On the weekends of February 10-11 and 17-18, we will conduct the in-pew solicitation process so that those who do not receive the mailing will have an opportunity to make their pledges.

As each parish household prayerfully reflects on the amount of the pledge to be made to help these parishes and schools, please reflect on the following questions: **Do I really believe that I have a duty to help others who are in need? Is what I give to the work of the Church enough to show how grateful I am for what God has given me? Do I appreciate how important every contribution to Together in Mission is to the people in the subsidized parishes and schools?**

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider the above questions and give generously, according to what God has given to you.

One of the more challenging ministries is to the imprisoned, yet Jesus very clearly calls us to minister to them. As part of my deacon formation process, on **Feb. 16-19** I will be participating in a weekend retreat with prisoners at the Lompoc prison sponsored by Kairos Prison Ministry, an interdenominational group that works to bring Christ's love to the incarcerated. There are several things to be done before and during the weekend, and I would like you to prayerfully consider helping me with any of the following:

- Baking six dozen cookies, which will be given to the prisoners during the weekend.
- Having schoolchildren color “shields”, pictures of Jesus with an inscription, writing a brief note on the back, and drawing an outline of their hand.
- Prayer vigil: Committing to pray for the weekend participants during a 30 minute time slot during the weekend.
- Prayer letters: writing short notes to the inmates.

If you feel moved to assist in any of these ways, please contact me at 799-0921, or [patandtom@charter.net](mailto:patandtom@charter.net). Thank you for helping to bring Christ's unconditional love to those who need it so much.

Tom Halliwell



*Thanks to all who attended our meeting. Call us with questions about our upcoming schedule. John/Jan 430-5839. One of the points brought up was “family carry-over.” We call to get the names of needy families every fall.*

Theoretically, every year we have new families. Our question to the families that deliver is: “Have you met a family that you feel needs more help, and your family wants to keep them on the list another year?” Please call John/Jan to discuss this.

**March 24 - Begin Homeless Kit Collection:** envelopes on the cross in back of church. Take an envelope and follow the instructions inside. We collect items that can help the homeless. Return items in the 1 gallon bag to the back of church.

**March 31 - Easter Food Basket Delivery.** Call Patty Brio to deliver, 425-5964. Promptly at 8:30 am, we gather in the hall for guidelines, a prayer, and then load up our vehicles. Delivery is between 9 and noon.

**L. B. Project Achieve...** Our newest mission. Call us or Tina Gath. Many of our parishioners have helped already. We, as a parish, are trying to provide three meals each month. Can you help us once a month?

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! Thank you for helping so many neighbors in Long Beach.



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - Married couples...take your honey on a Marriage Encounter Weekend to deepen your love and communication. It's the perfect Valentine weekend for couples in love! Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend **Feb. 9-11!** For info: Jacob & Sarah, 923-7335.

**World Marriage Day Celebration** with Cardinal Mahony at the Cathedral, **Feb. 11, 3:30 pm.** Couples celebrating their 25, 30, 40, 50 or more wedding anniversary are invited to a special Mass. Registration fee: \$35 per couple. For more information and registration, please call Annette Vichot in the Office of Family Life, 213-637-7228.

**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, February 3**  
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, February 4**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - † Barbara Semonsen  
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.  
 12:30 PM - † Francis Aimone
- MONDAY, February 5**  
 8:00 AM - Mario Bracco, living
- TUESDAY, February 6**  
 8:00 AM - † Dorotea Cruz
- WEDNESDAY, February 7**  
 8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- THURSDAY, February 8**  
 8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- FRIDAY, February 9**  
 8:00 AM - Milagros Chingcu Angro, living
- SATURDAY, February 10**  
 5:00 PM - † Norberto de Ramos, Jr.
- SUNDAY, February 11**  
 7:30 AM - † Jane Mais  
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - † Eleanor Connell  
 12:30 PM - † Jane Mais

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:

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| Vincent Vezzetti       | Christopher Ward |
| William T. Worthy, Jr. | Amy Mann         |
| Glen Warren            | Nick Compton     |
| Joseph LaRiccia        | Joseph Comfort   |
| Irene Avila            | Peter LuPiba     |
| Kevin Roberts          | Scott Williams   |
| Justin Ray             | Rob Black        |

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.



Last week: \$11,149  
 Last year: \$12,827

**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, Phil McCafferty, Honey Weinstein, Mary Mariano, Anna Sharples, Paul Halliburton, Lydia Simpson, Susan Meicht, Elizabeth Rouse, David Suda-kou, Jesse Torres, Helen Belli, Dick Ingalls, Cletus Schmidt, Tony Bernardo, David Dresnick, Margaret DeRuyter, Christopher Moore, Lala Rocha, Diane Stowers, Hugo Jorda, John Anselmo, Bobby Lovett, Katie Hofkenscheid, Jim Carrera, Lucille Heilman, Jovencio Banares & Mary Wiegand.

## LITURGY

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| 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 |
|   | craiglawrence@yahoo.com |          |
| DIRECTOR of MUSIC                         | Vivian Doughty          | 422-5430 |
| CHURCH SACRISTANS                         | Lily & Joe Dang         | 493-2198 |

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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| PRINCIPAL      | Brid Considine                   |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Carole Dellavalle                |
| SECRETARIES    | Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska |
| PTO PRESIDENT  | Linda Smith                      |

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY                       | Veronica Gibb  |

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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| 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

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 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     |
|                     | Terri Traucht        |              |

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| SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES | Don & Tina Gath | 598-5202 |
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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

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| Nancy Miller | 429-2546 |
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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| 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 |
| TOGETHER IN MISSION         | Victoria Higgins     | 597-6979 |
| 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