



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

We're familiar with the Eight Beatitudes that initiate the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel, as we hear today, the sermon takes place on a plain and contains four blessings and four woes. The poor, hungry,

grieving, and hated will have blessings while the rich, satisfied, laughing, and well spoken of can look forward to a baneful future.

The early Christian community saw in these words of Jesus a call to balance things out in the world. The Didache, an early second century teaching, encouraged members of the faith to give alms, forgive offenders, and comfort those in need. Twenty centuries later, can we do any less?

Father William

<p>Rest In Peace</p> <p>Died in Christ:</p> <p><b>Lillian Senteno</b></p>	
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**The Rosary Bowl** - Save 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!



**From the Deacon's Desk:**

**LIKE TO EXPLORE? HOW ABOUT THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? HOW ABOUT WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7 PM in the PAC DURING LENT?**

I was able to convince Al Shaheen to lead us in exploring **WHO IS GOD? WHY DID GOD MAKE US?** The **CATHECHISM** is broken down into four parts namely, the **CREED**, the **Christian Way of Life**, the **ten Commandments** and finally **Christian Prayer**. Somehow we'll try to work in the **LITURGY of HOURS**.

The Gospel deals with the **Beatitudes**. A line in David Haas' song, "Blest Are They" struck me: "Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the Glory of God is theirs."

It's time to fast on TV and sports and feast on the Word. **Our Prayer:** Oh Lord, in You we have been born again as sons and daughters of light. Help us to spend this day for Your Glory and our neighbors' good. Amen.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture focus** - The "beatitudes" and "woes" in today's Gospel should be looked at together because they balance one another. The poor should not be too easily identified with a social class, for the poor are not just the economically poor but also the lowly and oppressed who seek God's will. On the other hand, the rich are not condemned just because they are rich. But their riches can easily make them independent, not needing God or others. And they can begin to believe that they have a right to what they own, that they don't have to notice the poor around them. We are promised happiness and fullness, but we are challenged to keep ourselves humble and our lives simple. Jesus preaches poverty because poverty forces us to trust totally in God. We have to realize that the Kingdom holds the ultimate value.

**Life Focus** - \* Imagine yourself happy. Where are you? Who is with you? What are you doing? What are you feeling? \* Speak of an apparent misfortune, "bad luck" or disaster. What was the hidden blessing? \* Describe a time in your life when you *felt* poor or deprived. What impact do the words of Jesus have on these feelings? \* What are the things money can't buy? \* How can your life be simpler? How can you depend more on God? How can you begin to notice poor people?

**Blood Drive**

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

6TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS



**The History of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles**

Come to the rectory to see this beautiful hardcover book filled with colorful pictures. We have many copies available for sale at only \$40 each. As Cardinal Mahony states, this book is "the most extensive, comprehensive and elegant of any of its kind yet published in our nation."

**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**

**Elementary Program:** No Class on February 18 due to President's Day Holiday.

**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 parents. 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 in my personal or professional life am I willing to risk in order to gain the joy of life everlasting with God?

**Child/Teen:** How can I help those who are poor, sad, or insulted this week?

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. No class next week.

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



**SPECIAL NOTICE - Feb. 19** meeting starts at 10 am until 2 pm - regular games etc.

**Feb. 19 - 3:00 pm CRUISE INFO** - Travel agency will be here with all info. Deposits taken, all interested please come. Cruise - Fall Foliage, Canada and New England, 9 nights, Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas, **Oct 12-21**. CRUISE OPEN TO ALL.

**Feb. 20** - Casino trip to Agua Caliente is full. We are taking stand bys. Call Olga 596-6981.

**March meetings - 2nd & 4th Mondays**

**March 12** - Fr. Mike Gleason will be having our Mini Retreat. Starts at 9 am until 2 pm. Catered lunch is served, \$8 per person - full lunch, dessert & coffee.

**RETREAT OPEN TO ALL IN PARISH.**

**March 26** - Regular meeting.

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

**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.

**Safeguard the Children - Did you know?**

Child abuse is a frightening social reality. Numerous studies (which are not in full agreement) estimate that some **40% of girls and 30% of boys suffer some form of molestation by an adult during their childhood and youth**. Protecting our children from sexual abuse is why all St. Joseph parishioners who volunteer or work with children must attend the VIRTUS child abuse prevention training program. The training is required for all clergy and laity throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese whose work involves contact with children. For more information, call Joan Vienna, Coordinator of the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, 213-637-7227.

**Retrouvaille** - Is your marriage tearing you apart? Are you separated or contemplating a divorce? Then consider attending a Retrouvaille weekend. The next weekend will be held **Friday night March 30, to Sunday April 1**, To register or to hear more about Retrouvaille, call 909-900-5465, or 714-871-5953. Hurry, spaces are limited!

**FYI** - On Jan. 19, all cell phone numbers were released to telemarketing companies and you may have begun to receive phone calls. To prevent this, call 1-888-382-1222 from your cell phone. It is the national Do Not Call list. It will only take a minute & blocks your number for 5 years.

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**Attention:** The 50+ Singles of St. Pancratius (divorced, single, widowed Catholics), 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lkwd, will meet on Sunday, **Feb. 18 at 2 pm** in the conference room (behind the parish hall). Info: Mary, 596-9449.

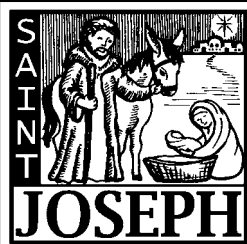
**Jesus is Lord!!** *St. Joseph Bible Study - The Gospel of John* begins with an amazing truth: the Word of God, God the Son, who existed before creation and by which everything was created, became human and lived with us. Come & stay awhile as we dwell in the mystery of our faith. Be transformed by the WORD. Christ in you, the hope of glory. Call Rita 714-761-4376 or the Religion Ed. Office for info.

**MINISTRY FORMATION**

A new Ministry Formation Course will be starting on Thursday, **March 8**, at **St. Cornelius Church**. This series of various topics including Images of God, Morality, Scripture, and Revelation will continue on Thursday evenings from **7 pm to 10 pm** through **June 7**. This course fulfills the Theological Phase towards certification as a Catechist, however, it also may be taken for personal enrichment. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 598-0519 for further information.

**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  
A Time for Reflection**

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the *Together in Mission* materials that you received today. Those of you who subscribe to the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Tidings*, received more information about the campaign in last week's edition.

*Together in Mission* provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme of the campaign is **"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."** **Psalm 40:5** *Together in Mission* provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual *Together in Mission* in-pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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.

**Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.** — Anonymous

**Judges and Lawyers are Invited** - The St. Thomas More Society, Catholic lawyers, judges and law professors, promotes the ideals of St. Thomas More and traditional ethics in the legal profession. The Society will hold a regional breakfast meeting on Friday, **Feb. 23** at 7:30 am in the rectory of St. Monica Church, 725 California Ave., Santa Monica. Members will discuss the expansion of the work of the Society in the parishes. For information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Sr. Tracey Sharp by Feb. 16, 213-637-7296.

**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 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

**MONDAY, February 12**

8:00 AM - † Joseph and Lillian Smith

**TUESDAY, February 13**

8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

**WEDNESDAY, February 14**

8:00 AM - † Thomas Steiner, CHP

**THURSDAY, February 15**

8:00 AM - † Louise LeSage

**FRIDAY, February 16**

8:00 AM - † Dominic Vu

**SATURDAY, February 17**

5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

**SUNDAY, February 18**

7:30 AM - † Tim O'Donnell

9:00 AM - Carl and Jane Carlson, living

10:30 AM - Burns family, living

12:30 PM - † Rosemary Rondeau

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
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: \$13,531  
Last year: \$15,396

**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**

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

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
	Terri Traucht	

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
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**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
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