



From the Pastor's Desk I:

It can be difficult to put the words of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel into practice. One thing that parents often do after young children have had a fight is to encourage them to make-up. They want their children to learn that you cannot harbor a grudge forever.

This childhood learning is hopefully carried over into adult life. We learn to forgive, but at the same time become aware of larger hurts than childhood spats. Forgiveness and reconciliation in adult life take place over much more serious things than who gets to play with which toy in the sandbox.

With Lent beginning this Wednesday, this may be a good time for an examination of conscience and to ask in what areas of one's own life forgiveness and reconciliation need to bear fruit.

From the Pastor's Desk II:

We have received a reimbursement of approximately \$9,000 from Together In Mission 2006. Half of this money has been given to a very poor Hispanic parish in Cudahy and the other half put in our construction fund toward a new handicap accessible rest room.

Father William



From the Deacon's Desk:

You and I are challenged to seek and know the depth of God's love for us AND to respond to that love!


Sometimes when we don't have time to listen to God, He has to "throw a brick at us." It's our choice to listen or not. How are you nurturing that seed?

Many times we mouth the words to the songs at Mass. I had a profound feeling two weeks ago when we sang "The Summons." Here are some words from it that are worth meditating on or pondering:

Will you come & follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know & never be the same? Will you let My love be shown? Will you let My name be known? Will you let My life be grown in you & you in Me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Our challenge: Parents and educators, we need to tell young people what many do not want to hear; consumerism is a shallow way of life, religion is a community affair, the Eucharist is a non-negotiable element of Christian life - you cannot write off the church & call yourself a Catholic. Jesus is more than a pal. He asks us to love one another with a deep abiding love not a brotherly but deep agape love. As Jesus states in this Sunday's Gospel, "Stop judging and you will not be judged.... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

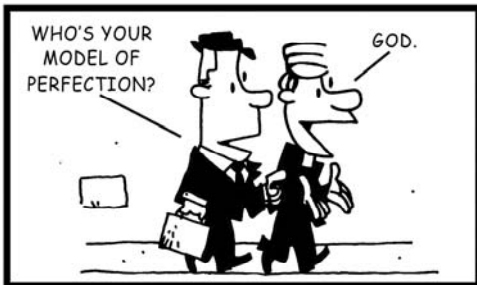
Our Prayer: Almighty Father, You have brought us to the light of a new day. Keep us safe the whole day through from every sinful inclination. May all our thoughts, words and actions aim at doing what is pleasing in Your sight. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen



Celebration!!!
St. Joseph - Patron Saint
March 18 - 1:00 pm
Fr. Martin Hall
View the table
Mass to follow - 3:00 pm
Dining following Mass

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

7TH ORDINARY SUNDAY /
 GROWTH INTO THE IMAGE
 OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



Small Church Community

Scripture focus - Today's reading from Luke's "Sermon on the Plain," a parallel of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, contains the revolutionary command: Love your enemies. Reacting with violence only breeds more violence. The Christian way rises above getting even: "Do good to those who hate you... Do to others what you would have them do to you." Love of enemies makes people truly Godlike! Luke's Jesus tells his listeners to be compassionate as God is compassionate. God has already withheld judgment from us. The reward for our compassion will be beyond all measure!

Life Focus - * Think of an experience in your life when someone mistreated you or someone you love. What was your reaction to that person? How could you better deal with this same situation? * Which of these is the hardest for you to do? Which is the easiest? Forgiving others, loving your enemies, not judging others, giving willingly?

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 today due to President's 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. Dr. John Yzaguirre will be our guest speaker on "The Power to Forgive & Reconcile."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's readings)

Adults: What makes it hard for me to show God's mercy to others?

Child: What can I do to be nice to someone who is hard to get along with?

Teen: How does it feel when someone forgives me?

Early Childhood: No class today. Remember to pray for our President to make good decisions for the people of our country and all those around the world.

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

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. -- Psalm 103:8

Parish Lenten Calendar

- Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday - Mass & ashes 8 am and 7 pm
- Feb. 25 First Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 28 Exploring the Catechism 7 pm in the PAC
- Mar. 1 Eucharistic Adoration 6 - 8 pm
- Mar. 2 Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm
- Mar. 4 Second Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 7 Exploring the Catechism 7 pm in the PAC
- Mar. 9 No Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 12 Third Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 14 Exploring the Catechism 7 pm in the PAC
- Mar. 16 Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm
- Mar. 18 Fourth Sunday of Lent - St. Joseph Day Celebration 1pm in hall St. Joseph Table and Procession, 3 pm Mass, 5 - 7pm dinner in hall w/ raffle & entertainment
- Mar. 21 Exploring the Catechism 7 pm in the PAC
- Mar. 23 Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm
- Mar. 25 Fifth Sunday of Lent - Parish Mission Begins
- Mar. 26 Parish Mission
- Mar. 27 Parish Mission
- Mar. 28 Parish Mission and Reconciliation Liturgy
- Mar. 30 Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm
- Apr. 1 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 2 Chrism Mass - Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels
- Apr. 5 Holy Thursday - Morning prayer 8 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 pm
- Apr. 6 Good Friday - Morning prayer 8 am,
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 1:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm
- Apr. 7 Holy Saturday - Morning prayer 8 am
Great Vigil and Eucharist of Easter 8 pm
- Apr. 8 EASTER SUNDAY - regular Mass schedule



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 Gleeson 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.

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**.

Abstinence and Fasting - Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all healthy persons between 18 and 59. Fasting means one full meatless meal per day. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended.



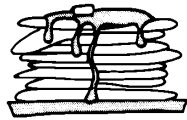
SpringMusicFest 2007 is right around the corner. Save Saturday evening, **March 24th** for a lovely dinner and an exciting musical variety show prepared by your own St. Joseph Music Ministry Team and friends. Tickets go on sale this week at \$25.00 per person. Proceeds are to be earmarked for upgrading our sound system. Watch for a listing of performers! Please direct questions to Vivian Doughy.

School News

A big thank you to all our parishioners who donated to the school through the School Support envelope last month. These funds are used for tuition assistance which enables students to stay in St. Joseph School during a financial crisis within the family. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our Casino Night. A great time was had by all.

Pancake Breakfast - Boy Scout Troop 120 fund raiser, Sunday, **March 4, 8 am to noon**. Tickets are \$4 per person. Please join us in the hall for a great breakfast and to support our parish sponsored troop.



“The Power to Forgive & Reconcile”

On **Feb. 25** Dr. John Yzaguirre, a Catholic licensed Psychologist and Marriage & Family Therapist, will be giving a presentation to our 2nd grade parents on the subject of reconciliation. This is in conjunction with our required parent-child workshop, however, we would like to open this up to anyone in the parish community. The session will start at **2:00 pm** in the hall and will last approximately one hour. Please feel free to attend this very informative and meaningful presentation. For further information, please contact the Religious Education Office at **598-0519**.

“Ready to Get Married?”

A premarital program tailored to the specific needs of each couple is being offered by Dr. John & Claire Yzaguirre. They are the co-authors of “Thriving Marriages, An Inspirational and Practical Guide to Lasting Happiness.” For further information, call our Religious Education Office at **598-0519**.

**SAVE THE DATES!!
April 27, 28, and 29**

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming. Loads of fun: rides, games, prizes and lots of food!
* Join us for the fiesta! *



We need to hear from you.... 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.

Family Game Night - Please join us in Father Martin Hall on Saturday, **March 10, at 6 pm** for a family game night featuring Bingo. We will be serving a baked potato bar and salad. The Knights of Columbus will provide the beverages. This is a fund raiser to pay for the 8th grade graduation breakfast, everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Kilmarx, 425-5286.

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.”

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 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
- MONDAY, February 19**
- 8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- TUESDAY, February 20**
- 8:00 AM - † Julita Tumanlao
- WEDNESDAY, February 21**
- 8:00 AM - † William Ripley
- 7:00 PM - † Rose Rotando
- THURSDAY, February 22**
- 8:00 AM - † Francisca Dolores
- FRIDAY, February 23**
- 8:00 AM - † Mary Ciramella
- SATURDAY, February 24**
- 5:00 PM - † Francis Aimone
- SUNDAY, February 25**
- 7:30 AM - Carr family, living
- 9:00 AM - Sheila Reyes, Special Intention
- 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- 12:30 PM - † Frank Pusateri

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 | Amy Mann |
| Glen Warren | Nick Compton |
| Joseph LaRiccica | Joseph Comfort |
| Irene Avila | Peter LuPiba |
| 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: \$10,972
Last year: \$10,279

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 & Sharon Conroy.

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 |
| | craigslawrence@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