



From the Pastor's Desk I:

Lent began just a few days ago, and already the Gospel is reminding us of the temptations that are part of our human existence. Jesus, as one "like us in all things but sin" (Eucharistic Prayer IV), was subject to temptation as well.

Our Lent begins with a reminder that our God is incarnate in Christ Jesus. He took on our flesh, our human existence.

It may seem odd to begin Lent by recalling the incarnation. That's usually a Christmas theme. But as we begin Lent we remind ourselves that the flip side of incarnation is at work in us who will renew our baptism at Easter, as well as in those who will be baptized. For it is through baptism that we share in divine life.

Father William



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, March 1, 6-8 pm



From the Deacon's Desk:

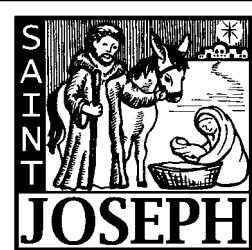
I recently read from "A Father that Keeps His Promise" the following:

"Here on earth the Church is a field full of both wheat and weeds, as Jesus Himself taught in the parables of the kingdom of heaven (Mt 13:24-30). Through Scripture we must train ourselves to attain a sacramental vision of the Church. Don't ever let the mixed bag that is the Church on earth cause you to leave her or stay out of her. When you allow scandal to make you leave the Church or stay out of the Church, you are not only depriving yourself of the spiritual food of the sacraments, you are spurning Christ's Bride!" Paraphrasing St. Cyprian: "If you will not have the Bride, then you cut yourself off from the Bridegroom."

This coming Wednesday, Al Shaheen and the deacon will be conducting a 'séance' at 7 pm in the PAC. Actually we will be invoking the Holy Spirit to guide us all in revisiting the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We may even get in the vestibule of Purgatory - Where is it? Why did 2 Maccabees 12:46 say, "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."?

We pray that this Lenten season will be a reawakening of our Faith, a refreshing of our Faith: The Catholic Faith. A realignment just as our cars need realigning so they can be on track and not wear out prematurely. So it is with the Lenten Season - we try to get back on track so we don't wear out prematurely. Remember: Jesus said, "Upon you, Peter, I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He did not say "My Churches". Let's explore His Church. See you Wednesday evening.

Our Prayer: Father God, You bring us to the beginning of Lent. Teach us to be loving not only in great and exceptional moments, but above all in ordinary events of daily life and help us to abstain from what we do not really need in order to help our brothers and sisters in distress. Protect us in our struggle against evil as we begin the discipline of Lent. 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

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
THE PROFESSION OF FAITH



Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

John Anselmo
Darille Hemady
Elaine Sciborski



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 next Sunday, March 4, due to the Religious Education Congress.

Sacrament Program: Reconciliation Workshop will be held today 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: How does my faith in God's presence help me deal with struggles to live my life in Christ?

Child: What can I do this week to remember that God is always with me?

Teen: How do I open myself to God's presence in my life?

Early Childhood: Regular class today. No class next week: Religious Education Congress.

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

SAVE WEDNESDAY FEB. 28, 7 PM FOR AN EVENING OF ENRICHMENT WITH THE DEACON AND HIS AIDE.

Parish Lenten Calendar

- 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 - after 8 am Mass and 7-8:30 pm
- Mar. 27 Parish Mission - after 8 am Mass and 7-8:30 pm
- 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

**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.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new member of our community baptized on February 18:

Isaac Nikoletich Nuno

Small Church Community

Scripture focus - Jesus has fled to the desert to sort through a powerful experience of affirmation by his Father. In a profoundly public moment of baptismal surrender, he is confirmed as the "Son of God." He must grapple in all humility with the ramifications of this identity. His own understanding of himself would lead to a profound self-surrender to his Father's will. The temptation of Jesus in the desert, as told by Luke, was not the first time Jesus was tempted, nor would it be the last. But Luke, like Matthew, uses these three temptations in a powerful way to depict the frequent experiences of Jesus. He struggled with the difficult possibilities open to him in carrying out his mission right up to the agony in the garden. As a human being he was always free to choose his path. But Jesus was also conscious of his loyalty and relationship with God. Nothing will deter Jesus from establishing the kingdom of God. His deepest trust is to follow God's plan and to carry out his mission according to that plan and none other. Jesus rejects Satan and places his trust in the guidance of God, no matter where that might lead.

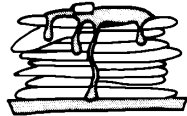
Life Focus - * Determine a Lenten resolution that will lead you to live more deeply with God, for example, spend 15 minutes in reading the Scriptures each day or in quiet prayer. * Describe a time in your life when you asked for proof of God's care for you. * Recall an incident when you chose to accept or get out of an everyday hardship in your life. * Tell of a time when a temptation revealed something to you about God or yourself. * Relate an experience from your life when you wondered whether God cared for you or not. * What besides "bread" satisfies the hungers in your life?



SpringMusicFest 2007 is right around the corner. Save Saturday, **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/person. Proceeds are to be earmarked for upgrading our sound system. Watch for a listing of performers! Please direct questions to Vivian Doughty.

Congratulations to Rachel Nguyen who received second honors for the second quarter at Rosary High School.

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.



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**.

“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**.

JOIN US FOR THE FIESTA!!

April 27, 28, and 29

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming. Loads of fun rides, games, prizes and tons of food! **SAVE THE DATES! SEE YOU THERE.**



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.

Save the Date! Lenten Parish Mission - March 26-28.

Two times available - Morning after the 8 am Mass, and Evening from 7-8:30 pm. Speaker: Fr. Gavin Griffith. Fr. Griffith is a Franciscan Priest. He is an advocate of practical spirituality and the healing power of humor.

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 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
- MONDAY, February 26**
8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- TUESDAY, February 27**
8:00 AM - Jeffrey Waldron, living
- WEDNESDAY, February 28**
8:00 AM - † George Weinmann
- THURSDAY, March 1**
8:00 AM - † Edith Batten
- FRIDAY, March 2**
8:00 AM - † Toni Carbonari
- SATURDAY, March 3**
5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, March 4**
7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
9:00 AM - † Margarita Garcia
10:30 AM - Michelle Yoon, living
12:30 PM - Hilda Del Castillo, living

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 LaRiccia | 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: \$11,287
Last year: \$10,919

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, Bobby Lovett, Katie Hofkenschaid, Jim Carrera, Lucille Heilman, Jovencio Banares, Mary Wiegand, Sharon Conroy, Frank Thornton & William Worthy.

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, | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL | Cindy Rodriguez | 598-0519 |
| CONFIRMATION | Shannon Carpenter | 430-6840 |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| LITURGY/CHILDREN | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| RCIC (Children) | Shannon Carpenter | 430-6840 |
| SUNDAY NURSERY | | |
| 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 | |
| SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES | Don & Tina Gath | 598-5202 |

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