



From the Pastor's Desk:

Mountains have a long history of being a favored place of religious experience. In the ancient Near East, places of sacrifice were often situated on a mountain. Many times temples were constructed on high places. Calvary itself, the ultimate place of sacrifice in Christianity, is a mount. Going up a mountain very often signaled getting closer to God.

Today's story of the transfiguration takes place on a mountain: a glorious event revealing Jesus in dazzling array. This display of God's glory to Peter, James and John, left them speechless.

We don't have to go up a mountain to get closer to God. But like Peter, James and John, we could stand speechless if we took a moment to reflect on some of God's actions: the birth of a baby, the reawakening spring, the grandeur of the universe!

Father William



From the Deacon's Desk:

Last Sunday two words were attempted to be brought to our minds, namely ALIGN and INTEGRITY. Lent is a time to ALIGN or bring into proper relationship or create a parallel. INTEGRITY is adherence to a moral or ethical principle; honesty; completeness. One Sacrament which is emphasized during Lent is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we reconcile ourselves to our Maker. Take your Sunday Missal and turn to the Prefaces. Each Sunday, a Lenten preface is selected. They have themes; for example, the first theme is "The Spiritual Meaning of Lent." (You give us a spirit of loving reverence for You, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbor.... You bring the image of Your Son to perfection within us.) The third preface is "The Reward of Fasting." "We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We are to show to those in need Your goodness to ourselves." Others deal with "Spirit of Penance" and "Fruits of Self-denial." Check them out. They are worthy of meditation.

Our Prayer for Vocations: Father, give us priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ Your only Son. Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for Your great glory and for the good of Your people. We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



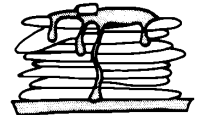
Daylight Savings Time starts early this year. Be sure to turn your clocks an hour ahead so you'll be on time for Mass on March 11.



St. Joseph Table
 Please Join in the Celebration
March 18
 Table Viewing ~ 1:00 pm
 Fr. Martin Hall
 Celebration Mass ~ 3:00 pm

Enjoy Dinner immediately following Mass.
 Spaghetti, salad, rolls and refreshments served.

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.



MINISTRY FORMATION

A Ministry Formation Course will be starting on **March 8**, at **St. Cornelius**. This series includes: Images of God, Morality, Scripture, and Revelation and 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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
 IN PRAYER, LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's readings)

Adults: How does my faith in the Lord strengthen when I am faced with difficult choices to live my baptism?

Child: What do I most want God to help me with?

Teen: What difficult things do I do that show my love for God and my family?

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 the Religious Education Congress.

Open House: Please stop by the hall next Sunday, **March 11**, after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses for our **Open House**. We will have displays from our Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School Programs available to view. Also, we will be taking names for registering children for our **Fall, 2007** classes.

Early Childhood: No class today. St. Joseph Community attends the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. Open House next week: invite family and friends, bring your cameras and camcorders to see the children sing after Mass in the hall. Community Helpers Alert! Please bring an item for the baby collection next week. Arrive early and drop it off with your child at the designated collection areas next to church.

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

Save the Date - Vacation Bible Camp

This year's Vacation Bible Camp, The Great Bible Reef, will be held at St. Cornelius from July 9 - 13, 9 am - noon.

Soup's On!!! Save the Date

In conjunction with our upcoming **Parish Mission**, Religious Education is sponsoring a **Soup Dinner Night** on Monday, **March 26**. Dinner will be served from **5:30 - 6:45 pm**. Anyone interested in making soup, please call Ann Crowley, 594-7575.

Parish Lenten Calendar

- 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 12 - Mini Retreat - Fr. Mike Gleeson, 9 am - 2 pm. Catered lunch served at noon, \$8 per person - full lunch, dessert & coffee. Reservations a must; please call. We will take payment at the door **but you must call**. Thanks.

RETREAT OPEN TO ALL IN PARISH.

March 26 - Regular meeting, games & travel info.

Cruise Info - Oct 12-21, fall foliage, Canada & New England, 9 nites, Royal Caribbean "Explorer of the Seas". Flight leaves out of Long Beach Airport, great prices. Call for more info. **Cruise open to everyone.**

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

Safeguard the Children

March 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 on Saturday, **March 17**, at **St. Pancratius** in Lakewood. Please call 634-1611 to schedule an appointment.

According to Highlights of the Youth Internet Safety Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, "**one in five children (10-17 years old) receive unwanted sexual solicitations online.**" In 1998, the CyberTipline was established as a means whereby people may report incidents of online child sexual exploitation. For information, please visit www.cybertipline.com.

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture focus - One of the key themes in Luke's gospel is glory. As Jesus is transfigured, Moses and Elijah appear "in glory." When the apostles awake, they see only Jesus' "glory." Moses and Elijah reveal that Christ's passage would be through suffering to glory. The voice of God identifies Jesus as God's chosen son, and commands the apostles to listen, to listen to what Jesus has just announced - his approaching death and resurrection. In this passage, the glory of God will be revealed.

Life Focus - * Relate an experience of having to do something difficult or unpleasant that helped another person. * Describe a time when you stopped to listen closely to another person. * Relate an event that enabled you to carry on through a difficult time in your life. * What are some "mountaintop" experiences in your life? * What experience these past two weeks helped you see God working in your life? * Describe a hardship you experienced that made you a better person.



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.

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Kathleen Burns, Saturday, **March 10, 12:30 to 4 pm**, Our Lady of Refuge parish cafeteria, sponsored by YLI. Salad luncheon (\$5), precedes retreat at 11:45 am. Make reservations with Ann Sylwanowicz, 425-5387 or Colleen Smith, 427-5745.

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**.

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.

The **Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend** was awesome. I experienced the Holy Spirit in a new way that will forever change my spirituality. Thank you for writing letters, coloring prayer shields and praying in the prayer vigil. I drove to Lompoc with more than 200 dozen cookies and hundreds of letters and prayer shields. Thank you to everyone for your overwhelming support. I came to the weekend and found human beings who found God's unconditional love and forgiveness. After being released, 75% of inmates are incarcerated again; for men who complete the Kairos weekend, only 25% return to prison after they are released. Praise God for Kairos! For more details of my weekend, please see the St. Joseph website, stjosephparishcommunity.com, and look under "This Week's Bulletin". Tom & Pat Halliwell

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 10-11 - FEED-A-BABY at all Masses; non-perishable food and diapers for babies. Collection for needy families helped by Catholic Charities in Long Beach.

March 17 - 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, male or female. Return items in the 1 gallon bag to the back of church.

March 24 - Return homeless kits to 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, 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
- MONDAY, March 5**
8:00 AM - † Darille Hemady
- TUESDAY, March 6**
8:00 AM - † Tomas Villarete
- WEDNESDAY, March 7**
8:00 AM - † Marcario Villarete
- THURSDAY, March 8**
8:00 AM - † Tim O'Donnell
- FRIDAY, March 9**
8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- SATURDAY, March 10**
5:00 PM - † Betty Jo Zack
- SUNDAY, March 11**
7:30 AM - † Bernie Hodowski
9:00 AM - † Flo Traub
10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.
12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

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: \$12,143
Last year: \$14,442

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

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 craigslawrence@yahoo.com	430-0913
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,	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

RCIA INQUIRY	Shane & Olga Cuda	594-4657
RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto Terri Traucht	425-4834

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 rely5@verizon.net	430-0143
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net	799-0660
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