



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

For all the triumph that comes with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem - a seemingly fitting recognition of the Messiah - it is darkness that awaits him by week's end. But it isn't the strewn palm branches or the crowd's approving shouts that proclaim Jesus' ministry and message. Instead, it is the simple, quiet moments and the darkest hours. Only when the Son of God ties a towel around his waist to wash the feet of his disciples does his new commandment of love become so clear. Only when Jesus dies, arms spread on a cross, is God's love for the world so visible.

This Holy Week we come to see the ministry and message in our lives. By reflecting on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we recognize that it often isn't our grandest achievements that show who we are and what we are about, but our simplest daily actions, and sometimes even our darkest moments.

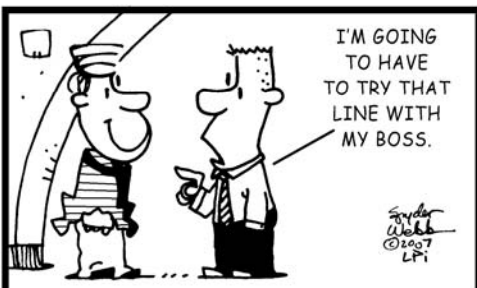
Father William

On **Good Friday**, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

**Annual Lenten Pilgrimage to the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass - April 2.** Bus leaves St. Joseph at 5 pm, boxed dinner \$5. Seats are limited, call Olga Kocovar to sign up, 596-6981.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**, Fr. Michael Sears, April 15, 1 pm, Mass, chaplet, veneration of 1st class relic St. Faustina, St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. For more information, please call Claudia, 818-342-6626.

PALM SUNDAY / DEATH AND LIFE



**From the Deacon's Desk:** Jews look for miracles, Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach a Christ Crucified. He is the power and the wisdom of God. —1Cor22

We touch Christ when we pray the same Psalms He prayed when He walked this earth 2000 years ago. We "time shift" when we say the "Liturgy of the Hours" which is the Church's prayer. To pray the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify (consecrate or make holy) the day. St. Basil the Great describes the Morning Prayer in this way: "It is said in the morning in order that the first stirrings of our minds and will, may be consecrated to God and that we may take nothing in hand until we have been gladdened by the thought of God."

This coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week will not be the same as all other times of the year - there will be no morning Mass. The church has urged us to say the Liturgy of the Hours and special emphasis is given to it at this time in Holy Week. We will provide booklets that contain the Psalms, Canticle of Zechariah and other readings and intercessions. All are welcome for this time of prayer these three days at 8:00 am.

"God is much more anxious to communicate with us than we are to listen." ....Morton Kelsey

It is time for us to turn up our spirituality a notch and to understand the depth of God's love for us AND to respond to His love.

**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for loving me completely. You suffered patiently and for me, a sinner, You died and rose again on the third day. Gentle Jesus, defend me in all danger, keep me safe so that I may stand before You in joy. Protect my soul, Lord Jesus, which you have bought with your precious blood. Amen.

**Just As I Have Done, So You Must Do** (John 13:15)  
**Volunteers - men, women, youth, children** - are needed for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night. If you would like to participate, please call Deacon Don at 498-6701 or 598-5202.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
*(Based on today's readings)*  
**Adult:** When have I been confronted to be silent or to hide my faith in Christ? How did I respond? Why did I choose to respond the way I did?  
**Child:** How and when can I share my love for each member of my family?  
**Teen:** What things have I said or done that show others that I am a follower of Jesus? What will I do this week?

**Monday Night.....Take a Stress-free Prayer Break.....**  
**Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE - Just an HOUR**  
 MONDAY NIGHTS JOIN US TO PRAY for all human rights, from conception to natural death, in a lay rosary and prayer service Monday, 7pm. Bring your special intentions. Call John today, 430-5839, for a free ride!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our Stations of the Cross was a great success last Sunday. Thank you to all who helped in any way, especially our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who either read or portrayed each station. Also, thanks to the teachers, parents, and our "sound team."

**Reminder: No class Easter Sunday!**

**Sacrament Program:** Workshop for First Communion will be held on Sunday, **April 22**, from **2:00 to 4:30 pm** in the hall. This workshop is for both school and religious education families and is in preparation for First Communion.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class & Easter celebration today! We are off next week for Easter. Have a blessed and joyous Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

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

**Inquiry Class:** This class is for adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but have not received other Sacraments are also invited. For more information, please call Olga or Shane Cuda at 493-0541.

**SOUP NIGHT THANK YOU!** Thank you to all those who helped out with the Soup Dinner last Monday, especially Ann Crowley and her team of soup cooks. So many delicious choices!! Also, thanks to Elaine Golan for the scrumptious taco salad. Everything was great and we collected \$177 in donations for the New Life Beginnings shelter for women and children in Long Beach.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - your new schedules are now available in the sacristy.

**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 and 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.

**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.

**Parish Lenten Calendar**

- 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



**April 2** - games and announcements, 12 noon. We are collecting for our trip to San Francisco & Napa Valley June 11-14 - two nights in San Francisco at the Radisson Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf, one night in the Napa Valley Wine Country. Includes: three wine tastings, Sonoma Plaza, cheese factory, cable car museum, Bistro Boudin bakery, Jelly Belly Factory, lunch at Culinary Academy. We have Carl, our driver, and a casino stop. Some meals included. Cost \$495 per person, single sup \$695.

**April 16** - games etc. Sign up to work our fair, April 27-29.

**Cruise Info** - Oct 12-21, fall foliage, Canada & New England. We leave from Long Beach Airport.

**Cruise open to everyone.**

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

**Dance for a cause...**

If you missed the first dance session, then here's your chance! Come learn how to dance like a star, support our Confirmation program's effort to build houses in Mexico, and get a night out with your honey! Babysitting is **FREE!** Be sure to **sign up by April 14**. Six week session begins on **Friday, April 20**. Classes will be held at St. Bartholomew's parish hall.

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN - 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 in our region on Wednesday, **April 11**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey. Please call **562-862-7268** for an appointment.

**April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month.** This month we are reminded of how vitally important it is for the St. Joseph parish community to be constantly vigilant - that we always observe the behaviors of those who interact with children. We must always communicate our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. We must also listen carefully to our children, and communicate to them our safety concerns. Being vigilant means talking to, listening to, and observing our children - at every opportunity. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God, our children.



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - Lent is a time for personal reflection, so what better time to reflect on the rewarding relationship your marriage could be? The Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the tools to turn your good marriage into a GREAT marriage. The next weekend is scheduled for **April 20-22**. For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335 or go online at [www.geocities.com/melawest](http://www.geocities.com/melawest).

**Parish Fair - April 27, 28, and 29  
Sponsorship Opportunities**

Be part of our parish heritage by sponsoring a booth as an individual, family or business. Group sponsorships are welcome.

**El Presidente \$1,000:** \$50 in tickets, recognition at sponsored area, plus 4 tickets to the Tex-Mex Fiesta Tri-Tip Dinner.

**El General \$500:** \$30 in tickets, recognition at sponsored area, plus 2 tickets to the Tex-Mex Fiesta Tri-Tip Dinner.

**El Comandante \$200:** \$20 in tickets plus recognition at sponsored area.

**El Capitan \$100:** \$10 in tickets plus recognition at sponsored area.

Please return one of the sponsorship forms found in your bulletin to the rectory or school office. We need you to help make this event a success.

**Volunteers Needed!**

Can you spare a couple of hours any day of the fair? If so, we need you. There are many positions available: from welcoming parishioners and guests to flipping hamburgers and selling sodas. Please call Michele Padilla, 421-7475.

**Pre-Sale Tickets!**

Will be sold after all Masses (excluding Easter Masses) and at the flagpole beginning April 1. Script Tickets are for food/beverage and games. Each ticket has a value of \$1. Presale price is 10 for \$9. Ride Tickets are 25 for \$10 (.40 each). At the fair they will be \$1 each.

**\* JOIN US FOR THE FIESTA \***

Do you have an extra pair of Dodger or Angel tickets? Perhaps a timeshare or frequent flyer miles to donate? **The Parish Fair Silent Auction could use your help!** We're looking for sporting events, vacation travel, restaurants, home services (landscaping, painting, etc.), or any other item that might help us to raise funds for the church and school. **If you're able to help, please call Marianne Schaeffer, 594-8678, or Lisa Papini, 598-9464, by April 18. Thank you!**

**April Fool's Day Dinner in Long Beach**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** - Join the Knights of Columbus Council 987 at St. Anthony's for a Spaghetti Dinner with live entertainment for dancing on Sunday, April 1. Dinner served from 1-9 pm in the St. Anthony Hall on 6th St. Call John Minter for tickets @ \$6 each. Yellow flyers are in the back of the church. Call 430-5839 for more information.

**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."



**Popcorn time again for the fair.**

Call Patty Brio to get your preferred booth time. **Popcorn booth starts at 4 pm April 27. It's going to be FUN!**

**Call us with your questions - John/**

**Jan 430-5839.** If you missed the meeting, call to get info.

**Homeless kits** - return the filled bag to the back of church.

**April 27-29 Popcorn Booth at the Fair!**

Please keep using the **BLUE "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes.** Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal.

**16 Day Journey to Italy, Greece, & Turkey**

**July 18 - August 2,** includes a Greek Islands Cruise.

Please call for a quote: Janice Herlihy, 594-6357, or Blaine Kramer, 598-4661.

Chaplain/Spiritual Director - Fr. Darrin Merlino.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus** - The Passion narrative in Luke's Gospel pulls together many of Jesus' teachings. The Last Supper recalls the meals Jesus shared with outcasts and sinners. Jesus uses this meal and the cross as the entry to the fullness of the heavenly banquet where we will eat again with him and with each other. On the way to Calvary, he continues to call the people to repent, to change their hearts. Jesus continues to reach out and forgive, even from the cross. He forgives his killers and offers salvation to the repentant thief. Jesus dies as he lives, the obedient and faithful servant of God. Because of this he is raised up in the kingdom.

**Life Focus** - \* What crosses do you carry in your everyday life - sickness, AIDS, marriage conflicts, backbiting and jealousy in personal relationships, etc.? \* How do you deny Jesus in your everyday life? \* Jesus suffered when he was innocent. What does this say to you? \* How could you be Christ-like in your daily persecutions? \* In what way do the people who make you unhappy affect your being a Christian? \* How do you see God or not see God in your trials and difficulties?

**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 31**  
5:00 PM - † Alberto Garcia
- SUNDAY, April 1**  
7:30 AM - Rev. William Connor  
9:00 AM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith  
10:30 AM - † Cecil Chappell  
12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, April 2**  
8:00 AM - † Panoyotis Exacoustos
- TUESDAY, April 3**  
8:00 AM - Rossy Cerna, Thanksgiving
- WEDNESDAY, April 4**  
8:00 AM - † Wally Hillebrecht
- THURSDAY, April 5** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00 PM - Intention of Priest
- FRIDAY, April 6**  
- No Mass today
- SATURDAY, April 7** Easter Vigil  
8:00 PM - Intention of Priest
- SUNDAY, April 8** Easter Sunday  
7:30 AM - Intention of Priest  
9:00 AM - Intention of Priest  
10:30 AM - Intention of Priest  
12:30 PM - Intention of Priest

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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| <b>Vincent Vezzetti</b> | <b>Amy Mann</b>       |
| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>   |
| <b>Joseph LaRiccia</b>  | <b>Joseph Comfort</b> |
| <b>Irene Avila</b>      | <b>Peter LuPiba</b>   |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>     |
| <b>Rob Black</b>        |                       |

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:  
Last year: \$12,826

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dorthea Bradley, Mary Lovelace, Jeanne Sexton, Christina Knight, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bert Willis, John Barycki, Alexander Crook, Phil McCafferty, Honey Weinstein, Mary Mariano, Anna Sharples, Paul Halliburton, Lydia Simpson, Susan Meicht, Elizabeth Rouse, David Sudakou, 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, Cletus Schmidt, Evelyn Thies, Mary White, Joe Cody, Chuck Dixon, Kathleen Miller & Cliff Lowen.

## 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            | Bob Schallmann       | 594-0917 |
| 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