



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Sometimes it can be hard to believe good news. Today's Gospel tells us even Peter and John, looking at the burial cloths and the empty tomb, "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Jesus' resurrection is the epitome of good news for Christians and the focus of our faith. Yet some still doubt its message.

Let us be an Easter people, a living message of the empty tomb and risen Christ. Let our actions and our lives reflect our Easter joy, our hope in the promise of eternal life.

Father William

*Rest In Peace*

*Died in Christ:*

**Manuel Reyna**



**Thanks to Fr. Gavin Griffith** for the enjoyable and inspiring Parish Mission this Lent. For those of you who were unable to make it, here is a prayer Fr. Gavin shared:

**Dear God:**

**Take me where you want me to go.**

**Have me meet who you want me to meet.**

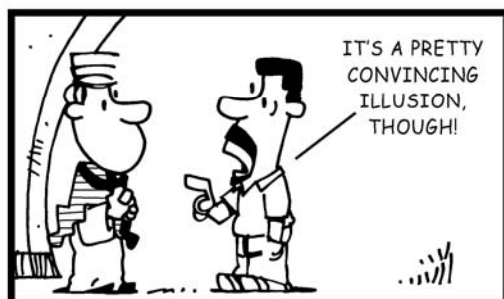
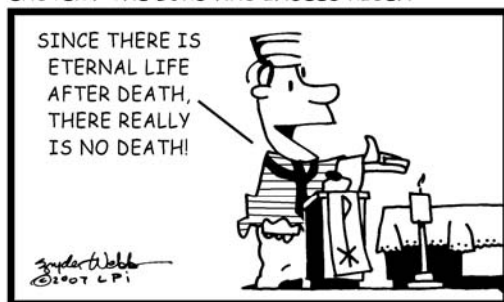
**Tell me what to say,**

**And keep me out of your way.**

**Amen.**

**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.

EASTER / THE LORD HAS INDEED RISEN



**From the Deacon's Desk:** The Lord is risen, alleluia!! Once we were no people, now we are God's people. We traveled through Lent. It was a time for us to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We searched for the fruits of self denial. We tried to show to those in need YOUR

goodness to ourselves.

Easter, that all loving mystery that we embrace. We have cause for rejoicing. We may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials but that is so our FAITH may lead to praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ once again appears. (1 Peter) "Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier." —E.C. McKenzie  
**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus our Savior, You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into Your glory. Bring Your Church to the Passover feast in heaven. You made the cross the tree of life. Give its fruit to those reborn in baptism and by your suffering and death strengthen and protect us in our weakness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**May the fullness of His Blessings at this Easter time be with you and your family.**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's readings)*

**Adult:** In what way have I risen from "deadness" in my life?

**Child:** What is the one thing that makes me the happiest? How can I share my happiness with my family?

**Teen:** What is good and new in my life?

**Prayer for Vocations** - Lord God, You so loved the world that You sent Your only son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe in Him. I join Jesus in His prayer for laborers in Your harvest. May Your Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen generous men and women to continue His mission in the world. I pray especially for vocations to priesthood, religious life, diaconate and lay ecclesial ministry. May Your Holy Spirit make known to me Your will in my regard. Where You lead, I will follow. Let it be done to me according to Your word. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Easter People**

*Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song.* — Pope John Paul II

**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:** No class today! Blessings for a wonderful Easter!

**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.

**Middle School:** No Class on Tuesday, **April 10**, for Easter vacation.

**Early Childhood:** No class today. We wish you a happy and joyous Easter! Regular class next week.

**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.

**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.



To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. — Acts 10:43

**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.

**Did You Know?** - Scripture tells us to "Rejoice in Hope," (Romans 12:12) and it is through this powerful invitation that many come to wholeness and healing. St. Augustine said: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." And St. Thomas Aquinas said: "We should be an Alleluia from head to toe." Their reminders about the importance of our call to be men and women of celebration about our life as fully redeemed, fully loved, and fully alive human beings is the call to all victims and survivors of sexual abuse to rejoice in the great hope that they will again, one day, be fully a thriver in the community—someone whose gifts are acknowledged, whose abuse is believed, and whose life is valued by others.



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

**June 11-14** - Trip to San Francisco & Napa Valley - 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.

**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.**

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Apr. 10. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**St. Cornelius People For Others** - spring getaway to Laughlin, 3 nights at the Riverside Hotel, April 30 - May 3. For more info, please call Tom or Alice, 425-2636.

**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.

**Share your gifts, live your faith, change the world** - The Lay Mission Helpers & Mission Doctors Associations are looking for men and women (singles/couples/families) who have a useful skill or profession and are willing to dedicate 3 years of their lives to the work of the church in the missions overseas. Please visit our websites at [www.laymissionhelpers.org](http://www.laymissionhelpers.org) and [www.missiondoctors.org](http://www.missiondoctors.org).

**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.



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - Easter is a time for rejoicing, so what better time to rejoice in 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!**

**A Mass with Healing Service** Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm, St. Cyprian Church. The Spirit comes to conform us to the very life of God, to make us like him, so that we can live forever in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: "So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." (1Jn4:16) Come and feel the presence of the living Lord that renews our heart to know God's love and to live a holy life, with God's goodness and grace.

**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, 425-5964, 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.**

Thank you for all of your donations of items and time these last few weeks. We have had a very busy schedule and each event has been a great success due to your continued support. We appreciate all you do!!

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

**May 10 Meetin gin PAC at 7:30 pm**

**June 2 & 3 Diaper-A-Baby weekend**

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

**Homeless Kits** - A special thank you to all who put together the hygiene kits for the homeless. These kits are often the first thing asked for by the homeless people, even before they ask for food. Your efforts and generosity are very much appreciated!

**All About Angels** seminar, St. Cyprian's hall, Saturday, **April 14, 10am-4pm.** Topics: Angels in the Bible and church tradition, the ministry of angels, examining angel sightings, common misconceptions about angels, how to become more open to angelic assistance.

**St. Mary Medical Center Guild** is a volunteer organization of dedicated women committed to fund-raising for the benefit of St. Mary Medical Center & the community. The Guild is currently accepting applications. For further information, please contact Martha McNaughton, 491-9230.

**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.

**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, 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
- MONDAY, April 9**
- 8:00 AM - Fr. Harry Ford, Thanksgiving
- TUESDAY, April 10**
- 8:00 AM - † Jack Aillo
- WEDNESDAY, April 11**
- 8:00 AM - Don & Tina Gath, Thanksgiving
- THURSDAY, April 12**
- 8:00 AM - † Francis Mulick, Anniversary
- FRIDAY, April 13**
- 8:00 AM - Ray & Virginia Young, Thanksgiving
- SATURDAY, April 14**
- 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, April 15**
- 7:30 AM - † Rev. Lawrence Signey
- 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- 10:30 AM - † Stephen Durkin
- 12:30 PM - † Virginia Watson

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: \$14,274  
Last year: \$11,258

**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