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#### From the Pastor's Desk:

I. That Easter feeling still lingers this Sunday amidst the blooming lilies and white candles - and even the leftover jellybeans. But how long does it take for the joy to fade? Two weeks? A month? Today's readings reflect the waxing and

waning of faith. The passage in Acts depicts enthusiasm rising to fever pitch as people flock to touch Peter's very shadow, hoping to be healed. The reading from Revelation, however, prefaces a description of church communities who vary from fervent to flat. And the Gospel spans both ends of the spectrum in one apostle - Thomas - who moves from disbelief to proclaiming the risen Jesus "my Lord and my God."

While our own faith may wax and wane, we are called to keep Easter close to our hearts throughout the year and let its message buoy our faith.

II. The Renovare Conference, which was recently advertised in a bulletin insert, is an ecumenical event. It is open to all people of faith, both Catholic and Protestant Christians. It is meant to deepen our spiritual lives in our own church, not convert us to another church. We are all called to a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior. The Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism encourages us to pray with and listen to other Christians that we may share what we have in common, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Saint Hedwig Catholic Church in Los Alamitos is one of the sponsors of Renovare.

**Father William** 

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

—Revelation 1:18a

**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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP







From the Deacon's Desk: As I pondered this Sunday's gospel of our "doubting Thomas" I came upon a Jewish memorial which is called "Yom H'Shoah." It is their memorial of the Holocaust. This memorial is placed seven days after Passover and a week before Yom Hazikaron

(the memorial day for Israel's fallen soldiers). Today there are movements that try to say that the Holocaust did not happen, just as some of Jesus' disciples came to the tomb and asked "where have you put Him?" And this after Jesus said over and over that He must suffer and be put to death and then rise so as to enter into His glory. It's easier to believe the Crucifixion and maybe harder to believe the Resurrection. Hopefully we are among those who will be "blessed" because we have believed without seeing.

This Sunday is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Pope John Paul II designated it when he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska April 30, 2000. It is said that Jesus appeared to St. Faustina several times in 1931 and asked that His mercy be celebrated on this Sunday. This is the Sunday that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of **Reconciliation**. Jesus breathed on the apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Our Prayer: God of all life, we rejoice with You in the day of death's defeat. To the bewildered eyes of Your disciples, Christ's death looked like tragic loss, but You turned it into a great gain. Give us and our newly baptized and confirmed brothers and sisters the power of Your love and may our faith grow through the fifty days of the Easter season as we embrace Your gift of new and everlasting life. Amen.

# Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Evelyn Thies Rose Doria



## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

(Based on today's readings)

**Adult:** When have I been a source of peace for others?

For my family? Friends? Neighbors?

Child: What can I do to help someone at school? What

can I do to help someone at home?

Teen: What is one example of how I can show my belief

in Jesus 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!

Olga or Shane Cuda at 493-0541.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

<u>Elementary Program:</u> Class in session today! Don't forget to sign up to help with the Parish Fair!! **No class** on Sunday, **May 6**, due to First Communion.

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 today. Last class next week. Wear your t-shirts, invite family & friends, and bring your cameras/camcorders to see the children sing and the program certificate presentation after Mass in the hall. Sign up for next year if you haven't already registered.

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

**Jesus is Lord!!** St. Joseph Bible Study - <u>The Gospel of John</u> 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. <u>Christ in you, the hope of glory.</u> Call Rita 714-761-4376 or the Religion Ed. Office for info.

#### FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

Our children who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist for the past two years will be receiving Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of **May 5 and 6** at all the Masses except the 7:30 am. Please keep our First Communicants and their families in your prayers.

Protecting God's Children - meeting April 19, 6:30 to 9:30 pm in the PAC. All are welcome.

Vocation: Religious Life for Men - The Archdiocese Office for Vocations is sponsoring a forum on religious life for men. Five different communities will offer short presentations and answer questions from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 21 at Ignatious House, 10775 Deshire Place, Culver City, 310-815-0166. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to confirm your attendance, call Fr. Ed Jalbert, C.J., 805-937-5378.

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.

—Anonymous

## 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.



# We need some young blood! Please join our Senior Group - any age.

<u>April 16</u> - Regular games and announcements. Need sign ups for fair, April 27-29. <u>Also collecting dues for 2007</u>. Dues are \$5 per year.

April 21 - games etc.

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.

<u>Cruise Info</u> - <u>Fall Foliage</u>, visit Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, & Maine. 9 nights Oct 12-21 on <u>Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas</u>. <u>Cruise open to all!!!!</u>

<u>May 21</u> - <u>Important Note</u> - at 3 pm cruise people will be here with photos and video of Foliage and ports we visit.

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

**Attention:** The 50+ Singles of St. Pancratius (divorced, single, widowed Catholics), 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lkwd, will meet on Sunday, **Apr. 15** at **2 pm** in the conference room (behind the parish hall). Info: Mary, 596-9449.

**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.

Social Mixer for Catholic Singles, Sunday, April 15 - Catholic Single Adults throughout Southern California are invited to a special singles Social Mixer at Monte's Steakhouse, 592 South Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena, starting at 4pm. Open to all Catholic singles ages 35 and over. This upscale mixer will consist of facilitated ice breakers, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. A great opportunity to meet new Catholic Singles. Reservations are necessary, as space is limited. For more info, visit our website at <a href="https://www.csnca.com">www.csnca.com</a> or contact Jeannette, 888-208-9555 ext 88, or email jberaha@earthlink.net.

Spring Dance for Single Catholics - The L.A. Catholic Alumni Club Singles invite you to join them at their Spring Dance at the Burbank Holiday Inn, 150 E. Angeleno Ave., on Friday, April 20 from 8 pm to midnight. Tickets at the door are \$17. (Free admission if you join club at dance-\$37.) To request 2 free event calendars, call infoline at 818-759-1545. Other events: Murder Mystery Dinner, Soup & Cinema, Game Night, and Lake Casitas Campout. Visit www.lacatholicsingles.org for more info.

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# Parish Fair - April 27, 28, and 29 Tex-Mex Tri-Tip Dinner!

Friday, April 27, the 6th grade class is hosting the always popular annual tri-tip dinner from 5:30-7pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance by April 25.

# **Sponsorship Opportunities!**

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

#### **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!**

Sold after all Masses and at the flagpole. 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.

#### **Entertainment!**

The Big Box of Men
Friday, April 27, 7-10 pm
The Fabulous 5150's
Saturday, April 28, 7-10 pm
Lip Synch Contest & Steve McNeil's Band
Sunday, April 29

\* 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!

**Open House! Don Bosco Technical Institute** will be hosting an Open House, Saturday, Apr. 21, 10 am - 2 pm. There will be summer school information available for grades 6-8. For more information, please contact Michael Smith, 626-940-2011.

<u>Sunday Catholic TV Mass</u> - Sunday mornings at 9 am on KDOC, Channel 56. Also check cable listings for KDOC. Tell a relative or friend in need.

# The History of the Archdiocese of Los Anaeles

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 through Sunday. 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 - Meeting in the PAC at 7:30 pm June 2 & 3 - Diaper-A-Baby weekend

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

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.

**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.

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	Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Whether you are a long-time resident, newly ar- rived, 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 #:
	<ul> <li>I would like to register</li> <li>This is a change of address and/or phone</li> <li>I am moving out of the parish</li> </ul>
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# Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, April 16

8:00 AM - Dr. Richard Wetzel, special intention

**TUESDAY, April 17** 

8:00 AM - † Robert Preston

**WEDNESDAY, April 18** 

8:00 AM - † Evelyn Thies

THURSDAY, April 19

8:00 AM - Joe & Lily Dang, Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, April 20

8:00 AM - Dr. Richard Wetzel, special intention

SATURDAY, April 21

5:00 PM - † Thomas Steiner CHP

SUNDAY, April 22

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault Jr.

12:30 PM - Jonathan Cruz, 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:

Vincent Vezzetti
Glen Warren
Joseph LaRiccia
Irene Avila
Scott Williams
Rob Black

Amy Mann
Nick Compton
Joseph Comfort
Peter LuPiba
Justin Ray
Justin Christopherson

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.

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 Hofkenscheid, Jim Carrera, Lucille Heilman, Jovencio Banares, Mary Wiegand, Sharon Conroy, Frank Thornton, William Worthy, Cletus Schmidt, Mary White, Joe Cody, Chuck Dixon, Kathleen Miller, Cliff Lowen, Tanya Chvedine, & Jim & Bev Clinton.

<u>LITURGY</u>			
DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657	
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529	
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LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495	
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DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430	
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# 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,		
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**

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
1	Terri Traucht	

SMALL CHRISTIAN

COMMUNITIES Don & Tina Gath 598-5202

# **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Nancy Miller	429-2546
I NATICY WILLS	423-2340

# PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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FAMILY ROUND TABLE	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
MOVEMENT FOR A	Manarino Condonor	00.00.0
BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY		429-2546
	Nancy Miller	
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
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PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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CAMP FIRE GIRLS	Cyndy Diaz	421-2006
CUB SCOUTS	Douglas Alchorn	594-9407
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Zofrea	493-2940
1000010	TOTT ZOTCA	730-2340

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE