



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

I. The bountiful catch of fish pulled from the waters in today's Gospel reminds us of God's providence and the fullness of the earth. The account of creation in Genesis tells us that God found everything he made "very good" and we surely would have to agree. We're awestruck at the beauty of the Grand Canyon and marvel at the tiny hummingbird. Yet we realize how shabbily we often treat God's gifts: polluting waterways, adding hazardous particulates to our air, and more. We're failing in our role as stewards of the earth, causing harm to ourselves and our children's children.

This Earth Day show gratefulness to God for his gifts by planting a tree, beginning a home recycling program, and learning more about how you can help the environment. Ecology and faith go hand in hand.

II. The parish community of St. Joseph Church, Long Beach, welcomes into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church: **Christopher Berry, Margaret Broselle, Erica Cardwell, Judy Prince, Victoria Sinclair, Warren Skip Sinclair, Krista Spina, Le Anna Rivera, and Hector Rivera.**

Father William

*Rest In Peace*  
Died in Christ:  
**Mary Graves**



**Retrouvaille Program - You can save your marriage!**

Is your marriage in trouble? Do you want to save it? If so, the Retrouvaille Program is designed to provide the communication tools needed to put suffering, troubled marriages back in order. For information or registration, call Paul and Marisa Montgomery, 805-642-4023.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
WHAT THE LORD JESUS MEANS TO CHRISTIANS



**From the Deacon's Desk:**

May 19, Saturday evening, save the date. Our Cardinal Archbishop urges all pastors and leaders of our parishes and schools to unite in prayer and labor to organize our communities to come together at the Rose Bowl for a "Rosary Celebration - A World at Prayer is a World at Peace." The Rosary Celebration is free and open to the public. Family Theater Productions in collaboration with the L.A. Archdiocese and Holy Cross Family Ministries will be directed by Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Solis, vicar of Multi-cultural ministry.

<<<< We researched the renting of a bus but that appears to be too costly. Therefore, we have decided to car-pool. How many of you want to go? How many are able to drive and take passengers? Let Tina, Olga Kocovar or myself know. Let us hear from you. >>>>

Do you recognize Him in the "breaking of the Bread"? There are so many messages in the Gospel: Feed My sheep. Which "sheep" are not being fed? When Jesus says "follow me" will there be an obstacle keeping you from following Him?

**Our Prayer:** Oh Lord, may future priests in young churches be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world. Amen.

Papal intention this month is "for all Christians that they may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's resurrection, the source of hope and peace in our world."

"A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me." Anon.

**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.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's readings)*

**Adult:** At what times in my life do I feel Jesus' presence more clearly?

**Child:** What one thing can I do this week to show Jesus my love?

**Teen:** What is one action that I can do this week to show Christ's love to someone?

**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:** Don't forget to sign up to help with the Parish Fair!! There will be class on the Fair Weekend, April 29, but no Family Gathering. **No class** on Sunday, **May 6**, due to First Communion and Sunday, **May 13**, for Mother's Day.

**Sacrament Program:** First Communion Workshop takes place today from **2:00 to 4:30 pm** in the hall.

**Early Childhood:** Last class today! We've truly enjoyed having your children in our program and look forward to next year. Thank you to our teachers, aides, families and students for participating with us. Sunday School fills very quickly, please register for next year's classes NOW! Ques? Call Shannon at 430-6840.

**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.

### **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. Registration forms are available from the Religious Education Office or School Office. VBC is for Children entering grades Kg. - 6th Grade in the fall. Students in Grades 7 and 8 plus High School are invited to attend as Teen Helpers. Fees, **if paid by June 8**, are **\$25** for one child, **\$15** for each additional family member. Fees go up to \$30 and \$20 after June 8. Questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 598-0519.

**Calling All Married Couples** - The Office of Family Life's Marriage Preparation Program is looking for couples married in the Catholic Church to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony through our one day Marriage Preparation classes. If you are interested, please call Candy Metoyer, 213-637-7250.

### **Attention Married and Engaged Couples**

Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve pregnancy through a modern method of Natural Family Planning. NFP is medically safe, healthy, effective, and encouraged by the Church. For more information, or to register for a class, call Greg or Beth Gath at 377-5877 or email us at [bethandgreg@verizon.net](mailto:bethandgreg@verizon.net).



### **Senior Group needs new members.**

**Come join us! Any age.**

**May 7** - 1st Monday of month, our regular games and announcements

**May 21** - 3rd Monday. Meeting, games etc. Also at 3 pm we will have Montross Travel with more info on cruise.

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

**May 21 - Important Note** - 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.**

**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.

**Worthy was the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."** —Revelation 5:12

### **Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - The scene in today's Gospel appears as a commentary upon a statement made by Jesus: "Apart from me you can do nothing." Apart from him their efforts have been fruitless, but now that they are with him, anything is possible. Peter's leadership role is expressed in pastoral imagery. With leadership comes responsibility and a call to imitate the selfless love of Christ. It is summed up in the statement, "Follow me." The risen Lord invites him not only to death but to resurrection. Jesus passed from this world to the Father through death. Those who profess to follow the Lord must take the same route. That is why Jesus is truly "the way."

**Life Focus** - \* Relate an experience when someone did not give up on you in spite of your past failures. \* Describe a time when you were affirmed as a person and given a job to finish. \* How have you felt when someone in your life asked you the same question over and over? What is God repeatedly asking of you in your life right now? \* Which "sheep" are not being fed well now? What will you do about this in the next two weeks? \* What does it mean for you when Jesus says to you, "Follow me"? What prevents you from following Jesus? \* What behaviors or addictions do you need to give up in order for others to recognize Christ in you? \* What is God repeatedly asking of you in your life right now?

**5 More Days Until -**

The Parish Fair - April 27, 28, and 29

**Game, Ride, and Food Tickets!**

Do you have enough? Buy them now while you can still save \$\$!

**Tex-Mex Tri-Tip Dinner!**

Tickets will not be sold at the door. Last day to purchase tickets April 25.

**Get all of your tickets today after all Masses.**

**Silent Auction** has lots of great items, come and bid on one or more.

**Opportunity Drawing Tickets** - have you turned yours in yet? Chance to win big \$!

**We'll see you at 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!**



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

A Marriage Encounter is like Easter Sunday because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! The next weekend is scheduled for July 20-22. For more information,

please call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335, or go online at [www.geocities.com/melawest](http://www.geocities.com/melawest).

**A Retreat for Widowed and Divorced Women** - August 24-26. this weekend will include the opportunity for spiritual direction and/or counseling by qualified Catholic professionals, time for prayer and reflection, confession and Holy Mass each day. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Sacred Heart Retreat House, Alhambra, 626-289-1353 ext. 200.

**Sunday Catholic TV Mass** - 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 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 through Sunday. It's going to be FUN!**

*Call us with your questions - John/Jan 430-5839.*

**L.B. Project Achieve....**Call us or Tina Gath for details.

Can you help us once a month???

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

**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.

**Beginning Experience** - Are you widowed, separated or divorced? There is a special heartache for those who find themselves alone again. Now there is help! Although the program was designed by and for Catholics, it is open to persons of all faiths. Those who come should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair, should be at the point of wanting a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality. Beginning Experience, a weekend away for a lifetime of change, August 10-12, in Los Angeles. For more information, call Dianne Lundquist, 949-551-4504 or [diannelundquist@yahoo.com](mailto:diannelundquist@yahoo.com).

**Children's Beginning Experience** - for ages 8-16, this weekend is a camp-like setting. The goal is to help sort out and begin working through feelings of children who have experienced their parent's separation, divorce or death. For information, please call Dick Van Dusen, 310-216-8075.

**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 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

**MONDAY, April 23**

8:00 AM - † Evelyn Thies

**TUESDAY, April 24**

8:00 AM - † Benito & Genoveva Pinili

**WEDNESDAY, April 25**

8:00 AM - † Evelyn Thies

**THURSDAY, April 26**

8:00 AM - Chris & Veronica Gibb, Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, April 27**

8:00 AM - † Rosemary Rondeau

**SATURDAY, April 28**

5:00 PM - † Joe Mozic

**SUNDAY, April 29**

7:30 AM - † Mario Montello

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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| Vincent Vezzetti | Amy Mann              |
| Glen Warren      | Nick Compton          |
| Joseph LaRiccica | Joseph Comfort        |
| Irene Avila      | Peter LuPiba          |
| Scott Williams   | Justin Ray            |
| Rob Black        | 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 Hofkenschaid, 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.

**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	425-4834
	Terri Traucht	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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