



From the Pastor's Desk:

We are addicted to sound. Car radios broadcast stations ranging from oldies rock to call-in talk shows. Teens heading to school, folks out walking their dogs, and runners sprinting down nature trails all sport iPods. Televisions stay

turned on in the waiting rooms of doctors and car dealerships, whether or not anyone is watching. While the voice of the Good Shepherd may be easily heard in the stillness of green pastures, it tends to get drowned out in today's babble of music and talk. How do we listen for it?

Turn off the car radio or the television set and revel in the sounds of silence. Instead of the latest song you downloaded, enjoy the song of neighborhood birds on your next stroll with the dog or your daily run along the parkway. Quiet can not only be comforting, but conducive to meditation and prayer.

Father William



From the Deacon's Desk:

Congratulations, confirmation students! You sought out the homeless and fed them with kindness and love. You are our future and I pray that you will continue to reach out and be Jesus to those in need. You were an exemplary group


last week.

Leftovers from last week's homily: Do you realize that the 3rd appearance took place at the Sea of Galilee? My research indicates that the distance from there to Jerusalem was anywhere from 85 to 90 miles! Were they trying to escape a similar fate as Jesus? Jesus invites us to share this Eucharistic feast and to come and eat. We are not to regard the "Eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine; they are in fact the Body and Blood of the Lord as He Himself declared. Whatever your senses tell you, be strong in faith.If Jesus says, 'Take and eat, this is My Body' who can have any doubt? Who would dare to question it and say that this is not His Body and Blood?" (Taken from the Jerusalem Catecheses.) We become what we eat. We are called to be Jesus when we exit the church and "feed His sheep" - recognize Him in our neighbor, the handicapped, the poor, those uneducated - we cannot become a religion of insiders. We will find Him in our brothers and sisters in need. "We need to be Jesus to them. It may be the only Jesus your neighbor will ever see." ...Sr. Angelica

Our Prayer: "Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Fill my soul with Your Spirit of life and be in me and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of Yours. Shine through me so that every person I come in contact with will feel Your presence in me. Let them look up and see not only me but also Jesus." ...Cardinal John Henry Newman.

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:

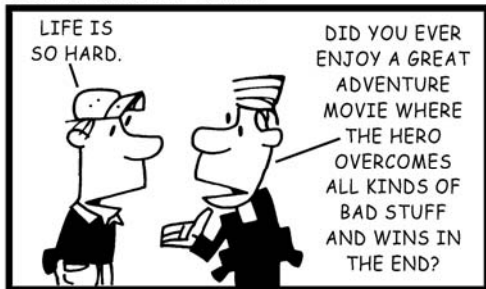
Rose Doria
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Henry Lim, Sr.



Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity - *We walked together in harmony in the house of God.* (Psalm 55:14)

Next Sunday, May 6, is our parish collection Sunday. Since 1951, this special fund helps those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families. You are their hope! Your gift provides one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, transportation, or funeral expenses. Envelopes are provided in the pews.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
PERSEVERANCE IN TRIALS



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: What is one way that Jesus is calling me to be a disciple this week?
Child: Do I realize that whenever I ask Jesus to help me, he is ready and happy to do so?
Teen: What does it mean to me that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?

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: Class today, but no Family Gathering. **No class** on Sunday, **May 6**, due to First Communion and Sunday, **May 13**, for Mother's Day.

Early Childhood: Our year runs Sept. - April. Sign up NOW for the 2007-2008 school year! Registration forms are in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon, 430-6840 for more info.

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.

He will shepherd them and lead them to life-giving water.

Congratulations!

Our children from the **RCIA for Children Program** received their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and on the following Sunday, April 15. Congratulations to those baptized: **Liam Ehrlich, Gabrielle Bourgeois and brother, Christian.** Gabrielle, Liam and **Matthew McBride** also received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. On April 15 the following children received their First Eucharist: **Sean Lazatin, Xochitl Rios-Ellis, Justin Seguire, and Ashley Surinck.** Congratulations to these children, their families, and catechist, Marianne Lyon.

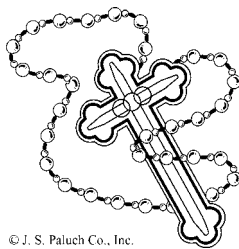
Our
Weekly Offering



Last week: \$11,211
Last year: \$9,958

Rosary and Knights of Columbus -

Mark your calendar for **May 19**. It will be an evening of praying the Rosary for peace in our world. Since last March marked the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus they will play a major role in this great celebration at the Rose Bowl. The Knights and the Squires will be taking tickets, ushering, and distributing rosaries - all of which will be donated by the Knights of Columbus. The keynote speaker will be Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight. It is necessary to let the rectory know if you have intentions of going, as admission is by ticket even though it is free of charge.



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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.**

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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The focus of this Sunday's Gospel is on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The short talk stresses the unbreakable relationship between Jesus & his sheep. Like all well-tended sheep, they respond only to their shepherd's voice. He knows & loves them, and they respond by following him. He gives them a share in the very life of God, a promise that will never stop. God has given them to Jesus, & there is no snatching them out of God's hand. The statements of ownership are strong proofs that the sheep cannot be taken away from Jesus or God.

Life Focus - * Where do you experience belonging and having a place? Where do you experience not really belonging? * Share one of your stronger experiences of conflict in your life (as a teenager, employee, parent, or spouse). How was it resolved? * "Birds of a feather flock together." Relate an experience when you realized you truly belonged to a group. Share your feelings about that experience. * Describe an experience when you felt cared for, felt a sense of belonging, felt connected. * Focus on God's deep abiding love for us. * Speak the truth in a loving way especially in tough situations.

Dear Fr. Connor and parishioners of St. Joseph Church,
 We would like to take this opportunity to thank you publicly for your generosity which you shared with our school community on the occasion of the Feast of St. Joseph, your patron saint. The St. Joseph Table committee, under the direction of Mrs. Geri Seckington, aided by Mrs. Betty Maligie, did an outstanding job. The decorations, the beautiful tables loaded with baked goods, and the delicious pasta dinner were wonderful! The Holy Mass in honor of St. Joseph was inspirational, thanks to you, Fr. Will, who gave up your afternoon to celebrate with us.
 As all of you know, North Long Beach has become our "inner city" with its problems and disadvantages. It is because of friends like you that we are able to continue our mission to God's little ones who are entitled to as good an education as we can provide. You are truly "Gospel People" who have learned the message of Jesus, to care for those less fortunate, and to treat others as you would have them treat you. We are grateful for the generous donation of \$4,000 and we want you to know that you are in our prayers every time we pray for our benefactors and those who help us in our ministry. If there is ever anything that we can do for you, simply call our school. We, too, are here to serve God's kingdom in any way we can.
 Blessings and best wishes for your parish, especially for your leaders who model service, compassion, and love.
 Sr. Rita Campos and St. Athanasius School Community



Meeting in May - we need to hear from you....
Popcorn time - if you're not popping, we need buyers!!!

Thanks to Patty Brio & Michele for calling the volunteers to cover the booth times. Thanks to Isabel and Christine for coordinating this parish event!

What's a fair/fiesta without munching on Popcorn? Recommended by the Knights of Columbus to improve your thirst, then mosey over to the saloon for a thirst quencher. It's FUN!

Bring your questions about our upcoming schedule to the meeting. John/Jan 430-5839

L.B. Project Achieve.... Call us or Tina Gath for details. Can you help us once a month???

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

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

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.

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.



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.

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.

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."

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 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

MONDAY, April 30

8:00 AM - † Mack MacQuillin

TUESDAY, May 1

8:00 AM - † Evelyn Thies

WEDNESDAY, May 2

8:00 AM - † Jane Mais

THURSDAY, May 3

8:00 AM - † Coy Patton

FRIDAY, May 4

8:00 AM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith

SATURDAY, May 5

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

SUNDAY, May 6

7:30 AM - † Frank A. Anselmo

9:00 AM - † Denise MacBriar

10:30 AM - † Evelyn Thies

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 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, Dortehea 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

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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VICE-PRINCIPAL	Carole Dellavalle
SECRETARIES	Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska
PTO PRESIDENT	Linda Smith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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EARLY CHILDHOOD	Virginia Young	598-0519
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SUNDAY NURSERY		
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

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RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
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	Terri Traucht	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
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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