



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Heaven on earth seems an impossible contradiction. In the new Jerusalem, John writes in the Book of Revelation, there is no pain, mourning or tears. But as distant as the pristine holy city appears, Jesus offers us a key to the kingdom of

God in his new commandment: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." To show each other the love that God shows us is to unlock the doors to a new life right here, right now. "Love," say Jesuit author Mark Link, "is not only a sign of the kingdom's presence, but also the power by which it reaches completion."

Father William

**Action Needed!** Go to the website for the California Catholic Bishops, [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org), to find out about AB 374, the Physician Assisted Suicide Bill.

*Rest In Peace*  
Died in Christ:

**Dante Rossello**  
**Joe Lacicero**  
**Ziza Neder**



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

Today 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.



**From the Deacon's Desk:**

Remember the 11th Commandment? You will in this Sunday's Gospel at John 13:34. I often refer to John 15:12. It must be important as Jesus repeated it. How did He love us? Gaze upon the crucifix for the answer. Our challenge is to

love as He loves us.

I don't know how you felt about the parish Fiesta Fair but from my vantage point, it was "community at its best." Friday night's tri-tip dinner was excellent. Then came Saturday: the deacon ate his way from the Italian food booth, through Joe Jost's; then Sunday topped it all off with nachos (they ran out of tacos!!); then I made my way through the Sweet Tooth Booth. Oh, I almost forgot - thank you Steve Majick for buying me that All American hamburger! So much for Weight Watchers! I doff my baseball cap to all who made it a community A-Fair. Especially the coordinators and all who worked the booths. It matters not the "dineros" that it brought in, what matters is the camaraderie, goodwill and smiles that were so prevalent. May God shower you with His Choicest Blessings.

Ah, the merry month of May, also known as the month of Our Lady. It begins with the feast day of St. Joseph the worker. He was chosen by the Eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely, His divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. On May 31 we celebrate the Visitation. Mary visited Elizabeth and assisted her in her need. Visit our website - there are saints for every day.

**Our Prayer:** God our Father, creator and ruler of the universe, You chose Joseph to care for Your Son in childhood and youth. Teach us to care for Christ's body by caring for our brothers and sisters. With St. Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work You have asked and come to the rewards You have promised. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

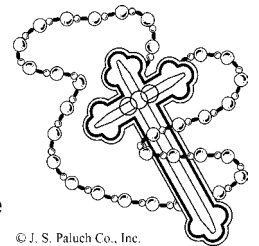
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
CHRISTIAN JOY TEMPERED BY TRIALS



**Rosary Bowl - May 19**

We are in need of drivers. Even if you can't drive and wish to go, we will find a way for you.

Though the gates open at 5 pm and the event concludes at 9 pm, we anticipate arriving at 7:30 or a little before. Give us a call and make the time to pray the rosary for world peace. Call either Tina or Deacon Don. We have 50 tickets available.



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**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 due to First Communion and next Sunday, **May 13**, for Mother's Day. Last class for this school year is Sunday, **May 20**. There will be a **May Crowning and Ice Cream Social** in the hall starting at **11:00 am** for our students and families.

**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 Sacra-

**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 through July 13**, 9 am - 12 noon. Registration forms are available from the Religious Education Office or School office. VBC is for Children entering grades Kg. - 6th 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 **\$25.00** for one child, **\$15.00** for each additional family member. Fees go up to \$30.00 and \$20.00 after June 8. Questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 598-0519.



Last week: \$9,052  
Last year: \$11,571

**The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** will have a District Meeting on **Saturday, May 26**, at Our Lady of Refuge Parish, 5195 Stearns St., Long Beach. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes Dominic Berardino speaking on "Angels", Mass, luncheon and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$10. For reservations and/or info, call Alberta Rodrigues, 596-6648, or Redempta Tumliuan, 498-7400 before May 20.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's readings)*

**Adult:** What are some difficult things I must do because of my love for others?

**Child:** Next week is Mother's Day. What is one way that I can show my mother how much I love her?

**Teen:** What qualities do I believe are most important for Jesus' disciples?



**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. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 8. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**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 this weekend at all the Masses except the 7:30 am. Please keep our First Communicants and their families in your prayers.

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - There are many examples in the Bible of farewell speeches. They always include leaving a farewell gift. Jesus addresses his disciples as "my children," like a father would on his deathbed. Jesus' gift is the commandment to "love one another." This is the key to eternal happiness. "Love your neighbor as yourself" had been around for a long time. There was something new in Jesus' command. They were to love each other as Jesus loves. It is to be a totally selfless love. His death on the cross is the highest expression of his love, It is this *love* which identifies the disciples with Jesus. What we believe, how we behave and worship must be motivated by his command to "love one another" as he loves us. This is the necessary mark of a truly Christian community.

**Life Focus** - \* In what way is yours a truly Christian community? In what way is it not? Where do you fit in? \* Describe a time in your life when someone close to you went out of your life. What did that person leave behind for you? How did that person affect your life? \* How do you love someone who is very difficult to love? \* Tell of a time when your attempts at love were rebuffed.

**Fair Raffle Winners!**

\$1,000 - Anthony Barycki  
 500 - Robert Bentley  
 100 - Gayle Wright, Maribel Sandoval, James Amrhein, Tamara O'Donnell, Norah Ger.  
 Congratulations to all and thank you for your support.

**Congratulations to Rachel Nguyen** for earning honors for the third quarter at Rosary High School.

**Congratulations to Megan Kilmarx, Sara Swanson, and Lauren Terrebrood** for achieving honors for the third quarter at Connelly High School.

**Safeguard the Children**  
**Fingerprinting**

All parish staff, catechists, and volunteers who work with our children are required by the Archdiocese to be fingerprinted. The fingerprinting schedule for May in our region is as follows:

St. Catherine LaBoure, Torrance, May 23. Call 310-323-8900 for an appointment.

St. Lawrence Martyr, Redondo Beach, May 24. Call 310-540-0329.

St. John of God, Norwalk, May 30. Call 562-863-5721.



**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).

**Rosary High School Spring Information Night - May 7.**

**7-8:30 pm.** Faculty, administrators, and students will be available to answer questions and welcome each one to the Rosary community. For more information, please call 714-879-8204 or go to [www.rosaryhs.org](http://www.rosaryhs.org).

**Catholic Charities** is seeking tutors to help with the tutoring program Thursdays between 4-6pm, at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence. This family shelter is a unique program in Long Beach demonstrating its concern for providing temporary housing for families in crisis. It's imperative that our children receive adequate tutoring during these difficult times. Please contact Vicki Calhoun, 305-7677, [vickycalhoun@gmail.com](mailto:vickycalhoun@gmail.com).

***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."



**Meeting in May - we need to hear from you....**

**Popcorn time - thanks for your fantastic support. Three boxes sold!!!**

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

**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.

**May 10 - Meeting in the PAC at 7:30 pm**

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

**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.

**Law Professionals are Invited** - The St. Thomas More Society promotes the ideals of St. Thomas More and the practice of traditional ethics in the legal profession. We will hold our second regional breakfast meeting on Friday, **May 11 at 7:30 am** at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Hosted by Msgr. Charles Chaffman, Judicial vicar of the Tribunal, we will explore options of providing dispute resolution services to aging parishioners and to members of the armed forces returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, and pro bono legal service for impoverished parishioners. For further information, to confirm your attendance, or to notify us of your interest, please contact Sr. Tracey Sharp, 213-637-7296, or [SrTSharp@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:SrTSharp@la-archdiocese.org). All members of the legal community are welcome.

**Holy Innocents Parish Carnival**, 2500 Pacific Ave, Long Beach, **May 11-13**. Food, rides, games, entertainment.

**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, 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

**MONDAY, May 7**

8:00 AM - † James Seckington

**TUESDAY, May 8**

8:00 AM - † Evelyn Thies

**WEDNESDAY, May 9**

8:00 AM - † Soledad Sayes-Yang

**THURSDAY, May 10**

8:00 AM - † Joe Lacicero

**FRIDAY, May 11**

8:00 AM - † Arin Martinez

**SATURDAY, May 12**

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

**SUNDAY, May 13**

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

10:30 AM - † Edna Figueroa

12:30 PM - Kidney donor for Cora Tinio

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