



From the Pastor's Desk:

In the earliest accounts of Luke's Gospel, the word *analepsis* is used to describe Jesus being carried up to heaven at his ascension. The Greek work, found in Leviticus as well, usually refers to the sacrificial offerings that are "carried up" to God with a most pleasing fragrance. For Luke, the comparison was natural; Jesus, himself was the perfect sacrificial offering that was most pleasing to God.

The Ascension should remind us that we, too, can aspire to *analepsis*; our daily words and actions should reflect the example of Jesus, so that our very lives can be a fragrant sacrifice to God.

Father William



From the Deacon's Desk:

Just as the Olympic torch has been lit and passes from person to person, city to city and country to country then to its site of the games, so too our faith has been handed down from one generation to another, from father to son to grandson, mother to daughter to granddaughter. Faith is simply a gift given by God out of pure love. We can't earn it or buy it. This gift says I believe in God and I trust in Him.

Jesus leaves us and is taken up to heaven. He, through the Father, sends us the "Paraclete" which means "helper." In another place, the Holy Spirit is named the "Advocate" which means He pleads for us. There are many names for the Holy Spirit. By examining these various names, (and there are many) we learn the characteristics and His relationship with us. Some names: "Spirit of Him who raised Jesus", "Dove", "Finger of God", "Water and Wind". Go into the Internet and check out www.godonthenet.com/holyspirit and it will reference many Bible verses both Hebrew Scripture and New Testament and it gives the verse as well.

"Where the human spirit fails, the Holy Spirit fills."

Anonymous

"Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the Spirit of God." Edwin Keith

Our Prayer: COME HOLY SPRIT, ENKINDLE OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR LOVE.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Schedules are now available on our website, www.stjosephparishcommunity.com. If you would like to have your schedule mailed to you, please call the rectory.

Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests - Special collection this weekend, **May 19-20**. All parishioners are asked to give generously to support this fund. Currently, the fund provides for 145 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, the number of priests who will reach retirement age will number 353. All of these individuals have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. Please reflect on how the priests in your life have guided you, called forth your gifts and provided spiritual guidance in your life. Then, prayerfully determine the amount that you will give in support of them, out of true gratitude for their dedication and service. Thank you to each of you for your generosity.

Save the Date!
Annual St. Joseph Golf Tournament, Friday October 5.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's readings)
Adult: Jesus empowered the disciples through sending the Holy Spirit. How does the Spirit help me to follow the ways of Jesus?
Child: How can I make someone feel special this week?
Teen: How am I a witness to my faith in my everyday situations?

ASCENSION / HEAVEN AND EARTH



2008 Parish Fair Meeting Monday, May 21 @ 7:30 pm in the PAC. Still basking in the glow of the parish fair a few weeks ago? One of the goals identified for next year's parish fair is to engage a broader spectrum of parishioners to get involved in the leadership of this event through their respective parish organizations. Leaders of the successful 2006 and 2007 events are moving on to other projects and challenges. In order to fill this gap, a parish fair steering committee is being formed. Please join us for our initial meeting where we will begin the process of identifying leads for the various fair committees (food, games, entertainment, etc.). Every little bit helps! Remember, many hands make light work! And this work is FUN!

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: Our **May Crowning and Ice Cream Social** is being held today in the hall starting at **11:00 am** for our students and families. This is our last class for this school year. Registration forms for next Fall will be mailed in June.

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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - As you listen to the Gospel, be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges.

Jesus, who had been living with the apostles for three years, went that day up to heaven. He was the same Jesus who had been telling them that he felt such oneness with them that he had compared their union with him as forming one living organism, one plant, one body: he being the vine, they being the branches; he being the head, they being the body. When that head, Jesus Christ, one with us in our humanity, entered heaven, all of us made it, too. No wonder that Luke tells us that they went back to Jerusalem full of joy.

If our head is in heaven already, we must be there in a sense, too. That is what he promised before he went. He not only promised them that they would follow him, but also that he was going to prepare a place for them.

Just before he left them, Jesus told his disciples that he would clothe them with Power from on high. He gave them a task, the same task he gives to us. With that Power in us, we are able to realize God's realm, God's reign, here around us in our world.

Life Focus - * Try to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit and be grateful. * Relate an experience when you felt your actions guided by God. * Jesus prays "that all may be one." Have you felt that oneness with one another, or a oneness with the earth as God's creation? * As Jesus prays for us, his disciples today, what is he praying for? What will you do to cooperate with his prayer? * Share when you felt "unity" with the Father and the Son, or tell of a time when you needed that "unity."



A very belated Mother's Day greeting to all our members. Remember, every day is Mother's Day.

Senior Group needs new members.**Come join us! Any age.**

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

June 11-14 - San Francisco & Napa Valley - 2 nights in San Francisco, Radisson Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf, 1 night in Napa Valley Wine Country. Includes: 3 wine tastings, Sonoma Plaza, cheese factory, cable car museum, Bistro Boudin bakery, Jelly Belly Factory, lunch at Culinary Academy. We have Carl, our driver, & a casino stop. Some meals included. \$495/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.

June Meetings:

June 4 - Regular announcements and games.

June 18 - Games, conversation, etc.

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, **May 20** at **2 pm** in the conference room (behind the parish hall). Info: Mary, 596-9449.

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, and 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.



Last week: \$12,409

Last year: \$11,783

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following children received First Communion at the 9:00 am Mass on Mother's Day:

Gregory McBride Kirby Slater

Congratulations to these children, their parents and the teachers who prepared them.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, June 3, at the 12:30 pm Mass. Please keep our candidates, their sponsors and parents in your prayers.

Blood Drive - Thank you so much for your past blood donations. Our February 18 blood drive netted 49 usable pints which have benefited 147 people!

If you donated in February (and even if you didn't) you are now eligible to give again and Knights of Columbus Council 3629 hopes we can count on you!

Date: **June 10**

Time: **8 am to 2 pm**

Place: St. Joseph Parish Hall

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus Council #3629

Contact: Mark Smith at msmith@uces.csulb.edu or Cheryl Berlow at donatebloodforlbmmc@yahoo.com to schedule your appointment.

Everyone who donates will receive a t-shirt or ice cream coupon. Thanks!

Help Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide - Take Action Now! Phone, fax, e-mail or write and urge Assembly Member Betty Karnette to repudiate AB 374. Physician assisted suicide cannot be controlled, victimizes the vulnerable and cause doctors to help kill patients. Assembly Member Betty Karnette, 3711 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 801, Long Beach 90807, 997-0794, fax: 997-0799, e-mail: Assemblymember.Karnette@assembly.ca.gov. Visit Californians Against Assisted Suicide: www.ca-aas.com.

Vocations Fair at Cyprian Church, 4714 Clark Avenue, **May 27, 8 am to 2 pm**. Look who's celebrating the possibilities! Are you listening? God may be calling you! Dynamic guest priests, sisters and missionaries will be available to meet with you. Come by and say hello. You're loved, you're wanted, and you are needed. May the Holy Spirit bless you and keep you safe!

Room/Sublet needed: for Catholic college student interning at Universal this June/July. Please call Cynthia McGarity, 421-7551 for information about available space in L.A./North Hollywood area.

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."



Thanks to our board of directors for guiding us to disperse our surplus funds per our bylaws. Our bylaws require that monies in our account over \$3,000 should be donated to

recognized charities at the end of our fiscal year. We will be sending vouchers to the parish office to send checks to Catholic Charities, St. Athanasius, St. Francis Center, Project Achieve, and a shelter in Long Beach. It is important to be at the last meeting of the fiscal year. We ask our Lord to care for our volunteers. We will be working on our new calendar this summer. Bring your questions about our schedule to John/Jan 430-5839.

June 2 & 3 - Diaper-A-Baby - Bring diapers to the tables outside of church. Please call if you'd like to help.

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. **The 21st year for your Movement for a Better World!**

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

Take a vacation from the world and learn what God's plan is for your marriage. Make a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next one is **July 20-22**. For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335 or sign up online at www.geocities.com/melawest.

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 19**
5:00 PM - Mother's Day Novena
- SUNDAY, May 20**
7:30 AM - Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
10:30 AM - † Bernard Connell
12:30 PM - † Edna Figueroa
- MONDAY, May 21**
8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena
- TUESDAY, May 22**
8:00 AM - † Martina Monteros
- WEDNESDAY, May 23**
8:00 AM - † Salvatore Spina
- THURSDAY, May 24**
8:00 AM - † Ziza Neder
- FRIDAY, May 25**
8:00 AM - Evan Consineau
- SATURDAY, May 26**
5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, May 27**
7:30 AM - † Joe Rullo
9:00 AM - † Evelyn Thies
10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.
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 LaRiccia | Joseph Comfort |
| Irene Avila | Peter LuPiba |
| Scott Williams | 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, Dorteia 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, Jeffrey Waldron, & Adra Martz.

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	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

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