



From the Pastor's Desk:


In this Sunday's selection from the book of Proverbs, wisdom is personified as a woman at God's side. It's not often that we are made so concretely aware of a feminine aspect in the Trinity. Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we call on God, our Father. And in the incarnation the Word, the second person of the Trinity, took on our flesh as the man Jesus.

Today's first reading from the Old Testament reminds us that God embraces both genders. For some people, seeing the feminine in God is very difficult. Yet some of the great mystics of the Catholic tradition (such as the twelfth-century Cistercians and German medieval nuns like Mechtild of Hackeborn) had no difficulty in approaching God from that perspective. Their spirituality reminds us that God is boundless, unlimited by space, time, or any other constraints that God's creatures may wish to lay upon God. Such is the beauty and immensity of eternal Love.

Father William

Congratulations to our newly married. May the Lord bless you with an abundance of love.

**Stan & Charleen Lawrence
Greg & Erin Hanson**

	Last week: \$10,438 Last year: \$10,155
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Altar Sever Coordinator needed to do the altar servers' schedules. Please call the rectory, 594-4657, if you would be able to assist with this task.

Hall Closed - July 3-15 for painting, and **August 7-19** for floor work.

TRINITY SUNDAY
THE INEFFABLE MYSTERY OF GOD



From Deacon Don's Desk:

St. Anthony of Padua once said: "The Holy Spirit does not remain inactive in us. He wipes away sins, purifies hearts, revivifies the tepid, and enlightens the ignorant. His inspirations suggest to us what we ought and what we ought NOT to do. There exists an infinite variety of His communications."

It's Tuesday and we landed at LAX about 1 pm. We had time to reflect on the past several days while at the airport. How blessed we are to live in a country that has so much freedom. Are we really taking care of it? We often point a finger at others, but if you really look at the hand that is doing the pointing you will notice that three of the fingers are pointing right back at us. These past five days were spent in Michigan with our daughter, Christina and her husband, Steve. We experienced Michigan's hospitality. Christina has never run before, but she took up the challenge to run a half marathon to raise funds for her friend who has leukemia. God blessed the runners with excellent weather. On the trip home, Tina and I sat next to two soldiers returning home to Alaska for two weeks, only to return to the Middle East. Memorial weekend was a time to reflect on how appreciative we are of the debt we owe to those who have gone before us. Blessings abounded from knowing there are those who think enough to fight for our freedom, others who extended a hand in welcome, and those who extended themselves for a friend. In each case the Holy Spirit was at work.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to recognize the blessings that You have showered on us and through the workings of the Holy Spirit increase the faith You have given us. Direct our world leaders according to Your will to help them bring peace to our world. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's readings)
Adult: What are some ways I relate to each person of the Blessed Trinity?
Child: How can I show my family that I love them as God loves them?
Teen: Who could I love better and thus pass on God's love for me?

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place today at the **12:30 pm Mass**. Our celebrant will be Bishop Alex Salazar. Please keep our candidates, their sponsors & parents in your prayers.

Monday, June 4 - Season Finale
Monday Night.....Take a Stress-free Prayer Break.....
Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE - Just an HOUR
 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 & Middle School Program: Registration forms for next Fall will be mailed in June. Please return at your earliest convenience.

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.

Vacation Bible Camp

This year's Vacation Bible Camp, The Great Bible Reef, will be held at St. Cornelius from **July 9 - July 13**, 9 am - 12 noon. Registration forms are available from the Religious Education Office, School office or rectory. VBC is for children entering grades Kg. - 6th in the fall. Students in Grades 7 & 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. **Volunteers** are needed as teachers, craft, snack, and playground helpers. Questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 598-0519.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The Gospel reading emphasizes the work of the "Spirit of truth" in the Christian community. Jesus is about to leave his disciples and is making provision for their future. Even though he has more to tell them, they cannot understand it before the death/resurrection event. Only in the light of their experience of the risen Christ will they be able to comprehend its significance. This insight, given by "the Spirit of truth," will guide them throughout the centuries in their efforts to grow in understanding. **A striking feature of this passage is its stress on the common working of Jesus, his Father and the Spirit of truth. They possess in common; they act in common.**

Life Focus - * Name a time when suffering an injustice inspired you to seek out the truth. * A life filled with constant lies hinders one from the truth. How do you recognize untruth? How do you keep yourself open to the truth? * Any attempt to gain understanding of your enemy helps you not to condemn but to find peace in difficult situations. What do you do to try to understand you enemy? When has "understanding your enemy" led to acceptance?



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

June 4 - Regular announcements and games.

June 18 - Games, conversation, etc.

June 11-14 - San Francisco & Napa Valley - 2 nights in San Francisco, 1 night in Napa Valley. 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 inc. \$495/person, single sup \$695.

Bus will leave promptly at 8:00 am.

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!!!!**

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

Safeguard the Children - Did you know a vast movement to eradicate child sexual abuse is underway at every parish in the L.A. Archdiocese, including here at St. Joseph? An Associated Press article printed in the Long Beach Press Telegram May 26, 2007, reported:

"Catholics unaware of child protections: Most U.S. Roman Catholics are not aware of the child protection policies enacted in their dioceses in response to the clergy sex abuse crisis, a new survey has found. About 45 percent of respondents knew that dioceses were expected to report abuse claims to civil authorities and knew that dioceses were supposed to bar credibly accused priests from any church work, according to the poll conducted for the Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate. But only one-third of respondents knew that their dioceses were required to provide counseling and other support to victims, and only 15 percent knew that dioceses were reporting annually to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on their adherence to the policies."

All St. Joseph parishioners should know that any victim of child sexual abuse - adult or child, whoever the perpetrator may have been, or whenever the abuse may have taken place - can receive comprehensive and confidential support services through the office of the L.A. Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Ministry Office. Call 213-637-6650 to find competent, caring and professional assistance.

Safeguard the Children Fingerprinting Schedule

For all those who still need to be fingerprinted for volunteering with our parish children, here is the list of sites in our San Pedro Region for June. Please call for an appointment:

June 9 - Holy Angels Church of the Deaf, Vernon, 323-587-2096

June 13 - St. Linus, Redondo Beach, 562-921-6649

June 15 - St. Joseph, Hawthorne, 310-679-1139

Jun3 16 - St. Peter, San Pedro, 310-831-5360

Also, on **June 7** the Archdiocesan Catholic Center in Los Angeles will host a fingerprinting day, 213-637-7494.



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.

Why is it so important to register in the parish?

1. In the situation of the death of a family member, it is important that either the deceased or the family member of the deceased is registered in the parish so that there is the capability of making contact with the family. It is very difficult if there is no registration information or even the knowledge of the family or the deceased loved one. If there has been a serious illness or if there has been confinement at home for a long time, we as a parish family should be notified so that the sacraments of penance, Eucharist, and the anointing of the sick might be available to them. It is important that the contact should be made at the Rectory Office.
2. Very frequently we get requests for letters of recommendation to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation. If the parties involved are not registered it is difficult to make a recommendation as to whether they are practicing Catholics or not. If a letter of recommendation is being requested, some background is needed before the letter can be written.
3. St. Joseph Parish is a wonderful place to be married. We welcome our young couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is important to register in the parish so that we do have Canonical Jurisdiction for your marriage. We are delighted to help you prepare for marriage.
4. We welcome all of your children to come to know our Lord through Religious Education which our parish offers. However, it is also very important that you are registered and participating in the parish as we seek to educate your children. That includes Sunday Mass and taking advantage of our Liturgy of the Word for children at the 9:00 am Mass. It is obvious that many of you do take advantage of that and you are to be commended.

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.



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.

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!**

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!

Save the Date!

Annual St. Joseph Golf Tournament, Friday October 5.

Call our Senators, Dianne Feinstein, 310-914-7300, and Barbara Boxer, 213-894-5000, and ask them to support legislation which would:

- include a legalization program which is workable and supports family unity including a realistic and achievable path to citizenship;
- create a new worker program with worker protections, living wage levels, and a path to citizenship; and
- preserve family reunification in our immigration system by reducing family backlogs and maintaining all family preference categories.

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."

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, June 2

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

SUNDAY, June 3

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Joaquin Reveles

10:30 AM - † Steven Sprague

12:30 PM - † Virginia Addotta

MONDAY, June 4

8:00 AM - † John DeRuyter

TUESDAY, June 5

8:00 AM - † Don Rossello

WEDNESDAY, June 6

8:00 AM - † John Anselmo

THURSDAY, June 7

8:00 AM - Lily Dang, living

FRIDAY, June 8

8:00 AM - Jonathan Cruz, living

SATURDAY, June 9

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

SUNDAY, June 10

7:30 AM - † Fulgencia Flores

9:00 AM - Frijanes family, Thanksgiving

10:30 AM - † Mary Jane Merk

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, Dortha Bradley, Mary Lovelace, Jeanne Sexton, Christina Knight, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bert Willis, John Barycki, 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 Hofkenschied, 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, Jun Piol Cuevas, Rudy Maligaya, John Swanson, Jack Williams & Gilberto Cerna.

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
	craiglawrence@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, 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
	Terri Traucht	

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
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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
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FAMILY ROUND TABLE MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Nancy Miller	429-2546
SENIOR GROUP	Michelle Parize	477-3647
TOGETHER IN MISSION	Betty Maligie	596-8287
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Victoria Higgins	597-6979
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Ron Steiner	431-7703
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Jim & Theresa Murphy	431-5025
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
GIRL SCOUTS	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785
CAMP FIRE GIRLS	Cynthia Stabelfeldt	421-8492
CUB SCOUTS	Cyndy Diaz	421-2006
BOY SCOUTS	Douglas Alchorn	594-9407
	Tom Zofrea	493-2940

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