



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Birthdays are lots of fun! Parents even plan birthday parties for their one-year-old child who, at that age, doesn't understand all that is going on. As we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist today we recall that we really don't know the exact date of his birth. The choice of this day to celebrate is not so much about John as it is about Jesus.

You'll notice that we are celebrating six months before Christmas, a timeline determined by the annunciation story in Luke's infancy narrative (check out Luke 1:36). Even as we honor John, we understand that the celebration of the life and deeds of any of the saints is really about Jesus and what he inspired the sainted person to be and do.

Jesus is the core of our faith. Without his dying and rising our faith would mean nothing. The second reading of the vigil of today's feast puts it this way: "Although you have not seen Jesus Christ you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him" (1 Pt 1:8).

Father William

**Peter's Pence 2007 Collection** - Next week, our parish will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the works of the Holy Father. Please join in solidarity with the more than one billion Catholics worldwide in providing immediate emergency and disaster relief to our brothers and sisters through the pope's special appeal. Thank you!

**Lost and Found**

We are cleaning out the church lost and found. If you have lost a red sweater, a pink backpack, a baby bag, keys, glasses, etc., please stop by the rectory office by July 30. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

The birth of St. John the Baptist is called a "solemnity" because of its great importance. The feast dates back to the 4th century and is celebrated six months before the Lord's birth. It is near the summer solstice and is appropriate since after St. John's birth the days (daylight) become shorter in contrast to after Jesus' birth they begin to increase. Remember, "I must decrease and He must increase"? We know little of St. John's inner life, but we know he had the courage to tell King Herod that it was sinful for him to live with his brother's wife. St. John, while imprisoned, sent his disciples to Jesus to follow Him.

A week ago, several bishops including Cardinal Archbishop ordained 60 deacons in the Santa Barbara region. It was a great day for the Church and for the upper region since they did not have any ordinations for the past 3 or 4 years. Our Cardinal Archbishop was in rare form last Sunday (Father's Day) and speaking (in jest of course) said that the future deacons will have to maintain a waistline measurement of 32 inches. Boy, am I glad this came after my ordination! Is he trying to say we need to be more healthy? Will walking help? Maybe we will have to be like the Pacific Island girl who gave a missionary a gift of a pretty seashell. "Where did you get this beautiful shell?" asked the missionary. The girl said she walked miles to find the shell. "How wonderful to go so far to get this lovely gift," he said. She replied, "Long walk, part of gift." How much walking do I need to reduce my waistline? Tina says, "Put down the fork and step away from the table!" I guess I will just walk and thank God for the gift of being able to walk. What gift can you give that will cost little but would make another happy?

**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to act always out of love for You and for the salvation of souls. Let all that I think and do and say be the result of this twofold intention.

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
REAL GREATNESS



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** What is one specific action I can build into my daily routine that will help me better achieve my full potential as a human being and servant of the Lord?

**Child:** When did I follow Jesus this past week by doing something I was asked to do without an excuse?

**Teen:** How can I be a "light to the nations" this week by doing some special act of goodness or kindness for someone?

**Lectors' Schedules** will be emailed to the lectors. If you need your schedule mailed, please call the rectory. Bill Smith's email: [bill.smith@presstelegram.com](mailto:bill.smith@presstelegram.com).

**Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE**

**Call to join when we start up again, John Minter, 430-5839. Call to borrow the special prayer book that was written for this service.**

**MISSION:** To pray for all human rights, from conception to natural death, in a lay rosary and prayer service.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary & Middle School Program:** Registration forms for next Fall have been mailed. Please return at your earliest convenience. If you were registered last year and did not receive a form, please contact our office at **598-0519**. **New families** may call our office for information and registration forms.

**Sacrament Program:** Preparation for receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a **two year** program which usually begins at the First Grade level. Older children may receive the sacraments through our **RCIA for Children Program**. Please call the Religious Education Office at **598-0519** for further information.

**Summer Hours:** The Religious Education Office will be open Monday - Friday until **July 13**. Our office will be closed from **July 16 - August 13**. You may leave a message on the answering machine as we will be checking messages from time to time during the closed session.

**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.

**FIREWORKS = SCHOLARSHOPS** - the Knights will be selling "Safe and Sane Fireworks" to raise funds for the scholarship program. Please visit the Knights July 1-4, at 4265 Woodruff, 9am to 9 pm. Bring bulletin for 10% off.

**Hall Closed**

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

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - One day, celebrating the liturgy of the Jerusalem Temple alone, Zechariah meets the angel Gabriel. Gabriel tells him that his wife, Elizabeth, will have a child and that he will call him John (Acts 1:13). The name John, in Hebrew means "Yahweh has shown favor." Zechariah responds to his predictions and promises with a query, "How shall I know this? I am an old man, and my wife is advance in years." Presuming this question means unbelief, Gabriel discloses his identity and strikes Zechariah dumb "until the day these things take place."

The onlookers respond with fear, a typical human response in Luke and Acts to miracles and supernatural occurrences. The onlookers respond as people who have witnessed the manifestation of supernatural power.

**Life Focus** - \* Who has been John the Baptist to you, that is, your forerunner to Jesus? \* How carefully do you attend to your growing "strong in spirit"? How is this reflected in your daily living? \* How is your ministry truly perfecting people for Christ? How are you striving to perfect yourself in your ministry?



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

**July 2** - Regular meeting, only meeting for July, hall is being painted and floor refinished.

**July 16** - Casino Trip - Fantasy Springs - Cost is \$29 per person with cash refund of \$20. Must have 47 people sign up or price changes. If you have your Casino Card, please give Olga # and complete birth date when you sign up. Departure - 8 am and return approx. 6 pm.

**Aug. 6** - Regular games, etc.

**Aug. 20** - Regular games, etc.

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

**Nov. 7** - Griffith Park Observatory with lunch at Phillipps French Dip Restaurant, \$50 per person includes bus driver tip, round trip bus transportation. Lunch includes choice of sandwich with cheese, one side salad, dessert & beverage. Shuttle service to Observatory, admission to Planetarium. Show includes seats, bottled water on bus. Must have 42 people.

**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 - 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 are **\$30** for one and **\$20** for each additional family member. **Volunteers** are needed as teachers, craft, snack, and playground helpers. Questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 598-0519.



**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](http://www.geocities.com/melawest).



Last week: \$10,596  
Last year: \$10,873

**Sister Adeline O'Donaghue** will present a workshop on centering prayer on Sunday, **July 1**, from 1 to 4 pm, at St. Mary Medical Center. Topic will be: **Life in God's Presence: Centering Ourselves in a Multi-tasking Culture**. Registration: send \$5 payable to "St. Mary Foundation" by June 24, to Don Carlos, 3745 Parkview Dr., Lakewood, 90712. Information: 429-7830.

**Need Service Hours???** Stop by the nursery at the 9:00 or 10:30 Mass and help Miss Yvonne with the little ones.

**St. Joseph High School Summer School** - June 25 - July 24. Review, enrichment, elective, athletic courses offered. For more information, please call 925-5073 x881.

**St. Joseph High School Summer Day Camp** for children in grades K-8, from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Camp Little Jesters offers academic opportunities, arts and crafts, sports activities, pool time, and field trips. For more information, please call 925-5073 x 882.

**Coed Junior High Summer Camp** at St. John Bosco High School for students entering the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in the fall. Camps in leadership, athletics, computers, math/science, athletics, and writing skills. For info, please contact Jeanne Pantuso, 920-1734 x250.

**Ministry to and with Lesbian & Gay Catholics**

St. Matthew's Comunidad, 672 Temple Ave., Long Beach, meeting 1st Tuesday of month at 7 pm. Mass on 1st Sunday of month at 10 am, brunch following. Contact David 439-8067.

**Parents Support Group**

Los Angeles Group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at Amat House, 649 W. Adams Blvd., L.A., 7pm. Call Robert or Carolyn at 310-835-1481.

**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 contact with the family can be made. 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. 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 your children to come to know our Lord through Religious Education. 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.



Thank you very much for your generous donations to our latest Diaper-A-Baby weekend. We collected 2,397 diapers and \$976 in cash donations.

Your donations are greatly appreciated by the people served through Catholic Charities.

Please mark your calendars for our next project August 4-5 when we have our FOOD-FROM-THE-HEART collection.

Please keep using the **BLUE** "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes. Your contributions are so appreciated!!! Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal.

**Project Achieve....** Any extra funds will also help us with new programs like Project Achieve. Call us or Tina Gath to see what you can do to help with this worthwhile endeavor. Many volunteers split up the work, a real labor of love. The project aids those who need a little help getting back on their feet, while working and/or studying. If you can help us purchase, prepare or deliver dinner and breakfast to these adults, please call.

Thank you for all you do!! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

**St. Anthony High School Reunions**

The 30 year reunion for the **class of 1977** is being planned for July (details TBD). If you were in this class, please contact Kate Mais at [katemais@verizon.net](mailto:katemais@verizon.net).

The 25 year reunion for the **class of 1982** is being planned for Saturday, **July 28** (details to follow). If you were in this class please contact Kerri Pelonis Fox at [kerri\\_fox@yahoo.com](mailto:kerri_fox@yahoo.com).

**Save the Date!**

**Annual St. Joseph Golf Tournament, Friday October 5.**

**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, June 23**  
 5:00 PM - Father's Day Novena
- SUNDAY, June 24**  
 7:30 AM - † Jerry Jelnick  
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - Clifton Lowen, living  
 12:30 PM - Father's Day Novena
- MONDAY, June 25**  
 8:00 AM - Father's Day Novena
- TUESDAY, June 26**  
 8:00 AM - Tim Gormley, living
- WEDNESDAY, June 27**  
 8:00 AM - † Manuela Nellie Barycki
- THURSDAY, June 28**  
 8:00 AM - † Jim O'Donnell
- FRIDAY, June 29**  
 8:00 AM - Evan Consineau, living
- SATURDAY, June 30**  
 5:00 PM - † Mario Ciramella
- SUNDAY, July 1**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - † Joseph Lavoie  
 10:30 AM - † Stephen Durkin  
 12:30 PM - Evan Consineau, living

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 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, Katie Hofkenschaid, Jim Correira, 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 & Tracy Rossello.

## 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	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@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	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785
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