



From the Pastor's Desk:

It is a happy coincidence in the Lectionary cycle of readings that once every third year these words from Paul's letter to the Galatians fall on the weekend closest to the American celebration of independence: "For freedom Christ set us free" (Galatians 5:1). Of course Paul was not referring to the American revolution against British rule. He was instead reminding the Galatians that Christ had set them free from sin and the requirements of the Jewish law.

Paul goes on to concretely describe what freedom in Christ truly means: "Do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love" (5:13).

It is not always easy to translate biblical injunctions into civic life, but it is something for which we strive as Christians. What expectations should we have of politicians (and of ourselves) if we want to fulfill the law: You shall love your neighbor as yourself?

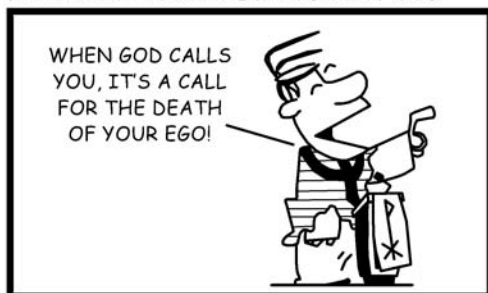
Father William


Peter's Pence 2007 Collection - Today our parish participates in the 2007 Peter's Pence Collection for the works of the Holy Father. Please help the pope provide immediate disaster relief and emergency aid to those suffering the effects of war, natural disaster, or oppression throughout the world. In doing so, we join one billion Catholic brothers and sisters in acting to share God's love in the world. Thank you! Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

Lost and Found

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

13TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
FIT OR UNFIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, July 5, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk: God Bless America. There is a common creed, not ancestral roots, that binds us together. It's expressed in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their

Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." We are forever indebted to those who have gone on before us to give us this freedom. "Gratitude is the mother of all virtues." ...G.K. Chesterton

Americans should give thanks to God each day and pledge anew to do their duty out of gratitude to Him and our founding fathers. Adapted from Charles Colson, Chairman of Prison Fellowship Ministries.

A Prayer for our Country: *Almighty God, You have given us this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember Your generosity and faithfully do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties. Strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make America their home. Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. Balance, O Lord, our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful and in troubled times may our deepest trust be in You. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.* Adapted from Chaplain's Service Book of Prayers.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Kathleen Miller
James Ciriacks
Delphina Orsatti



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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What priorities on my "to do" list can I rearrange this week to be a better disciple?

Child: When did I pray with my family this past week?

Teen: How can I be a follower of Jesus this week?

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 = SCHOLARSHIPS - the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be selling "Safe and Sane Fireworks" to raise funds for the St. Joseph scholarship program. Please visit the Knights' stand **July 1-4**, at our new location, 4265 Woodruff, just north of Wienerschnitzel, 9am to 9 pm. Bring this bulletin for a 10% discount.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Today's Gospel spells out what it means to follow Jesus, to be his disciple. James and John, "sons of thunder," angry at being rejected by the Samaritans, want to call down fire from heaven to consume Jesus' enemies. Jesus says there is no room for getting even in the Christian way of life. There is to be no violence. Luke develops the theme of discipleship further using three examples. Jesus tells the one who offers to follow him "wherever he goes" of the hardships involved. His strange reply to the man who wants to go home first to bury his father underlines the urgency to get on with proclaiming the reign of God. And finally there is a singleness of purpose involved in being a follower of Jesus. There can be no looking back to what one has left behind.

Life Focus - * How do you react when someone criticizes you or is hostile to you? * When in your life have you been called to change direction (put your hand to a different "plow") because of your desire to be a follower of Jesus? * What does it mean to your everyday life to be a follower of Jesus? * What is your reaction to being called by Jesus?



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.

Woman's Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House

Sept. 7-9, retreat theme: "Under the Torrent of His Merciful Love." Directed by Rev. Eugene Morris. Now is the time to make your reservations by calling Tina, 598-5202 or Madeline, 596-6219.

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.

Our Weekly Offering 

Last week: \$10,247
Last year: \$10,422



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.

Congratulations to Michael Ohde, Jason Pillon, and Ryan Rodriguez for outstanding achievement this past school year at St. John Bosco High School.

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

“Healing Through Forgiveness” seminar conducted by Father John Hampsch, C.M.F., an internationally known missionary priest, whose ministry is Spiritual Renewal and Healing, on Saturday, **July 14** from 9 am to 4 pm at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lomita. For more information call Bob or Maryann Sanders, 310-530-3094 or Cathy Russell 310-325-5699.

Salt & Light Series for Young Adults One Day Retreat
Living happy, healthy, and holy relationships, Saturday, **July 14**, 8 am - 4 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Huntington Beach. Retreat designed to deepen and strengthen your relationship with God. Take a day away from the craziness of the world for yourself and for your faith. Join other young Catholic brothers and sisters as we explore our faith, praise and worship our God, and celebrate our oneness in Him. Potluck bonfire on the beach afterwards. Questions: John La Briola 714-596-2445.

A Mass with a Healing Service Tuesday, **July 17**, 7 pm, St. Cyprian Church. Fr. Joshua Lee, pastor of St. Hilary Church in Whittier, is a charismatic priest and a gifted preacher. For more information contact Sion Ferrer, 213-989-3214.

Separated and Divorced Ministry presents Fr. Patrick J. Hill: *“Why Me, Why You, Why Us, Why Now - Let’s Talk.”* Saturday, **July 28**, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm followed by Mass, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Los Angeles. Cost: \$25 includes materials and lunch, RSVP by July 17. Grieving, healing, getting on with life! What things work and what things don’t in building a relationship! What part does my faith or lack of it, play in relationships? What is the role of nature and nurture in relationships? For information call: Julie Monell-Auzenne, 213-637-7249.

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite single women ages 18-40 to a unique summer service experience. The Stretch Your Heart Summer Volunteer Program offers opportunities to give service to others, work side by side with religious women, experience community living, make new friends, and prayerfully reflect. Participants will be assisting in a Summer Vacation Bible Camp at St. Helen Parish in South Gate, August 5-10. Interested women are invited to apply by contacting Sister Kathleen Burns, 562-496-3224. Visit www.notredamesisters.com for more details or to learn about programs elsewhere in the country.



Thank you very much to all the parishioners who have helped with our many projects this year. You have given to many who have been in need - they greatly appreciate all that you

have given. Please mark your calendars for our next project **August 4-5** when we have our annual 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.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish next weekend giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry to the elderly poor. The Little Sisters conduct the Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro, and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like ourselves. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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 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

MONDAY, July 2

8:00 AM - Tim Gormley, living

TUESDAY, July 3

8:00 AM - † Dolores Sartain

WEDNESDAY, July 4

8:00 AM - † Jonchan Deblacure

THURSDAY, July 5

8:00 AM - Jennie Kwan, Happy Birthday

FRIDAY, July 6

8:00 AM - † Delphina Orsatti

SATURDAY, July 7

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

SUNDAY, July 8

7:30 AM - † Tomica Perich

9:00 AM - † Antoinette Lavoie

10:30 AM - † Bernard Connell

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:

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, Dorthea 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 Hofkenscheid, Jim Correira, Lucille Heilman, Jovencio Banares, Mary Wiegand, Sharon Conroy, Frank Thornton, William Worthy, Cletus Schmidt, Mary White, Joe Cody, Chuck Dixon, Cliff Lowen, Tanya Chvedine, Jim & Bev Clinton, Jeffrey Waldron, Adra Martz, Jun Piol Cuevas, Rudy Maligaya, John Swanson, Jack Williams, Gilberto Cerna, Tracy Rossello, David Bucklin, David Dominguez & Mary Jane Mulick.

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
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0143
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
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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