



From the Pastor's Desk:

It is easy to look at the seventy-two in today's Gospel as some special select group who are given a unique mission by Jesus. It gets us off the hook of believing that we are called to act in the same way.

But in Luke's gospel there are not different classes of disciples. Everyone who follows Jesus is given a mission as is made evident in the sequel to Luke, the Acts of the Apostles. We may not have to leave our wallet or sandals behind (as today's Gospel describes), but we are expected to proclaim in some way with our lives that the kingdom of God is at hand. Keeping that missionary focus in mind may not be something that we have been trained to do, but it is part of the Christian life. After all, Jesus did not come for us alone; he came for the whole world.

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Trusting you all had a wonderful and restful **Fourth of July** by celebrating our freedom. With that freedom comes responsibility as well. We as Catholic Christians are called by our Baptism to be priest, prophet and king. In the Gospel,

Jesus sends out 72 "appointed" in pairs to every town. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." They are not going to be accepted in every place they go. We are called to be prophets in that we need to awaken the Spirit of Grace (God's love) in each one of us. Many times we are caught up in our own "comfort zone."

Jack Lemmon, in a movie called "Mass Appeal," played a priest always trying to please his congregation rather than God. He had a conversion and here is his "sermon":

"Today my homily will be exactly 30 seconds long. That's the shortest homily I've ever preached in my life, but it's also the most important homily I've ever preached. I want to make 3 points: First, millions of people in the world are hungry, homeless and dying. Second, most people in the world don't give a damn about that. Third, many of you are more disturbed by the fact that I said "damn" in the pulpit than by the fact that I said that there are millions of hungry, homeless and dying people in the world." With that he made the sign of the cross and sat down.

Be a prophet of our times and listen to the last words of the Gospel: "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Our Prayer: (Papal Intentions) "That all citizens, individually and in groups, may be enabled to participate actively in the life and management of the common good. That all Christians may actively help all those engaged in the evangelization of peoples."

Woman's Retreat Sept. 7-9
Sacred Heart Retreat House
 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.

Peter's Pence 2007 Collection - Thank you for your generous contributions to the 2007 Collection for the works of the Holy Father. Your participation is an act of love and solidarity and we are most grateful. May God bless you. For information on the collection and where your money goes, please visit www.usccb.org/ppc.

Hall Closed

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

14TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
 THE 'ALREADY' AND 'NOT YET' OF GOD'S KINGDOM



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.

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| Our Weekly Offering | | Last week: \$11,862 |
| | | Last year: \$12,452 |

A Mass with a Healing Service - 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: How can I carry out Jesus' message of love and peace and justice and hope in our world today?
Child: How will I love God, my family and friends, and myself this week?
Teen: How might I bring peace to others 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.

"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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - For centuries God's people longed for a messiah. They yearned for someone who would bring about God's reign, a time of peace and blessings. The prophets had an unshakable faith in God's reign and communicated that confidence to the people. It is this reign that Jesus preached and began. He commissions the seventy-two disciples to proclaim the coming of this reign. The peace of God's reign is made possible through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It is the fulfillment of all humanity's hopes. The disciples are successful because they are agents of God's grace. That they have been chosen as instruments of that grace is the real reason for rejoicing.

Life Focus - * How does Jesus ask you to spread the gospel in the world today? What obstacles do you see in your path? * When have you felt like a lamb walking among wolves? * What instructions that you received early in your faith life are still valid and useful today?

**Senior Group needs new members.**

Come join us! Any age.

July 16 - Casino Trip - Fantasy Springs - Stand-bys only. Departure - 8 am and return approx. 6 pm.

Aug. 6 - Regular games, etc.

Oct 12-21 - Cruise - Fall Foliage, 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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 10. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community Baptized June 24:

**Gabriel Cash Garcia
Deanna Marie Glover
Andre Martin Tan Umali**

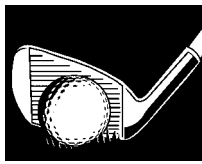
Young Adult Ministry

The popular young adult series, **"Renew Theology on Tap"** will begin this month. This series is geared toward singles and couples in their 20's and 30's. The series will be held on four consecutive Tuesday evenings starting **July 17 at 7:00 pm** in the hall at **Our Lady of Refuge**, 5195 Stearns St., Long Beach. These evenings are free of charge except for a donation for the appetizers and drinks which will be served. The first topic is **"Total Fitness for the 21st Century: Body, Mind, and Spirit,"** given by Fr. Alexander Lewis. For further information, please call the Religious Education 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.

Save the Date - Precious Life Shelter Annual Golf Tournament, **Sept. 26**, at the Seal Beach Navy Course, 12:30 Shotgun. To play, volunteer, sponsor or donate, contact: Precious Life Shelter, 431-5025, Amelia Nunez, 889-0380, or Don Gath, 498-6701. Sponsored by Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Long Beach.



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

The Little Sisters of the Poor are visiting our parish this 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.

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

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.

Beginning Experience - Are you widowed, separated or divorced? There is a special heartache for those who find themselves alone again. Now there is help! A weekend away for a lifetime of change, **August 10-12**, in Los Angeles. Open to persons of all faiths who want a new beginning and are ready to work to make it a reality. For more information, call Dianne Lundquist, 949-551-4504.

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.

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.

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, 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

MONDAY, July 9

8:00 AM - † Xochitl Abrajano

TUESDAY, July 10

8:00 AM - Lily Dang, living

WEDNESDAY, July 11

8:00 AM - † Dorothy Schweiger

THURSDAY, July 12

8:00 AM - † Angela Lichon

FRIDAY, July 13

8:00 AM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith

SATURDAY, July 14

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, July 15

7:30 AM - † Harriet Jelnick

9:00 AM - † Thomas Lavoie

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Q. John Bianco

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, 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

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| DIRECTOR of LITURGY | Fr. William | 594-4657 |
| ALTAR CARE | Mary Jelnick | 429-2529 |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION | Gene Ensich | 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

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| PRINCIPAL | Brid Considine |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Carole Dellavalle |
| SECRETARIES | Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska |
| PTO PRESIDENT | Linda Smith |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY | Veronica Gibb |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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| ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| CONFIRMATION | Virginia Young | 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

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| 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

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| Nancy Miller | 429-2546 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| 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 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 |
| CUB SCOUTS | Cynthia Stabelfeldt | 421-8492 |
| 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