



### From the Pastor's Desk:

I. In the Lectionary cycle during Ordinary Time, the first reading is chosen to complement the Gospel for the day. Today's story of Abraham busily preparing a feast for the Lord is paired with the story of Martha and Mary from Luke. As we can see, this pairing makes it evident that the concern in the Gospel is not so much about Martha's busyness - after all, Abraham is praised for his readiness to fix a feast - as it is about welcoming the Lord. Mary's welcome is through attentiveness to Jesus. Abraham's welcome is through hospitable attentiveness to the Lord.

In our daily concerns we may sometimes lose sight of being attentive to God. Some people use simple reminders to help them not forget about God. A prayer taped to the bathroom mirror, a religious image on the desk, a screen-saver of a holy site, or a CD with religious music in the car are all simple ways to remain attentive to the Lord in the busyness of the day.

II. Late last Sunday morning, I received a fax from Cardinal Mahony. It stated that the law suits against the Archdiocese had been settled outside of court, thanks be to God. May this phase of the Clergy Sexual Abuse Scandal be brought to a closure. As a result, safeguards have been put in place for the protection of our children. I am grateful to Mimi Bloeser and our committee for their invaluable work. This is something that should have happened years ago. I don't know if the old saying is even applicable here: "Better late than never." What a tragedy this has been! Would that it had been prevented! May it not happen again!

Innocent priests have also been falsely accused. Such false accusations have brought them deep pain and suffering. Priests in general also feel this pain and suffering. The very small percentage of guilty priests have simply been thrown out on the street by their bishops. Religious communities have kept their guilty members. They care for them and supervise them after they pay the penalty of their abominable crimes. I think this is far more Christian for all concerned.

I think Cardinal Mahony has done his best to heal willing victims. He has also sought to safeguard confidential records of priests as guaranteed by state law. The Archbishop has apologized and is selling non-church related property to meet the lawsuits. No parish will suffer as a result. Of course, there are those who do not want forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. God forgive them and the perpetrators! Only the Lord can bring us to this necessary place.

Father William

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How can I welcome the stranger and feed the hungry in order to encounter Jesus in my brothers and sisters?

**Child:** What can I do this week to show someone a special welcome and friendship?

**Teen:** When this past week did I take time to pray, to talk to, and listen to God?



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

The Gospel this Sunday is about Martha and Mary. Who do you identify more with? To me there are two sides - the "practical" or action side and the contemplation side. We seem to be overwhelmingly pre-occupied with the "practical" everyday things and leave little time for the contemplative (prayer) side of our lives.

Our challenge in this Gospel is to "choose the better part" the "part" that lasts. Question: what challenges in Jesus' teaching do we see for our church and society? Could it be that we need to pray more fervently for our service men and women? I recently received an e-mail that said, "Remember, only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul, the other died for your freedom."

This weekend we had four people who have been part of St. Joseph parish community, in one way or another, enter into eternal life.

To be a Catholic Christian is not only out of step with society on some moral issues, it is also out of step "schedule wise." You may have heard me say that before. We need to make prayer time part of our schedule. Don't know what to pray for? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. We need to remember those who have been victims of abuse, whether it be physical, sexual or mental. We need to pray for the perpetrators as well as the victims, that they may receive healing & forgiveness. As Fr. Rolheiser said, those who act out violence may have been victims themselves which causes this illness to be "played out."

"Now more than ever, we need to give ourselves time and space to think and pray." —Fr. Daniel Harrington, S.J.

Our  
Weekly Offering



Last week: \$11,205  
Last year: \$11,766

**Hall Closed - August 7-19** for floor work.

16TH ORDINARY SUNDAY / HOSPITALITY

WHEN YOUR TEENAGER  
SHOWS UP AT YOUR  
DOOR WITH A STRANGE  
LOOKING FRIEND, DO  
YOU WELCOME THEM  
WITH HOSPITALITY...



OR THE  
DEPARTMENT  
OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY?



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**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 closed until **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.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

New schedules have been emailed and are now available in the sacristy for everyone else. If you would like your schedule to be emailed to you in the future, and thus save time and paper, please call Gene Ensck, 421-0147.

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - In today's first reading we get a glimpse of the importance of hospitality in the desert. The Gospel continues this theme of hospitality. Martha prepares the meal in the kitchen while Mary sits at the Lord's feet. Martha takes exception to Mary's action, but Mary is being hospitable in her own way. Jesus teaches Martha to balance her work with a bit of listening. It is not that her work isn't important, but action by itself can easily become mindless busyness. It's a question of balancing priorities. Notice that both women are close friends of Jesus and they are listed as doing the work of disciples.

**Life Focus** - \* Who are you most like, Mary or Martha? Tell of an experience from your life to show this. How can you develop the other side of yourself? \* Tell of an experience in your life when your attention was focused on the less important thing in a situation. \* What are the contributions of women to your small church community? To your parish? \* As an individual what do you do to prepare yourself to listen to Christ? Do you have a special time or place for listening? \* Who, more than anyone, makes you feel at home? How? How can you show this kind of hospitality to others this week? \* How can your life be more centered and clear?



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

**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.**

**Bible Fellowship continues....**

September 11, Book of Revelation

Doomsday or Hope and Encouragement?

Let's break the code together.

Please register ahead (by August 25)

Classes held Tuesdays am and pm

Call Rita Smith for information, 562-533-1243

**Attention:** The 50+ Singles of St. Pancratius (divorced, single, widowed Catholics), 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lkwd, will meet on Sunday, **July 22 at 2 pm** in the conference room (behind the parish hall). Info: Mary, 596-9449.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**James Koblensky  
John Swanson  
Mara Raspudic  
Joan Hockel**



**Young Adult Ministry**

The popular young adult series geared toward singles and couples in their 20's and 30's, "**Renew Theology on Tap**" is taking place this month. The next session takes place on **July 24 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 topic for July 24 is "**Sharing the Faith in Love vs. Verbal Confrontation: Catholicism 101**," given by Juliette Marsh-Williams.

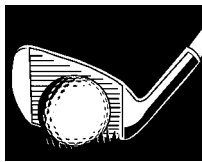


**Woman's Retreat Sept. 7-9  
Sacred Heart Retreat House**

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.

**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.**

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN - FINGERPRINTING**

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 the month of **August**. Please call for an appointment.

- Aug. 11** - St. Catherine Laboure, Torrance, 310-323-8900
- Aug. 24** - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-833-0703 ext. 200
- Aug. 25** - American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach, 310-546-4734

**One Day Trip to Casino** - The Knights of Columbus invite you (21 years or older) to a Gambler's Trip to the Pachanga Casino on Wednesday, **Aug. 8**. Cost: \$15 per person. Price includes transportation and \$5 in casino script. For info: call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

**Mission Co-operative Collection**

A second collection will be taken **August 4 and 5** for the Diocese of Makeni which covers the northern part of Sierra Leone, a small country on the west coast of Africa.

The first evangelization of the area started in the 40's and 50's. Though Islam had made great inroads in the territory, the response of the people to Christianity has been encouraging. Now we have a small, vital Church.

The diocese has been affected by the rebel war. We had to abandon all parishes & our missionaries are refugees. The international airport is closed, banks are closed, the postal services are not functioning, and schools and universities are locked. Thousands of people have lost their jobs and the hardships are becoming unbearable.

We need your assistance to alleviate the sufferings of our people and to continue our pastoral work.

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

**Children's Beginning Experience** - Valyermo, CA, **August 3-5** for children, 8 to 18, who have experienced their parents' separation, divorce or death. This weekend is supervised by adults and presented by a team of children willing to share their own experience to help others. The goal is to help sort out and begin working through feelings while building a stronger sense of self-esteem. For information please call Ann McCreight, 909-597-5504.



**One of our Food Basket Families had their baby stroller taken. If you have a new or like new stroller available to give away, please call John/Jan or Tim Clark, 431-4385.**

*Thanks to our board of directors for guiding us to disperse our surplus funds per our bylaws which require that monies in our account over \$3,000 be donated to recognized charities at the end of our fiscal year. We have sent vouchers to the parish office to send checks to Catholic Charities, St. Athanasius, Project Achieve, and a shelter in Long Beach.*

**L.B. Project Achieve....** Call us or Tina Gath for details. Can you help us once a month?

**Upcoming: Food from the Heart, August 4-5** - we put our hearts into it!

Call us with your ideas of how to help our neighbors. For example, **Can Openers!** Some of our food basket families are in genuine need of the simple necessities of life, like a can opener. Any other ideas?

Please keep using the **BLUE "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes**. Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal. Thank you for all you do!! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

**Don't Take a Vacation from Mass**

To find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call 410-676-6000 or visit [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com).

**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."

**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.

**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 21

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

## SUNDAY, July 22

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Katharine Lavoie

10:30 AM - † John DeRuyter

12:30 PM - Jonathan & Jamie Jackson, living

## MONDAY, July 23

8:00 AM - † Johanna Borowski

## TUESDAY, July 24

8:00 AM - † Angie Brazzale

## WEDNESDAY, July 25

8:00 AM - † Maggie Devine

## THURSDAY, July 26

8:00 AM - † Louie G. Camus

## FRIDAY, July 27

8:00 AM - † Mary Jane Merk

## SATURDAY, July 28

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

## SUNDAY, July 29

7:30 AM - † Members of Mozic family

9:00 AM - Paul A. Lavoie, living

10:30 AM - † Antonio Cruz

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
Timothy Ring	

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

## LITURGY

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

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	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

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
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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
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