



From the Pastor's Desk:

When we come to realize that God is all-powerful and all-knowing we come to God with a full set of expectations. Somewhere in 4th or 5th grade we end up being disappointed when we begin to understand that God is not necessarily going to give us that new bike or save our injured pet. We are forced to re-tool our understanding of how God interacts with us.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God does care for us, even though we may not always receive what we ask for in the instant we desire it. The Lord's Prayer serves as a good reminder of this. Each time we pray it we say, "Give us each day our daily bread." We pray for what we want/need. But at the same time we say, "Your kingdom come, your will be done." Our prayer of petition is put in the context of God's will, not ours. Such prayer may not be always what we desire. But it is how Jesus taught us to pray.

Father William

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Sisters are very grateful to our parish for your donation of \$6,500 to their ministry with the elderly poor. They found us very warm, welcoming and supportive. St. Joe's has that reputation! Thank the good Lord and His Mother Mary and all the Saints!

Hall Closed - August 7-19 for floor work.

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 and 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What are the deepest desires of my heart that I should be pouring out to God in prayer?

Child: What is it that I would like to take to God in prayer this week?

Teen: Whom do I know who is seeking the Lord? Can I assist in their search?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Should Cardinal Mahony resign? This was the question of the week in the Press Telegram. I could only think of how much people's hatred was displayed. My heart ached as their letters vented what appeared to be deep anger.

Compassion? Strike it from the dictionary! Judge? There were plenty of them. I thought God was our only judge. Were some playing god? Hmmmm. Forgiveness? On the cross while His human body was being destroyed, He forgave us. Remember His commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Not one (not even me) sent a letter to protest the questions that brought out so much venom. "You who are without sin cast the first stone." Wow, there were a lot of saintly people out there throwing stones. "I looked about but there was not one to lend support." Psalm 141:5.

In this Sunday's Gospel the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Only in forgiveness will we find peace.

My Prayer: Oh Lord bring peace and forgiveness in my heart and in every human heart and deliver us from all evil and give us total trust in You who guide us. Give us a spirit of family among nations. Help us to work for our neighbors' good and for Your Glory. Amen.

	Last week: \$9,405 Last year: \$8,093
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Action Alert from the U.S. Catholic Bishops - Call your senators today and ask them to support the Durbin-Hagel-Lugar Dream Act Amendment to H.R. 1585. Please see the flyer in the church vestibule.

17TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE



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.

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 31 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 31 is "**The Road to Committed Relationships: Finding Healthy and Life-Giving Relationships**" given by Peter Canavan.

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 9 am and 7 pm
Call Rita Smith for information, 562-533-1243

**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.

**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, shuttle service to Observatory, & admission to Planetarium. Show includes seats, & bottled water on bus. Lunch includes choice of sandwich with cheese, one side salad, dessert & beverage. Must have 42 people. **Reservations will not be taken until the October 1st meeting.**

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

Mary Jane Mulick is at The Suburban Promise, 16453 S. Colorado Ave., Paramount, 562-408-3160.

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.

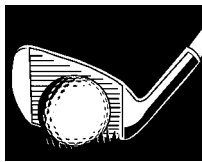
Gambler's Delight - St. Bernard Church, Bellflower, is sponsoring a 3 day 2 night bus trip to the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, **Aug. 19-21**, \$125 per person, double occupancy, \$155 single person. Includes 2 buffets, 1 breakfast, 1 cocktail and transportation. Call Elvera Archuleta, 867-1305, or Manny Vieyra, 425-8811, for information.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - In today's Gospel Luke gives us his version of the Lord's Prayer, slightly different in wording from Matthew's version. It would seem that Jesus taught his disciples *how* to pray without giving them a precise formula. The central request is for the coming of God's reign. Physical nourishment is necessary as people await the reign, and Luke suggests that it will be a long wait by adding the significant "each day." One attitude is singled out: mutual forgiveness modeled on God's own forgiveness. One quality of prayer is stressed: perseverance. Eventual success is assured, and in the process one stays in touch with God.

Life Focus - * When has there seemed to be no answer to your prayer? What has been your response? Describe the change in yourself. * *From your experience, what keeps you praying or not praying?* * We all need "daily bread." What does this *bread* include for you? * *How are you affected when you are slow to forgive?* * Who in your life do you need to forgive (include yourself)? * *Reflect on a time when your prayer was answered in a different way than you expected.*

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

Beginning Experience - Are you widowed, separated or divorced? There is a special heartache for those who find themselves alone again. Now there is help! Although the program was designed by and for Catholics, it is open to persons of all faiths. Those who come should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair and should be at the point of wanting a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality. Beginning Experience is a weekend away for a lifetime of change, **August 10-12** at the Claretian Center in L.A.

For information call Dianne Lundquist, 949-551-4504 or diannelundquist@yahoo.com.

Dinner and a Movie at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center - Rancho Palos Verdes, **Aug. 9**, "The Horse Whisperer" with outdoor BBQ dinner. Appetizers at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30, movie at 7:30. Join us for a fun-filled night of delicious food and a delightful movie! Bring your friends and a beverage. Special early bird discounts: paid by Aug. 1, \$14 per person. After Aug. 1, \$17. Reservations required, 310-377-4867 x 234.

Don't Take a Vacation from Mass - To find a Mass time, call 410-676-6000 or visit www.parishesonline.com.

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 experienced their parents' separation, divorce or death. Supervised by adults and presented by children willing to share their experience to help others. The goal is to help sort out and begin working through feelings while building stronger self-esteem. For info 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.

August 4-5 - Food from the Heart - Volunteers will pass out food coupon reminders on heart shapes after Mass. Please bring that item or another non-perishable item to Mass the following week, **Aug. 11 & 12**, to help Catholic Charities help our brothers and sisters in Long Beach.

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

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.

Volunteers wanted at Sacred Heart Retreat House - Nov. 3 from 9am to 4 pm, for their boutique and family festival. The kitchen director is in dire need of volunteers. The Carmelite Sisters would be very grateful if you could donate a day or some hours. Please email Laura at spfuctions@pacbell.net or call at 626-289-1353 x 203.

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 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
- MONDAY, July 30**
 8:00 AM - † Mel & Mary Jo Devine-Deane
- TUESDAY, July 31**
 8:00 AM - † Mary Allen
- WEDNESDAY, August 1**
 8:00 AM - † Delphina Orsatti
- THURSDAY, August 2**
 8:00 AM - Dondero & Hemmelgarn families, deceased & living
- FRIDAY, August 3**
 8:00 AM - † Bernadette Devine-Bastable
- SATURDAY, August 4**
 5:00 PM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith
- SUNDAY, August 5**
 7:30 AM - † John DeRuyter
 9:00 AM - † Manuela Nellie Barycki
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Juana Centeno

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 |
| 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, 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, 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 & Roy Fletcher.

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
	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