



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

An appeal to outside authority is one of the classic positions often adopted in disputes. One of the parties points to - God, the Constitution, the zoning commission, the professor, mom (you fill in the blank) - to buttress his argument

that he is right. Such an approach has a certain element of danger in it. The one who makes the appeal presumes that the authority will side with him, something that doesn't always happen. After all, sometimes mom is so fed up that she sends both arguing children to their rooms!

The man in today's Gospel wanted Jesus to order his brother to give him his share of the inheritance. Jesus refused to be drawn into the dispute. Instead he used the opportunity to expand his teaching on wealth - and what it does and doesn't get us!

Disputes are natural in life. But the way in which we approach them can reveal how well we have taken the message of Jesus to heart. As he tells us in this week's Gospel: "One's life does not consist of possessions" (Luke 12:15).

Father William



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Monday, July 30, was the feast day of St. Peter Chrysologus (380-450 AD). He was known as Peter of the Golden Word. To fight paganism he used short sermons as his weapon. Many of the sermons are still recorded. "No originality of thought but full of sound doctrine is recorded."

Pope Benedict XIII declared him a doctor of the Church 13 centuries after his death. Here is part of one of his sermons: "A virgin conceived, bore a son, and yet remained a virgin. This is no common occurrence, but a sign; no reason here, but God's power, for He is the cause, and not nature. It is a special event, not shared by others; it is divine, not human. Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious in God's? Why render yourself such dishonor when you are honored by Him? Why do you ask how you were created and do not seek to know why you were made?...He has made you in His image that you might in your person make the invisible Creator present on earth; He has made you His legate, so that the vast empire of the world might have the Lord's representative."

Read this several times and different thoughts will arise and make you think. It makes me think how ungrateful I am of others when God honors each person.

**Our Prayer:** Heavenly Father, You made Peter Chrysologus an outstanding preacher of Your Incarnate Word. Bless and protect our priests. May the prayers of St. Peter help us to cherish the mystery of our salvation and make its meaning clear in our love for others. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen

*"There are those who wait for the storm to pass and others who learn to dance in the rain."* —Anonymous

**Holy Day of Obligation  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday, August 15**

Vigil, August 14, Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Feast day, August 15, 6:30 and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm

**Mission Co-operative Collection**

A second collection will be taken this weekend 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.

Our Weekly Offering



Last week: \$8,951  
Last year: \$9,838

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How am I like the foolish man in Jesus' parable who felt his accumulated wealth made it possible for him to "eat, drink and be merry" heedless of other considerations?

**Child:** Name a special gift God has given you to share with others.

**Teen:** How am I sometimes greedy or selfish, wishing I had what others have and unwilling to share my things with others?

18TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
WHAT MAKES LIFE MEANINGFUL?



**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.

**Bereavement Training Program** at St. Hedwig Church Sept. 4 - Oct. 23. Giving compassionate support to those who have lost loved ones is an important ministry in our parish. For information concerning Bereavement Ministry and/or this training program, please call Nancy, 429-2546.

**Ministry to the Homebound** - If you are unable to attend Sunday Mass and would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home, please call the rectory or Nancy, 429-2546. A convenient date and time will be scheduled for the visit by a trained minister.

**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

**Mary Jane Mulick** is at The Suburban Promise, 16453 S. Colorado Ave., Paramount, 90723, 562-408-3160.



**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 Restaurant, \$50 includes driver tip, round trip transportation, shuttle service to Observatory, & admission to Planetarium. Show includes seats, & bottled water on bus. Lunch: 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.**

**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.

**Dear Friends**, Throughout the past several weeks, you have embraced us with love and gently steadied us along our path of sorrow. Moreover, your shared remembrances of John have comforted our aching hearts with the knowledge that, having profoundly touched many lives with his gentle spirit and gift of song, his memory will live on.

It is with the fullest of hearts that we thank you for your love, prayers and support. Most of all, we thank you for blessing us with your friendship.

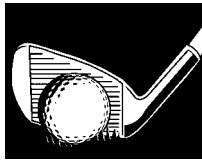
Much love, Michele and Sara Swanson

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - The "Parable of the Rich Fool," told only by Luke, contrasts those who place their trust in material possessions with those who recognize their complete dependence on God. The parable challenges us to rethink our priorities and our attitudes about wealth. It also calls us to make a decision about possessiveness & then act on our decision. By refusing to decide the case, Jesus forces the two brothers to come to their own decisions. The parable challenges us to "seek first the reign of God."

**Life Focus** - \* Tell about a time when material goods failed to satisfy you. \* *How can you store up "riches in the sight of God" that you can "take with you?"* \* Tell how "avoiding greed in all its forms" can help you shape your everyday life. \* *You know people who spend years planning for their retirement and something goes wrong. What can you do today that will last no matter what happens?* \* What helps you find a balance between taking reasonable care of yourself and hearing the needs all around you? \* *Recall how wanting to control something or someone really controlled you.* \* Do you take time to visit with people & with God? What things tend to "get in the way?"

**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.**

**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. The final session is on **August 7 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 August 7 is "**Do We Have To? Life's Tough Choices for Young Adults Today,**" speaker to be announced.

**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

**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.

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

**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](mailto:diannelundquist@yahoo.com).



**August 4-5 - Food from the Heart** - Just a reminder, this is the weekend to take a food coupon as you leave Mass. Please bring that item or another non-perishable food item to the rectory

garage as you go to Mass next weekend, **Aug. 11 & 12**. The donations will go to Catholic Charities to help our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Charities is VERY appreciative of all that you do to help!!

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

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

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](mailto:spfuctions@pacbell.net) or call at 626-289-1353 x 203.

**Don't Take a Vacation from Mass** - To find a Mass time, 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."

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

**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, 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

## MONDAY, August 6

8:00 AM - † Michael & Maymie Devine

## TUESDAY, August 7

8:00 AM - † Fr. Thomas Devine

## WEDNESDAY, August 8

8:00 AM - † Manuela Nellie Barycki

## THURSDAY, August 9

8:00 AM - † Faye Welter

## FRIDAY, August 10

8:00 AM - † John Lich Pham

## SATURDAY, August 11

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

## SUNDAY, August 12

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Irene Devine-Lynch

10:30 AM - † Rose Hamora

12:30 PM - † Rosemary Rondeau

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  
Glen Warren  
Joseph Comfort  
Peter LuPiba  
Justin Ray  
Timothy Ring

Amy Mann  
Nick Compton  
Irene Avila  
Scott Williams  
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, 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