



From the Pastor's Desk:

What would you do if you got a phone call on Tuesday afternoon and the person on the other end of the line said (in German-accented English), "Hello! This is Pope Benedict, I heard you were at church on Sunday and I'd like to come

over on Wednesday evening to talk with you about the Gospel"?

While none of us would receive such a call, even if we did, it's a sure bet that we wouldn't be thinking about Sunday's Gospel for the next 24 hours! We would be worried about cleaning the house, what to cook, and how to act since we've never had the pope over for dinner before.

But Pope Benedict would be one of the first to say that getting together to talk about the Scriptures is not about him coming over, but about Christ being present to us in the Gospel. Indeed, the true master of the house shows up every time we open our Bibles to read the Scriptures. Read a Gospel passage at home and let the Master into your heart!

Father William


Adult Confirmation Classes will be held at Our Lady of Refuge auditorium, on Sundays, **9:15-11:15 am, September 9 into December**. Rite of Confirmation will be held December 11 at Our Lady of Refuge. Please call our Religious Education Department to register, 598-0519.

Mission Co-operative Collection

Thank you for your generosity in the special collection for the Diocese of Makeni. Your assistance will help to alleviate the sufferings of the people and to continue the pastoral work there.

Hall Closed until August 19 for floor work.

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.

	Last week: \$12,359 Last year: \$12,913
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What can I do this week to live more simply and responsibly?

Child: How might I take better care of nature this week?

Teen: What "possessions" distract me from the treasure of faith?

**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



From Deacon Don's Desk:

I heard a homily recently where the priest started by saying, "Complain, complain, complain, it seems that's all we do these days is complain. Negative vibes start to breed in us. We need to stop and see what God has made.

Relish in it and be grateful. Stop complaining. God has given us many things to be thankful for." I started thinking of that and, yes, even driving and making it home safely is something to be thankful for. Even when we just barely get through that "yellow light" or making that left turn without incident. It's all part of God's plan that we even exist. Luke in his past few Gospels has said, "Ask and you shall receive." Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer - "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". Notice it's not an "individual prayer" but the words are plural, it's about US. Last Sunday, Luke stressed that you are only God's 'steward' of all that you possess. Do we feel responsible for those less fortunate? This Sunday Luke again deals with life's journey and being prepared. As it is said in the second reading to the Hebrews, "FAITH is the realization of what is HOPED for and the evidence of things not seen." As my uncle Noah used to say when asked how he was, "No complaints, I'm blessed." Let this be a first step in preparing ourselves by being thankful - for His Blessings.

Our Prayer: Lord, help us to carefully listen to Your Son and set our hearts on what will last forever. Help us to not be fooled by believing that our possessions will bring us happiness that lasts. Help me to grow rich in Your sight and be prepared for Your return. Amen.

19TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
FAITH IN GOD GIVES HOPE FOR A DESTINY TO COME



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.

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 will be offered at St. Hedwig Church **Sept. 4 through 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

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



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.



Labor Day Holiday - Have fun - do not labor!

Meetings as follows:

Sept. 10 - 2nd Monday, regular announcements, etc.

Sept. 17 - 3rd Monday, games, etc.

2:00 pm cruise package pick up from Montroses Travel

Oct. 1 - Meeting and announcements, reservations for Nov. 7 Observatory trip. Please bring checks only!

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!!!!**

Oct. 24 - We will be back from our cruise & have games, etc. & pictures

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, 90723, 562-408-3160.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

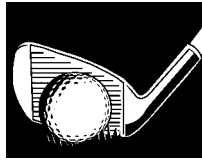
Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The theme of constant and confident waiting comes up again and again in Luke's Gospel: "Do not live in fear, little flock." The kingdom is theirs, and their treasure lies not in amassed possessions but in what they share with the unfortunate. Their watchword must be vigilance. The Lord's coming is certain; only its time is undetermined. It could happen any time, so don't get careless. The beautiful figure of the master putting on an apron and waiting on his faithful servants will be repeated in Luke's Last Supper scene, when Jesus identifies himself in these terms: "I am among you as the one who serves." It is also a serious reminder that we must be faithful during the master's "absence." Those in positions of leadership - in answer to Peter's question - have to be especially careful. They must not turn leadership into self-serving domination. "More will be asked of a person to whom more has been entrusted."

Life Focus - * Relate a time in your life, or the life of someone you know, when the search for wealth resulted in the loss of much greater joy. * *Describe an incident from your life when faith allowed you to attempt something that common sense alone would have cautioned against.* * What helps to keep you "vigilant"? How do you pay attention to the Lord? * *What have you done so far with what "has been entrusted to you"?*

Are you retired and looking for social activities and trips? Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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. 24** - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-833-0703 ext. 200
- Aug. 25** - American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach, 310-546-4734

Retreat for Widowed & Divorced Women, Aug. 24-26 includes the opportunity for spiritual direction and/or counseling by qualified Catholic professionals, time for prayer and reflection, confession and Holy Mass each day. For information or reservations, please contact: Sacred Heart Retreat House, Alhambra, 626-289-1353 ext. 200.

Casino Night - Mary & Joseph Retreat Center Aug. 18 Enjoy an elegant dinner and an evening of gaming. Proceeds will be used to refurbish our circa 1960 heating system. Schedule: 5pm Mass, 5:30 appetizers, 6:30 dinner, 8-12 gambling & silent auction. For cost, overnight accommodations, and other information, please call Gerry Ericsson, 310-377-4867 ext 234 or John Oreb, ext 222.

Workshop - Celebrating the Eucharist: The History & Theology Behind the Catholic Mass - Sept. 8, 10am-4pm, Mark Bandsuch, S.J. Info: Sr. Julia, 310-377-4867 ext 256. Cost: before Aug. 17 \$55, after Aug. 17, \$65.

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.



Aug. 11 & 12 - this weekend is the Food from the Heart drive for Catholic Charities. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the rectory garage by 12:30 pm. Thank you for all or your support for this important project - your generosity is overwhelming! Catholic Charities is VERY appreciative of all that you do to help!!

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 sfunctions@pacbell.net or call at 626-289-1353 x 203.

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

Kipper, our Guide Dog in training, says thank you and goodbye! Kipper has now moved on from "puppy in training" to begin his formal guide dog training at the Guide Dogs of America facility in Sylmar. This training will be 4 months or more. We will keep you updated on his progress. Thank you to everyone for welcoming him to our church and helping us socialize him. Bill & Katie Greening

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, 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

MONDAY, August 13

8:00 AM - † Andrew & Annie Devine & family

TUESDAY, August 14

8:00 AM - † John Lich Pham

7:00 PM - † Harry Ford

WEDNESDAY, August 15

6:30 AM - † Delphina Orsatti

9:00 AM - † Walter Kennedy

7:00 PM - Elizabeth Devine-Goonan & family, living

THURSDAY, August 16

8:00 AM - † William Fay

FRIDAY, August 17

8:00 AM - † Robert Preston

SATURDAY, August 18

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

SUNDAY, August 19

7:30 AM - † Willard Summerfelt

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Manuela Nellie Barycki

12:30 PM - † Louie Camus

Where will you or your family be when a disaster strikes? You could be anywhere! Emergencies and disasters can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services - water, gas, electricity or telephones - were cut off? Make your reservation today for our comprehensive training workshop, Thursday, **Aug. 14**, 10 am to 1 pm, St. Mary Medical Center, Health Enhancement Center, 1055 Linden Ave., Long Beach, 491-9000.

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