



From the Pastor's Desk:

There is a world of choices out there. Many of us may have a choice of cereals in the morning, as well as a choice of beverages. In my house there's coffee, tea, milk, water, or juice readily available on any given morning. Choosing one over the other is not an earth-shattering decision, and time does not stand still until a choice is made.

How different from this weekend's Gospel in which Jesus alludes to the critical choice that a person must make in his or her own life.

We often hear about making healthy choices in the food we eat. One breakfast cereal has a campaign in which an adult explains to a child how the cereal the adult is eating will help with a cholesterol test. The implication is that choosing this cereal over others will improve one's life.

That could well be the case, but there is an even more basic choice for us if we want to improve our lives. That choice is for Christ or against Christ. How will your choice improve your life?

Father William

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Roy Fletcher



Dinner and Dance Party for Catholic Singles, Saturday August 25: Catholic Single Adults throughout Southern California are invited to a special singles Dinner and Dance Party at the Alessio Restaurante, 30100 Town Center Drive, in Laguna Nigel. Open to all Catholic Singles ages 25-45/ This upscale event will consist of ice breakers, 3 course dinner, salsa lessons, dancing and door prizes. Reservations are necessary. For more information contact Jeannette at 626-437-7905 or visit the website at www.csnca.com. Come join a great opportunity to meet new Catholic singles!

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What sufferings have I experienced that have brought new life as a result of my choice to follow Jesus?

Child: Name a time when you said YES to love God by how you acted.

Teen: How has Jesus helped me when I have struggled with a difficult or painful experience?

From Deacon Don's Desk:



Fr. John, our missionary from Africa who visited three weeks ago said that when he told his Muslim family that he was going to be a Catholic priest, his uncle said: "If it's to easy, you better come back home".

It's not easy being a Catholic Christian in this day and age. Fr. Richard Leonard SJ writes: "This Gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can turn the Christian community into a "feel good" society. If Christians at home, at work, in society, and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we're not worth of this Gospel".

Fr. Mark Link, another Jesuit, had a little story from a "Calvin and Hobbes" cartoon: Calvin, the smart little boy, has a talking tiger (Hobbes). One day Hobbes finds Calvin sitting under a sign that reads "Kick in the butt for one dollar!". "How's business?" asks Hobbes. Calvin says, "Awful! And I don't know why because so many people need a good kick in the butt!".

That is what Jesus is trying to do in this Sunday's Gospel. He is trying to give people the wake up call.

Dov. Seidman in his ethics book, "How", says (speaking on collaborating with partners) "the tapestry of human behavior is so varied, so rich and so global that it presents a rare opportunity, the opportunity to OUTBEHAVE the competition". He cites a Michigan hospital that instructed it's doctors to apologize when they make mistakes. Guess what? The malpractice claims dropped dramatically.

Disagreements need to be conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. That's a good mark of a Catholic Christian; it's not always a picnic.

My Prayer: May the Eucharist give us the courage to divide the crowd for the right reasons. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family.

20TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
CAN WE STAND CORRECTION?



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.



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 Montros 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 Phillipp's 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.

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



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.

Are you being called to become a Deacon?

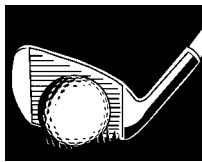
There will be an informative meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program. Your wife and pastor are invited to attend this meeting with you.

The information day will be held on **Sunday, August 26, 2007** from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Parish Hall, 15444 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343. If you have any questions please call the office at 213-637-7383.

Dancing Through Darkness II:

September 15th 10am-3pm. This second in a series of retreats for women with fibromyalgia and related conditions will focus on awakening one's own spiritual resources to deal with the challenges of the condition. We anticipate a hope-filled day that will include presentations, reflective exercises, practical help for the journey, as well as opportunities for sharing. Retreat includes lunch. For information, call Gerry Ericsson at 310-377-4867 ext 234. It is \$50 and must be paid in full by August 24th. It will be \$60 after August 24th.

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.

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

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women
 Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles 90064. Will take place on Sunday August 26, 2007 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. For more information call Sister Fintan at 310-216-8170 or Sister Celine at 310-839-2361.

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

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

Ecumenical Worship Music Conference and Festival
 Wings Music Ministry, in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles presents the 2nd Annual "Leading With Passion!" Worship Music Conference and Festival on September 14-15, 2007. This year's host will be St. Monica Catholic Church in Santa Monica, California. Special guests include some of the biggest names on the Catholic/Christian scene today, including John Angotti, Sy Goriaeb, famous vocal coach Seth Riggs, Sara Hart, Grammy Award Winner Vic Vanacore II, W. Clifford Petty, Mario Alberto Perez, Vallimar Jansen and many others. This event is open to all! Go to www.LeadingwithPassion.org to register and for more information. You can also call 310-566-1500. There are also opportunities to volunteer, perform, or otherwise contribute to this event.

Retreat for Widow of 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.



THANK YOU to all the parishioners who donated so generously to our food drive for Catholic Charities. There were about 125 filled grocery bags collected. Catholic Charities is

very appreciative of all that we do to help those families that are in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 19- 7:30 meeting in the PAC center
October 6 and 7- "Feed A Baby" Weekend
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.

Prayer Retreats in Silence- Deepen Your Spiritual Life involves steps leading to contemplative prayer. It is open to all Catholics searching for deeper spirituality. Step 2, Seeking God in Meditation will take place Aug 27-31. Please contact Mary at 909-790-9243 for more info.

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."

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

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 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

MONDAY, August 20

8:00 AM - † Rosaleen Devine-Branigan & family

TUESDAY, August 21

8:00 AM - Mary Jane Mulick, Thanksgiving Mass

WEDNESDAY, August 22

8:00 AM - Emily Dornford, living

THURSDAY, August 23

8:00 AM - † Julie Uehlin

FRIDAY, August 24

8:00 AM - Annie Devine-McEvelly & family, living

SATURDAY, August 25

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

SUNDAY, August 26

7:30 AM - † Al Maligie

9:00 AM - Francis & Nora Devine & family, living

10:30 AM - † George Evano

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
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, Theresa McElroy, & Marlene Muccino.

LITURGY

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562-596-6115

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PTO PRESIDENT	Linda Smith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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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

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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

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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
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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