



From the Pastor's Desk:

Living in the city, it was pretty common during the summer that Sunday after church was barbecue time. One could walk up and down the block and see the smoke rising from 55-gallon drums that had been laid sideways and outfitted

as homemade grills. Fourth of July and Labor Day, coming as they did at the beginning of the month when resources were more plentiful, were sure bets for ample feasts! It was not unusual to be at a backyard meal and wonder, "Now who's that? I've never seen him before." The answer was always some "cousin" who happened to be in the area.

Living in the country, neighbors are farther away, and we must plan to get together. Feasts are less spontaneous, and there are fewer "cousins" who just happen to show up.

One way to keep alive Jesus' message of Sunday's Gospel - "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" - is to make sure that we donate a percentage of the money we spend on the picnic to some group that helps the poor. It's a reminder to us that we can feast only because of God's great goodness.

Father William

LABOR DAY MASS - The annual Archdiocesan Labor Day Mass will take place on Monday, **Sept. 3 at 10 am** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple St., 90012. Cardinal Mahony will be presiding at the Mass. Come join workers who struggle for a living wage, better working conditions, justice and dignity for all.

The rectory office will be closed Sept. 3 for Labor Day.

Archdiocesan Migration Day, Sept. 22, celebrated at the Cathedral. Please see Bishop Solis' letter posted outside on the PAC board.

22ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES
SHALL BE EXALTED



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, September 6, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Last week the Mass opening was about "We **Speak** to God": asking forgiveness then give Glory to God. In the readings including the Gospel, God speaks to us. "We **Listen** to God": so important are the words of Christ read in the Gospel that even the book that contains the Gospel is honored. In solemn Masses it is incensed and always marked with the sign of the cross and kissed. The Creed divides the foremass from the sacrificial part of the Mass. In pre-Vatican II the priest genuflected at the words, "and by the power of the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary and became man". (We are trying to instill bowing to give this sense of reverence in today's congregation). Now "We **Offer** to God": here we offer our "best fruits" of our very selves. The priest offers the "spotless host" and the wine representing food and drink - the life of us all as part of the sacrifice. Here we unite ourselves with Christ to God. The priest invites us to pray to make this sacrifice acceptable to God. Now listen: the priest says "**Lift up your Hearts!**" You know the response; it's almost too automatic. "Let us give thanks to the Lord. It is right to give Him thanks and praise." We praise God through the "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts...." At the 'epiclesis' the priest invokes the Holy Spirit which leads us to the Consecration. How many times did the priest bow and/or genuflect to this point? More next week.....can't wait? See stbrigids-kilbirnes.com.

The 22nd Sunday speaks of "humility" a key virtue especially for those in authority. In the Gospel Jesus teaches us to be humble and "knowing one's place." Jesus seems to be chiding us by saying "not so fast! Start at the bottom and wait to be invited up." Many of us think, "I did it my way" as Frank Sinatra once sang. Well my good people, He did it His way. The capital "H" is by design the real orchestrator. As one old timer once said, "Be humble and don't stumble."

Our Prayer: Oh Lord, we pray for our young people who are heading back to school, that they may cherish these years of learning and grow in wisdom and grace. And we ask Your special blessing on our educators that they will keep a balance of education that includes moral and ethical teaching. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What can I do this week to act with more humility and more reliance on God?

Child: What can I do for someone this week without being asked?

Teen: What can I do for someone in need who can't do anything for me?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary & Middle School Program: Registration forms 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.

REGISTRATION SUNDAY: Religious Education will be taking registration for new and returning students in our **Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School Programs** on Sunday, **September 9**, after the **9:00am and 10:30am Masses** in the Parish Activity Center. Students entering our Sacrament Program for the First Year will need to supply a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

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.

Catechetical Sunday

On **September 16** our parish will join with parishes throughout our country to celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**. The theme of our celebration is "**Catechesis: Encountering the Living Christ.**" During the **9:00 am Mass**, we will recognize and commission all those involved in handing on the faith to children, youth, and adults in our parish. Catechetical Sunday reminds each of us that in Baptism we are charged with the responsibility of handing on and witnessing to the faith in all we do.



Bible Fellowship continues....
September 11, *Book of Revelation*
 Doomsday or Hope and Encouragement? Let's break the code together. Please register ahead.

Classes - **Tuesdays at 9 am & Thursdays at 7:30 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.



Labor Day Holiday - Have fun - do not labor!

Meetings as follows:

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

NOTE NEW DATE for Cruise pickup from Montroes Travel is Sept. 10 at 2:00pm.

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

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 - Back from our cruise with 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.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We need to e-mail you your schedules. Please call the rectory office with the information or e-mail Gene Ensch at GSENSCH@charter.net. We have noticed that a lot of us are not showing.

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

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The setting for today's Gospel is another meal. This provides the material for Jesus' teaching. The lessons from both parables look to what should be done in order to be at the heavenly banquet in the Father's house. We must be willing to accept our strengths and weaknesses. The weaknesses are the way we come to depend on God and one another. Those who are truly humble will also be willing to come to the aid of the poor because they know that they, too, are poor. This parable prepares us for eternal happiness, as opposed to immediate self-gratification and repayment for favors done.

Life Focus - * Recall a situation when you put someone else first and when someone put you first. * *Relate a recent experience when you felt obligated to pay back a gesture of goodwill. What was the outcome?* * How can you practice giving yourself or your possessions without expecting anything in return? * *How do you deal with the "beggars, crippled, lame and blind" in this world? Who are they for you?* * During this week, how can you use your talents and God's wisdom to make God known? * *During this week, how can we as a community together use our talents and God's knowledge to proclaim God's name?*



Save the Date - Friday, October 5 for the St. Joseph Golf Tournament and Oktoberfest! The 15th Annual Golf Tournament, held at Recreation Golf Course in Long Beach, is 4/5 person scramble with tee prizes, lunch, snacks on the course, and concludes at the 3rd

Annual St. Joe's Oktoberfest! All are welcome to enjoy food, music, dancing, raffle prizes, silent and live auction items, and the Knights of Columbus Beer Garden. Please join us for a fun-filled day and evening which helps to support St. Joseph School. Golf registration, which includes an Oktoberfest ticket, is \$150. Oktoberfest tickets are \$25. To register for golf or to buy tickets, please contact Cindy Howard, 961-9300, or the school office, 596-6115.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated so generously to our **Food from the Heart** drive for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is very appreciative of all that we do

to help those families that are in need.

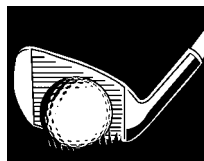
UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 19, Wednesday– 7:30pm meeting in the PAC
- October 6 and 7- "Feed A Baby" weekend
- If you have a can opener for our families, bring it to the meeting or to Food Basket Delivery Day.

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.

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.



BLOOD DRIVE September 23, 8 am - 2 pm, in the parish hall. Contact Mark Smith at msmith@uces.csulb.edu.

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.

Confirmation News

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that our Confirmation Coordinator for the past eleven years, Cindy Rodriguez, will be leaving this position. Cindy has been a vital part of this program and is responsible for the wonderful, youth-friendly program that it has been developed into over these past years. She will be missed tremendously by all, but we look forward to her participation as a parent in the Fall.

We are happy to announce that Marianna Attardo-Wescott will be replacing Cindy in this position. Marianna is a graduate of St. Joseph School and her children have participated in our religious education program. Marianna has been a volunteer catechist for several years, teaching 2nd, 5th, and currently the 7th-8th grade religious ed. classes. She has continued in her studies as a catechist and has just received her Master Catechist Certificate. We welcome her to our Religious Education staff.

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.

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.



Last week: \$10,091
Last year: \$11,852

September 3 - St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.

September 8 - Birthday of Our Lady

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

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, September 1**
5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, September 2**
7:30 AM - † John DeRuyter
9:00 AM - Patrick Devine, living
10:30 AM - † Manuela Nellie Barycki
12:30 PM - † Mary Unz
- MONDAY, September 3**
8:00 AM - Andrew & Eve Devine & family, living
- TUESDAY, September 4**
8:00 AM - † Delphina Orsatti
- WEDNESDAY, September 5**
8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- THURSDAY, September 6**
8:00 AM - † Paul Gutierrez, Jr.
- FRIDAY, September 7**
8:00 AM - Dolores Devine, living
- SATURDAY, September 8**
5:00 PM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith
- SUNDAY, September 9**
7:30 AM - † Joan Hockel
9:00 AM - Eileen & Bob Bentley, living
10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

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, Jeanne Sexton, Christina Knight, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bert Willis, John Barycki, Phil McCafferty, 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 Hofkenschaid, 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, Lynda Stoegbauer Flores, Marlene Muccino & Phyllis Steiner.

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