

# LaserCom Cover Sheet

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**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Remember when there used to be a "Lost & Found" window in the big downtown department stores? It was a reminder that the hundreds of patrons inevitably left something behind. Such windows have been replaced by the more generic "Customer Service."

Local newspapers used to have a similar category in the classified ads. Now there is the less specific "Notices" or even the somewhat prurient "Personals."

Some may consider the demise of the "Lost & Found" to be a subtle indication of the direction that our culture has taken. Now when someone finds something, they consider it theirs. They think of themselves as lucky, to have had some good fortune.

The Gospel parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin remind us that it is not necessarily the "finder" that is the fortunate one. Jesus' conclusion "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7) indicates that it is the one who is found that is really the most blest. Have you been lost lately? Who found you?

Father William



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

In years past, at the elevation of the Body of Christ the priest would silently say: "My Lord and my God. We beseech you, O Lord, therefore help Thy servant whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Body." and at the elevation of the Precious Blood he'd say: "My Lord and my God. We beseech You, O Lord, therefore help Thy servant whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood." It would be good for us, as the body of Christ, to say this while gazing upon the raised Body and Blood of Christ.

St. Theresa of Avila once said: "If we were to receive the Most Blessed Sacrament with great faith and ardent love, it would take only one reception for us to become spiritually rich." By the same token, what an incalculable spiritual effect would a large number of such devout Communion have on us!"

In a book titled "How to survive being married to a Catholic" they have a few quotes from the faithful - here are a few: "Communion is the most important part for me. It's such a privilege to receive the Body of Christ" "I bring my worries with me and offer them to God"; "Sometimes it's boring or there's a baby screaming and it's hard to feel anything, but, deep down you know it's very special."

**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to receive You in Communion with ever more faith and love. Let me strive to obtain the greatest spiritual benefits possible from each reception of this Blessed Sacrament. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Thank you for your support of our blood drives! You are now eligible to give again and Long Beach Memorial and Knights of Columbus Council 3629 hope we can count on you! **September 23, 8 am - 2 pm**, in the parish hall. Everyone who donates will receive a ticket to the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific!  
 Contact Mark Smith at [marksmith3@verizon.net](mailto:marksmith3@verizon.net), or Cheryl Berlow at [donatebloodforlbmmc@yahoo.com](mailto:donatebloodforlbmmc@yahoo.com) to schedule your appointment.

**September 17** - St. Januarius, bishop and martyr  
**September 20** - Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions, Korean martyrs

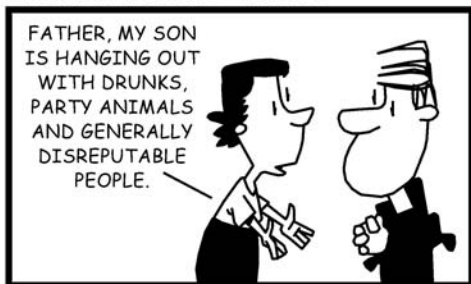
Rest In Peace  
 Died in Christ:  
**Paul Halliburton**  
**Joanna Dodd**



**PARISH PICNIC**

Bring your chairs, blankets, sports equipment, etc. for a fun afternoon on the St. Joseph field! All parishioners invited. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs - you bring your own drinks, sides and desserts. Fun activities for the kids! Takes place on **Sunday, October 7**, from **11:30 am - 2:30 pm**. For further information, please call the Religious Education Office, **598-0519**.

24TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
 THIS MAN WELCOMES SINNERS



Our Weekly Offering	Last week: \$12,349 Last year: \$11,901
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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
*(Based on today's Bible readings)*  
**Adult:** Where in my life do I need forgiveness?  
**Child:** Name a time when you forgave a friend or classmate.  
**Teen:** How can I show God's forgiveness in my actions with others?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary (Grades 1-5) & Middle School (Grades 6, 7 & 8):** Registration is currently taking place. Please call our office at **598-0519** for information and registration forms. **Classes for Elementary will begin on Sunday, September 30. Middle School starts Tuesday, Oct. 9.**

**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.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation **Year II** candidates will meet **Oct. 1** for an orientation meeting in Fr. Walter Martin Hall at 7 pm. This meeting is for parents, sponsors, and candidates. Our fall session begins on Oct. 22.

Confirmation **Year I** candidates will be meeting **Oct. 15** for an orientation and discernment meeting in the Fr. Walter Martin Hall at 7 pm. This meeting is for parents and candidates. Fall session begins Oct. 28.

**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.

**Kindness is loving people more than they deserve.**

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - Luke keeps assuring his readers of God's amazing acceptance of sinners. This conviction is central to all New Testament writings. God makes the first move, even before the sinner is ready to return. Luke recounts three parables to respond to the snobbery of some of the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus directs these three parables at the self-righteous people, the people who think God must follow their rules. Such people think they determine whom and how God will forgive. But Jesus says God follows God's own rules. Christians are being told not to imitate the religious "snobs" of Jesus' day. They must let God be God and not presume to tell God who can be saved and how people must be saved.

**Life Focus** - \* Speak of an experience of forgiveness you never thought possible. \* *Relate a time when you felt lost and someone reached out or did not reach out to you.*

\* Name an experience that made you proud to be a son or daughter. \* *In these parables, with which person or image do you identify? Why?* \* When have you received more than you deserved? \* Do you ever make up rules for God to follow like the elder son did? *What is the result?* \* Think of a time when you asked God for your inheritance like the prodigal son did. \* *Who have you forgiven? From whom do you need to receive forgiveness?*



**CHANGE - NEXT SENIOR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 24 Sept. 24** - regular announcements, fun & games

**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, and Maine. 9 nights on Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. **Cruise open to all!!!!**

**Oct. 22** - 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, and admission to Planetarium. Show includes seats, and bottled water on bus. Lunch includes choice of sandwich with cheese, one side salad, dessert and 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:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Sept. 23 at 2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 596-9449.



**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.

**Catechetical Sunday**

Today 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.

**ANNUAL PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 27, 6:30 PM in the Hall**

Interested in knowing what's happening in the parish and what's coming over the horizon? Here's your chance! Annual Parish Town Hall Meeting will take place on Thursday evening, September 27 in the Fr. Walter Martin Hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served compliments of the Pastoral Council followed by an update of ongoing and future parish plans. Question and answer period will follow the presentation. For more details, contact Bob Schallmann at 562-594-0917.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

Children's Choir rehearsals resume Saturday mornings, 8-9 am in the church beginning Sept. 22. New members (grades 2-8) welcome through the middle of October. If not available the 22nd, please pick up schedule at rehearsal or weekend Mass. Seasonal classics will lead the way in the music we sing. Music theory studied as time permits. Staging and drama will be introduced through the dramatization of the Gospels. Instructional vocal technique will infiltrate all the fun! Hope you can join us!

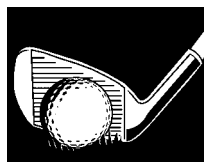
Sunday Choir - 10:30 Mass - rehearsals resume Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the church beginning Sept. 5. Please pick up a calendar for schedule fluctuations. A wide variety of music will be studied. The choral methods employed are suited to beginners and those with advanced training. Open to high-schoolers on up! High-schoolers, this is an excellent means by which to earn community service hours!



**Friday, October 5 - St. Joseph Golf Tournament and Oktoberfest!** The 15th Annual Golf Tournament, held at Recreation Golf Course 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 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.

**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.



**"Protecting God's Children" Adult Awareness**

All staff and volunteers working with our children are required to attend the 3-hour "Protecting God's Children" workshop. There will be a workshop held on Wednesday, **Sept. 19, at 7:00 pm** in the hall. Please call the Religious Education Office at **598-0519** to register for this session.

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

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



**LET'S GET TOGETHER!**

Wednesday night. Short meeting.  
Open meeting, with an agenda. Give us your ideas or experiences.

**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 on Sept. 19 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.

**Taco Night! September 21, 5:30-8:30, all are welcome!** Seventh grade fund raiser to help pay for the 8th grade graduation breakfast. Come enjoy good food and amigos.

**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

We need to e-mail you your schedules. Please call the rectory office with the information or e-mail Gene Ensich at [GSENSCH@verizon.net](mailto:GSENSCH@verizon.net). We have noticed that a lot of us are not showing. Schedules are also posted on our website, [www.stjosephparishcommunity.com](http://www.stjosephparishcommunity.com).

**To forgive is to set a prisoner free, and to discover that the prisoner is me.**

**Thank You!!** Thank you to Kathy McGuire, Elaine Zofrea and Girl Scout Troop 90 for the new curtains and other decorative upgrades for our Parish Activity Center. This troop uses our facility on Sunday evenings for meetings and we are grateful for their time and efforts in helping our PAC to have a new, fresh look.

**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, September 15**  
 5:00 PM - † Betty Jo Zack

**SUNDAY, September 16**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - † Dr. Angelo Ozoa  
 10:30 AM - † Eleanor Connell  
 12:30 PM - † James Andrew Ciriacks

**MONDAY, September 17**  
 8:00 AM - † Robert Preston

**TUESDAY, September 18**  
 8:00 AM - † Jim Koblensky

**WEDNESDAY, September 19**  
 8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

**THURSDAY, September 20**  
 8:00 AM - † John Swanson

**FRIDAY, September 21**  
 8:00 AM - † Jim Koblensky

**SATURDAY, September 22**  
 5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family

**SUNDAY, September 23**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - † Bob Uehlin  
 10:30 AM - † Jim Koblensky  
 12:30 PM - † Sebastian Attardo

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	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, Lydia Simpson, Susan Meicht, Elizabeth Rouse, David Suda-kou, 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, Blake Browning, Joanne Wilson & Rodolfo Morales.

## 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	Nancy Gallegos

## 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
	Bill Higbee	425-6124

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE