



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. This is one of those bothersome parables in the Gospels. It seems that Jesus praises a steward who is cheating his master. And then Jesus goes on to tell his disciples, "Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth."

What's that all about? Is it really OK to take embezzled money to help the church?

While the parable may at first sound like something out of the television show *The Sopranos*, Jesus is indicating that his followers do live in the world. We are not pure spirits. We still need food, and clothing, and shelter.

The ways we use the goods of this earth reveal what kind of disciple of Christ we are. The key actor in the parable was a steward. That is who we are - stewards of the creation that God has blessed us with. Are we squandering the Master's property? Are we prepared to give a full account of our stewardship? Is there at least one thing that can be done this week to improve the balance sheet?

II. The rubrics at Mass state the following: A. After the words of institution, the priest shows the consecrated host and chalice to the people. The rubric states "shows," not elevate. B. Just before singing the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest takes the chalice and the paten, lifting them up, that is elevating them, while he sings or says, "Through him, with him, in him, etc." This is the place in the Eucharistic Prayer for the elevation of the consecrated Bread and Wine, now Christ Jesus Himself - not after the words of institution.

There is an Eastern Church that has no words of institution (This is my body, etc. This is the cup of my blood, etc.). The Vatican ruled that because there is an invocation of the Holy Spirit and a Memorial Prayer, this is a valid Mass.

The Church teaches that it is the whole Eucharistic Prayer that consecrates the bread and wine, mainly the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Memorial Prayer with the words of institution (in our Rite).

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:

The priest raises the Body and Blood of Christ and says: "Through Him and with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours Almighty Father, forever and ever." We respond, "Amen." This is commonly known as

the Great Doxology. We all share in this prayer which sums up the meaning of the Mass especially when we give a heartfelt "AMEN." It is the most important response we make at Mass. It should be loud and clear!

It is often said that the Lord's Prayer is the summary of the whole Gospel. St. Augustine said: "Run through all the words of the holy prayers in Scripture, and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer. It is the most perfect of prayers...in it we ask, for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired...it teaches us in what order we should desire things." CCC (Catechism of Catholic Church) 2762-2763

Cardinal Mahony once emphasized that the Lord's Prayer is an inclusive prayer, not an individual prayer. Notice it is "OUR Father," "give US this day," forgive US, OUR trespasses as WE forgive..." lead US not into temptation." It is an integral part of the major hours of the Divine Office and of the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The final doxology: "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever," Jesus restores them to His Father and our Father and we give our ratification by our AMEN!

Our Prayer: Our Father, You made us out of earth, let us be content with being human. Your breath has given us life, so let us gratefully receive the divine spark within our soul. Help me to accept the truth of who I am, loved into being and sent to serve humbly in Your name. Amen.

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 & hot dogs - you bring your own drinks, sides and desserts. Fun activities for the kids! Takes place on **Sunday, Oct. 7**, from **11:30 - 2:30**. For further information, please call the Religious Education Office, **598-0519**.

September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians)

September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, martyr and patron of Bohemia

- Sixteen Martyrs of Nagasaki, canonized in 1987

25TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
TO EACH ONE'S OWN



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When I look at poverty in my city, what decisive action can I take to share the gifts I have?

Child: Name a time when you shared your food, clothes, toys or money with another person?

Teen: How can I make faith a priority and balance it with my need for money?

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: Classes start Sept. 30. It's not too late to register - tell your friends and neighbors about our great Sunday School program! Call Shannon, 430-6840, with your child's name and birth date to reserve a spot. Extra registration forms are in the back of the church. **We need teachers!** This is the first time we have ever been short! It's time to step up and listen to the call. **YOU** are being called! Join our great group and share your faith with the little ones of our parish.

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

Confirmation **Year I** parents will be meeting **Oct. 15** for an orientation meeting in the Fr. Martin Hall at 7 pm. This meeting is for **parents only**. 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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The point of today's Gospel is that Christians should exercise at least as much clever thinking in the pursuit of good as this fellow did in the pursuit of ill-gotten gain. Luke goes on to suggest to his audience that they are to use their money in a way that will merit God's blessing, for example, by sharing with the poor. One has to be concerned about money, but a thin line divides concern & being controlled. When one steps over that line & *gives oneself* to money, one becomes its slave. Simply, "you cannot *give yourself* to God and to money."

Life Focus - * Relate an experience in your life when someone did something for you without expecting something in return. * *What gives you a feeling of security?* * Describe a time in your life when your personal needs overrode the needs of others. * *Looking back on your life, what achievements or struggles made you feel worthwhile?* * Describe an experience of trying to balance your responsibilities in this world and in the next. * *Name some valuables in your life that money can't buy.* * Relate an experience when you got ahead or got something at the expense of another - or chose not to. * *Recall a time in your life when a material possession affected a relationship.*



SEPTEMBER 24 SENIOR MEETING CANCELED.

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.

A.C.C.W. News

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, all women of the parish are automatically members.

St. Pancratius Parish will be our host on **Sept. 27** for our **District Meeting**, 9:30 to 1:30, \$10 per person - includes interesting speaker, Mass & luncheon. Make check payable and mail to Verna Hammer, 3202 Wolfe St., Lakewood, 90712. For info, please call Mary Ann Koppes 633-8637. You may also contact Virginia Souza, 596-6048, to make reservations or arrange for carpooling.

The A.C.C.W. **60th Annual Conference will be Nov. 5.** Our bishop, Most Rev. Alexander Salazar will be the guest speaker for the day. His topic - Facing Our Future While Remembering Our Past. So mark your calendar.



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.

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.

11TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS - The clergy and Bereavement Ministry of St. Joseph invite all parishioners, their family and friends to participate in our Eleventh Annual Memorial Mass, to be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 4 pm in our church. This season of the year has always held a special significance for the remembrance in prayer of our loved ones who have died and also gives us, as a parish community, the opportunity to support those of you who have experienced the loss of a loved one. To have the name of your loved one inscribed in our parish "Perpetual Book of Life," just fill out one of the forms located outside each door of our church and return to the Rectory Office. NOTE: The name of your loved one must be returned **no later** than October 22. Following Mass, the Bereavement Team will host a "Potluck" in our parish hall and you are asked to bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately 6 people. For further information you may call Pat 598-0978 or Nancy 4209-2546.

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!

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 & Brokers of Long Beach.



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, or Cheryl Berlow at donatebloodforlbmmc@yahoo.com to schedule your appointment.

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



At last Wednesday night's meeting we discussed the following. Call us for the details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 6 and 7 - "Feed A Baby" weekend

November 3 and 4 - Homeless Kits

November 10 and 11 - Blanket Drive

November 17 - Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

December 1 and 2 - envelopes on trees

December 15 - Christmas Basket Delivery


If you have a can opener for our families, bring it to the 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. Your donations are so appreciated! Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal.

Thank you for all you do!! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

 Our Weekly Offering	Last week: \$10,272 Last year: \$11,811
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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.

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 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

MONDAY, September 24
 8:00 AM - † Mercedes Soriano

TUESDAY, September 25
 8:00 AM - † Salud Garcia

WEDNESDAY, September 26
 8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

THURSDAY, September 27
 8:00 AM - † Oriel Wanigasekera

FRIDAY, September 28
 8:00 AM - † Robert Osborn

SATURDAY, September 29
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, September 30
 7:30 AM - † Patrick & Brigid Branigan
 9:00 AM - † Dr. Angelo Ozoa
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

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, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bert Willis, John Barycki, Phil McCafferty, Mary Mariano, Anna Sharples, Lydia Simpson, 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, Blake Browning, Joanne Wilson, Rodolfo Morales & Victoria Gregory.

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	Marianna Wescott	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 Needham	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