




From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's Gospel is a frightening parable if we probe deeply into it. There is no indication that the rich man was cruel, mean-spirited, or evil. It does not seem that he lied, cheated or stole to acquire his vast wealth. He was just rich.

And he was obtuse. The rich man lacked any awareness of the poor beggar Lazarus who was right at his door. He did not see him. He did not know that he was there.

We're certainly made aware of the poor more often through food drives, clothing collections, & special donation envelopes. But let me point out a parallel to Lazarus in today's world. Many grocery stores have a barrel at the door to collect food for the local pantry. Are we aware of these? Do we remember to purchase something to put in them? It sits there like Lazarus at the door. What does it say about us, that we so often heedlessly pass them by?

Father William



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, October 4, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

I found a small Mass prayer book dated 1941 and it began: "The first Commandment of the Church compels all Catholics under pain of serious sin to hear Mass on Sundays and all Holy Days of obligation." Words to "live" by.

After the Lord's Prayer, the priest says the prayer for peace: "Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give to you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of Your Church and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where you live forever and ever. Amen." The Sign of Peace follows and is to express and deepen and restore our unity in preparation for reception of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

The Agnus Dei or Lamb of God is sung or said. The priest breaks the Host over the paten or ciborium and places a small piece in the chalice and says: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." Our Church is rich in symbols, in this case some say breaking of a morsel symbolizes the death of Jesus Christ and the mingling or the coming together of the Body and Blood.

Near the time of reception of Our Lord it is good to reflect or say, "Let not the partaking of Your Body, O Lord, which I through unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation, but thru Your goodness, may it become an effective remedy of both soul and body. Who lives and reigns with God in unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen."

Our Prayer: Lord, You accepted the perfect sacrifice of Your Son on the cross. Hear us during times of trouble and protect us by the power of His name, that we who share His struggle on earth may merit a share in His victory. Amen.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:


Helen M. Catherman
Marge Evans



PARISH PICNIC

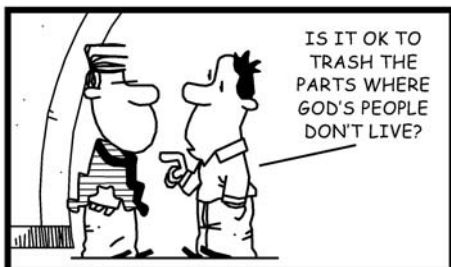
Bring your chairs, blankets, sports equipment, etc. for a fun afternoon on the St. Joseph field! All parishioners invited. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing hamburgers & dogs - bring your own drinks. Bring sides/ desserts to share. Fun activities for kids! **Sunday, Oct. 7, from 11:30 am to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

Our
Weekly Offering



Last week: \$10,313
Last year: \$10,040

26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
THEY HAVE MOSES & THE PROPHETS,
LET THEM LISTEN TO THEM



To the St. Joseph family:

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Gaughan on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sister of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ, The Food for the Poor Family

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How has the Gospel challenged my own thinking about those who are poor or suffering?

Child: Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What do I have that I am able to share?

Teen: Do I sometimes ignore or see right through the hungry or homeless person in my community?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary (Grades 1-5): Welcome everyone!! Classes start today! **Registration** still being accepted. Please call our office, **598-0519**, for information & registration forms.

Sacrament Program: Workshop for **Year 1** Sacrament Program takes place on Sunday, **October 14** at **2:00 pm** in the hall. This workshop is for both parents and children. **Year 2** workshop will be held on Sunday, **October 21**, at **2:00 pm**, which is also for parents and children.

Early Childhood: First class today! Mandatory Parent Meeting in the hall during class. Children may stay in nursery with Miss Yvonne. We have a few spots available in our classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

Next week - Parish-wide picnic! We have fun for the whole family (and a bounce house!) and hamburgers (\$2) & hot dogs (\$1) with all the fixin's grilled by the Knights!

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.

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.

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.

The A.C.C.W. **60th Annual Conference - 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. You may contact Virginia Souza, 596-6048, to make reservations or arrange for carpooling.



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

Oct 12-21 - Cruise is closed. "Bon Voyage"

Oct. 22 - Back from our cruise with games, etc. & pictures

Nov. 5 - Senior get together. 1st Monday of month.

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.**

Nov. 19 - "SURPRISE" Big Thanksgiving Lunch - cost: \$10 per person. Price includes turkey, dressing, potato, vege, salad, cranberry sauce, roll, butter, beverage and dessert. What a deal! Lunch is open to everyone. Lunch served 12:00 to 1:00. After lunch we have our regular bingo, bridge, poker and all our social games. We will need money in advance. More info to follow.

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.



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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The Gospel parable tells the familiar story of an insensitive rich man and a poor beggar whom everyone ignores. Jesus addresses this parable to the Pharisees. They had just "sneered at him." They didn't like his words to them: "You cannot serve God and mammon" (the material possessions of the world). Luke points out that the rich man did not kick or injure Lazarus. He simply stepped around him and wouldn't look at him. He treated him as a *non-person*. The message here is nothing new. As Abraham points out, Moses and the prophets consistently preached a message of concern for others. And the Gospel writer knows that even Jesus' own resurrection from the dead is not enough to convince some people to change their ways. Will we listen to one who has risen from the dead?

Life Focus - * How do you feel when you see a street person? Does it make a difference if you are by yourself or with a group? * *In what ways do you identify with the rich person in the Gospel? In what ways do you identify with the poor person in the Gospel?* * Who are the people you have never really seen? How can that change in the next two weeks? * *Have you ever felt like a "non-person"? How did this affect you? How does it affect the way you trust others?*

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Choir rehearsals resume Saturdays, 8-9 am in church. New members (grades 2-5) welcome through the middle of October. 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 & drama will be introduced through the dramatization of the Gospels. Instructional vocal technique will infiltrate the fun! Hope you can join us!

Sunday Choir - 10:30 Mass - rehearsals resume Wednesdays at 7 pm in the church. 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!

Annual Regional Religious Education Congress Saturday, **Oct. 6**, at St. Matthias High School in Downey. The theme: "Through Our Struggle, Lord, Increase Our Faith!" Pre-register or for other details, please call Karina or Nancy at 630-6272. Over 40 workshops will be offered in the areas of faith formation, spirituality, & practical skills.

The Healing Power of the Eucharist - seminar by Fr. John Hampsch, C.M.F., an internationally known missionary priest, whose ministry is Spiritual Renewal and Healing, Saturday, **Oct. 6, 9am-4pm** (includes Mass), at St. Margaret Mary Parish Hall, 25511 Eshelman Ave., Lomita. For more information, call Claretian Teaching Ministry, 323-734-1234. No registration required, please bring a lunch.

"Taking a Stand for Life"

The Long Beach Life Chain will be held Sunday, **Oct. 7, 2:30-4:00 pm** at the corner of Lakewood and Del Amo Bvds. (across from Lakewood Mall). We will observe Respect Life here at St. Joseph Parish the last weekend of October.

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.



Please call us to help with a weekend event, one weekend. This would help. We will help with support and ideas. Call us for the details. Consider the following events:

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.

Please keep using the **BLUE** "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes. Your donations are so appreciated! Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal.

L.B. Project Achieve.... Call us or Tina Gath for details. Can you help us once a month?

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

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



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.



Marriage Encounter - Married Couples - Choose God's plan for you to be the most tender lovers you can be for the rest of your lives. Choose a Marriage Encounter Weekend to keep your relationship a priority.

Weekends are scheduled for 2008 starting in February. For more information or to register, call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335, or go online at www.ilovemypouse.org.

Interfaith Event - The Islamic Center of South Bay cordially invites you to our Annual Interfaith Ramadan Dinner, Sunday, **Oct. 7, 4:30-7:30 pm**, at Islamic Center of South Bay, 52816 Walnut St., Lomita, 310-534-1363. We look forward to your participation.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, September 29

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, September 30

7:30 AM - † Patrick & Brigid Branigan & family

9:00 AM - † Dr. Angelo Ozoa

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

MONDAY, October 1

8:00 AM - † James Koblensky

TUESDAY, October 2

8:00 AM - † Joan Hockel

WEDNESDAY, October 3

8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

THURSDAY, October 4

8:00 AM - † Wendy Hornug

FRIDAY, October 5

8:00 AM - † Minnie Gianessi

SATURDAY, October 6

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, October 7

7:30 AM - † John DeRuyter

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Steve Sprague

12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault

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, 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 Hofkenschied, 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