



From the Pastor's Desk:

When Paul writes to Timothy in the second reading today, he is encouraging him in the life of faith. The section we hear today concludes with Paul admonishing Timothy to guard the rich trust of faith and love that is his in Christ

Jesus. Paul bids Timothy to do so with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.


For the Catholic community in the United States, the first Sunday of October is designated "Respect Life Sunday." As Catholics, our respect for all life is rooted in the Bible and in our Trinitarian faith. We hold that each person is sacred because we have been made in the image of our creator God. We believe that each person is sacred because we have been redeemed by the Son who gave his life on the cross. And we believe in the sanctity of the human person because of the gift of the Spirit that dwells within us.

Our respect for life is not limited to the unborn and the elderly. It extends to EVERY person - something that can be difficult to do at times. But that is the vision to which we are called.

Father William

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:

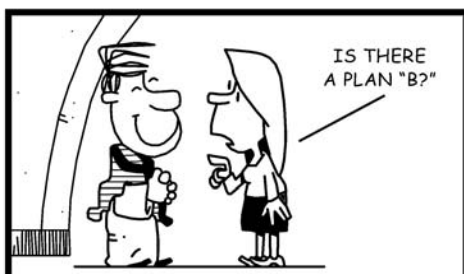
William "Buddy" Morris



Diversity of ethnicity, education, and social class challenges us as pastors to welcome these new immigrants and help them join our communities in ways that are respectful of their cultures and in ways that mutually enrich the immigrants and the receiving Church.

-Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity,
A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops

27TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
INCREASE OUR FAITH



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Now comes a most reverent time: the partaking of the Body and Blood of Jesus means we the people of Christ are in communion, we are made another Christ. We thereby pledge together to a holy life. A time of silence is also a sign or expression of communion. Here we received graces and offer them to God on behalf of those who we wish to bestow. We ask for blessings for those we love and for the forgotten, those who have fallen away from the Faith, for the souls in purgatory, for our priests and religious that they may be blessed to continue the ministry of their calling. Don't forget our young people who are searching. Routine sometimes makes us lukewarm and we feel like "been there, done that. Let's get this over so we can go out and play or watch that football game or the baseball playoffs." We go to Mass out of "duty" rather than out of love. Remember, it was God's Love that brought us here. We need more silent time, more time for prayer. We need to increase our awareness of Eucharist (Thanksgiving). This action should bring about conversion. This celebration should continue with charity toward the least of our brothers and sisters. Credit is given to "Liturgy with Style and Grace" ...G. Huck and G. Chinchar

"Our problem is how to live what we pray, how to make our lives a daily commentary on our prayer book, how to live in consonance with what we promise, how to keep faith with the vision we pronounce." ...Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

"Things that make people fall into sin are bound to happen, but how terrible for the one who makes them happen!" ...Jesus (Luke 17:1)

Our Prayer: Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule and guide. 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 & dogs - bring your own drinks. Bring sides and desserts to share. Fun activities for kids! Takes place **today** from **11:30 am to 2:30 pm**.

"Taking a Stand for Life"

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When have I been faced with a seemingly impossible task to live my faith? How did turning to the Lord in prayer help me?

Child: When do I ask Jesus to help me live as his friend and disciple?

Teen: When has my faith given me strength?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary (Grades 1-5) & Middle School (Grades 6-8): Registration is currently taking place. Please call our office, **598-0519**, for information & registration forms.

Middle School starts Tuesday, October 9.
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: Regular class today. Parish-wide picnic on the field at noon! Come join the fun! We have a few spots available in our classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

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.



Bible Fellowship continues....

Book of Revelation Doomsday or Hope and Encouragement? Let's break the code together. Call Rita Smith for information, 533-1243.

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

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

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 **October**. Please call for an appointment:

Oct. 24 - St. Bruno, Whittier 947-5637 ext. 118

Oct. 26 - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes 310-377-5571

Oct. 27 - Nativity, Torrance 310-324-8607



Last week: \$11,556
 Last year: \$14,697

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

Oct. 22 - Back from our cruise with games, etc. and pictures. We will be taking reservations and money for Thanksgiving luncheon.

Nov. 5 - Senior get together. 1st Monday of month. Reservations and money for Thanksgiving luncheon taken.

Nov. 7 - **Griffith Park Observatory** trip is closed. We are taking stand-bys only.

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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus trip to Pala Hotel and Casino, Thursday, Nov. 8. Cost of \$15 includes transportation, Bingo on the bus, free \$5 script to start your playing, and free coffee and donuts. 5 1/2 hours at casino. For more information, call Manny Veyra, 425-8811.



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 at www.ilovemy spouse.org.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The first reading calls for deep trust that God's plan is happening and will soon be completed. In the Gospel reading the disciples ask for an increase in faith. Jesus is saying they do not need to be heroes. An ordinary amount of trust in God's help will help them accomplish great things. Transplanting a sycamore tree into the sea is a highly exaggerated example. It serves, however, to make the point: "What is impossible for human beings is possible for God." (Luke 18:27)

Life Focus - * How have you experienced the struggle between doing what God wants & doing what you want?
 * *How have you reacted when asked to do more than what you really wanted to do?*
 * Describe an experience when you received less recognition than you expected.
 * *Relate an experience when God asked "too much" of you.*

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.

THANK YOU to all who donated at the Knights of Columbus blood drive! A total of 49 pints was collected. There were 54 potential donors seen and there was no waiting. Long Beach Memorial was able to take down the "blood shortage" signs in the hospital. This blood will benefit up to 147 people! A big thanks to all participants.



HELP! HELP! We need two artificial Christmas trees for the back of church to hang the Christmas Gift envelopes. This is an opportunity to give your "like-new" tree to St. Joseph and buy a new model. We do prefer trees without the lights built in. Call John and Jan, 430-5839.

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 Kit envelopes
- November 10 and 11** - Blanket Drive - new only please
- November 17** - Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
- December 1 and 2** - envelopes on trees
- December 15** - Christmas Basket Delivery

If you have a new or like-new 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.

Public Square Rosary Campaign - At Fatima, the Mother of God asked us to pray the Rosary. Come and pray honoring the 90th anniversary of Our lady of Fatima's apparition, **Oct. 13**, from **noon - 2 pm**, 2777 Long Beach Blvd. There will be no peace in our lives or in society unless we honor God and obey His law.

Rosary Rally - Citrus College Stadium, **Oct. 13, 6-10 pm**. There will be a praise & worship session, testimonies and together we'll pray the most Holy Rosary for World Peace. A free CD will be given to every family in attendance on how to pray the rosary. For info: visit www.catholicrc.org.

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.

Commitment of Treasure

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:9-10

I understand that St. Joseph Church is asking all parishioners to review the amount that they give to the parish offering and determine whether that amount is enough, too much, or not enough.

My/Our **new** average commitment **per week** for the next 12 months is:

___ \$100 ___ \$75 ___ \$50 ___ \$40 ___ \$35 ___ \$30 ___ \$25 ___ \$20 ___ \$15 ___ Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Envelope # (if known): _____ I don't receive envelopes but would like to: _____

For questions, please call the rectory at **594-4657**. Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox. Thank you!

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, October 8

8:00 AM - † Wendy Hornug

TUESDAY, October 9

8:00 AM - † Robert Presley

WEDNESDAY, October 10

8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

THURSDAY, October 11

8:00 AM - † Joanna Dodd

FRIDAY, October 12

8:00 AM - † John McEvilly

SATURDAY, October 13

5:00 PM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith

SUNDAY, October 14

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Jim Koblensky

10:30 AM - Mary Clark, living

12:30 PM - † James Andrew Ciriaks

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
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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