



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. "Misery loves company" is an old saw that we've often heard and have probably used at one time or another to describe complainers who hang out together. It certainly applies to the group of lepers described in this week's Gospel. Their common illness and the fact that they were outcasts forced them into a kind of alliance that would not have taken place without their misery. With Jesus traveling through Samaria and Galilee, we can presume that most of the lepers were Galileans. But as Luke describes it, at least one of them was a Samaritan - someone who would otherwise be an unwelcome outsider.

It is this Samaritan who returns to give thanks after he has been healed. When he was afflicted, he was good enough to include in the "company of the miserable," but now that the ten have been healed, the Samaritan no longer fits in. Yet he is the one who is held up as an example of gratefulness.

In his Gospel, Luke continually shows how the outcast and the stranger are welcome in the kingdom of God. It is an unexpected turnabout, which serves as a caution for us all.

II. We honored Nancy Miller and the Clarks (Tim and Mary Lou) Friday, October 5, at the Catholic Charities San Pedro Regional Dinner. Many volunteers from our region were recognized for their outstanding work.

Tim and Mary Lou Clark are very involved in our Movement for a Better World. Catholic Charities and their clients benefit directly from the Clarks' hard work. Tim is also an RCIA sponsor.

Nancy Miller founded the Bereavement Ministry here. With her team, she inaugurated the special annual Memorial Mass. Nancy also began the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound. Many years ago she was a catechist in the RCIA. I have known Nancy since my days as Catholic Staff Chaplain at Long Beach Memorial when she was one of the lay chaplain associates.

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:


"Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord, He is Joy for all ages."

We've been hearing, and will most likely continue to hear about "stewardship." The gifts that we have to share: our time, our talent and our treasure. I will address the "time" and "talent" at this time.

Tina and I were privileged to attend the Catholic Charities awards banquet a week ago Friday. It was heartwarming to see three of our parishioners be singled out for their unselfish giving of themselves. **Nancy Miller, Mary Lou Clark and Tim Clark** were awarded the Mother Seton award for their "talent" of self-giving in initiating our bereavement ministry, involvement in Movement for a Better World, feeding of homeless, and volunteering in many aspects of our parish. St. Joseph, our patron saint, continues to guide and nourish us. Please join me in extending our heartfelt blessings to them for showing us the way in stewardship.

All of this should inspire us to do likewise. Contact Virginia Young for Religious Education, Roman and Julia Escoto for Baptism preparation, John and Jan Minter for Movement for a Better World, and, for other children and adult ministries (Scouts, Knights of Columbus, RCIA, etc.) consult the bulletin (page 5). As John Minter often says, "many hands make light work." Oops, don't forget to call Dana Molar for help with the 2008 Fair.

Our Prayer: Oh Lord, the crucifix is an open book that all can read; it is an infinite declaration of love. Inspire me to "read" the crucifix often. Grant that I may return thanks and love to You for Your great love for me. Amen.

 <p>Our Weekly Offering</p>	<p>Last week: \$12,236 Last year: \$13,501</p>
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28TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
WAS THERE NO ONE TO RETURN & GIVE THANKS?



World Mission Sunday - Next week, with Catholics in local churches throughout the world, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, offering our prayers and sacrifices, at the Eucharist, for the missionary task.

The presence of so many people of so many different cultures and religions in so many different parts of the United States has challenged us as a Church to a profound conversion so that we can become truly a sacrament of unity.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: When have I seen the healing presence of God active in my life? What was my response?
Child: Name a time last week when you stopped to thank God for all that you have been given.
Teen: When a friend reaches out to me when I am sad or sick, what can I do to thank them?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Sacrament Program: Workshop for **Year 1** Sacrament Program takes place today 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. Thanks to all those who came to the picnic last week. What a great community we have at St. Joseph! We have a few spots available in our kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840. Teacher meeting today after class.

Confirmation: 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.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped make our Parish Picnic a fun event. Everyone who attended had a great time relaxing in the shade of our beautiful trees. Food was delicious and the kids had a great time with the bounce house, face painting, art activities and games!

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

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.

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 - "Bon Voyage"

Oct. 22 - Back from our cruise. We will be taking reservations and money for Thanksgiving luncheon.

Please remember to bring your photos for our picture contest.

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.



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.ilovemypouse.org.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The readings for this Sunday deal with leprosy. In biblical times there was only one way to control the disease: isolate the person with leprosy from *all* aspects of society. Those with leprosy were cut off from everything: family, friends, employment and worship. No one would dare to approach them and they dared approach no one. Both readings use this dreaded disease to point up the power of God to work wonders through ordinary means. Only one of the men cured by Jesus had the decency to go back and thank him. Only one of them fully realized what had taken place. His is the complete healing, the deepest faith. This man, a Samaritan, was an out-cast due to both his leprosy and his ethnic background. Luke uses this story to point out the ingratitude of Jesus' own people in contrast to the gratitude & faith of Gentiles.

Life Focus - * How do you best show your gratitude to God? To others? * *Share a time when you were aware or are aware that you did not show gratitude to God or to others.* * What are the "leprosy" in your life that need to be healed? Zero in on one in particular. * *Recall an experience of being accepted when you were feeling rejected.* * Relate an experience when you felt like a stranger and someone welcomed you. * *Speak of a person you know who is truly grateful.*

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.

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:

Warren "Skip" Sinclair



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 offertory 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!



HELP! Christmas already??! 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, ASAP.

Feed-A-Baby Drive a success! You donated 18 bags (13 gallon size) of baby products and \$1,485 to Catholic Charities. Thank you and our volunteers for manning the tables.

Please call us to help with a weekend event. **One day**, once per year. This would help. **You will feel the good will!** We will help with support and ideas. Call us for the details. Consider the following events:

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- November 3 and 4** - Homeless Kit envelopes on trees.
 - November 10 and 11** - Blanket Drive - new only please
 - November 17** - Thanksgiving Basket Delivery - call Patty Brio now, 425-5964.
 - December 1 and 2** - gift 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.

Open House at St. Anthony High School - Oct. 21

Two information sessions and tours: 1 and 3 pm.

Choosing the right high school will make an essential difference in your child's life. St. Anthony's is a caring community thriving in all areas of academic and student life, offering a co-ed, college prep, faith-based education. For information please call 435-1213.

Week of Prayer for Interfaith Understanding Oct 13-21
 Interfaith Prayer and Meditation, Monday, **Oct. 15**, 7 pm, First Congregational Church, 3rd & Cedar, 983-1665.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, October 15**
8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride
- TUESDAY, October 16**
8:00 AM - Blake Browning, living
- WEDNESDAY, October 17**
8:00 AM - † Robert Preston
- THURSDAY, October 18**
8:00 AM - Mass of Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY, October 19**
8:00 AM - † Paul Halliburton
- SATURDAY, October 20**
5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati family
- SUNDAY, October 21**
7:30 AM - † James Sullivan O'Donnell
9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
10:30 AM - † Clifton Lowen
12:30 PM - Swanson family

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, 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