



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Radio and television evangelists will often turn to Scripture and use it as a proof text to make certain points. In doing so, they ignore some of the inherent contradictions that exist in the biblical text. So how do Catholics understand the reference in today's second Letter to Timothy which says, "All Scripture is inspired by God?"

For starters, we do not believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible. The Bible is first and foremost a theological document which speaks of our relationship with God and God's relationship with humankind. The Bible is certainly not a scientific treatise, or even necessarily a history book, although we can find historical events in it.

God's inspiration of the biblical text is revelation; in that revelation God shows that he is one who acts. Our God is not a distant, uncaring God, but one who interacts with humankind. Today's Gospel says as much: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones?" (Luke 18:7)

Father William



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

*This is how we know we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in His presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.* — 1 Jn 3:20

Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. Everything passes, but God never changes. Patience obtains everything. Those who possess God, lack for nothing. God alone is enough. — St. Theresa of Avila

**Our Prayer:** Heavenly Father, let me remain calm amid all the difficulties of life. Help me to preserve my union with You, which is the one thing necessary in this world. Amen.

**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.

**Holy Day of Obligation  
All Saints Day  
Thursday, November 1**

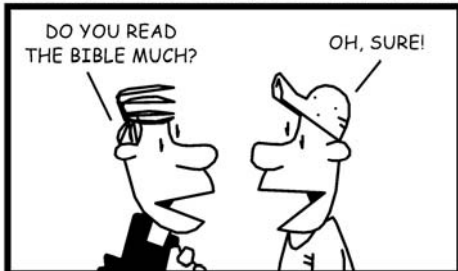
Vigil, October 31, Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Feast day, November 1, 6:30 and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm

**World Mission Sunday** - Today, with Catholics of the world, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. We are called to this Eucharistic celebration to offer our prayers and our financial support to continue the mission of our Lord.

The new immigrants call most of us back to our ancestral heritage as descendants of immigrants and to our baptismal heritage as members of the body of Christ.

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

29TH ORDINARY SUNDAY /  
THE SACRED SCRIPTURES, SOURCE OF WISDOM



**A.C.C.W. 60th Annual Conference - Nov. 5.**, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Renee Bondi will be the guest speaker for the day. Topic: Facing Our Future While Remembering Our Past. Cost is \$45, including luncheon. Reservations on a first-come, first-served basis, before Oct. 26. Mail check to ACCW, c/o Grace Rinaldi, 3424 Wilshire, 2nd floor, L.A. 90010.

**Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner Oct. 27 5-9 pm** at the Monsignor Gualderon Hall, corner of 6th St. and Alamitos Ave., Long Beach, \$7. Council 987 is raising funds for the Wheelchair Foundation and the Columbian Foundation for People with Mental Retardation. Please come for an evening of good food and good company.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** In what ways is my prayer a request, and in what ways is my prayer a conversation with God who seeks me out?

**Child:** When do I pray to God?


**Teen:** What or who helps me to pray?

**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 2** Sacrament Program takes place today at **2:00 pm** in the church. This workshop is for both parents and children.  
**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Next week - Halloween Animal Parade at the end of class on the field! Remember: no costumes. We have a few spots available in our kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.  
**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.

**Elementary School Student Non-Discrimination Policy**

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.  
 The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.  
 While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

	Last week: \$11,464 Last year: \$11,506
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**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 upcoming months. Please call for an appointment:  
**Oct. 24** - St. Bruno, Whittier 562-947-5637 ext. 118  
**Oct. 26** - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes 310-377-5571  
**Oct. 27** - Nativity, Torrance 310-324-8607  
**Nov. 28** - Holy Family, Artesia 562-860-5973  
**Dec. 1** - Our Lady of Refuge 562-597-3102



**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](http://www.ilovemypouse.org).

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - Luke's Gospel is noted for his preaching on prayer. He also pays great attention to women, especially poor women. Widows were dependent on other men in the family. A widow had no state aid, nor could she work. If she had no one to help her, she had to beg. The widow in this story comes to the judge to help her get her rights. Since she was too poor to offer a bribe, he at first ignores her. But she kept insisting on her rights. The judge was afraid of her. He eventually gave in. If such a worthless judge would answer such pleas, would the loving God do any less? On the contrary, says Jesus, God will respond to people. God will bring them swift justice. Will God find people with the same unconquerable trust as this widow?

**Life Focus** - \* In what ways has your parish community imitated God's compassion by responding to the cries for justice in neighborhood, country and world? \* *Reflect and share an instance when ongoing prayer in your life carried you through a difficult time.* \* How often in your prayer life are you persistent enough to ignore the answer you want to hear and persistent enough to heed the answer God wants you to hear? \* *What are you doing to bring about God's justice in the world? In your own small world?* \* Who has "nagged" you into doing the right thing or into becoming the person you could be?

**Why is it so important to register in the parish?**

1. In the situation of the death of a family member, it is important that either the deceased or the family member of the deceased is registered in the parish so that contact with the family can be made. If there has been a serious illness or if there will be confinement at home for a long time, we as a parish family should be notified so that the sacraments might be available to them. Contact should be made at the Rectory Office.
2. Very frequently we get requests for letters of recommendation to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation. Some background is needed before the letter can be written. If the parties involved are not registered it is difficult to make a recommendation as to whether they are practicing Catholics or not.
3. We welcome our young couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony and are delighted to help you prepare for marriage. It is important to register so that we do have Canonical Jurisdiction for your marriage.
4. We welcome all of your children to come to know our Lord through Religious Education. However, it is also very important that you are registered and participating in the parish as we seek to educate your children. That includes Sunday Mass and taking advantage of our Liturgy of the Word for children at the 9:00 am Mass



**HELP! Christmas already??! We found one** - 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. Call John and Jan 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, if you'd like to help deliver.
- 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.

**A Day in the Life of a Jester - October 26, 8 am - 1 pm**

**Open House - October 26, 5:30 pm**  
For information call St. Joseph High School 925-5073.

**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!

# Mass Intentions



## 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, living

12:30 PM - Swanson family

## MONDAY, October 22

8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

## TUESDAY, October 23

8:00 AM - † Mary Jane Merk

## WEDNESDAY, October 24

8:00 AM - † Mrs. Petrick

## THURSDAY, October 25

8:00 AM - † Paul Halliburton

## FRIDAY, October 26

8:00 AM - † Donna Easley

## SATURDAY, October 27

5:00 PM - † Rosemary Cavallaro

## SUNDAY, October 28

7:30 AM - † Alexander Shinar

9:00 AM - † Jim Koblensky

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Jane Mais

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, Ron Otamura, Cornelia Piol, & Fred Kravitz.

## 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 Terri Traucht	425-4834
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 rely5@verizon.net	430-0143
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net	799-0660
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