



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

It is easy to point out the Pharisee in someone else, and much more difficult to see it in oneself. That is one of the hazards of self-righteousness. Coming to an awareness of one's own failings demands some reflection. It doesn't happen all on its own.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector illustrates this very point. The Pharisee couldn't stop talking during his prayer. He went on and on about all of the things he was not, and then boasted about all of the things he did. On the other hand, the tax collector's prayer was simple and direct: "God, be merciful to me a sinner." He had time to listen.

Why not take five minutes each day to listen to God? Turn off the radio or TV. Sit in a quiet place. Empty your mind and start with the words: "God, be merciful to me a sinner." And then, *listen!*

Father William



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Thank you Olga K. for the many hours, days and months in urging and prodding us to a successful vacation. I certainly learned a lot on this trip with the "Seniors." They are a very loving, happy, and caring group. We were not able to have a Mass on Sunday however, it was the first time we did "Liturgy of the Hours" in the ship's library.


For those of you who asked me for a blessing because we unexpectedly missed Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday, I want you to know that I offered up any graces that may have been obtained at my Monday's (22nd) communion for you. I ask God to look kindly on all who put their trust in my prayers and that you may be filled with every bodily and spiritual grace obtained.

Please keep in your prayers all those who have suffered from these most recent fire storms. The Cardinal asked all parishioners to keep them in our prayers and to ask God to be gracious in giving us rain for our drought ridden state. We need it for our farms and to clear our air as well. But, Lord, not too much rain to cause mud or landslides in those barren and blackened hills please.

**Our Prayer:** Oh God, You accepted the perfect sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross. Hear us during this time of testing and pain, that we who share His struggle on earth may merit a share in His victory. Amen.

**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** - Thank you for your generosity. Our collection came to \$1,368. This will help to continue the mission of our Lord.

	Last week: \$11,699 Last year: \$11,244
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The presence of brothers and sisters from different cultures should be celebrated as a gift to the Church.  
*-Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity,*  
 A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops


30TH ORDINARY SUNDAY /  
 THE PRAYER OF THE LOWLY PIERCES THE CLOUDS



**11TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS** - The clergy and Bereavement Ministry of St. Joseph invite all parishioners, their family & 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. 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.

**Turn Clocks Back**

**Time change takes effect next Sunday, November 4.**



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
*(Based on today's Bible readings)*  
**Adult:** In what areas of my life do I try to appear to be perfect? How might humility be more liberating in these circumstances?  
**Child:** How do you feel when you do an act of kindness for someone just because it is the right thing to do?  
**Teen:** How can I show humility each time I do something really well?

**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.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Halloween Animal Parade at the end of class today! Happy All Hallow's Eve! We have a few spots available in our kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

**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.

**Adults at Prayer: Personal Prayer & Liturgical Prayer -**

Growing in Our Faith - a series addressing adult spiritual formation looking into our relationship with God, alone and with the Church. Prayer is challenging and sometimes anemic on our part. This series is to strengthen our faith by exploring the dimensions of prayer which need to be developed. Each presentation is independent, but the offerings will, in a sense, piggy-back on the previous ones. Runs Nov. 2 through Dec. 14, Friday afternoons 1:30-2:45pm, St. Joseph High School, 5847 Woodruff, cost: free. Nov. 2: *What is Liturgical Prayer?*

**All Souls Day Mass**

Celebrated at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, Friday, **November 2, 10:00 am**.  
Presider: Bishop Gerald Wilkerson. All are invited.

**St. John Bosco Open House Oct. 28, 12:30-2:30 pm.**

Guided tours, curriculum presentations, placement exam registration and refreshments.

**St. Cyprian Holiday Boutique** - Nov. 3: 9 am - 4 pm.  
Nov. 4: 8 am - 2 pm.

**Protecting God's Children** - There will be another adult session of the required "Protecting God's Children" workshop for adults working/volunteering with children, on Monday, **November 5**, from **7:00 pm to 10:00 pm** in the hall. If you have not already attended this session and are working with our children, please be sure to attend on this date. For further information and to register, please call Shannon Carpenter, **598-0519**.

**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:

**Nov. 28** - Holy Family, Artesia 562-860-5973

**Dec. 1** - Our Lady of Refuge 562-597-3102



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.

**Dec. 3** - Casino trip to Fantasy Spring Casino. Cost \$29 per person, \$20 cash returned at casino - real cost: \$9! Includes bus driver and tip. Please bring check Nov. 5.

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

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Oct. 28** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 596-9449.

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - God is attentive to the prayers of those who have no one else to turn to. These outcasts of society realize that God is their only hope and so, when they pray, they really *pray*. Their prayer comes truly from the heart that acknowledges God's goodness and kindness. The prayer of the tax collector in the Gospel is an example of such prayer. The tax collector simply asks God's mercy for his sinfulness. Jesus heartily approves this form of prayer, the prayer of the lowly which "pierces the clouds." The Pharisee is trapped in his own self-righteousness toward prayer, toward God, toward his fellow Jews and toward himself.

**Life Focus** - \* When do you identify with characteristics of the Pharisee? When do you identify with characteristics of the tax collector? \* *Relate an experience when you reached out to someone very different from you.* \* When has a simple person, perhaps an outcast, been able to teach you something important? \* *Where are you working too hard at something? Where aren't you working hard enough? What will you do about that soon?* \* When have you done the right things for the wrong reasons? \* *Recall an experience when admitting a wrong was one of the best things you ever did.* \* Speak of a time when you felt helpless and had to rely on someone. \* *Who are the people we consider not as good as us?* \* In the last few months, how have you experienced failure and how have you reacted? \* *Describe an experience when you felt humble enough to see things differently.*

**Pro-Life Week:** A local pro-life center representative will be here next weekend, Nov. 3 & 4, to do a baby bottle drive for the pregnancy center. Please bring baby bottles!

**Bella - The Movie**

Winner of the Toronto Film Festival's "People's Choice Award," *Bella* reaches audiences in a constructive and non-preachy way. *Bella* tells the story of how the unconditional love of a friend allows a woman in crisis to make life-affirming choices for herself and her child. It also uplifts the dignity of the human person and of the traditional family. Be sure to see this film and promote this movie's life-affirming and hope-filled message. If you'd like to know more, visit the website: [www.BellaTheMovie.com](http://www.BellaTheMovie.com).

**A.C.C.W. 60th Annual Conference - Monday, Nov. 5.**, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Renee Bondi will be the keynote speaker. Topic: Facing Our Future While Remembering Our Past. Cost is \$45, including luncheon. Reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. Mail check to ACCW, c/o Grace Rinaldi, 3424 Wilshire, 2nd floor, L.A. 90010. There will be a bus available @ 7 am for \$5 from St. Donimic Savio parish. Let's have a good showing from St. Joseph Parish!



**HELP! Christmas already??!**  
**Thank you, Marilyn and Barbara.**  
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! Would you help us by volunteering to oversee the collection next March or June? One person or one family can do it - just one day per year. And we will help you!!! Thank you! And thanks to our volunteers for manning the tables.*

**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.

**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 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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| <b>Vincent Vezzetti</b> | <b>Amy Mann</b>              |
| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>          |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>           |
| <b>Peter LuPiba</b>     | <b>Scott Williams</b>        |
| <b>Justin Ray</b>       | <b>Justin Christopherson</b> |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     |                              |

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.

**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 offer-tory 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 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

## MONDAY, October 29

8:00 AM - † Cecilia McBride

## TUESDAY, October 30

8:00 AM - † Paul Halliburton

## WEDNESDAY, October 31

8:00 AM - † Segundina Gapultos

7:00 PM - † Clifford Burt

## THURSDAY, November 1

6:00 AM - † Bettina Matias

9:00 AM - † John DeRuyter

7:00 PM - † Primitivo Chingcuangco

## FRIDAY, November 2

8:00 AM - All Souls Novena

## SATURDAY, November 3

5:00 PM - All Souls Novena

## SUNDAY, November 4

7:30 AM - All Souls Novena

9:00 AM - † Joseph & Lillian Smith

10:30 AM - † William "Buddy" Morris

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

### Eucharistic Ministers Needed for the 10:30 Mass

If you would like to serve your fellow parishioners in this ministry or if you have questions, please call Gene Ensich, 421-0147.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - new schedules have been posted on the St. Joseph website and emailed. If you need a copy mailed to you, please call the rectory.

**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 Correia, 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 Stogbauer Flores, Marlene Muccino, Phyllis Steiner, Blake Browning, Joanne Wilson, Rodolfo Morales, Victoria Gregory, Ron Otamura, Cornelia Piol, Fred Kravitz, Bob Sylvia, Don Miller & Carlos Delgado.

### 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	430-0142
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
FAMILY ROUND TABLE	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Nancy Miller	429-2546
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Michelle Needham	477-3647
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
TOGETHER IN MISSION	Victoria Higgins	597-6979
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Jim & Theresa Murphy	431-5025
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785
GIRL SCOUTS	Cynthia Stabelfeldt	421-8492
CUB SCOUTS	Douglas Alchorn	594-9407
BOY SCOUTS	Bill Higbee	425-6124

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE