



From the Pastor's Desk:

We're happy to welcome forgiveness when it is given to us. We can be critical when it is offered to someone else. When people in Jericho saw that Jesus was going to dine at Zacchaeus' house they were scandalized that Jesus would consider eating with a sinner. But Zacchaeus, who had experienced the grace of salvation, stood his ground and was ready to make restitution.

The process of reconciliation is complicated. And, despite the seemingly quick conversion in the Zacchaeus story, reconciliation often takes a long time. The promise that Jesus makes is that he will be with us through the whole endeavor. As the Zacchaeus story also points out, we also don't enter on the path of reconciliation through our own initiative. Jesus invites us to be reconciled, just as he did with Zacchaeus when he looked up into the sycamore tree.

Zacchaeus was clear about those with whom he needed to be reconciled. Are you? And more importantly, are you ready to do it?

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:

During this month of remembrance I offer you this most beautiful writing from the "Confessions of St. Augustine." Read it as a poem and read it over a few times slowly.

"Late have I loved You, O Beautiful ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created. You were with me, but I was not with You. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all. You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed Your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace."

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, see what love you have bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! May we, Your children imitate Your example, and grow in wisdom and grace and follow Your call. We ask this in Your Son's name through the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community recently Baptized:

Marlena Inez Rivera
Gabriele Loren D. Camus
Nathan Torres
Demi Young Viena
Nicholas Trainotti
Vicente Luis Martinez
Mailen Itzayane Teagle-Alarcon

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, November 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 429-2546.

The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. — Psalm 145:14

St. Cyprian Holiday Boutique
Nov. 4, 8 am - 2 pm, 4714 Clark Ave. at Arbor Rd.

Immigrants, new to our shores, call us out of our unawareness to a conversion of mind and heart through which we are able to offer a genuine and suitable welcome, to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society's marginalized members.

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

31ST ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see Jesus, and came down to be with Jesus. What more do I need to be closer to Jesus?
Child: How can I be a better friend to others this week?
Teen: Who do I know that could use my helping hand or listening ear?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: There will be **no class** on Sunday, **Nov. 25**, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Confirmation: The next session for our **Year 1** candidates is Sunday, **November 18**. All first-year candidates should attend the **12:30 pm Mass** with either a parent or sponsor. The session for candidates only will follow Mass in the hall until **3:30 pm**.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Next week: Please bring a food item for our Movement for a Better World Thanksgiving baskets. We have a few spots available in our kindergarten classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840. Protecting God's Children workshop for all parents and those who work with children tomorrow, Monday, at 7 pm in the PAC.

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. Friday afternoons 1:30-2:45 pm, St. Joseph High School, 5847 Woodruff, free. If you would like to attend, please call 925-5073x113 so we'll have handouts ready.

Nov. 9: *Role of Scripture in Personal & Liturgical Prayer*

Nov. 16: *Prayer as a Relational Expression of How I Interact with God*

Dec. 7: *Praying WITH the Church in this Advent Season*

Dec. 14: *Discovering the TRUE Adult Understanding of the Incarnation and How as ADULTS We Grow in Our Faith in Preparing for Christmas*

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.

Prayer Retreat in Silence - Deepen Your Spiritual Life

Steps leading to contemplative prayer, open to all Catholics searching for deeper spirituality. Retreat master Fr. Datus OCD is an experienced teacher of religious and laity alike. "Seeking God in Love," **Jan. 21-25**, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. More info: Steve or Mary, 909-790-9243, or Ethel ethelbuntydavis@msn.com.



Last week: \$12,548

Last year: \$11,477

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Luke is the only evangelist who records the incident about the tax collector, Zacchaeus. Last Sunday's Gospel showed God's acceptance of the sinful tax collector. Today's Gospel provides a concrete example of how repentance is worked out in reality. With total, unconditional acceptance of Zacchaeus, Jesus actually goes into the sinner's house to eat with him. The tax collector is touched by Jesus' love and is willing to rid himself of the worldly possessions that displace God's love. Jesus responds by calling him a "son of Abraham." And Zacchaeus opens his heart to God's invitation and responds with grateful love.

Life Focus - * What would you do if Jesus came to your house unexpectedly? * *Who has taken notice of you and taken time for you?* * Tell about a time when you accepted someone *as is* and thereby brought about a change in them. Or vice-versa! * *Zacchaeus did all he could to get a better look at Jesus. What do you do in your life to get to know Jesus better?* * Relate an experience when someone made a difference in your life simply by accepting you just the way you are. * *Recall a time in your life when you were given a second chance.*

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.

Beautify your world, one garden at a time!

St. Joseph School 8th Grade Class will hold a Fall Plant Sale Fund Raiser on Sunday, **November 18** from 7:30 - 1:00 in the church parking lot. Won't you buy your begonias from us? Poppies and pansies are pretty too! Save the date on your calendar!

We need your help! The **Knights of Columbus** are responding for brother Knights and their families who have been displaced by the fires, having lost their homes and practically everything that they owned. No donation is too small. Please send checks made out to the California State Council - Disaster Fund - and mail them to the State Office at 15808 Arrow Blvd., Suite A, Fontana, CA 92335.

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.



Christmas already??! Thank you, **Marilyn and Barbara** for two Christmas trees to hang the Christmas Gift envelopes. Our parishioners came through to help us again!

Next **meeting**, a quick one, on **November 7**, in the PAC, Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Call Patty Brio now to help deliver the **food baskets**, 425-5964.

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 cross.

November 7 - Meeting at 7:30 in the PAC

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.

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 | Hoang-Long Tran |

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 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, 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

MONDAY, November 5

8:00 AM - All Souls Novena

TUESDAY, November 6

8:00 AM - All Souls Novena

WEDNESDAY, November 7

8:00 AM - All Souls Novena

THURSDAY, November 8

8:00 AM - All Souls Novena

FRIDAY, November 9

8:00 AM - All Souls Novena

SATURDAY, November 10

5:00 PM - All Souls Novena

SUNDAY, November 11

7:30 AM - † John DeRuyter

9:00 AM - Wanda Caldwell and Joan Mucci

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † James Andrews Ciriacks

Eucharistic Ministers Needed - If you would like to serve your fellow parishioners in this ministry or if you have questions, please call Gene Ensich, 421-0147. Ministers are especially needed for the 10:30 Mass.

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.

FLU SHOTS - Free! Nov. 5, 10 am - noon, in the hall.

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, 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, Bob Sylvia, Don Miller, Carlos Delgado, Cliff & Patricia Lowen, Joe Peterson, and Odete Salvate.

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