



From the Pastor's Desk:

One of our core beliefs as a Christian community is in the resurrection of the dead. Each time we profess our faith (whether it is the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, or our baptismal promises), we announce that we believe in the resurrection - Christ's on the third day, and our own at the end of time.

The month of November is a time when we particularly recall those who "have gone before us marked with the sign of faith" (Eucharistic Prayer I). We honor the myriad of unnamed saints who already share in the blessedness of the heavenly kingdom. And we pray for the many who have died, that they too may enjoy eternal light, happiness, and peace.

Our belief in the resurrection unites us in a communion of faith that is beyond the grave. We are caught up as one in Christ, in whom we have been baptized, sharing in his death and his resurrection. In him we are alive!

Father William

The parish office will be closed on Monday, November 12 due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am

Please join your fellow parishioners to give thanks for God's many blessings bestowed on us. Bring your Thanksgiving bread to be blessed. The collection taken at this Mass is donated to Movement for a Better World.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed - Show God your thankfulness by serving your fellow parishioners in this ministry or another. If you have questions, please call Gene Ensich, 421-0147. Special need for 10:30 Mass.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

As we approach Veterans Day I find it appropriate to reprint a letter that appeared in the Press-Telegram over four years ago.


Patrick Henry did not leave out references to God in his speech.

Patrick Henry - I believe that much of the history of this country has been erased from our culture and many of our textbooks to eliminate any reference to God. Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death." Here's what he actually said:

"An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left to us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over all the destinies of nations. The just battle sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

Revisionists seem to have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's roots - and how closely our founders depended on God. How sad. — L.R. West

Our Prayer: Jesus, in every trial let me come to you with confidence. Make me realize that You are always present and ready to respond to my plea. Amen.

 <p>Our Weekly Offering</p>	<p>Last week: \$17,539 Last year: \$15,361</p>
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The Catholic community is rapidly re-encountering itself as an "immigrant Church," a witness at once to the diversity of people who make up our world and to our unity in one humanity, destined to enjoy the fullness of God's blessing in Jesus Christ.

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

32ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
LIVING ON AS BEAUTIFUL PERSONS



Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - In this passage we find Jesus teaching in the temple. The Sadducees, who believed in the absolute authority of the law, approached Jesus with a question about the law. These Sadducees belonged to a group who did not accept the Jewish tradition that believed in the resurrection of the dead. They objected to those who believed that any afterlife was merely a continuation of earthly life. None of us know exactly what to expect after death, but we do have the promise of eternal life and we believe in the fullness of that life.

Life Focus - * How do you feel about meeting your spouse, mother or father after you all have died? * *Tell of a time you tried to convince a person of something you believed, but he or she did not. Were you successful? Why or Why not?* * Tell of your first experience with death. * *Write down three things that you believe about life after death. What is the strongest feeling you have about these?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Advent Celebration: On **December 2** the children and their families will celebrate Advent with crafts & a prayer service in the hall at **10:30 am**. This is a family participation event - children must be accompanied by a parent.

Middle School: No class on Tuesday, **November 20**.

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. Drop your food in the collection box with your child's help. Next week - Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class!

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. 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*

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.

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.

At this Thanksgiving time, we are thankful for the many blessings God has given our Senior group. Believe it or not, on November 9 our group has started its 10th year. **Nov. 19** - Big Thanksgiving Lunch - cost: \$10 per person. Price includes turkey, dressing, potato, vege, salad, cranberry sauce, roll, butter, beverage and dessert. Lunch is open to everyone. Lunch served 12:00 to 1:00. After lunch - our regular bingo, bridge, poker and all our social games. We will also collect for our annual Christmas party.

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. 19. We need more people for this casino trip, please call.

Dec. 10 - Senior meeting. This year instead of our gift exchange, we are buying gifts for Precious Life - we have a list of gifts that are needed. Gifts are for the mothers and children that are living on the premises. These gifts must be **NEW - not used**. Please do not wrap, we will have gift boxes. They will pick up at our Christmas party Dec. 17. We will be collecting for our Christmas Party lunch: \$10 per person. We have some really great entertainment. I'm sure you will enjoy.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Party - very unusual entertainment.

Jan. 9, 10, 11 - Annual Laughlin Nevada trip. 3 day, 2 night stay at Riverside Hotel, free buffet of vhoice, one free breakfast buffet, room taxes & baggage handling. One bag per person. Also our big party with live music & dancing, champagne buffet dinner and drawings for lots of prizes. Put on by Carl Andreas, our friendly bus driver. This trip fills fast.

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

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

One Day Prayer Pilgrimage opportunity with Fr. Frank Cassidy, assistant director of World Community for Christian Meditation, Nov. 17. The theme of the day is Contemplation and Healing. Travel from St. Joseph's Center in Alhambra to Mt. Carmel by tour bus. To RSVP or for further information please call Anne Letton, 626-795-2680.

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.

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.

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 |
| Chris Shaw | |

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.

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, Barbara & Duane** for the Christmas trees to hang the Christmas Gift envelopes. Our parishioners came through to help us again!

Call for a recap of our meeting on November 7. Call Patty Brio now to help deliver the **food baskets**, 425-5964.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 10 - 18 - return Homeless Kits

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 - pick up your envelopes on trees in the back of church to buy presents for the children of our Gift Basket Families. Wrapped packages must be returned by 12:30 Mass one (only 1) week later on **Dec. 9. By 12:30 pm.**

December 15 - Christmas Basket Delivery day, 8:30 am.

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.

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.

L.B. Project Achieve.... Call us or Tina Gath for details. Can you help us once a month?

St. Joseph School 8th Grade Class will sell poppies and pansies, begonias, baskets and more as a fund raiser for their class on Sunday, November 18 from 7:30 - 1:00 pm. You can pre-order Fall Plants and receive **FREE DELIVERY** (see our insert for full details)! Thank you for your support and for making the world a more beautiful place one flower at a time.

Open House - Don Bosco Technical Institute, Nov. 17, 10 am to 2 pm. Guided campus tours, technology expos, academic information, refreshments and live music. For more information call 626-940-2000.

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, 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

MONDAY, November 12

8:00 AM - † Brigid Devine

TUESDAY, November 13

8:00 AM - † Mrs. Annie McEvelly

WEDNESDAY, November 14

8:00 AM - † Floro Odulio

THURSDAY, November 15

8:00 AM - † Annie Dimaculangan

FRIDAY, November 16

8:00 AM - † John Folley

SATURDAY, November 17

5:00 PM - † Robert Preston

SUNDAY, November 18

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Warren Sinclair

10:30 AM - † Allyne Ripoll Bond

12:30 PM - † June Jaessone

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Life after the Resurrection is centered on God's love. How can I practice living that today?

Child: What one thing can I do this week that will bring a smile to someone's face?

Teen: How are my priorities revealed by how I choose to spend my time? Is there anything I might need to change about this?

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, Odete Salvate, and Joy Mann.

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 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