



From the Pastor's Desk:

Some architecture has a certain "Wow!" factor to it. St. Peter's Basilica, the Empire State Building, the Sydney Opera House, and the Golden Gate Bridge all make an impression on someone when first seen in the light of day. A strip mall, a doctor's office, or a Wal-Mart store simply doesn't have the same impact on us.

People were wowed by the beauty of the Temple in Jesus' time. And we have some very beautiful churches today. But the buildings in which we gather to celebrate the Eucharist are not the essence or foundation of our faith. They are only houses for the real church - the pilgrim people of God who, under the leadership of Christ, are on our way to the eternal kingdom.

While beautiful church buildings may help to focus our prayer, they cannot be the focus of our prayer. Our destination is not the church building, but the kingdom of God, not built by human hands.

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:

We've all received from time to time e-mail that escapes our "delete button." I believe that this one was destined to be a survivor. I took this from St. Cornelius' bulletin of two weeks ago - it was given to me from a friend. It's well worth reading and relates to the first Life Focus question in our Small Faith Community elsewhere in this bulletin.

"Wright is Right!!"

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good" but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium, and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech and expression. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

We'd like to wish each of you and your families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Our Prayer: Oh Lord, give us strength in temptation, endurance in trial & gratitude in prosperity. Help us to long for Your words that give us instruction & courage. Amen.

Rest In Peace
 Died in Christ:
Fred Kravitz
Stephen Crosby

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: How do you hold on to faith and help others to trust when bad things happen?
Child: How can I show others that God loves them?
Teen: What will I do each day this week so that my life will be a reflection of God?

33RD ORDINARY SUNDAY /
THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE EARTH WITH JUSTICE



Our Weekly Offering		Last week: \$9,791 Last year: \$12,668
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We call upon all people of good will, but Catholics especially, to welcome the new-comers in their neighborhoods and schools, in their places of work and worship, with heartfelt hospitality, openness, and eagerness both to help and to learn from our brothers and sisters of whatever religion, ethnicity, or background.

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

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: Session for our **Year 1** candidates is today. 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. Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class! No class next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

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*

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - As we approach the end of the Church year, the liturgy directs our thoughts to the end of time itself. For Jews and Christians this implies victory over all forces of evil, even death itself. A common theme in the writings about this end time is that it will be a time of crisis, a time of decision. Luke's main theme is that it will do no good to try to predict the end time. For followers of Jesus, the important thing is to believe that God will be with them no matter what happens: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Life Focus - * Describe a time when you had to persevere in order to stand up for what you believed to be right. * *With wars, famine, suffering, etc., how do you find God's love and trust in your life?* * Speak of a time in your life when a crisis occurred and you were fearful. How did you get the courage to bounce back? * *Name an experience when you realized God was in control of your life.*



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 started its 10th year.

Nov. 19 - Big Thanksgiving Lunch - cost: \$10 per person. 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 choice, 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.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Nov. 25** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 698-6323.

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 join the **St. Joseph 8th Grade Class** TODAY in our parking lot for our Fall Plant Sale fund raiser after all Masses (and in between times too!). Poppies, pansies, begonias, and more! We have lovely pre-planted color bowls that make fantastic hostess gifts for the holidays, or brighten up your own little corner of paradise at home. See you there!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

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 |
| 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.

Catholic Charities is seeking donations for the Gate-keeper Project. This program enhances the lives of the homebound, low income elderly and is in need of individual serving size applesauce, fruit cups, canned goods, Ensure, Boost, and Glucerna. Please call Roberta Lissow, 591-1351 or email rlissow@ccharities.org.

Wheels of Hope - Do you know someone who has been deprived of their ability to walk due to illness or disease? If so, Wheels of Hope can help your loved ones regain confidence and their independence with a power wheelchair or scooter. For eligibility information, please call 866-631-3022.

Wanted: Our Lady of Refuge School Alumni - OLR School is creating a database of alumni. Did you attend OLR or do you know someone who did? Please help us update our records by contacting the school, 597-0819, or email admin@olrs.org. And save the date for the first annual **OLR Alumni & Friends Dance**.

OLR School will be hosting an Alumni & Friends dance on Saturday, **Feb. 2** - just in time for Mardi Gras! Alumni from the class of '53 to the class of '07 are welcome, so help us find everyone from your class!

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, 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

MONDAY, November 19

8:00 AM - † Harold Mestyaneck, Sr.

TUESDAY, November 20

8:00 AM - † Dale Hulteen

WEDNESDAY, November 21

8:00 AM - † Dale Hulteen

THURSDAY, November 22

9:00 AM - † Bill Condon

FRIDAY, November 23

8:00 AM - † Michael Lowen

SATURDAY, November 24

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, November 25

7:30 AM - † Remiagio Sagles, Sr.

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Mark Koblensky

12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault

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.

Let us give Thanks

A Blessed Thanksgiving Day to our parishioners, their families and friends from the priests and staff of St. Joseph Church.

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, Joy Mann and Abigail Desmond.

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