



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Lent began just ten days ago. We resolved to fast, pray and give alms as a way of strengthening our Christian commitment and uniting with Jesus on his road to Calvary. Many of us have already begun to waver in our resolve.

Lent seems too long and the road too hard. So today's readings are timely.

If ever there was a man with a daunting task ahead of him, it was Abram. Leaving his homeland and the gods of his family was an irrevocable step into a future based on faith in the one, true God. "I will be with you. I will bless you," the Lord promised Abram and still promises us. In the second reading we are reassured again. "You can do this," Paul seems to say. The strength we need comes from God; the plan isn't our own, but is God's design. Today's Gospel provides the greatest reassurance of all. With Peter, James and John we see the transfigured Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. Like Peter, we'd like to stay there gazing, to build tents to contain the vision, especially when God the Father himself tells us to listen to his Son. But when we listen we hear him say, "Rise, and do not be afraid." It is time to move forward on our Lenten journey.

Father William

**Parish Mission** - Our annual parish mission will begin at the Masses this weekend and continue through Wednesday **February 20**. It will be conducted by Fr. Michael Crosby, O.F.M. Capuchin. Fr. Crosby is a noted speaker at the annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. Father has also written several books, among them, The Prayer that Jesus Taught and The Seven Last Words. Sessions will be after the 8 am Mass and at 7:30 pm.

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18.**

**Abstinence in Lent** - all persons 14 and older must abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during Lent.

**Fasting** - on Good Friday for persons 18 - 58. One full meatless meal, two smaller meals to maintain strength.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

I wish to share with you two thoughts that moved and nourished me. Hopefully, they will have some meaning for you during this Lenten season:

1. St. Augustine: "Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial...Christ was tempted by the devil. In Christ you were tempted, for Christ received His flesh from your nature, but by His own power gained salvation for you; He suffered death in your nature, but by His own power gained life for you; He suffered insults in your nature, but by His own power gained glory for you; therefore, He suffered temptation in your nature, but by His own power gained victory for you. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of His victory?...He could have kept the devil from Himself; but if He were not tempted He could not teach you how to triumph over temptation."

2. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: "The devil may try to use hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes, to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you...He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. Jesus loves you tenderly; you are precious to Him. Turn to Jesus with great trust and allow yourself to be loved by Him. The past belongs to His mercy, the future to His providence, and the present to His love."

At the 9 am Mass it was heartwarming to see the Catechumens being encouraged to continue their faith journey to their Confirmation. We are so blessed to have such dedicated catechists led by Peter Baine. His support staff and the sponsors give of themselves and without recompense. Well, maybe their "pay" is out of this world.


**Our Prayer:** Oh Lord, You bring us to share Your concern for the good of all. May we work together to build up the earthly city, with our eyes fixed on the city that lasts forever. Healer of body and soul, cure the sickness of our spirit so that we may grow in holiness through Your constant care. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



*Rest In Peace*

*Died in Christ:*  
**Tony Bernardo**  
**Arthur Sexton**  
**Kenneth Ludwig**



**"The Power to Forgive and Reconcile" - Feb. 24,** Claire Yzaguirre, a Catholic licensed psychologist and marriage and family therapist will be speaking to our Sacrament Preparation parents on the topic of forgiveness and reconciliation. We invite the parish community to also attend this very informative and enlightening presentation. The talk will start at **2:00 pm** in the hall for approximately one hour. Please feel free to join us for this portion of our workshop. Questions? Please call Religious Ed 598-0519.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary:** No class today due to the President's Day Holiday. No class on Sunday, **March 2**, due to the Religious Education Congress.

**Sacrament Program: First Penance Workshop** for our **Second Year** families will take place **February 24** from **2:00 - 4:30 pm** in the hall. This is a required workshop for parents and children from both the school and religious education program. Childcare will be provided for siblings.

**Confirmation:** Next session for our **Year 1** candidates is **February 24**. 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 church with a special speaker until **3:30 pm**.

**Early Childhood:** No class today. Remember to pray for our President to make good decisions for the people of our country and all those around the world.

**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.

**Women's Twilight Retreat** - Sr. Kathleen from St. Cornelius will host a wonderful women's retreat on Thursday, **Feb. 28**, in the large hall at St. Cornelius from **6-9 pm**. There will be "supper, prayer, sharing, fellowship and surprises from God!" An RSVP is required. Please call Sr. Kathleen, **496-3224**, or email at [skrburns11@msn.com](mailto:skrburns11@msn.com). For more info, you may call our Rel. Ed. Office, 598-0519.

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - God calls Abram to leave his own country on the strength of a promise of future greatness. Abram trusts God and goes on trusting through the difficult journeys ahead. In the Gospel Jesus and three of his disciples journey to the top of a mountain, the traditional place where God speaks and shows himself. Jesus again hears his own call, a reminder of who he is and the great trial that lies ahead. Peter, James, and John, the same three disciples who will be with him during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, are blessed with a vision of Jesus as the risen Lord in all his glory. They hear God's voice and clear call: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This vision and call move them down the mountain and toward the promise of glory on the other side of suffering.

**Life Focus** - \* Describe an event in your life when you felt God was calling you to do something. How did you respond? What risks did you face in responding to God's call? How did the risks influence your decision? \* *How have you recognized in your own life God's plan for you?* \* How do you see yourself as a disciple of Jesus? What has it cost you to be a disciple? \* *What risks have you had to take for the sake of the gospel?* \* How have you experienced God's power at work in your life?



**Dues are due! Still only \$5 per year.**

**Feb. 18** - Mini Retreat guest speaker Bishop Sartoris.

**March meetings:** March 3 and 17. Usual fun!!!

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

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Feb. 24** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 698-6323.

**Gambler's Delight** - The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus trip to Pala Resort and Casino, Wednesday, **Feb. 27**. Cost is \$15 per person. Must be 21 years old or older. Date of birth and photo I.D. is required. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

**Religious Education Congress**

Excellent speakers from all over the United States will be featured at this year's Religious Education Congress taking place on **Feb. 29**, and **March 1 & 2**. Topics cover a variety of areas from personal spirituality to parenting, liturgy, and current church issues. Popular speaker, Matthew Kelly, will be featured on both Friday and Saturday. For further information, please contact our religious education office or go online to [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).

**Parish Lenten Calendar**

- Feb. 17 Second Sunday of Lent - Parish Mission at Mass
- Feb. 18 Mini Retreat with Bishop Sartoris 9:30 am - 3 pm  
Parish Mission 7:30 pm
- Feb. 19 Parish Mission 7:30 pm
- Feb. 20 Parish Mission and Penance Service - 7:30 pm
- Feb. 22 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Feb. 24 Third Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 25 Dr. Vicki Dendinger - 7:30 pm in the church
- Feb. 29 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Mar. 2 Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 6 Eucharistic Adoration - 6 pm to 8 pm
- Mar. 7 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Mar. 9 Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 14 **No** Stations of the Cross - First Reconciliation
- Mar. 16 Palm Sunday  
Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross - 11:15 on field
- Mar. 17 Chrism Mass - Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels
- Mar. 20 Holy Thursday - Morning Prayer 8 am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 pm  
Adoration after Mass until 11 pm
- Mar. 21 Good Friday - Morning Prayer 8 am  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 1:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Mar. 22 Holy Saturday - Morning Prayer - 8 am  
Great Vigil and Eucharist of Easter - 8 pm
- Mar. 23 Easter Sunday - regular Sunday Mass schedule

**Lent - Making Our Faith Stronger** - Have you decided what you will be giving up for Lent? Besides sacrificing eating a favorite food or participating in a favorite activity, how about working on increasing your faith & relationship with God? We have several opportunities for spiritual enrichments by attending our Parish Mission, a spiritual evening with Dr. Dendinger, or the Religious Education Congress. Don't have time to attend these events? Come to our parish library and find a book, CD, tape, or video to enrich your spirituality. We have many wonderful items to choose from and you can use them in the comfort of your home. Please feel free to come & browse on Sunday mornings after the 9 am Mass.

**Knights of Columbus Council 3629 Blood Drive Mar. 2** from 8 am to 2 pm in the parish hall. Sign ups after 9 am and 10:30 am Masses on Feb. 17 and 24. For more information, call Pat Murach 596-9835 or to schedule an appointment email [KOFC3629blooddrive@yahoo.com](mailto:KOFC3629blooddrive@yahoo.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. Please call for an appointment:  
**Mar. 13** - St. Gregory the Great, Whittier 941-0115 ex 221  
**Mar. 25** - American Martyrs Manhattan Bch 310-546-4734



**Join us this New Year!**

**Feb 16, 17** - Homeless Kit envelopes on cross. Due to the growing demand of **homeless women**, some envelopes will list items for women.

**Feb 23, 24, Mar. 1, 2** - Return homeless kits to church.

**Mar. 8, 9** - **Feed-A-Baby** - bring non-perishable food like cereal, jars, etc. Paper products also accepted. Volunteers will deliver donations to Catholic Charities for the babies.

Easter is so early this year we are preparing for Easter Gift Basket Delivery - **March 15**. If all drivers arrive by 8:30 am, we could leave at 8:45! Deal or no deal?

We have been told about a woman looking for house cleaning work. She has transportation and is a family member of one of our Gift Basket families. You can call us.

Please keep using the **BLUE** "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes. Your donations are so appreciated, they fund our programs! Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal.

Thank you again for all you do and share with our needy brothers/sisters!! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

**Dr. Vicki Dendinger** will be back on **Feb. 25**. Her topic for this month is **Sacred Encounter: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**.

**ACCW** - The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a District Meeting on **Feb. 28**, at St. Barnabas Parish, 3955 Orange Ave. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes Fr. William Lowe speaking on his journey to the Catholic faith, Mass, luncheon and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$10 pre-paid! Make check payable and mail to: Marlene Groh, 4325 Gaviota Ave., Long Beach 90807 before **Feb. 22** deadline. For info, call Nancy Glenn 997-8827 or Verna Hammer 633-2503. All Catholic women are automatically members of ACCW & invited to attend.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How does knowing Christ transform my life?

**Child:** What does it mean to me to be a holy person?

**Teen:** How can I celebrate the fact that every talent and ability I have is a gift from God?

**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, February 16**  
 5:00 PM - † John Anselmo, Anniversary
- SUNDAY, February 17**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - † Tim O'Donnell  
 10:30 AM - Josefina Freijanes, living  
 12:30 PM - † Jim Aimerito
- MONDAY, February 18**  
 8:00 AM - † Robert Barclay
- TUESDAY, February 19**  
 8:00 AM - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini, living
- WEDNESDAY, February 20**  
 8:00 AM - † Daryl Hemady
- THURSDAY, February 21**  
 8:00 AM - † Socorro Viola
- FRIDAY, February 22**  
 8:00 AM - † Remedios Garcia
- SATURDAY, February 23**  
 5:00 PM - † Frances Aimone
- SUNDAY, February 24**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - Angela Reyes, Thanksgiving  
 10:30 AM - † Basilisa & Leonarda Elussa  
 12:30 PM - † John Megna

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       | 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.



Last week: \$12,914  
 Last year: \$10,972

**SAVE THE DATE! Parish Fair - April 25, 26 & 27**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Margaret DeRuyter, Hugo Jorda, Jim Correira, Sharon Conroy, Cliff Lowen, Joy Mann, Joseph Eno, Sr, Ginny Kennebeck, Osiries Gonzalez, Nancy Vandrosek, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, James Clinton, John Williams, Aurel Demian, James Garcia Mendoza, Daniele Pieters, Dana Moler, John Minter, Josephine Keller, Gayle Buol and David Dressnick.

## 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	
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	msanty@verizon.net	
FAMILY ROUND TABLE	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
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