



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

If a desert town is lucky enough to have a well, as the town of Sychar did, that well is a hub of activity where people can meet, catch up on news and even gossip. Except at noon - no one goes out at noon in the desert. The Samaritan woman who arrived then must have been dismayed to see Jesus at the well. If she came to draw water at noon she did it to avoid the other women, and after we hear her story of five husbands and a live-in lover, we understand why.

What an unlikely evangelist she was! Jesus amazes her by saying he has water that can slake her thirst forever. He tells her he knows all her secrets. But did she run from him or keep her visit a secret? No. She ran to the people she had been avoiding and told them all about Jesus. They came to believe, first, because of her; then, as with all good evangelizers, their faith went beyond her. They came to believe in Jesus because they heard him for themselves. Who first led you to learn about Jesus? Why do you follow him now?

Father William

**Together In Mission**

Our parish goal this year is **\$52,434**. If you have not pledged your contribution, please do so as soon as possible. Complete the pledge card you received by mail (envelopes are also provided in the church and the rectory office), and return it or bring it to church and drop in the collection basket. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**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).



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

We are in the heart of Lenten Season. It's time to rend our hearts and not our garments. It's time to take advantage of the many Lenten experiences. The Seniors had Bishop Sartoris for their annual mini retreat. The good bishop said, "I'm not going to promise any miracles, but I do hope to leave you with some gifts." He tried to get this deacon to have Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings after Mass for those seniors who are not able to get out at night. I need a "show of hands" - call me.

We have the Rosary for World Peace every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at Gabe and Jessie's home, 2604 Vuelta Grande - the door is open. Spend 20 minutes and pray the Rosary for Peace. We also have our Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will be Thursday, March 6, from 6 to 8 pm. Spend time with Jesus, our best friend.

As St. Augustine said, "Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin. Our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. BUT, men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others." How true! That is why we need this "desert experience" to help us reorient ourselves toward that Love that knows no bounds - that Love that seeks charity to all.

**Our Prayer:** Oh Lord, help us this Lenten season to listen more frequently to Your Word that we may celebrate the solemnity of Easter with greater love for Christ, our paschal sacrifice. Enable us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Your Anointed One. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**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 [KOF3629blooddrive@yahoo.com](mailto:KOF3629blooddrive@yahoo.com).

**2008 Catholic Relief Services Collection March 1 & 2**

Please give generously to help improve the lives of those in need in 99 countries worldwide. Extra envelopes are in the pews.

**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.

**"The Power to Forgive and Reconcile"** - Today, 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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary:** 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 **today** from **2:00 pm - 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 **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 church** with a special speaker until **3:30 pm**.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. No class next week: Religious Education Congress. If you have never been to Congress, it's not too late .... give yourself the mini retreat you deserve. Go to [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) for more info.

**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** - Today's Gospel is about the water that gives life, about getting beyond physical thirst to a deeper thirst for trust and love. Jesus draws the Samaritan woman through a solidly physical understanding of thirst and water to an honest look at her life and her need for conversion, and finally a recognition of who he is as the Messiah, the one who will quench all the thirsts of the people. In turn, this woman seeks out the townspeople and invites them to meet Jesus. Conversion is a slow process, but the patient persistence of Jesus will quench our thirst - in spite of ourselves. And it always moves us beyond our own nourishment to an active involvement in the lives others.

**Life Focus** - \* Describe an experience when a barrier in your life was broken down. \* *What have you experienced that was so exciting you had to share it?* \* Who are the individuals or groups in your life from whom you are least likely to hear truth? \* *Relate an experience when you've found freedom through another.* \* Where or to whom do you go to be refreshed? \* *When has another drawn "living water" from you?* \* What are your "thirsts"? \* *What do you learn about the qualities of Jesus in the Gospel? How do you feel about this? Relate the message to your life experience.*



New members are always welcome - Come join us!

Thank you to all who attended Bishop Sartoris' mini retreat. We had 140, many from neighborhood parishes.

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be doing the pictures until after Easter. Bring more in!

**Trips: April 24** Thursday, Carlsbad Flower Fields. Enjoy a wagon ride through 50 acres of colorful ranunculus, all American Rose Test Garden of over 50 varieties of roses, lunch at the Flying Bridge Restaurant with choice of four entrees, includes dessert & beverage. Cost \$64, checks only please, includes bus driver tip. We need 42 people to make this trip. Bus leaves 8 am, return approx 5:30 pm. Sign up at March 3 meeting.

**June 17-20** - One night stay at Four Queens in Las Vegas, stop at Red Rock Resort Casino, two night stay at Casa Blanca Hotel and Casino in Mesquite. Includes an Indoor Cowboy Steak Fry with music and dancing. Stop in St. George, Utah at the Tuacahn Amphitheater where you will enjoy a Dutch Oven dinner of roast beef and chicken, vege, salad, peach cobbler, ice cream, & than enjoy the musical "Les Miserables". Sign up March 3 or 17, Checks only please, cost \$318 per person, \$370 singles, one bag only and one carry on. Bus leaves at 8 am. Olga has flyers, we need 42 people.

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

**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.

**Parish Lenten Calendar**

- 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

**Connelly High School** - Spring Open House, Monday, **March 3**, 7 pm, all girls Catholic college preparatory school, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717 x 34.

**South Coast Interfaith Council** - 55th anniversary celebration, Temple Menorah, Redondo Beach, March 13, 6-9 pm, \$25 includes dinner. RSVP 562-983-1665.

**You Can Help Your Marriage** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on **March 14-16**, call Jan and Pete Lauder, 714-871-5953 or email lauderpj@yahoo.com, or visit the web site at [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org).

**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!**

Oops! We forgot last weekend: the Homeless Kit envelopes on the cross in back of church. We welcome more volunteers!

**Feb 23, 24** - Homeless Kit envelopes on cross

**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:** Where have I found a source of "living water" for my own journey of faith?

**Child:** How does knowing Jesus make me happy?

**Teen:** How do I experience Jesus helping & loving me?

**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 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

**MONDAY, February 25**  
 8:00 AM - Elizabeth Goonan and family, living

**TUESDAY, February 26**  
 8:00 AM - Rosaleen Branigan and family, living

**WEDNESDAY, February 27**  
 8:00 AM - Patrick and Dolores Devine, living

**THURSDAY, February 28**  
 8:00 AM - † Dominic Dang

**FRIDAY, February 29**  
 8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living

**SATURDAY, March 1**  
 5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvate family

**SUNDAY, March 2**  
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 AM - Andrew & Eve Devine & family, living  
 10:30 AM - † Rodolfo Morales  
 12:30 PM - † Sara Moura

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:

<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>Timothy Ring</b>
<b>Hoang-Long Tran</b>	<b>Chris Shaw</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.



Last week: \$9,030  
 Last year: \$11,287

**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, David Dresnick, Lannie Luckum, Bobby Knight and Dorothy Custer.

## 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	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