



From the Pastor's Desk:

Whether you sing the hymn "Amazing Grace" today or not, it will be pretty hard not to have it running through your mind. "I once was lost, but now I'm found; 'twas blind, but now I see."

Both the first reading from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel passage from John, are dramatic stories that crackle with witty dialogue and the comedy of people in authority failing to see the obvious. *No one* thought of young David when the Lord revealed a son of Jesse would be the next king. They didn't even bring him in from the fields when Samuel asked to see all the boys. They were blind to his gifts, failing to see him as God saw him. As for the man born blind in today's Gospel, his story is so full of paradoxes and of people who miss the point that it's hard to believe it isn't actually a parable constructed by Jesus. This blind man had been a parable in his community since his birth. "Who was the sinner, him or his parents?" everyone asked. So Jesus cured his blindness and watched as Pharisees and parents circled around threatening each other. The once-blind man could see everything. It is obvious he was never as blind as the Pharisees still are.

Father William

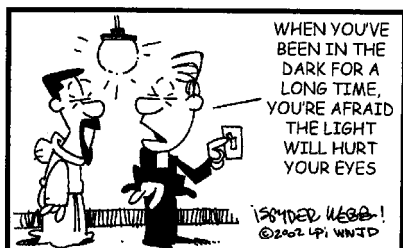
Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Warren Luckham




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.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, March 6, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

"Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Sam 16:7

Questions with difficult, if any, answers: If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here? Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him? If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from? Now that I have your attention: why is it we see increased attendance at weekday Mass during Lent but not after? Could it be that we have a longing for something more fulfilling, maybe time to focus on reconciling ourselves with the Master? Maybe it's time for us to slow down and let God catch up to us? Spend time with the Lord. Part of our St. Joseph Church Mission Statement says, "St. Joseph Parish is a community of believers who uphold the teachings of the Gospel and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, foster the foundation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship sharing of ourselves in service to others." On reflection on this Mission Statement, we need to ask ourselves, "how are we doing?" We are over halfway through Lent. Please pray for the Catechumens as they approach their final weeks of their journey culminating on Easter vigil. Also, pray for our Confirmation candidates as they too complete their formation this spring. Don't forget to include those in deacon formation also, especially those to be ordained June 7.

Our Prayer: Gentle and humble St. Joseph, God chose you to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of our Savior Jesus. You were guided by faith and trust in the Lord and angels. Be with me and protect me wherever I go. Keep my heart open to the needs of others and help me do the will of God in my life. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Council 3629 Blood Drive Mar. 2 from 8 am to 2 pm in the parish hall. Come on over!!!

When the power of love is stronger than the love of power then there will be peace. —Anonymous

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I live in trust that God is leading me to a goodness I cannot see?

Child: What are the things that Jesus wants me to do as a friend?

Teen: Jesus helped a blind man see - and helps each of us see the world differently. How do I see differently because I believe?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: No class today due to the Religious Education Congress. No class Easter Sunday, **March 23**. **Stations of the Cross** will take place on Sunday, **March 16**, at 11:00 am on the field. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be portraying each station. The parish community is invited to attend.

Confirmation: Next session for our **Year 1** candidates is **March 9**. All first year candidates should attend the **12:30 pm Mass** with either a parent or sponsor. The session for candidates only will take place in the hall following Mass.

Year 2 - Rite of Affirmation takes place on Sunday, **March 9**, at the 12:30 pm Mass.

Early Childhood: No class today. St. Joseph Community attends the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim.

Community Helpers Alert! Please bring an item for the **Feed-A-Baby collection** next week. Arrive early and drop it off with your child at the designated collection areas next to church. Also, please donate a box of cereal or other non-perishable item for our **Family Easter Baskets** to be delivered on the 15th by Movement for a Better World. Bring your donation next Sunday and drop in the box behind the hall on your way to 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.

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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The themes of light and seeing come up again and again in today's readings. In the first reading Samuel is reminded to see others through God's eyes: "Not as (a human being) sees does God see, because (a human being) sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." And the whole drama of today's Gospel revolves around those who see and those who fail to see. Sight in this story becomes a symbol of belief. Blindness is about more than just not being able to see with the eyes; it's about the refusal to believe.

Life Focus - * Speak of a time when simple or broken people saw things more clearly than the people who seem to have it all together. * *Relate an experience when your everyday rules and routines have kept you from "seeing" God.* * Name a time when someone helped you change a negative attitude. * *Describe an experience in your life when because of a difficult time your faith was affected (for better or worse).* * Talk about an experience when healing or insight came in an unexpected way. * *Relate an experience when you were blind to God's love.*



New members are always welcome - Come join us!

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, & then 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.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community Baptized Feb. 24:

**Romi Ann Machan
Madeleine Cecille Niz
Ryan Roman VanWyk**

Parish Lenten Calendar

- 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

Lenten Pasta Night - Enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Friday, **March 7**, at 5:30 pm. Kids drinks provided. 50/50 raffle, cake walk and more!! Adults may bring their own beverages. Hosted by the new St. Joseph Cheer Squad. **Please come out and help support our cheerleaders!**



Which Deacon has a birthday tomorrow, 3/3???

We welcome more volunteers.
Mar. 1, 2 & 8, 9 - Return homeless kits to back of 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?

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.

SAVE THE DATE! April 25, 26 and 27

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming.

Loads of fun: rides, games, prizes and lots of food!

JOIN US FOR THE FIESTA

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.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center Saturday, March 15, 6pm appetizers, 6:30 dinner. Celebrate the "wearin' o' the green". For information, call Gerry, 310-377-4867 ext 234. Cost per person: \$25 by March 7, \$30 after.

Sacred Triduum Retreat - Alan Phillip, CP Passionist Missionary, 7 pm Wednesday, March 19 to 10 am Sunday, March 23, centering on the Liturgical Services of these Holy Days.

Private Retreat in Silence Prior to Sacred Triduum

March 17 until 7 pm Wednesday, March 19.

For information and costs, call Gerry, 310-377-4867 ext 234.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You? - Catholic Engaged Encounter needs **married** couples to help prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 22+ years, we need your help. Call Tom & Diane Krause @ 310-316-4857 - we'd love to talk with you - OR - visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org.

Fashion Show - An Afternoon of Fashion on Arbor

Hosted by St. Cyprian School, boutiques will open at 11:30 am, fashion show at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors. For information, please call Laurel Mungo, 425-7341.

Come out for an afternoon of fashion and fun!

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.

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

Share your gifts, live your faith, change the world.

The Lay Mission-Helpers & Mission Doctors Associations are looking for singles/couples/families who have a useful skill or profession and are willing to dedicate 3 years of their lives to the work of the church in the missions overseas. Visit our websites at www.laymissionhelpers.org and www.missiondoctors.org.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, March 3**
 8:00 AM - Peter & Margaret Miles, living
- TUESDAY, March 4**
 8:00 AM - Ann Marie Devine, living
- WEDNESDAY, March 5**
 8:00 AM - † Margaret Devine
- THURSDAY, March 6**
 8:00 AM - † Mel & Mary Jo Deane
- FRIDAY, March 7**
 8:00 AM - † Bernie Hodowski
- SATURDAY, March 8**
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, March 9**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † John Williams
 10:30 AM - † Cyril & Bernadette Bastable
 12:30 PM - † Tomy Tuffy

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.

<p>Our Weekly Offering</p>	Last week: \$12,515 Last year: \$12,143
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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, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dorothy Custer, Del Cid family, and Dick Kocevar.

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	Phil Gray	425-4301
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	Dave Desmond	429-3316
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