



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

We hear two passages from Matthew's Gospel at Mass today, and they stand in stark contrast to each other. We begin with a procession with palms, hearing the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Waving palms of our own, we bring to life the adulation of an admiring crowd shouting "Hosanna."

As if on a roller coaster of emotion, we again take the part of that crowd in Jerusalem as the story of Christ's passion and death is read. Now we must shout, "Crucify him!" We find the fickleness of that crowd to be stunning - how could they change so much in less than a week?

We have to admit such changes in emotion and devotion are very real responses that we ourselves have made to Christ as we meet him in the people around us. We have praised Jesus with great fervor and shown great faith and dedication. We also have contributed to his suffering, have added to his pain. As we watch each step he took to save us, we can see that like the characters in the stories today, we don't deserve what he did for us. We can only stay watching with him in silent awe and gratitude.

Father William



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

There are many things to write about, but I thought that I should stick to the Lenten season. At our Small Faith Community, the song Maryann Bartell selected was "Glory in the Cross" by Dan Schutte. One stanza struck me and I thought maybe it would resonate with you:

*Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ,  
Who surrendered glory and grace  
To become a servant of the great and small  
That all people may know God's face.  
Though His birth was divine, He knelt as a slave  
To wash common dust from our feet.  
Chorus: Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
And the Triumph of God's great love.*

We come to the Passion of our Lord. A writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, J. R. Labbe once wrote: "Nothing much was fair about the trial, even by Roman standards of the day. But then the accused wasn't a Roman. He was from Judea. The police in Jerusalem were already on high alert that week, what with a history of having to quell riots that seems to roil over whenever thousands of worshippers entered the city for Passover. Then 'this' man had to come to town and raise a stink - and in the temple of all places. Imagine, attacking money changers and animal vendors. Caiaphas had the 'rabble-rouser,' the insurrectionist brought before the judges. Witnesses said - gasp - he claimed to be Christ!! That did it. You know the rest of the story - no matter your religious beliefs - there is no denying that the arrest, trial and execution 2000 years ago of that one political insurrectionist changed the course of history. Case closed."

**Our Prayer:** Lord of Justice, enable me to be a just and upright person after the example of St. Joseph. Let me be just toward You, toward myself, and toward all human beings. Pray for our Catechumens & Confirmandi. Amen.

**Confirmation**

Our candidates who have completed their preparation for Confirmation will be confirmed on Sunday, **March 30**, at the **12:30 pm** Mass. Bishop Joseph Sartoris will be the president.

	Last week:	\$12,237
	Last year:	\$12,503

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** As Holy Week begins, we have an opportunity to really reflect on Jesus' life, death and resurrection. How will I enter this experience, and will I be open to ways I might be changed?

**Child:** How can I make sacrifices for the good of others this week?

**Teen:** What could I do to show respect for Jesus this week as the Church remembers his death and resurrection?

PALM SUNDAY



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary:** Stations of the Cross will take place today 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.

**No class on Easter Sunday.** Easter blessings to all.

**Confirmation:** Next session for our Year 1 candidates is April 6. 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.

Confirmation dinner and rehearsal for our Year 2 candidates & sponsors takes place on Wednesday, March 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class and Easter Celebration today. Thank you for bringing your items for Feed-A-Baby Sunday and Family Easter Baskets last week. We are off next week for Easter. Have a blessed and joyous Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

**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.



**New members are always welcome - Come join us!**

**March 17** - Meeting, 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.

**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, and then enjoy the musical "Les Miserables". Sign up March 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.**

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Joseph Eno, Sr.  
Dolores Koblentz  
Sister Mary Faith



**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 info and costs, call Gerry, 310-377-4867 ext 234.

**Parish Lenten Calendar**

- 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

**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. 25** - American Martyrs Manhattan Bch 310-546-4734

**Apr. 9** - St. Lucy Long Beach 424-9051

**Apr. 11** - St. Peter San Pedro 310-831-5360

**Apr. 12** - St. Francis Korean Cntr Torrance 310-324-8159

**Small Faith Community**

**Scripture Focus** - The crowds demand that Jesus "be crucified." In this, they side with the religious leaders. Two of Jesus' chosen disciples also side with values opposed to those Jesus taught and lived. Judas betrays the Lord to the authorities; Peter, who was first among the apostles and first to confess Jesus as the Son of the Living God, now denies that same Jesus out of fear for his own life. Jesus, the obedient Son, deliberately chooses to be faithful to God's values even though it led to his death. He dies, as he lived, carrying out God's will.

**Life Focus** - \* Describe a time in your life when a job, task or money became more important than someone you loved. \* *Speak of a person you know who stood alone to stay true to the values of his or her life. How did it influence you?* \* Relate a time when you or others suffered because of racial discrimination. \* *Name a time in your life when Christ's death and resurrection had a special meaning to you.* \* When have you experienced the joy of the Eucharist at times other than the celebration of the Mass?

**JOIN US FOR THE FIESTA**

**April 25, 26 and 27**

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming.  
Lots of fun rides, games, prizes and tons of food!  
**SAVE THE DATES!!**  
**SEE YOU THERE.**

**The Parish Fair Silent Auction could use your help!**

Do you have an extra pair of Dodger or Angel tickets? Perhaps a timeshare of frequent flyer miles to donate? We're looking for sporting events, vacation travel, restaurants, home services (landscaping, painting, etc.), or any other item that might help us to raise funds for the church and school. **If you are able to help, please call Marianne Schaeffer, 594-8678, or Lisa Papini, 598-9464, by April 1. Thank you!**

**Precious Life Shelter** 15th Annual Affair of the Heart "Caribbean Cruise" Dinner Dance and Silent Auction on **April 12** at the Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach. Tickets: \$60 per person. Questions: please call Precious Life Shelter at 562-431-5025.

**Sarah's Law** will protect minors from abortion and sex abuse. "We hold that both the young woman's welfare and society's common good are best served when family communication is promoted in public policy." — California Catholic Bishops in Support of Proposition 73: Parental Notification Prior to Termination of Minor's Pregnancy  
A minor daughter cannot get a flu shot, be given an aspirin, or go on a school trip without parental notification. But a "boyfriend" or public school employee can take her for an abortion without her parents knowing it. Sarah's Law would require that a parent or adult family member be notified before an abortion is performed on a minor. More than 30 states have similar laws in place resulting in decreased teenage abortions, pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. More info: [www.friendsofsarah.com](http://www.friendsofsarah.com).

**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.



**POPCORN ... POPCORN ... TIME** at the Parish Faire. Call Patty Brio, 425-5964, to reserve your time serving popcorn to your parish family - first come, first serve!!

**Mar. 8 & 9** - Feed-A-Baby collection received 11 thirteen gallon bags of baby food and diapers. Thanks for the supplies and the \$744 cash to buy more! Further, thanks to Early Childhood for all of the accessories: onesies, towels, lotions, pacifiers, etc. for the babies at Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings downtown Long Beach.

**Apr. 16** - Meeting, 7:30 pm in the PAC - all welcome.

**Apr. 25-27** - Meet your friends at the Popcorn Booth.

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 and Jan Minter 430-5839.

**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](http://www.laymissionhelpers.org) and [www.missiondoctors.org](http://www.missiondoctors.org).

**Congratulations** to students from our St. Joseph Elementary School who have excelled at St. John Bosco High School. These young men are academically ranked in the top 25 of their class. Job well done!

**Michael Ohde**  
**Jason Pillon**

**RCIA** - The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults is for unbaptized adults who seek initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. RCIA is also for baptized adults, Catholic or non-Catholic, who seek full initiation into the Catholic Church through Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. For further information, please call Olga or Shane Cuda at 493-0541.

**Healing Hearts** - Separated and Divorced Support Group invites you to join us for Stations of the Cross (guided and outdoor setting) at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, 700 N. Sunnyside Ave., Sierra Madre (meet at the top of the driveway) on Good Friday, **March 21**, 6:30 pm, dinner to follow (approx. 7:45). For information, call Julie, 213-637-7249. Walking shoes are suggested.

**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.

# Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, March 15**  
 5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter
- SUNDAY, March 16**  
 7:30 AM - † John Anselmo  
 9:00 AM - † Socorro Viola  
 10:30 AM - † John DeRuyter  
 12:30 PM - † Thomas Goonan
- MONDAY, March 17**  
 8:00 AM - † Robert Preston
- TUESDAY, March 18**  
 8:00 AM - † Patrick Branigan and family
- WEDNESDAY, March 19**  
 8:00 AM - † Thomas and Margaret Devine
- THURSDAY, March 20 *Holy Thursday***  
 8:00 PM - Intention of Presider
- FRIDAY, March 21 *Good Friday***  
 1:30 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death  
 7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
- SATURDAY, March 22 *Holy Saturday***  
 8:00 PM - Intention of Presider
- SUNDAY, March 23 *Easter Sunday***  
 7:30 AM - Intention of Presider  
 9:00 AM - Intention of Presider  
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault Jr.  
 12:30 PM - Intention of Presider

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     |
| Kenneth Mack McDonald |                |

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.

**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, 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, Dick Kocevar, Ted Campbell, Conrado Uyan, Bob Leddy, Skyler Weinberg, Joanne Wilson, Haydee Koppenheffer, Mark Abeyta, and Jake DeRuyter.

## 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

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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	714-618-1743
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
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