



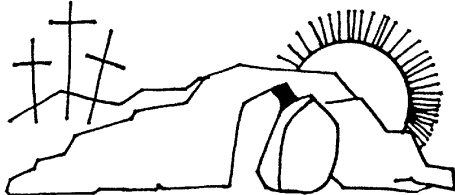
From the Pastor's Desk:

This is the day the Lord has made. This is the day all other Sundays recall. This is the day that sums up our faith. This is the day the Lord rose triumphant from his grave. He wasn't pretending to be dead; he died. He wasn't performing a spectacular trick; he rose from his grave, alive. How can we grasp the magnitude of this miracle?

It is even more amazing that we are actually called to take part in this miracle. We, too, are called to rise to new life. The catechumens among us were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism at the Easter Vigil. They have risen to new life as Christians, have received the Holy Spirit and have eaten Christ's body and blood for the first time. The rest of us have once again died to sin and risen to a new beginning as disciples of the Lord. This is a new day. Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Father William

This is the day to rejoice



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Through Baptism we have new life in Christ. How am I called to live this new life today?

Child: What is one good deed that I can do for someone this week to show that I am a child of the light?

Teen: How can I show this week that I truly believe in the resurrection of Jesus?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

"A mystery believed without the message lived in our hearts makes for an empty celebration."....Fr. William J. Martin

We have the pinnacle, the highest, the most significant moment of our faith: EASTER! The most glorious event; the climax of the Church's liturgical cycle; the foundation of our faith. It is the solemnity of solemnities.

It invites heaven, earth and church to rejoice in this feast when we recall **Christ is Risen!** Christ has conquered death! With full hearts we praise God! The Lamb destroys our sins and has freed us! We are restored to grace. God our Father gave away His only Son for us! How deeply You love us, O God!!

This Holy Night dispels evil, restores innocence, humbles our pride and brings peace.

We light the Easter candle, keep it burning brightly and offer it to God in hope it will mingle with the lights of heaven to meet Christ, the Morning Star whose resurrection forever dispels darkness.

A most Blessed Easter to you all.

Our Prayer: May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know Him in the breaking of bread and follow Him in His risen life. Help us Lord, to thank You for the supreme sacrifice You offered to free us from sin. We ask this in Our Saviors' name. Amen.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - All the Gospels agree that women were the first to come to the tomb. Mary Magdalene is always mentioned among them. The scene symbolizes a new creation brought about by the Resurrection of the Light of the world. The darkness suggests the darkness that covered the abyss before the light first appeared. When Mary Magdalene sees the stone removed from the entrance, she runs to the disciples with the news that "the Lord has been taken from the tomb!" She saw him die a few days ago, and that prevents her from drawing any other conclusion. The two disciples run side by side to the tomb. Peter sees the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus' head, but he doesn't know how to interpret what he sees. The other disciple, the one Jesus loved and the source of this account, is the first to understand the significance of the empty tomb: "The Lord has risen." For John, all those who came to believe would be loved by Jesus and would love in return.

Life Focus - * When has the funeral or wake of a friend or relative had an impact on your life? * *When have you blamed someone and found you had wrongly accused that person? What did you do then?* * When were your first impressions of a person or a situation proved to be wrong? * *Have you seen a sign, a hint of the Resurrection in your life? In your family? Your community? The world?* * *Relate a time when you had a stone (barrier) in your faith life removed.* * *Recount an experience in your life that left you feeling like an "empty tomb," as if the Lord had been taken away from you. How did you try to find the Lord again later?*

EASTER



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: No class today. Easter blessings to all! **Open House** for Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School will be held on Sunday, **April 6** after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Please join us for coffee and donuts, watch our "little ones" sing and view our beautiful displays. Registration information for the Fall will be taken at this time also.

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.

Early Childhood: No class today. We wish you a happy and joyous Easter! Regular class next week.

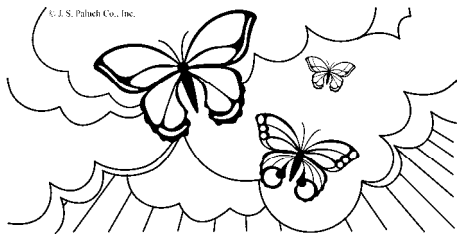
Sunday Nursery: We have caretakers for the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, holidays included!

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.

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.

RCIA - The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** 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.



When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. — *Colossians 3:4*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



New members are always welcome - Come join us!

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.

Beginning Experience - Are you widowed, separated or divorced? There is a special heartache for those who find themselves alone again. Now there is help! Although the program was designed by and for Catholics, it is open to persons of all faiths. Those who come should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair and should be at the point of wanting a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality. Beginning Experience is a weekend away for a lifetime of change, **April 25-27** at the Center for Spiritual Development in Orange.

For information call Dianne Lundquist, 949-551-4504 or diannelundquist@yahoo.com.

Children's Beginning Experience is for children between 8 and 18 who have experienced their parents' separation, divorce or death. This weekend is supervised by adults and presented by a team of children willing to share their own experience to help others. The goal of each weekend is to help sort out and begin working through feelings, while building a stronger sense of self-esteem. For more information about these weekends, please call Ann McCreight, 909-597-5504.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible Camp will be held the week of July 7 through 11 at St. Maria Goretti Parish, 3954 Palo Verde. Our theme this year is "Rainforest Adventure." This program is for children entering grades K - 6 in the Fall. Students in grades 7 & 8 and high school are invited to participate as teen helpers. Registration forms will be available starting in April. For additional information please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519.

**SAVE THE DATES!!
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



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!**



Last week: \$13,171
Last year: \$12,310

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.

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!!

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 and www.missiondoctors.org.

Companion Hospice Care is recruiting volunteers to: become a friend to someone during the last part of their journey, relieve tired caregivers for short periods of time, or help with errands and shopping in your area. Become a member of our team whose goal is to promote quality of life and comfort measures. You will receive 16 hours of orientation and training from our professional team on Saturdays, April 26 - May 17. Call Deanna, 944-2711, today and make a real difference in someone's life!

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

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.



Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, March 24**
 8:00 AM - † John and Frances Lynch
- TUESDAY, March 25**
 8:00 AM - † Marcelino Vu Quoc Huy
- WEDNESDAY, March 26**
 8:00 AM - † Marcelino Vu Quoc Huy
- THURSDAY, March 27**
 8:00 AM - † Dominga Fermin
- FRIDAY, March 28**
 8:00 AM - † Robert L. Simpson
- SATURDAY, March 29**
 5:00 PM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- SUNDAY, March 30**
 7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Joseph T. Lavoie
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault Jr.
 12:30 PM - All Souls

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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	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephparishcommunity.com	
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