



From the Pastor's Desk:

In today's Gospel we read how the apostle Thomas doubted the story the others told him of seeing Jesus alive. Though Jesus seems to chastise Thomas for his doubts, they actually serve to underscore again the magnitude of the miracle of the resurrection. Why would anyone believe such a story without seeing proof with their own eyes? Yet that is what all of us are asked to do. Jesus even praises us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Do we deserve that praise? Is it true that we have believed without seeing the risen Lord for ourselves? How has our faith in Jesus affected us? How has his resurrection made our lives new? Jesus is truly risen from the dead. Do we act like we believe this? Do we live as his disciples?

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:

It was the holiest of weeks! The Chrism Mass was inspiring. You needed to be there to witness the hundreds of priests processing into the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, the choir singing the call of our priests to be servants of all. You could not help seeing the SRO crowd beneath the tapestry of the "communion of saints." Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the washing of the feet of a cross-section of our local community and ministries, the number of people at the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass was gratifying to our Lord, I'm sure. Liturgy of the Hours each of the three mornings was well attended. Then our Easter Vigil: the joy on the faces of the six that received Confirmation and Eucharist made your heart burst with pride and joy. I cannot forget the able Altar Servers: Joe Gibb, Chris Romo and his brother Michael Romo. They were flawless in service!! Thank you. St. Joseph Parish is truly blessed with our choir that works tirelessly under the inspiration and direction of Vivian Doughty. Veronica Campbell and crew, once again, faithful in bringing the Church to blossom. Thank you. There were many behind the scenes that we extend our grateful, heartfelt appreciation to as well.

The Second Sunday of Easter is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday: The Congregation for Divine Worship decreed (May 23, 2000) that "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials humankind will experience in the years to come." Devotion to the Divine Mercy was promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska, canonized April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Our Prayer: God, You prove Your love for us in the life, Death & Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for this, Your greatest gift. We commit ourselves into Your loving care this day. May all we do this day faithfully reflect the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: Are there locked doors in my life? What happens when Jesus enters?
Child: What could I do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?
Teen: When I experience doubts, what helps me strengthen my faith?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps. 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Today's readings center on faith. Acts tells us the early community of believers took the gospel to heart and formed their lives on its message. Peter writes to encourage the newly baptized Christians who faced hostility. And the Gospel tells the story of Thomas. He insists upon physical evidence before he believes. He doubts, but Jesus knows this and speaks to him through his doubts. He recognizes Thomas as one who can believe and he calls him to faith. The gospel writer encourages his audience to believe in Jesus even though they haven't actually seen him.

Life Focus - * When did you believe because of a sign and not by faith? * Name a time when you believed by faith. * Share an experience when you hesitated to admit that you were a Catholic. * Relate a time when you overcame your doubts and became stronger in your relationship with God. * When have you ever felt "sent" by the Lord? * Relate a time when you did something to help strengthen someone's belief.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: 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.

Sacrament Program: Our First Communion Workshop for parents and children will be held on Sunday, **April 13**, at **2:00 pm** in the hall. This workshop is for both religious education & school families preparing for First Eucharist.

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: Regular class today. Open House next week: invite family and friends, bring your cameras and camcorders to see the children sing after Mass in the hall. Remember to wear your t-shirts!

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 on **March 30** in the Parish Center at **10:00 am**. For more information, please call Olga or Shane Cuda at 493-0541.

We are made in God's image and are called to act as God acts - to love! **Natural family planning** will teach you to love as God loves, embracing the beauty of God's design for our bodies. Take a course from the Couple to Couple League to discover the life-giving virtues of natural family planning and its rich marital benefits. With a newly updated method, NFP is safe, healthy and 99% effective. For more information, contact Greg and Beth Gath at 377-5877 or bethandgreg@verizon.net.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Bob Leddy
Lucille Randolph



Petrus Youth Night - April 12, 6-9 pm St. Joseph Campus, Alhambra. Awesome young speakers, Alana Antolak, Fr. Jim Poumade, Fr. Sam Ward, & Fr. Jim Bevacqua witness to the power of God's mercy in Confession! Please call 626-289-0223 for more information.

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.



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!**

St. Joseph High School All Years' Class Reunion
Friday, **April 11, 6 pm**, Sister Ursula Flynn Center. For more information call 925-5073, x125.

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.



Happy Easter to all! The Environment Committee did a BEAUTIFUL job readying the church for Easter. The flowers are beautiful!!!

HELP NEEDED! POPCORN ...

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

Thanks for all of the help with the Easter Basket Delivery. We had a great turnout of drivers & families. Some took two families for delivery; we are welcoming more volunteer driver-families. Call us for Thanksgiving Gift Baskets.

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.

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.

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!

Open House at St. John's Seminary - April 12

You are invited to visit *your* seminary, 5012 Seminary Rd., Camarillo and meet with the men who will be serving our Lord, Jesus Christ as your priests. The seminary will be open from 1-4 pm. RSVP's are suggested but not necessary. For more information, please call 805-389-2037.

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:

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

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

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, March 31
 8:00 AM - Lestra Schoemaker, Happy 100th!

TUESDAY, April 1
 8:00 AM - † Barbara Hilton

WEDNESDAY, April 2
 8:00 AM - Ai-Chau Hoang, living

THURSDAY, April 3
 8:00 AM - Quynh Chau Hoang, living

FRIDAY, April 4
 8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

SATURDAY, April 5
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, April 6
 7:30 AM - † Mr. & Mrs. First Vu Ba Hau
 9:00 AM - † Thomas J. Lavoie
 10:30 AM - † Sergia Velez Loor
 12:30 PM - † Joe Eno

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:

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.

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. — John 20:29b

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, Nancy Vandrosek, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, James Clinton, John Williams, Aurel Demian, James Garcia Mendoza, Daniele Pieters, Josephine Keller, David Dresnick, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dorothy Custer, Dick Kocevar, Ted Campbell, Conrado Uyan, Skyler Weinberg, Joanne Wilson, Haydee Koppenheffer, Jake DeRuyter, and Dave Gould.

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
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	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