



From the Pastor's Desk:

There's something very enjoyable about the little drama described in today's Gospel. Two disciples, walking to a village seven miles from Jerusalem, meet Jesus but don't recognize him. Ironically, they are talking about him and all the things that have happened - his arrest and trial, his death, his now missing body. The events are so vivid to them that they can't believe everyone hasn't heard about them. We might expect that they would recognize that their traveling companion was Jesus when he started interpreting the Scriptures to them. Certainly his teaching set their hearts on fire. Certainly it led them to ask him to stay with them. But it was only in the breaking of bread that their eyes were opened and he was made known to them. It is the same for us. We can learn all about Jesus and study the Scriptures, but he will only really be known to us in the breaking of the bread, in the Eucharist.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

"Did our hearts not burn within us as Jesus talked to us on the road?" This Sunday is the Emmaus Gospel. Jesus begins to make appearances to His disciples. On the road he asks what's been happening. The two explain to Jesus all that happened to Him. They were hoping He would be the one to redeem Israel. Then Jesus says, "How foolish you are. How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke." They urged Him to stay since day was almost over. He stayed and when He took bread, blessed, broke it and gave it to them, it was then that they recognized Him. Later, they recounted how He was made known to them in the **Breaking of the Bread**.

While the Christians were still being persecuted, fearfully and secretly they would meet for a meal and one would take a piece of bread and as he broke it he would say, "I remember." Another one at the meal would do the same. This is the way they would "make present the Lord."

"Do not, then, regard the Eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine; they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as He Himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith." From the Jerusalem Catecheses.

Have you read the insert in the Easter bulletin? There are several suggestions on how to continue celebrating the Easter season. Example: At the holy water font, instead of blessing yourself, bless a member of your family. Another: Bring home some of the holy water from the baptismal font and use it to make the sign of the cross each morning & evening. The holy water is free!! Another: Look at the Easter candle and say a prayer for the newly confirmed in our parish and throughout the world. Another: At dinnertime take bread, break it and say, "I remember."

Our Prayer: O Lord, grant that today we may put aside all friction and jealousy, and show greater concern for the needs of others. Send into our hearts the spirit of the Gospel that we may walk in the way of Your commandments, today and forever. We ask this in Jesus, Your Son's name. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Where in my experience am I most open and most closed to the presence of the risen Christ?

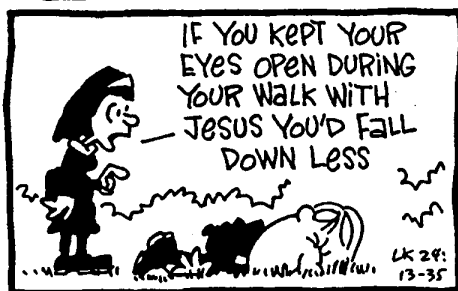
Child: What are my favorite stories about Jesus?

Teen: How is Jesus present to me? In the stranger? In my friends? In my family?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Ps 23; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Today's Gospel teaches that God's Messiah *had to suffer* before entering into the glory of his risen life. The failure to grasp both aspects, suffering and glory, led many to reject Jesus. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus represent those whose hopes were dashed. If they had understood all the prophecies, not merely those promising a glorious Messiah, they would have realized that Jesus' sufferings were necessary to God's plan. The disciples invite their companion to have supper with them, and in the breaking of the bread, a familiar gesture of Jesus, they finally recognize their Lord. He will likewise be present to future generations in broken bread. Because there is no need to see him physically, "he vanished from their sight."

Life Focus - * When have your eyes been opened so that you recognized the Lord walking with you? * *Relate a time when you had to suffer before you experienced the presence of the Lord.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: Open House for Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School will be held **today** 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 **today**. 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: Religious Education Open House today after class! Please join us after Mass in the hall for children singing and a display of all of our classes' work and activities for the year. Thank you to our teachers and aides for all your hard work! Please register your incoming 3, 4 or 5 year old for Sunday School year 2008-2009 today. Consider joining our program as a teacher, too!

Sunday Nursery: The nursery will be closed at 10:30 am Mass every other Sunday starting the last weekend of April. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Shannon, 430-6840.

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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 8. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

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:
Benjamin Avera

**Corazon**

We are opening up the Corazon trip to Mexico on April 26 to our parish community. If you would like to join us on this very worthwhile trip to build a house in Mexico, please call Marianna Wescott at 598-0519.



New members are always welcome - Come join us!
April 7 & 21 - Regular Meetings!

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.

Married Couples Retreat

Sacred Heart Retreat House offers us an opportunity for spiritual enrichment: A weekend retreat for married couples, **May 23-25**. Here is your opportunity for private time for prayer and reflection and Spiritual Direction. Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP will be the retreat master. Call Tina Gath or Deacon Don for more information, 598-5202.

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**.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday, March 30:

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| Matthew Alvarez | Madison Beall |
| Anthony Bergeron | Andrew Blay |
| Nicole Byers | Patrick Canziani |
| Nicholas Cervola | Nadia Chavez |
| Katie Ciesielski | Troy Cisneros |
| Megan Connolly | Jeffrey Curran |
| Kellie Decolibus | Erica Derrico |
| Emily Dillon | Evan Ellis |
| Ryan Entis | Victor Espinosa III |
| Kelsey Ford | Courtney Fosnaugh |
| Allison Gallagher | Kaila Garza |
| Thomas Gianessi | Melissa Gilliam |
| Adam Gjersvold | Andrew Godsil |
| Ben Gordon | Candace Groff |
| John Grossi | Ashley Hansen |
| Kirstin Hatwan | Kaitlin Hellmann |
| Alex Hoyer | Andrew Lamb |
| Benjamin Landis | Alia Lau |
| Kaleigh Laurino | Shane Laurino |
| Bianca Lavelle | Cory Leckie |
| Jonathan Lonner | Amber Grace Lopez |
| Jake MacRae | Philip Maechling |
| Sean Martinez | Conner McCombs |
| Megan McDonnell | Ashley Meckelborg |
| Angela Mongelluzzo | Catherine Morrison |
| Kevin Nelson | Patrick Noble |
| Jessica Ohde | Jason Pillon |
| Andrew Popkin | Kyle Ritter |
| Jeremy Roberts | Madeleine Roide |
| Alexandria San Jose | Cody Sargeant |
| Rachel Semonsen | Belen Shinozawa |
| Christopher Skovgard | Paul Slater |
| Amy Smith | Hillary Stabelfeldt |
| Taylor Steinhorst | Danny Szabatura |
| Joshua Toyofuku | Chase Warner |
| Michael Welly | Jamie Williams |
| Megan Zembal | Carlos Zepeda |



We need signups for Friday at the Faire. **HELP NEEDED! POPCORN ...POPCORN...POPCORN...TIME at the Parish Faire. Call Patty Brio, 425-5964, to reserve your booth 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 are welcoming more volunteer driver-families for Thanksgiving Gift Baskets.

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

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

We are looking for your comments: call 430-5839 or email: pakengr@verizon.net.

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 in LB!! John and Jan Minter 430-5839.

Lost and Found

We have many lost and found items at the rectory - designer sunglasses, umbrellas, a diamond ring, a St. Joseph Weekday Missal, gloves, sweaters, reading glasses, watches, keys, prescription glasses. If you are missing anything, please stop by the rectory or give a call and claim your items. All that's left will be donated to charity.

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!

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

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

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, 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

MONDAY, April 7

8:00 AM - † Patrick MacIntyre

TUESDAY, April 8

8:00 AM - † Fr. Lawrence Signey

WEDNESDAY, April 9

8:00 AM - † Joe Eno

THURSDAY, April 10

8:00 AM - William Van, living

FRIDAY, April 11

8:00 AM - Thien Van, living

SATURDAY, April 12

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, April 13

7:30 AM - † Joe Eno

9:00 AM - † Antoinette Lavoie

10:30 AM - † Joe Eno

12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

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.

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming.
April 25, 26 and 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, 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, Dave Gould, Maria Luisa Garcia, and Rosanna Antore.

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	
	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