



From the Pastor's Desk:

Place today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles next to the Gospel reading from John and you will see the parallels. Jesus is speaking in metaphors and Peter is speaking about direct action, and they both have the same message: Salvation comes only through baptism in Jesus Christ. Jesus describes himself as both the shepherd who calls and leads and cares for his sheep, and as the gate through which the sheep enter to be saved. Three weeks ago, at the Easter Vigil, thousands of people all over the world were baptized, confirmed and called to the table of the Lord. Thousands more renewed the promises they had made at their own baptisms. These weren't events for that single day. Perhaps the excitement has waned and the newness worn off, but the church proclaims the message as urgently as she did before Easter. We are saved by baptism in Christ Jesus.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

This is Vocation Sunday as well as Good Shepherd Sunday. Last Tuesday evening was very special. Madeline Majick, Tina and I spent the evening with the Carmelite nuns at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Alhambra. Most nourishing (besides the great dinner) was the fact that the good nuns pray special prayers for priestly vocations. Some dedicate the first decade of the rosary for priests. Other sisters take names from their mailing rosters, still others cut out pictures and/or names of priests from dioceses' rosters and pray specifically for them.

Bishop Thomas Daily of the Brooklyn Diocese some years back on celebrating 50 years of ordination said, "The greatest satisfaction I've known as a priest is acting in the person of Jesus Christ, especially preaching the Word. Then there is the sacrifice of the Mass. You take the bread and say in the person of Jesus Christ, 'This is My Body' and know in faith that the substance of bread, even though it looks the same, is NOT bread. It's the Body of Christ Jesus! And the cup of wine, the same thing. A priest is the only one who can do that. It makes everything worthwhile." How blessed we are to have two priests here at St. Joseph's.

We must pray for our priests who are undergoing much scrutiny and bad press, and this press most likely creates a great deal of pain on their part.

Prayer for Vocations by Cardinal Roger Mahony: Good and gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all peoples. We pray You to grant us more priests, deacons and religious to build up Your Church here within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Inspire out young men and women by the example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church. Amen.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - The image of God as Israel's shepherd was used over and over again in the Hebrew Scriptures. Jesus in John's Gospel uses this image when he describes himself as the Good Shepherd. When sheep were away from the sheepfold, they spent the night within a walled enclosure. The shepherd would lie down in the opening, thus becoming a gate to the enclosure. Moreover, sheep respond only to the voice of their own shepherd. Jesus explains more fully: He is the gate; he alone is the means of access to God. He is the good shepherd who calls followers to himself and leads them to God. He brings his flock not only security but life to the full, even now, in the life of the eternal God.

Life Focus - * When did you give guidance to someone that would lead them to follow the way of Christ? * *What are your qualities, strengths and weaknesses that help you or others to follow the Good Shepherd?* * In what ways have you responded to God's call during this last week (or month)? * *Relate an experience when you heard God's call and followed that call.* * Share your experience of God protecting you from false people. How did you hear the Master's voice?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for me to recognize the voice of God in my own life?

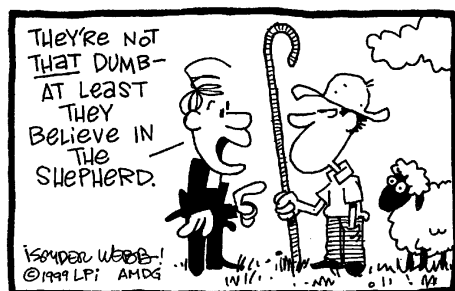
Child: Who are the ones who take care of me and help me grow?

Teen: How is Christ an example for me when dealing with others. Especially with ones with whom I hold a grudge or dislike me?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: The fair is quickly approaching. Please sign up for helping with our **Sweet Tooth Booth**. There are many other areas that can use help also. Please call Shannon Carpenter, **430-6840**, for further information. Classes will be **in session** for Elementary on the Sunday of the fair weekend, **April 27**.

Sacrament Program: Our First Communion Workshop for parents and children will be held today 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 20**. 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. Remember to sign up for your shift at the Fair. Last class next week. Wear your t-shirts, invite family & friends, and bring your cameras/camcorders to see the children sing after Mass in the hall and for the program certificate presentation. Sign up for next year if you haven't already registered.

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.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who received the sacrament of Chrismation at the Easter vigil.

Melinda Rawson	Mary Ann Engel
Christopher Putney	Kim Lovold
Craig Lovold	Clark Hill

Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity

"My flesh will dwell in Hope." (Acts 2:26)

Sunday, **April 27** is our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Since 1951, this special fund helps those in crisis situations from Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults and families. You are their hope! Your gift provides one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, or transportation, or medical, housing or funeral expenses. Envelopes are in the packet you received in the mail and also are provided in the pews.

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 21 - Next Meeting!

Trips: April 24 Carlsbad Flower Field trip is full - we are taking stand-bys, call Olga 596-6981. Bus leaves promptly at 8 am, please bring water, thanks.

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 have only about 20 people, need 22, open to all, bring your friend so we can fill this great trip.

Fair April 25-27 - Seniors have a booth, please sign up. Call Betty 596-8287. Please support our school and parish. We have a great game called Plunket - Lots of fun.

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**.

Parish Fair - April 25, 26 & 27

Tex-Mex Tri-Tip Dinner! Friday, April 25, the 6th grade class is hosting the always popular annual tri-tip dinner from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance by April 23.

Sponsorship Opportunities! Be part of our parish heritage by sponsoring a booth as an individual, family, social group or business.

Volunteers Needed! Can you spare a couple of hours any day of the fair? If so, WE NEED YOU. There are many positions available: from welcoming parishioners and guests to flipping hamburgers and selling sodas. Please call Michelle Padilla, 421-7475.

Pre-Sale Tickets! Being sold after all Masses and outside the school. Script tickets are for food/beverage and games. Each ticket has a value of \$1.00. Presale price is 10 for \$9.00. Ride tickets are 25 for \$10.00 (40 cents each). At the fair they will be \$1.00 each.

Entertainment!

The Big Box of Men, Friday, April 25, 7 - 10 pm.

5150's Band, Saturday, April 26, 7 - 10 pm.

Lip Sync Contest & Steve McNeil's Band Sunday 2 pm -?

Camp Mariastella, a residential camp for girls in Wrightwood, in the San Gabriel Mountains, is accepting applications for campers, girls ages 7-15, who would love to have a really great week at Summer Camp. Also recruiting young women, at least 17, to work as summer camp counselors. Looking for nurses too who would like to volunteer for one week. Please call for more information, 818-285-1555 or campmariastella@aol.com.

A Family Retreat: C.S. Lewis - July 25-27, St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey in Valyermo. Includes Bible study for families, hearing the stories of C.S. Lewis, face painting, prayer, and other activities. Some activities will be for the whole family together, others will be for specific age groups. Children should be at least 5 years old, teen program as well. Singles, those without children, and grandparents welcome! For more information, please call Victoria Dendinger, 949-219-1408.

Sisters of Notre Dame annual fundraiser Sunday May 4, 11 am to 3 pm at Notre Dame Center, 1776 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks. Proceeds support their work with people who are poor or disenfranchised. The event features all-you-can-eat buffet, gift center including unique crafts, and sweet shoppe with homemade baked goods. Reservations: \$25 before April 30, \$35 afterwards. Contact Carmela Anne Burke, 805-917-3714 for details.

Lost and Found

We have many lost and found items at the rectory - designer sunglasses, umbrellas, diamond rings, gloves, reading glasses, watches, keys - house and car, prescription glasses, jackets, hats, toys, shirts. 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.



We need signups for Friday, Saturday and Sunday 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!

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.

Food Basket Delivery - 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.

Pathways Volunteer Hospice presents volunteer training on Mondays, April 21 through May 10, 6:45-8:30 pm, 3300 South St., Long Beach. Pathways has Care Giver, Bereavement, and Hospice programs. To sign up or for more information, please contact Donna at 531-3031.

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!

Healing Mass Tuesday, **April 15**, 7 pm, St. Cyprian Church, 4714 Clark Ave., Long Beach, 496-1024.

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 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

MONDAY, April 14

8:00 AM - † Joe Eno

TUESDAY, April 15

8:00 AM - † Alberto Garcia

WEDNESDAY, April 16

8:00 AM - † Marian Mendoza

THURSDAY, April 17

8:00 AM - † Chris Ramstead

FRIDAY, April 18

8:00 AM - Rosanna Autore, living

SATURDAY, April 19

5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, April 20

7:30 AM - † Joe Eno

9:00 AM - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

10:30 AM - † Dolores Koblentz

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:

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| Vincent Vezzetti | Amy Mann |
| Glen Warren | Nick Compton |
| Joseph Comfort | Irene Avila |
| 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 do not remove flowers from the church.

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, David 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
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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