



### From the Pastor's Desk:

Jesus asks a poignant question in today's Gospel: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?" We know we could each substitute our own names for Philip's and hear Jesus saying this to us!

We can all identify with both Philip and Thomas today, for they are both befuddled by what Jesus has said to them. Their questions are poignant, too: "Where are you going? Show us what you mean." You'll notice that Jesus doesn't answer his disciples' questions very clearly or offer point-by-point explanations. This passage begins with his statement, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." Right after this, both Thomas and Philip ask troubled questions. Jesus replies with the same admonition he started with: "Have faith. Believe in me." Our troubled questions arise the same way as the questions in this passage. We think we need more information, a better map for the journey, a better definition of God. Jesus answers simply: "Believe in me."

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

**Adult:** What is the way of life that Jesus calls me to follow?

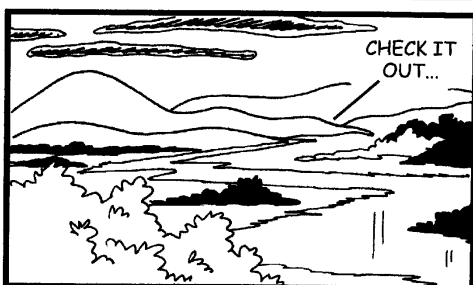
**Child:** What are some ways that I can imitate Jesus when I am on the playground or on a sports team?

**Teen:** Am I worried or afraid of something? How can Jesus help me?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

There's a story of a young man who literally was converted by the **Emmaus** story. He had been raised without any faith. But, he hung around a parish teen ministry group because of his friends who were involved. There were trips and movies, but at the beginning of each gathering everyone got into a circle and there was a Scripture reading and some prayers. Though he was not of any religious upbringing he was respectful but never joined in. One evening, the **Emmaus** Gospel was read and suddenly, the young man believed. When asked what struck him about the Gospel he said: "Well, I saw it and I knew it was true. Jesus was sitting there with them and He broke the bread and they knew Him, and He disappeared." Now this is the best part of his story: "He disappeared - **into the bread!** I can't explain it, but I knew it was true."

*"When you are at Mass, be there as if you were on Calvary. For it is the same sacrifice and the same Jesus Christ who is doing for you what He did on the cross for all human beings."* — St. John Baptist de la Salle

When we look at the Mass - it can't happen without a priest who acts in the person of Jesus. That is why we need to fervently pray for Vocations - once again I ask that you pray for vocations. And I ask that you mark your calendar for May 1 for **Eucharistic Adoration** when we will be praying for God's blessings on our priests and to beg Him for more priests and religious.

**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 our young men and women by the example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church. Amen.

*Time is precious, but truth is more precious than time.*

— Benjamin Disraeli

### Small Faith Community

**Scripture Focus** - Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' long speech at the Last Supper. When he announces his departure, the disciples are understandably sad, but he consoles them with warm words of hope: Through his death they will go to the Father. The central verse of this Gospel, when Jesus identifies himself as "the way, the truth, and the life," reveals Jesus not only as the "way" to the Father, but as the revelation of the Father. In his *humanity*, he reveals what God is like. Jesus' kindness, his compassion, his concern for the poor, his forgiveness of sinners help us to know the Father.

**Life Focus** - \* Tell when you did something for others because they valued and trusted you. \* *Describe when you had to trust without knowing what would happen.* \* Tell of an experience that showed a wavering of faith on your part. \* *Describe a personal experience when you wanted someone to show you the way.* \* Where is home for you? \* *Where do you feel like a stranger? Why?*

**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**.

**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:** Last class today! Parish Fair next week. Don't forget to work your shift at the fair! We've truly enjoyed having your children in our program and look forward to next year. Thank you to our teachers, aides, families and students for participating with us. Sunday School fills very quickly - please register for next year's classes NOW! Ques? Call Shannon at 430-6840.

**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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

David Gould

**Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity***"My flesh will dwell in Hope."* (Acts 2:26)

Next Sunday is the parish yearly appeal for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Through the generosity of the annual collection and of private donors, this special fund financially supported parishes with \$388,486 providing help in time of crisis in some of the following areas: Approximately \$355K in rent, food and transportation, especially for those who lost their jobs this year. Over \$15K in keeping the lights and heat on for families, paying medical bills and tuition for children. Over \$20K assisting in funeral costs and other unmet emergency needs.

**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**.



**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.**

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **April 27** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 506-9449.

**Environment Group** - If you would be interested in helping with the church environment, preparing the church for holidays and the different liturgical seasons, we could use your help! Please call the rectory, 594-4657.

**First Communion Weekend**

Our parish children who have completed two years of preparation will be receiving Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of May 3 and 4 at the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses.

**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.

**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.

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**5 More Days Until....  
The Parish Fair - April 25, 26 & 27**

**Game, Ride and Food Tickets!**

Do you have enough?

Buy them now while you can still save \$\$!

**Tex-Mex Tri-Tip Dinner!**

Tickets will **not** be sold at the door.

Last day to purchase tickets is April 25.

Get all your tickets today after all Masses.

**Silent Auction!**

Many great items, come and bid on the one(s) you want.

**Opportunity Drawing Tickets**

Have you turned yours in yet? Chance to win BIG \$ !

**Volunteers**

We still need you. Please call Michelle Padilla, 421-7475.

**We will see you at the FIESTA!**



Counting down....to the faire: We need signups for Friday....and 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!**

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

**June 7-8 - Diaper-A-Baby Weekend for Catholic Charities**

**Food Basket Delivery - We are looking for your comments: call 430-5839 or email: [pakengr@verizon.net](mailto: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.

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

The following dates are for the **May fingerprinting schedule** in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for appointment:

**May 16 - St. Hillary, Pico Rivera 942-7300**

**May 17 - St. Peter Chanel, Hawaiian Gardens 924-7591**

**Pathways Volunteer Hospice** presents volunteer training on Mondays, **April 21 - 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!

**Taize Prayer** - Would you like to have some time for quiet, reflective prayer in an atmosphere of peace and calm? Please come join us for Taize Prayer at St. Cornelius Church on Thursday, **April 24**, from 7-8 pm. For more information please contact Sr. Kathleen, 496-3224.

**St. Cyprian's invites you to visit their Gift Shop.** Many beautiful gifts of faith, both traditional and contemporary, are included in the inventory and a nice selection of First Communion gifts. The shop is next to the Parish Center, Clark and Arbor Road. Open 8-12 every Sunday.

**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](mailto: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.

**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 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

**MONDAY, April 21**

8:00 AM - † Tom Steiner, CHP

**TUESDAY, April 22**

8:00 AM - Conchita Cua, living

**WEDNESDAY, April 23**

8:00 AM - Bao-Chau Hoang, living

**THURSDAY, April 24**

8:00 AM - Jennifer Van, living

**FRIDAY, April 25**

8:00 AM - † Soledad Yang

**SATURDAY, April 26**

5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati family

**SUNDAY, April 27**

7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Katharine M. Lavoie

10:30 AM - † Dolores Koblentz

12:30 PM - † Robert Barclay

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
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.

**Lost and Found** - Last call for items at the rectory. If you are missing anything, please stop by or give a call, 594-4657. All that's left will be donated to charity soon.

**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, Maria Luisa Garcia, Rosanna Antore, Don Miller and Tracey Rossello.

**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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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