



From the Pastor's Desk:

Last Sunday Jesus reassured us that all we need is faith in him. As all of us who live the Christian life know, faith in Christ leads to a whole new way of being. Faith in Christ first of all leads to love for him. Love for Christ, he assures us today, must lead to life in him, and life in Christ is a moral life, a life obedient to his commandments. If we love him we will do more than speak of that love. We will keep his commandments. This is the measure that will be used to show that we believe in Christ and love him. This is how we follow him. Keep his commandments. They are not mere laws, rules to be memorized, commands to stifle us or trip us up. The commandments are a Way of Life, a gift that gives us true freedom.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Important meeting on Thursday evening, **May 1**, at 7:30pm in the Father Walter Martin Hall. Sr. Karen will be our featured speaker. Wine, cheese and crackers will be served. Please make every effort to attend.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20; or Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58 (for St. Joseph the Worker)
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 1, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

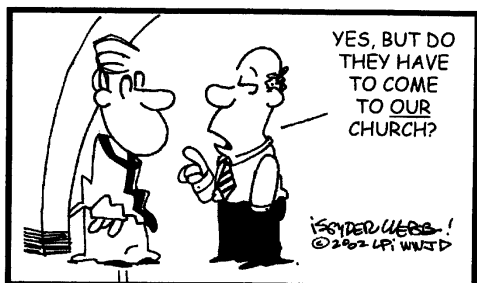
Detective Sherlock Holmes awoke and shook his companion Dr. Watson saying, "Watson, look at the sky and tell me what you see." "I see millions of brilliant stars," he answered. "And what does that tell you?" "Astronomically, it tells me that there are countless galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically speaking, Saturn is in Leo. Theologically, I see that God is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. And you, Mr. Holmes?" Holmes paused, "What I see, Dr. Watson, is that someone has stolen our tent!"

What's your point, Deacon? Well, sometimes the obvious is right in front of us and we fail to see it. For example: we have EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION this coming Thursday evening and we try to place our petitions and ask forgiveness, and plead for the welfare of others, yet we don't stop to just "let Jesus in." We want to storm Him with all sorts of things and won't let Him get a word in edgewise. It's time to sit and listen.

However, there will be a short time to pray for **vocations**. There is a movement afoot by the Archdiocese to promote vocations to the religious life and sacred priesthood. (See Tidings article of 4/18.) I quote, "Almost all the men who are in our seminary are there because at some point in their lives a person said to them 'you'd make a good priest'." A further note of promise is: there's a 30% increase in first stages of formation in the U.S. in 2007; 53% of those are under the age of 30!! Your prayers are working and we must not relent in our prayers.

Hope to see you this Thursday sometime between 6 pm and 8 pm. God bless and keep you.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - In today's Gospel Jesus assures his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will be not only "with" them, but "within" them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God! For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

Life Focus - * Describe a time when you felt left out, orphaned or abandoned. * *Relate an example in which an act of loving service brought about healing, excitement or rejoicing.* * Describe a situation in which you knew that God was present. * *What signs helped you to recognize God's presence?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: No class **May 4** for First Communion and **May 11** for Mother's Day. Last class will take place on Sunday, **May 18**. We will celebrate with our annual May Crowning and Ice Cream Social.

RCIA for Children: First Communion for our RCIA children will take place on **May 18**, at the **9:00 am** Mass.

Early Childhood: Our regular year runs September - April. Sign up NOW for the 2008-2009 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon at 430-6840 for more information.

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:

Rose Burton



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**.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what ways am I most aware of God's presence in my life? How open am I to that presence?

Child: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Teen: When I am feeling alone, do I remember that God is with me and that I can talk to him in my heart?

Annual Women's Retreat Cruise - The Oosterdam leaves Seattle on July 26 and returns Aug. 2 after cruising through the Hubbard Glacier Bay passage. Visit www.daughtersofgod.net or www.christiancruises.net for more information.



New members are always welcome - Come join us!

First, I'm sure the fair was a great success. Thanks to all our wonderful Seniors. I am really being an optimist because I am writing this on Tuesday before the fair!

May 5: Regular meeting and fun stuff. Collecting money for catered lunch on May 19.

May 19: Special after Mother's Day lunch, cost \$10. We are trying a new caterer from our parish; we will serve lunch at noon and then we have all our regular games. Collecting money on May 5.

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.

June meetings: June 2 and 16.

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.

Together in Mission

Parish Goal:	\$52,434.60
Amount Pledged:	\$57,477.01
Amount Paid:	\$38,056.00

Please be sure to pay your pledge so we can make our goal. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

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.



LAST CHANCE

The Parish Fair is ending today!

Please come check it out after Mass.

We'll be open Sunday from 10 am - 6 pm!

There won't be another chance in 2008!

St. Anthony High School is hosting one last Open House for Fall 2008 registration on Sunday, **May 4**, from 1-4 pm. Come visit Long Beach's only Catholic high school, 600 Olive Ave, 435-4496, and see what this 87 year tradition has to offer. Registrations are still being accepted. www.longbeachsaints.org

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.

K-8 Boys' Summer Program at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's Military Academy, located at 215 N. Harbor Blvd. in Anaheim, is hosting its annual summer program for boys from June 29 to July 25. Remedial and enrichment classes in the mornings with fun, games, and field trips in the afternoons and evenings. Come before it fills up! Both boarding and day students available. Please call at 714-772-1363.

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.

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



Don't be shy. You can still volunteer at the faire: **HELP NEEDED! POP-CORN BOOTH...** Call John (cell 704-2346) or visit the booth ... **serv-ing popcorn to your parish family.**

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

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

July - Wrap up meeting with board, date to be announced.

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.

ACCW Southeastern District will have its district meeting on Thursday, **May 22** at St. Bernard Parish, 9647 E Beach St., Bellflower. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes Rev. Jesse Galez speaking on Our Lady, Mass, luncheon and ends at 1:30 pm. Charge is \$10 pre-paid. Make check payable to St. Bernards and mail to Donna Santos, 10349 Faywood St., Bellflower, 90706 before May 17 deadline. For info call Donna 866-3581 or Ruby 866-8580.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Italy and France Sept. 1-16 with Fr. Adam Gonzales, OCD. For itinerary and info contact Louisa & Jack Day, email: pil2008@yahoo.com, 323-722-9339, www.syversentouring.com/carmel.

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 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

MONDAY, April 28

8:00 AM - † Art Sexton

TUESDAY, April 29

8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living

WEDNESDAY, April 30

8:00 AM - Mary Vu, living

THURSDAY, May 1

8:00 AM - † Patrick & Rosaleen Branigan

FRIDAY, May 2

8:00 AM - † Joe Eno

SATURDAY, May 3

5:00 PM - † Celeste Condon

SUNDAY, May 4

7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Paul Bozzo

10:30 AM - † Robert Barclay

12:30 PM - Thanksgiving for Munda & Abaloyan families

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.

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, Tracey Rossello and Kristen Tuason.

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