



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today the Church sings, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All the stories of the Vigil and of Pentecost Day tell us that the Lord has *already* done that. The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and they lost their fear and found their voices. End of story, right?

Wrong. This is the beginning of the story, and we're in the middle of it now. So we can celebrate that the Spirit has already come, but just as sincerely we can beg the Spirit to come *now*, to renew the face of the earth today. The earth and all its inhabitants need renewal again and again. As the disciples did then, we need must do now: lose our fear and find our voices. Only in this way will the Spirit be able to renew us and our world.

Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests

Next weekend all parishioners will be asked to give generously to support this fund which provides for 149 retired priests. Over the next ten years, the number of priests who will reach retirement age will be 358. All have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. Please review the insert in today's bulletin and prayerfully determine the amount that you will give next week. Thank you to those who continue to give so generously.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-19; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Pentecost, the 50th day, concludes the season of Easter. It's the birthday of our Church and Mother's Day. In the first reading, the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11, God confused the languages. Then at Pentecost each person from various regions spoke their language but everyone present understood. Today Jesus speaks of love for one another and through the Holy Spirit guides us on our journey. As one quote says, "we are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience." Anon. The question is not whether we pray to the Holy Spirit but do we pray enough to the Holy Spirit - what are the "gifts" of the Holy Spirit?

Thank you to all 35 who attended Eucharist Adoration, it was an overwhelming turn out!

My wish and prayer for mothers-to-be and all mothers: Heavenly Father, when You created mothers, You put Your heart in their hearts. You gave them the gift of Your amazing love, to carry out the most important vocation on this earth - Motherhood. We entrust all mothers to You. Help them to be always serene, strong and joyful in spirit. Let their example of faith and love shine forth. Grant that their families may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Give all our families the gifts of faith, hope, and love and joy in Your service. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Memorial Day Mass Monday, May 26, 10 am at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave. Presider: Bishop Alex Salazar. All are welcome!

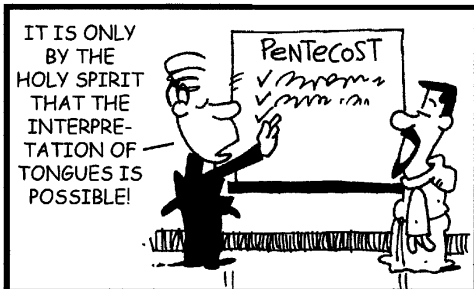
Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Elizabeth Brown
Scott Frank



PENTECOST



Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Our readings today give us two accounts of the Pentecost event. In Luke's account "a driving wind" is heard. In John's, the Lord "breathes" upon his disciples. The apostles, even though they have been gathered together in the upper room out of fear, are now given the power of the Holy Spirit, the life-giving heart of the Church. They are also to do what Jesus did: forgive sins, heal divisions, bring about reconciliation and joy to all. All Christians are commissioned and given power to carry on this mission.

Life Focus - * Describe how some person has inspired courage in you. * *What gifts of the Spirit can you identify in yourself that could help transform your world?* * Which gifts of the Spirit can you identify in our community? * How are we developing together with other laypersons a mission of liberation in our everyday life? * *Relate a time when you wanted to (or did) shut yourself off from life around you. Who brought you out again?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: No class today 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.

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 are available in the religious education office, rectory office or school office. For additional information please call our Religious Education office, **598-0519**.

Thank You!! Please stop by the Mary's grotto area and admire the beautiful new flowers. Our 7th and 8th grade religious education students did a wonderful job of gardening and planting. It was a perfect spot for pictures on First Communion weekend! Thank you to the students and their catechists, Marianna Wescott and Alida Steinhauer.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When have I felt the power of the Spirit in giving me the right words or an insight into a dilemma?

Child: How would Jesus want me to treat my friends and family this week?

Teen: When have I heard my inner voice or conscience guiding me to what is right?

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.



New members are always welcome - Come join us!

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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 13. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Gambler's Delight Bus Trip - The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus trip to Pala Resort and Casino, on Wednesday, **June 11**. The bus will leave at 8 am and return at 5:30 pm the same day. Cost is \$15 per person. The Casino will return \$5 to start your winnings. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

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.



There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Sunday, **June 1**, from 7:30 - 2. Please stop by and help someone in need. For more information, please call Pat Murach, 342-4238.

Congratulations to the following students who received Eucharist for the first time at the Masses last weekend:

5:00pm Mass

Javier Arroyo	Patrick Lawrence
Amy Bahadursingh	Mia Pittsey
Christian Bourgeois	Siobhan Quirke
Karolina Calhoun	Samantha Reinard
Julia Dornblaser	Enrique Rios-Ellis
Katie Howe	Joey San Jose
Jack Hughes	Gigi Kamieniecki
Matthew Johnston	Emily Wuchner
Zachary Schallmann	

9:00am Mass

Ryan Beeghly	Jake Sparks
Cameron Chavez	Carly Sterbentz
Cora Fahringer	Karolek Suchocki
Miguel Martinez	Nicholas Trainotti
Evan Nyquist	Jade Wittman
Mackenzie Padilla	

10:30am Mass

Kyle Brown	Brendan McDaid
Julia Fielder	Madison Norquist
Sage Gamble	Joshua Pawlowski
Flannery Gonnevillle	Lily Payne
Ryan Guerero	Matthew Pennala
Sam Heck	Mitchell Rita
Lily Higgins	Philip Smith
Nicole Hild	Marissa Vigil
Madison Kaufmann	Jack Walton
Daniel Knight	Matthew Weaver
Joshua Landry	Alyssa Wilson
Jackson Lathrop	

12:30pm Mass

Michael Alvarez	Mark McDermott
Casey Buckley	Braden McGarity
Courtney Campuzano	Antonio Narez
Danica Day	Daniel Noble
Jennifer Hofilena	Marie Ouimette
Samuel Horn	Nick Jackson
Emily Manning	Megan Wall
Madison Rosenquist-Snyder	

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

The **'Class of 1965'** St. Joseph Grammar School is searching for missing classmates for rendezvous 6-21-08 in Long Beach, to plan class reunion for 2009. Seeking any information on classes two years above and below class of 1965. Contact: Diane Cannon Robetcky, 951-302-8702, Chris Haddad, 925-680-7280, or Dan Meylor - 562-429-2077.

Fair Raffle Winners: \$1000 - Steven Koppenheffer, \$500 - Amy Ford, and \$100 each to Annamarie Forster, Stan Lawrence, Bob Breister (twice!) and Phil Tondreault. Congratulations to all our winners!



HELP NEEDED! We need volunteers to shop for food items the Movement uses to make sandwiches and lunches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities. This is a rotating position, not every week. Please call for more details.

What a great Faire! Weather; people, young, middle and elderly; and entertainment! Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped serve **popcorn!** And to all the parishioners who made the Faire a great event. Well done!

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.

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.

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.

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, May 10

5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati family

SUNDAY, May 11

7:30 AM - † Joe Eno, Sr.

9:00 AM - Paul A. Lavoie, living

10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY, May 12

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 13

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 14

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 15

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 16

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 17

5:00 PM - Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 18

7:30 AM - † Charles M. Caffey

9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - Mother's Day Novena

12:30 PM - Kidney Donor of Cora Tinio

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
Glen Warren
Joseph Comfort
Scott Williams
Timothy Ring
Chris Shaw

Amy Mann
Nick Compton
Irene Avila
Justin Ray
Hoang-Long Tran
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.

Mother's Day Novena

Cards are now in the church. The Novena will begin on Mother's Day, May 11, and continue for nine days.

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, Daniele Pieters, Josephine Keller, David Dresnick, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dick Koccevar, Conrado Uyan, Skyler Weinberg, Joanne Wilson, Haydee Koppenheffer, Jake DeRuyter, Maria Luisa Garcia, Rosanna Antore, Don Miller, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuason and Laura Francesca Hallinan.

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
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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