



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. One God. Three Persons. That's the doctrine. Scholars try to wrap their minds around it. Sceptics try to debunk it. Preachers sometimes try to explain it with illustrations of shamrocks or triangles. Today's liturgy does none of those

things. Today the church celebrates God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today we rejoice that such an amazing God loves us. We believe in the God "who is, who was and who is to come." We marvel that such a God wants us to be sons and daughters. The Trinity truly is a mystery, in the religious sense of the word. It is not a puzzle to be solved; rather, it is a truth to be embraced in faith.

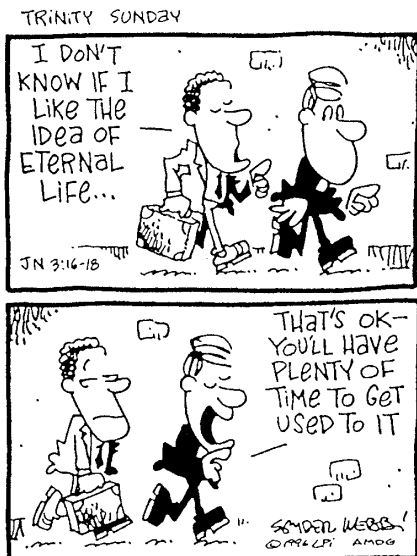
II. Cardinal Mahony has asked parishes to help defray the cost of the abuse settlement. I have discussed this request with our parish and finance councils. After listening to them, I have decided with their advice to send the Cardinal ten thousand dollars. He is asking for much more (\$25,000 to 55,000). This is what we can afford at the present time due to the construction of the handicappable restrooms and the repaving of our parking lot. Our PAC also needs renovation.

This grant does not come from the weekend collections but rather from the parish's share of our recent festival. The exact numbers are not in yet but we did very well, so I am told.

Our finance council helps me be a good steward of your financial contributions to our parish community. I am grateful to the finance members for their wise and prudent advice.

If you would like to personally donate to this settlement, please make your check out to St. Joseph Church and mark it "abuse settlement." Parish and finance council members are also available to discuss our parish's involvement in this matter.

Tom and Pat Halliwell will be attending their pre-ordination retreat from May 18-23. Tom will be ordained a deacon on June 7. Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 8 at the 12:30 Mass, and keep us in your prayers.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Continuing the need for prayer:
Are these reasons we DO NOT pray? (a) Prayer may be phony because of guilt or resentments? (b) Boredom with types of prayer we've grown up with? (c) Doubt they will do any good since prayers haven't been answered in the past?

(d) Don't know how to beyond few memorized/mechanical prayers? "At every opportunity pray in the Spirit, using prayers and petitions of every sort." Ephesians 6:18 Let the events of your day be springboards for conversations with God. Adapted from "Squeezing Prayer Into a Busy Life," Jim Auer.

The Lord's Prayer is a great prayer, It includes A (acclaiming God as our real father, C (contrition=forgive us our trespasses) T (thanksgiving) S (supplication=ask earnestly & humbly) ACTS forms the pattern for prayer. Try it. "The Our Father contains all possible petitions, we can't conceive any prayer not already contained in it. It is to prayer what Christ is to humanity. It is impossible to say it once through, giving FULLEST possible attention to each word, without a change, infinitesimal perhaps but real, taking place in the soul." ...Simone Weil, French philosopher and mystic.

Don't give up - actually, do give up some time away from the TV and close you eyes and just BE. Fr. Peter Kumble, Passionist priest once said, "If the LA Times was the Bible and TV was the tabernacle, we'd all be mystics!!" What a change in the world that would make.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we come to know Your love for us through Your Son, Jesus and we continue the feeling through the power of the Holy Spirit. Extend this grace to our young people and RCIA members who have received the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Bless them as they continue their journey of faith. May they be vibrant in proclaiming Your Word. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - In today's second reading Paul calls the Corinthians to be a community united in Christ. He reminds them that the God to whom they have committed themselves is a God of love, who gave us his only Son. The love and the power that brings the Father and the Son together with each other is the Holy Spirit. The very Spirit of God is what brings us together as well - in the Church, in our families and in our small church community. In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is God's only Son, the one who has come from God. He is the means through whom salvation will be given. And this salvation that God confers is based on faith. Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God will be saved, while others will condemn themselves by their refusal to believe.

Life Focus - * How have you experienced the Spirit challenging and nudging you? * Who are the saviors in your life? How are they Christ to you? * What part of the world do you find most difficult to love? Why? What part of your own personal world is hardest for you to love? * What does it mean to you that you have the power to condemn yourself? Relate a time when you condemned yourself.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: Last class takes place today! We will celebrate with our annual May Crowning & Ice Cream Social.

RCIA for Children: First Communion for our RCIA children takes place today 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.

Congratulations Middle School

Thanks to our Religious Education 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students; an amount of **\$833** will be sent to the **Food for the Poor Organization**. The goal was to purchase one or two water pumps for Jamaica and they have far exceeded that goal. Thanks to all who participated in their bake sale last December and for contributing cans and plastic bottles.

Vacation Bible Camp

Registration forms are available in the school, rectory and religious education office for our Vacation Bible Camp which takes place **June 7 to 11**. This year **St. Maria Goretti Parish**, 3954 Palo Verde Ave., will be hosting our VBC. This camp is for children entering grades K - 6. Students in grades 7 & 8 and high school may participate as teen helpers. Fee before **June 6** is **\$25** for one child and **\$15** for each additional family member. For additional information, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what difficult situation has the Holy Spirit helped me see more clearly?

Child: Even though I cannot see God, do I understand that God cares for me?

Teen: With what kind of decision can the Holy Spirit help me?

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.

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". 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 30 people - the trip is a go! Will add new people - so ask your friends.

June 2 - Regular meeting & games

June 16 - Montross Travel Co will be here between 2:30 & 3:00 to take sign ups for our Mexican Riviera Cruise. Nov 1-8. Remember no flying, leaves form San Pedro and we will be sailing on Princess' Sapphire Princess. The Princess line has a lot bigger rooms. Olga has flyers & prices. Please join us to see what's going on & bring your friends.

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Franziska Hallinan
Marjorie Rauen
Francine Basey**



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.

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.

Attention All 8th Graders

Next Tuesday evening, **May 20**, is a special evening for those entering high school in the Fall. Our Religious Education Program is hosting an information night with speakers Co & Judy DeCoudres. Their topic is **“Navigating the High School Years.”** Co and Judy are high school teachers and have been working with teens for many years.

Our Confirmation Coordinator, Marianna Wescott, will also be available to answer questions regarding the Confirmation Program. Please join us on **May 20, 7 - 8 pm** in the **Parish Activity Center**. For further information, please contact the religious education office, **598-0519**.

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.

Safeguard the Children - 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:

- June 6** - St. Barnabas, Long Beach, 562-988-6855
- June 13** - Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

Together in Mission

Parish Goal:	\$52,434.60
Amount Pledged:	\$62,982.01
Amount Paid:	\$44,256.00

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

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.



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.

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.

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, May 22, from 7 - 8 pm. For more information please contact Sr. Kathleen, 496-3224.

Attention RCIA Alumnae!

We are planning a reunion potluck for all RCIA alumnae for Sunday, **June 1**, in the Walter Martin Parish Hall from 4 - 7 pm. Please come and join us, renew past acquaintances, make new friends and share your faith. Please RSVP to Peter Baine, 562-598-4130.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-16; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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 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

MONDAY, May 19

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 20

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

WEDNESDAY, May 21

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

THURSDAY, May 22

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

FRIDAY, May 23

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

SATURDAY, May 24

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, May 25

7:30 AM - † John Joseph Reilly

9:00 AM - † Lucille Randolph

10:30 AM - Hung Hoang, living

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
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.

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

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, and Kristen Tuasonand.

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
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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