



From the Pastor's Desk:

With today's feast day the Church turns a spotlight on the Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ, reminding us that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*,

#1324). There was a time in church history when awe of the Eucharist turned to fear, and people rarely received holy Communion. Today, perhaps, is the polar opposite of that earlier time. We sometimes need to heighten our reverence and awe with regard to the Eucharist. This includes reviewing how we behave during Mass, and how we approach to receive holy Communion.

There was another time, referred to in today's second reading from 1 Corinthians, when people abused the Eucharist, not by lack of reverence for the sacrament, but by lack of reverence for each other. A meal accompanied the celebration at that time, and rich people were eating well while others went hungry. We too, need to remember Paul's admonition - we are all one body, the body of Christ.

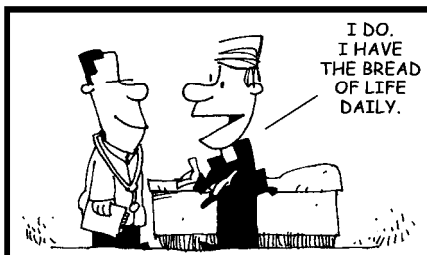
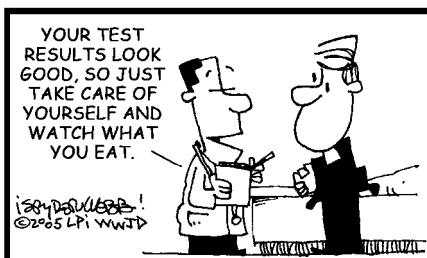
Tom Halliwell will be ordained a deacon on June 7. Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on **June 8** at the 12:30 Mass, and keep us in your prayers.

St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday

On **June 8** our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to their truck in front of the hall. Help them in their efforts to assist the needy. Call them for pick up of heavy items, 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1.

Altar Server Training Tuesdays, **May 27, June 3 & 10**, from **6:30 - 7:30 pm**. For more information, please contact Ann Crowley, 594-7575.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Continuing on prayer:

Many years ago I saved this cartoon strip from "Peanuts" hoping I could use it in a homily. Well, it worked well for the Saturday evening Mass on May 10, but I want to share it with you all. First scene: Lucy is turning on the TV and Linus has his blanket pressed to his ear. Linus sighs. Lucy: "Stop that stupid sighing!" Linus says: "There's nothing wrong with sighing." Lucy: "There is if it bugs someone!" Linus: "It's Scriptural!" Lucy: "It's what?!" Linus: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words...Romans eighth chapter!" Lucy: "I don't know...I'm either going to have to slug him, or start going back to Sunday school!!" The message is that we too need to pray. Turn off the TV and listen with your heart. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta said: "Seek Him in the tabernacle. Fix your eyes on Him who is the light. Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you, you cannot begin to know who He wants to be for you." We need to bring that love and that joy into the world of today."

Today, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, we worship You living among us in the Sacrament of Your Body and Blood. May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love and never take it for granted. May we offer to all a life poured out in loving service of the kingdom where You live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Jesus provides "real food" and "real drink" in the Eucharist - his own "flesh" and "blood" to sustain the believer. In today's Gospel the crowds find this hard to believe, but Jesus doesn't retreat from his statement. There is no question of Jesus' meaning: When we partake of the Eucharist, we have a share in eternal life - here and now. For John eternal life is God's life, the life God *shares* with his Son. When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus and the Father. We *share* God's life. When we share Christ's life, we are already living eternally!

Life Focus - * Recall a celebration of the Mass that meant a lot to you. * *People quarreled over Jesus and what he expected of them. What does he expect of you in your life?* * Christ gave us fullness of life. Describe what fullness of life is for you. * *Although receiving the body and blood of Christ is personal, it is not private. Christ gave us himself for "the life of the world." What commitments does the Eucharist call you to?* * The Body of Christ on the altar, the Body of Christ around the altar: How are they the same? How different? How do they affect one another?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary/Middle School: Registration forms for the **Fall** will be mailed during the month of June to all families who were registered in our program during the past year or are on our list for new families.

If you would like information regarding our programs or will be new to our program this coming Fall, please call the religious education office at **598-0519**.

Sacrament Program: Preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a **two-year process** which usually starts at the first grade level. Older children may receive the sacraments through our **RCIA for Children** program which is also a two-year process.

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. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Shannon, 430-6840.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How can I be "nourishment" or a listening ear for someone who needs help?

Child: What does my family do to celebrate and strengthen our oneness as a family?

Teen: How do I treat my friends in school, and how do I show respect for everyone in my family?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
- Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25,28; Mt 7:21-27

God and the Universe - Fr. William Stoeger, SJ, astrophysicist at the Vatican Observatory, whose extraordinary background in cosmology and the relationship of religion and science will astound you on Monday, June 2, 7 pm, St. Matthew Church parish hall, 7th and Temple, Long Beach. Free will donation.

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.



New members are always welcome - Come join us!

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 from 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.

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. Pope St. Leo the Great

Did You Know? Kids, sports and injuries - Sports are a great way for your child to stay fit and healthy, to learn about teamwork, make friends, and develop a sense of personal satisfaction. But kids' injuries from playing sports are on the rise. The National Institutes of Health offers a wealth of information and tips on childhood sports injuries and their prevention. To access the website, please go to www.niams.nih.gov. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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**.

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.

Connelly High School - Summer Information Night, Tuesday, **June 10, 6:30 pm**. all girls Catholic college preparatory high school, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717 ext. 234.

Coed Basketball Camp at St. John Bosco High School Gym, **June 16 - 19, 6:00 - 8:30 pm**, for students entering grades 4 - 8. For camp information or brochure, please contact Jeanne Pantuso, 252-6469 or 920-1734 ext. 250.

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.

For the Diaper-A-Baby weekend, please bring diapers for larger sized babies.

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.

Hospice Touch is searching for volunteers 18+

Are you searching for a place to share your care & compassion? Hospice Touch is searching for you. Hospice volunteers provide emotional and social support to those with a limited life expectancy through friendly visits, or by making gifts such as knitted/crocheted blankets, pretty pillow cases, pillows, night gowns or slippers. Bilingual volunteers are in great need to support our patients. Free training is scheduled on four Wednesdays, **June 4 - 25**, from **9 am - noon** at Talbert Medical Group, 2929 Palo Verde Ave. When training is completed, assignments are made within 15 miles from the volunteer's home. For information, or to register, please call Ginger Askew, 866-553-5553 or email gaskew@hospicetouch.com.

Pathways Volunteer Hospice presents volunteer training on four Tuesdays, **June 10 - July 1, 6:45 - 8:30 pm**, 3300 South St, Suite 206, Long Beach. Pathways is a non profit organization that provides compassionate care to those living with an illness or loss. We invite you to be a part of our mission in one or all of the following areas: Care Giver Program, Bereavement Program, Hospice Program. To sign up for training or for more information, please contact Donna Baranyay, 562-531-3031.

Interfaith Cafes Sundays, 2 - 5 pm:

June 22, St. Margaret Mary Catholic, 25511 Eshelman Ave., Lomita
July 20, Grace First Presbyterian, 3955 Studebaker Rd. Long Beach
August 17, Pacific Unitarian, 5621 Montemalaga Dr., Rancho Palos Verde.

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

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 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

MONDAY, May 26

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

TUESDAY, May 27

8:00 AM - † Robert Barclay

WEDNESDAY, May 28

8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang, Anniversary

THURSDAY, May 29

8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Bloom, living

FRIDAY, May 30

8:00 AM - † Edmund Crain

SATURDAY, May 31

5:00 PM - † Emil DeHoff

SUNDAY, June 1

7:30 AM - † Patrick McIntyre

9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - Cliff Lowen, living

12:30 PM - † Robert Ramstead

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, Aurel Demian, Daniele Pieters, Josephine Keller, David Dresnick, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dick Kocevar, Conrado Uyan, Skyler Weinberg, Joanne Wilson, Haydee Koppenheffer, Jake DeRuyter, Maria Luisa Garcia, Rosanna Antore, Don Miller, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, Marty Vezzetti, Elijha Carbonell and Kit Escoto VanWyk.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnic	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