



From the Pastor's Desk:

What does God want? From ancient times people have tried to find out. Bargains have been struck with God; offers have been made and so have demands. Has anyone really wanted to know what God wants, or are we really asking what we have to do to get God to give us what we want?

In today's readings we have poignant words from God. Through Hosea God says, "It is love that I desire, not sacrifice." In Matthew's Gospel Jesus says, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Both passages ask us to be honest - there's nothing we can really offer that will "buy" us what we want from God. The prayers we say, offerings we make, rules we keep don't require that God give us anything in exchange. God wants to give us what we *need* - freedom and healing from our sins.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How have I shown or received mercy recently?

Child: What does Jesus ask me to do at home, school, or church?

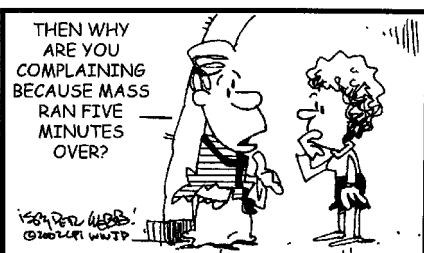
Teen: What act of kindness can I extend to someone who is not part of my regular group of friends?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36 — 10:8

**May the fire of His love consume our sins
and its light illumine our hearts.**

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From Deacon Don's Desk:

I looked up the word "hospitality" and found the meaning to be that of a "friendly reception, generous, congenial toward guests or strangers," from the old French. Well, we were in Tennessee the past five days celebrating a nephew's wedding. We have all experienced hospitality at one time or other. The reception Tina, her mother and I received added a new dimension to the phrase "southern hospitality." I would add to the definition: "looking for ways to be hospitable and going out of the way to be welcoming ... without seeking reward." From the greeter at St. Jude's Catholic Church reaching out to Tina and shaking her hand in welcome, to a refined lady named Virginia who opened her home to us and offered us all she had - even to making me uncomfortable by insisting that Tina and I be seated at the kitchen counter-table when there was no chair for her!! My wish is that we could amend the phrase to "southern, western, eastern and northern hospitality!"

In today's Gospel, Jesus sat at table with tax collectors and sinners. "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." We are all sinners and look to Christ to be our salvation. The real challenge is to understand that he calls us AWAY from sin and to be His disciples by the way we love one another.

Congratulations to Tom and Pat Halliwell, may the Lord continue to bless them on their new spiritual journey and may they continue to bring the Lord to all of us parishioners in this new ministry. God be with you and the Holy spirit guide you all your days.

Our Prayer: God our Creator, help me to look upon every human being as a person created in Your image and likeness. Grant that I may treat everyone the same, without favoritism or prejudice of any kind. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Today's Gospel shows Jesus being rejected by some of the Pharisees. Caught up in observing the Law to the letter, they fail to see the generosity of God's love shown by Jesus. Jesus asked Matthew, a customs collector, to follow him. This man was regarded as a sinner by the Jews & someone to be avoided & scorned. God's mercy is not held from those who appear to be unworthy. In fact, it is precisely to these that God's love reaches out. People are saved by God's graciousness, not by their own efforts or accomplishments. Observance of the law without love for others is not genuine religion.

Life Focus - * When have you experienced having your life together and being quite independent? When have you experienced a time when you couldn't "do it" alone?
* *The Pharisees complain about Jesus to his disciples instead of going to him directly. Describe a time in your life when you did not have the courage to speak directly to a person you disagreed with or who offended you but complained to others instead.* * Relate a time when you helped others to see God's love in their lives regardless of how sinful they were. Relate a time when you realized that a past event was part of the growing process necessary in getting to know God better.

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.

Vacation Bible Camp - Registration forms are available in the school, rectory and religious education office for our Vacation Bible Camp which takes place **July 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 and 8 and high school may participate as teen helpers. Fee before **June 6** is **\$25.00** for one child and **\$15.00** for each additional family member. For additional information, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

Interfaith Cafes Sundays, 2 - 5 pm:

June 22, St. Margaret Mary Catholic, 25511 Eshelman Ave., Lomita (co-host, South Bay Islamic Center)

July 20, Grace First Presbyterian, 3955 Studebaker Rd. Long Beach (co-host, Temple Israel)

August 17, Pacific Unitarian, 5621 Montemalaga Dr., Rancho Palos Verde (co-host Vedanta Society of L.A.)

These are opportunities for lay people and youth to learn from one another about how their faith impacts their daily life and about basic beliefs, celebrations, and values of different faith traditions. These conversations, over refreshments, enhance the ability to understand, respect and appreciate other religions. Come to one or all of them! Bring your friends and family.

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship:
A Call to Political Responsibility Workshop**

Sponsored by the Office of Justice and Peace, Joan Rosenbauer from the US Bishops' Conference will help attendees understand the Bishops' message and learn ways to promote this statement in their community. Wednesday, **July 2**, 7-9 pm, Blessed Sacrament Church, 6657 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. For reservations, please contact Sr. Gail Young, 213-637-7690 or email: sgyoung@la-archdiocese.org. Please RSVP by June 27.



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, \$378 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 16 - Montross Travel Co will be here between 2:30 & 3:00 to take sign ups for our Mexican Riviera Cruise, Nov 1-8. Prices per person, double occ: Inside \$823, Outside \$1068, Balcony \$1138. Includes all port charges, taxes & fees. Fuel supplement and full ins. from Princess. Ports of call are Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, & Cabo San Lucas. Remember no flying, leaves from San Pedro sailing on Princess' Sapphire Princess. The Princess line has a lot bigger rooms. Olga has flyers. Please join us to see what's going on & bring your friends.

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

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, June 10. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You? Catholic Engaged Encounter needs **married** *not perfect* couples to help prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 22+ years, we need your help. Call Tom & Diane Krause @ 310-316-4857 - we'd love to talk with you - OR - visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center**Private Retreat Opportunities in Silence:**

Week of July 7-11 and Week of July 21-25

During these two weeks of summer, we welcome those who wish to make a silent, private retreat. Come and refresh yourself while enjoying our sacred grounds. For information, call Sydne, 310-377-4867 x 258. Cost: \$80 for each night's stay including three meals.

National Catholic Singles Conference - Come join hundreds of Catholic single adults in San Diego, **June 27-29**. Nationally known speakers, live praise and worship, mixers, Mass, adoration, beach excursions, Saturday night dance social, and finding peace and strength in living the single life. For more information and to register, go to www.nationalcatholicsingles.com or call 858-490-8260.

The 'Class of 1965' St. Joseph Grammar School is searching for classmates for rendezvous 6-21-08 in Long Beach, to plan class reunion for 2009. Seeking 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.

St. John Bosco Summer Camps June 23 - July 3 & July 7 - 17, 8 am to noon, 562-920-1734 x250. Wide variety of subjects in a fun atmosphere.

Summer Camp at Don Bosco Tech begins **June 30**. Boys and girls currently in 6, 7, or 8 grade may choose from a variety of courses. For information call 626-940-2011 or visit their website at www.boscotech.edu.

Come join the fun at St. Joseph High School's Nationally Accredited Summer Day Camp for children grades K-8, **June 23 through July 25**, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, \$150 per session due on first day of each session, or \$650 for all 5 sessions. Extended day care offered for additional fee from 3 to 5 pm. Academic opportunities, tutoring in various subjects, arts and crafts, a variety of sports activities. Fun filled trips, snacks, drinks and a T-shirt. For info and application please call 562-925-5073 ext 882. **Camp is where lives are changed!!**

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.



Larger sizes are preferred for the **Diaper-A-Baby** weekend. Please bring diapers to the tables outside of church. **HELP NEEDED!** We need volunteers to shop for food items the Move-

ment 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 - We have gained a **Deacon**: Tom Halliwell. A BIG St. Joe welcome!

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.

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 13 - Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

Did You Know? Discipline or abuse? Discipline is designed to help children control and change their behavior. Its purpose is to encourage moral, physical and intellectual development and a sense of responsibility in children. Abuse is mistreatment that results in injury or harm to a child. For a useful Q and A on child abuse and neglect, and its prevention and reporting, please visit the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services website at <http://laccdofs.org/faq.html#2>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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, June 7

5:00 PM - † Botelho Salvati families

SUNDAY, June 8

7:30 AM - † Jerry Jelnick
 9:00 AM - Thea & Jack Johnson, living
 10:30 AM - Cliff Lowen, living
 12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, June 9

8:00 AM - Norman Gonzales, living

TUESDAY, June 10

8:00 AM - † Fernando Tiu Ty

WEDNESDAY, June 11

8:00 AM - † Irene Lynch

THURSDAY, June 12

8:00 AM - † John Fay

FRIDAY, June 13

8:00 AM - † Lorraine Holmes

SATURDAY, June 14

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, June 15

7:30 AM - † John Anselmo
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - Father's Day Novena
 12:30 PM - † Julia C. Dizon

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

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, 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 Jelnick	429-2529
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
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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	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