



### From the Pastor's Desk:

Danger enters our picture of discipleship today. We are God's chosen flock, his beloved children, yet there is a shadow side. Jesus our brother showed us how to be disciples, including how to carry a cross and die on it. Today's first reading and responsorial psalm are dark and forbidding at first, but each one ends with a song of praise and hope in the Lord. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Jesus' power over sin and death is given to everyone. The most reassuring words of all come from Jesus in today's Gospel reading. He doesn't promise that we won't be harmed, but he tells us we have nothing to fear. The God who notes the fall of every sparrow and counts the hairs on our heads will be with us through it all.

**Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up **June 29**. Your generosity helps the Holy Father continue his pastoral care for the Church, share the gospel message throughout the world, and assist victims of disaster.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
 Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29  
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17  
 Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20;  
 Jn 21:15-19  
 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;  
 Mt 16:13-19

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

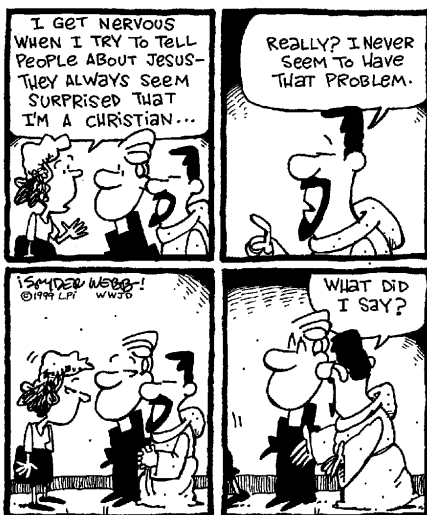
(Based on today's Bible readings)

**Adult:** What role does fear play in my life and what role does faith play in my fears?

**Child:** When someone near me is afraid, how do I help him or her?

**Teen:** What makes me afraid? How can I remember that God is always with me?

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

Want to hear some "Good News"? Read the Gospel. It's good to know that I am worth "more than many sparrows"! There's hope for me.

There is nothing new under the sun that has not been said before. Example? How about "actions speak louder than words"...St. Anthony of Padua, sermon before his death in 1231 AD. Or "apple of his eye"... from Deuteronomy around the time of Moses. "Practice what you preach"...from a sermon by St. Gregory.

The Gospel will speak differently to each person that meditates on a portion of the readings. As you read the Gospel in search for the point (God's word to you), ask yourself what is God saying to me right now. This is what Christian bible reading is about. Sometimes we miss the obvious right at this moment. Remember the story I told sometime ago about Sherlock Holmes and Watson who were camping? Sherlock says, "Watson, look at the sky and tell me what you see." "I see millions of stars." Sherlock asks, "And what does that tell you?" Watson says, "Astronomically it tells me there are countless galaxies. Astrologically, Saturn is in Leo. Theologically, I see God is all powerful and we are insignificant. And you, Holmes?" Sherlock pauses and then says, "What I see, Watson, is that someone has stolen our tent!"

Do words like "fear no one" "do not be afraid" resonate? How about: "everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father." We are all called to be prophets and this calling is not to be taken lightly.

**Our Prayer:** Father, God, help us to detest what is evil and cling to what is good. Help us to show respect, to rejoice in hope, be patient in trial and persevere in prayer. Never let us grow slack but fervent in spirit in serving You. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus** - Today's Gospel deals with persecution and how the disciples were to respond. They were to have complete trust in Jesus. They were to have no fear of those who would threaten their lives. They were to stand strong before the divisions that might come. God, who loved them so much that he counted the hairs on their heads, would not abandon them. Matthew's purpose in emphasizing this care in times of trial comes out of the situation of his community. Many people had rejected the Good News announced by Jesus, and they were rejecting his followers and throwing them out of the synagogues. Through the Gospel, he reminds them that Jesus will be with them through the Spirit as he promised.

**Life Focus** - \* Describe a time in your life when you were afraid and God seemed far away. What helped you to overcome your fear? \* *When have you allowed someone or something to control you or prevent you from speaking the truth? How did you feel about it afterward?* \* We ask our children to "say no to drugs" and encourage them not to give in to peer pressure. Describe a time when you were swayed by what your peers would say about you. \* *Relate a time when you found it difficult to heed God's command "...do not be afraid of anything."*

**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.

**Summer Hours:** The Religious Education Office will be open **part time** Monday through Friday through **July 11**. The office will be closed from **July 14 to August 11**. You may leave a message on the answering machine as we will be checking phone messages from time to time during the closed session.

**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. For additional information, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

Lord, protect our families, especially our children, in our travels and adventures this summer vacation time. May it be a time of joy, happiness, learning and gratitude with understanding that all goodness comes from You. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**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.



**Monthly meetings - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - subject to change.**

**July Meetings:** July 7 and 21

**New members are always welcome!**

**Don't Miss the Boat - Cruise with us to The Mexican Riviera November 1 - 8**

Price, double occ: Inside - \$823, Outside - \$1068, Balcony - \$1138. Includes all port charges, taxes & fees. Visit Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, & Cabo San Lucas on the Sapphire Princess. Questions/Reservations - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **June 22** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 596-9449.

**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.

**Family Vacation Retreat** - Looking for a family vacation that is close and yet different? Check out the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside. They are offering a family retreat vacation the week of **July 14-18**. Lodging and meals are included. For further information call our religious ed. office, **598-0519**, or check out their website: **www.sanluisrey.org**.

**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 film "Our Lady of Guadalupe"** will be shown after the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:30 Masses, Sunday, **June 29**, in the PAC. Steve Gagnom, an Emmy Award winning filmmaker, will be here to tell us how he made his film and speak about Our Lady of Guadalupe and present the film himself. The film is a 25 minute drama with actors depicting the three days Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico, in the year 1531.

**Protecting God's Children  
Adult Awareness Session  
Creating Safe Environments**

**Virtus Training** is mandated by the Archdiocese for all volunteers including Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Sacristans. Training will be held on **July 28** from **6-9pm** in the Parish Center. Please call the rectory office to sign up, 594-4657.

**Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule**

The following dates are for the July fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for an appointment:

**July 18** - Holy Innocents, Long Beach, 562-591-6924

**July 19** - St. Joseph, Hawthorne, 310-679-1139

**July 30** - St. Lucy, Long Beach, 562-426-5413

**Fireworks = Scholarships**

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will once again be selling "**Safe and Sane Fireworks**"

to raise funds for the St. Joseph Scholarship Program.

Please visit the Knights' stand in Lakewood, 4265 Woodruff Ave., corner of Woodruff & Harvey just north of Wienerschnitzel

**July 1 - 4, 9am - 9 pm**

Bring this bulletin or recite one Hail Mary for 10% off.

**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](http://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.



**Please join Tom's Team:** Deacon Tom has an email list of people who are interested in providing furniture or other assistance to those who otherwise would not be able to afford it. If

you would like to join Tom's Team, please email Tom at [patandtom@charter.net](mailto:patandtom@charter.net).

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

We are looking for your comments: call 430-5839 or email: [pakengr@verizon.net](mailto:pakengr@verizon.net). Have a safe summer, at home or not.

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.

**Married Couples Retreat - July 11-13**

Come to the mountain. Do you know how to recognize God's presence and power in your own life? Have you experienced practical ways of getting in touch with God? Re-energize your life through the mystery of the resurrection. Come to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center. Experience the silence, personal meditation, reflection, the inspirational preaching, the sacraments and healing service. Contact Deacon Don and/or Tina 598-5202 or contact Mater Dolorosa directly 626-355-7188 and tell them Don sent you.

**Did You Know? Safeguard the Children** parish committees were mandated by the Cardinal in 2002. The parish committees are foundational in ensuring the safe environment of parishes & schools throughout the Archdiocese. These permanent committees coordinate initiatives such as education opportunities, site evaluations & local presentations by speakers including police, nurses and therapists. The committees are also responsible for implementing archdiocesan safe environment policies & procedures. For information, please contact the rectory. 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 21

5:00 PM - Father's Day Novena

### SUNDAY, June 22

7:30 AM - Bernie & Chris Hodowski, Anniversary

9:00 AM - Father's Day Novena

10:30 AM - † David Gould

12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

### MONDAY, June 23

8:00 AM - Father's Day Novena

### TUESDAY, June 24

8:00 AM - † Maria Lan Dang

### WEDNESDAY, June 25

8:00 AM - † Marjorie Rauen

### THURSDAY, June 26

8:00 AM - † John Fay

### FRIDAY, June 27

8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang

### SATURDAY, June 28

5:00 PM - † Harold and Rosemary Cavallaro

### SUNDAY, June 29

7:30 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living

9:00 AM - Munda Reyes families, Thanksgiving

10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Mauricia Cua

**Respect Life** is looking for your talents, skills, and time. If you would like to become a member of the Respect Life Committee please contact Michelle Needham, 714-618-1743.

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:

<b>Vincent Vezzetti</b>	<b>Amy Mann</b>
<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Irene Avila</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Justin Ray</b>
<b>Timothy Ring</b>	<b>Hoang-Long Tran</b>
<b>Chris Shaw</b>	<b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b>

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, Don Miller, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, Marty Vezzetti, Eljha Carbonell, Kit Escoto VanWyk and Maureen McDonough.

### 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	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