



From the Pastor's Desk:

In these weeks of readings that focus on discipleship - pointing out the rewards, challenges and dangers of being a disciple of the Lord - how perfect to honor the two disciples who did the most to form and direct the early church.

The readings we are given for the vigil of this feast and for the day itself offer vivid pictures of both Peter and Paul - living through danger, preaching the good news, proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ. These men are two of the greatest heroes we can hold up as models of discipleship for ourselves and for our children. There are those who would dismiss them as relics from our past, but they are relevant heroes - when you take your own discipleship seriously you will know that. Their challenges then are our challenges now.

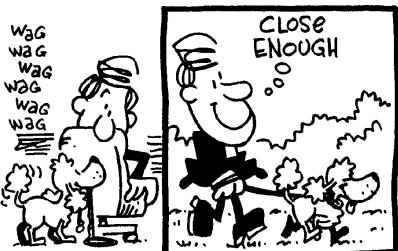
Happy and Safe Independence Day to each of you.
The parish office will be closed on July 4th.


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:22-27
- Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
- Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: How is the Church a gift to me and how am I a gift to the Church?
Child: What are some ways I can help others in my family and neighborhood?
Teen: How do others see that I know and love Jesus in my life?

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, July 3, 6-8 pm

From Deacon Don's Desk:

Need some heroes? Try these two:
Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles' celebration rarely falls on a Sunday. The Order of Prayer says, "Peter, rescued from the power of Herod, and Paul, protected from his enemies, proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Messiah the Son of the living God. (Are we followers of these saints in this regard?)

Peter died about 64 AD under Nero. He was a Galilean fisherman, spokesman for the Twelve, who became "Prince of the Apostles". Two epistles are ascribed to him. Paul, according to tradition, was martyred in Rome about 67 AD. He was a Pharisee who became the "Apostle to the Gentiles". His letters date from 50 AD to 65 AD.

These men along with many other martyrs (June 30 is the feast of the first martyrs of the Church of Rome) stood up for what was right and just. They were not cowed into or persuaded to "go along with the crowd". We too need to stand up for what is right and be that prophet crying in the wilderness. Persuade those who may be led astray by TV programs that fill us with "cutting remarks and put-downs". We are a caring community that needs to be loved and not sold a bill of goods by advertisers who know how to bend things their way. Milk is good food - the milk of kindness that is.

Please remember we are on a spiritual journey. Not humans on a temporary spiritual journey. Be Jesus to every-one you meet.

Our Prayer: God our Father, today You give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them Your church first received the faith. Keep us true to their teaching. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this week-end. 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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sacred Heart Retreat House - Sept. 5 - 7

Jesus says, "Come to me all of you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will refresh you." This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality, a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. This year's theme: The Beauty, Dignity, and Sacredness of Human Life. Make your reservation today: call Madeline Majick, 596-6219, Marie Newton, 429-7939. or Tina Gath, 598-5202, to reserve a room.

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 - Only one more week to register for Vacation Bible Camp which takes place **July 7 to 11** at **St. Maria Goretti Parish**. Registration forms are available in the rectory and religious education office. 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**.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - This day has been made holy by the passion of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. We are not talking about some obscure martyrs. "For their voice has gone forth to all the world, and to the ends of the earth their message." These martyrs realized what they taught: they pursued justice, confessed the truth, died for it. St. Peter first of the apostles merited these words: "I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church." Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one even though they suffered on different days. So we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, labors, sufferings, preaching and confession of faith.St. Augustine

Life Focus - * How has your answer to "Who do you say that I am?" changed over the years? * *Realizing that in the end neither Peter nor Paul was spared suffering and death, what do you need to learn about faith's long view of deliverance?* * In what ways is Peter's faith and the Church a "rock" in your faith life?



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, per person, double occ: Inside - \$941, Ocean - \$1075, Balcony - \$1155, Mini Suite - \$1375. Due to fuel increase, price has changed. 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.

**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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Joanne Wilson



The film "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be shown after the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:30 Masses, this 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.

A Day of Recollection for Lawyers, Judges and others who work in the legal profession, presented by Msgr. Charles J. Chaffman, S.T.L., J.C.D., Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of L.A. Theme: "*Living in My Father's House: A Study of How to Use Journaling as a Means of Spiritual Growth*," Saturday, **July 12**, 9 am to 4 pm, Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes. Includes continental breakfast starting at 8:30 am and a full service lunch. Mass at 3:30 pm will fulfill the requirement for Sunday attendance. Cost: \$38, checks payable and sent to the St. Thomas More Society, Attn: Summer Retreat, P.O. Box 492450, L.A. 90049. Please contact Antoinette M. Marino, 310-445-4165 or amarino@fleitmanlaw.com with questions. Please **RSVP by July 7**.

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.

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

**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.

Interfaith Cafes Sundays, 2 - 5 pm:

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.

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.



Thanks for the generosity of the St. Joseph parishioners!!!

July 9 - Wrap up meeting with board visitors are welcome, 7:30 pm, PAC.

We are looking for your comments:

call 430-5839 or email: pakengr@verizon.net. Have a safe summer, on vacation or at home.

August 9 & 10 Food From the Heart - passing out coupons for food items; return the food items the next week.

August 16 & 17 Return food items to the rectory garage.

September 17 General meeting to start the new year; come and see what is happening, 7:30 pm, PAC. All welcome.

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.

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

Sponsored by the Office of Justice & Peace, Joan Rosenbauer from the US Bishops' Conference will explain the Bishops' message & ways to promote this statement in the community. **July 2**, 7-9 pm, Blessed Sacrament Church, 6657 W. Sunset, Hollywood. For reservations, please contact Sr. Gail Young, 213-637-7690 or email: srgyoung@la-archdiocese.org.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, June 30**
 8:00 AM - Daniel O'Donnell, living
- TUESDAY, July 1**
 8:00 AM - Jean Sullivan, living
- WEDNESDAY, July 2**
 8:00 AM - Jim Sullivan, living
- THURSDAY, July 3**
 8:00 AM - † John Fay
- FRIDAY, July 4**
 8:00 AM - Karl Parize, living
- SATURDAY, July 5**
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, July 6**
 7:30 AM - † Harriet Jelnick
 9:00 AM - † Patsy Delgado
 10:30 AM - † Bernard M. Connell
 12:30 PM - Tom and Pat Halliwell, living

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:

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| 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 Kocovar, Conrado Uyan, Skyler Weinberg, Haydee Koppenheffer, Jake DeRuyter, Maria Luisa Garcia, Don Miller, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, 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
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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

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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