



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today the readings of the liturgy draw back a bit from the energetic and shadowed aspects of discipleship and offer us some respite. We read of the king described by Zechariah, who, like Jesus on Palm Sunday, rode on a humble donkey but whose dominion is from sea to sea. No mention is made of any suffering to come. In the Gospel Jesus invites us to come to him, take up his yoke and learn from him. In previous weeks we were reminded of his cross and suffering. Today we hear that his yoke is easy, his burden light, and we are to find rest. Most reassuring of all are the words of Psalm 145: "The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."



From Deacon Don's Desk:

There are three things I want to share with you: First, last Sunday we assisted the Missionaries of Charity with feeding the homeless. What a joy-filled day the two good sisters provided. God works in mysterious ways. You'll have to ask Al Shaheen how the picture of Jesus was used as the "credit card" for a gas fillup for the good sister's van.

Secondly, we all need consolation at various times in our life. Sometimes it is most difficult to see the positive side of things. At springtime you walk in an apple orchard and a high wind brings down a blossom. You say, "What a pity it died so soon. It would have been a gorgeous apple." The blossom lived, even if but a short time. It accomplished something during its brief time with its perfume that sweetened the air; its beauty brightened the earth and it signaled the arrival of spring. God gave a perfect blossom and we need to look at the achievement, not at the "promise" that could have been.

Finally, Bishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus writes: The Trinity is the most sublime and central mystery of our faith. As a result of God's self-revelation in and through Jesus, we can come to a much clearer understanding of who God is. We learned that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit hovered over Him at his baptism and at the Transfiguration. Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary at Pentecost. It's a communion of love that gives joy and meaning to our lives as we seek union with God and with one another. Knights, I urge you to read the whole article in the June issue of Columbia.

Our Prayer: Almighty Father, whenever I seek to take pride in what I do, remind me of the way things really are. The only good I have comes from You, all that is mine is my weakness. Make me humble so that You may come to me. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Margaret DeRuyter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)

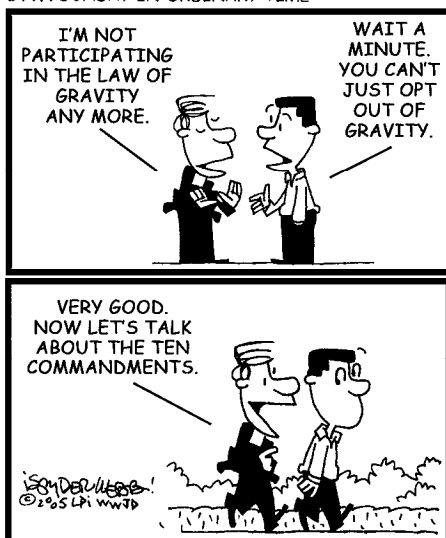
Adult: When has Jesus refreshed me when I felt burdened by problems?

Child: When I am generous, honest, and loving, do I know it is Jesus who helps me?

Teen: What burden do I need Jesus to help me carry?

Life is a voyage that's homeward bound.
 — Herman Melville

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - Jesus praises God's goodness, which brings the truly humble into sharing in the love that joins the Father and the Son. Those who depend only on their own strength and knowledge will never understand God's wisdom and wonderful care. Jesus encourages his listeners to come to him if they are wearied by life. He will share their burdens and restore their sense of balance and peace. People must have the courage and humility to believe in the power of peace and gentleness over aggression and hard-heartedness.

Life Focus - * What are your childlike qualities? What makes it difficult for you to be childlike? * *How do you let life make you weary?* * Recall a time in your life when you found peace by turning a certain "burden" over to Jesus. * *Speak of how you were affected by a person who was strong in conviction but gentle in approach.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary/Middle School: Registration forms for the Fall have been mailed 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.

A Ministry for Married Couples - Looking for a way to share the many blessings of married life? Catholic Engaged Encounter needs couples to help minister to engaged couples. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY and free training is provided! If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider this ministry. For information, call Tom & Diane Krause, 310-316-4857 or visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center
Private Retreat Opportunity in Silence:
 Week of **July 21-25**

During this week 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.

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.



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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 8. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Youth Beach Mass

Teens, mark your calendars for the upcoming **So. California Youth Beach Mass** in Newport Beach. Date is Monday, **August 4**, at 3:00 pm. Great music and an opportunity to celebrate Mass with your friends on the beach! More information to follow. If interested, please call Marianna in the religious ed office, 598-0519.

Young Adult Ministry

The summer speaker series, **Theology on Tap**, will be taking place once again on Tuesdays, **July 29, August 5, 12 and 19** at St. Dominic Savio Church parish hall in Bellflower. If you are a young adult, married, single, dating between the ages of 18-39, please join us at this series and meet other young adults for fun and opportunities to discuss and learn more about current issues of faith.

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**.

**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

Did You Know? The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of LA deals with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious & any lay person working or volunteering for the archdiocese. The office is charged with creating a safe & compassionate environment for victims to come forward, while ensuring that civil authorities are notified and victims are provided counseling and other assistance in the healing process. To contact Victims Assistance Ministry, call 213-637-7650.

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!!! If you need a ride to any meeting, please call John a day before; all are welcome!

July 9 - Wrap up meeting with our board, visitors are welcome, 7:30 pm, PAC. We are looking for your comments: call 430-5839 or email:

pakengr@verizon.net.

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 join Tom's Team. Deacon Tom has a list of people who are interested in providing furniture and other assistance to those who cannot afford it. Email Deacon Tom at patandtom@charter.net. Bring questions to the meeting.

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.

"Kiki Mendoza Football Camp" July 11-13 at St. John Bosco High, Bellflower. For boys, 7-14, no experience necessary. Learn a solid foundation in basic football fundamentals and skill development. \$40 by July 7, \$50 after. For info, please call 714-323-5354.

Married Couples Retreat - July 11-13

Come to the mountain. Recognize God's presence & power in your 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.

Family Vacation Retreat - A family vacation that is close & different, 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, 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

MONDAY, July 7

8:00 AM - Elijha Carbonell, living

TUESDAY, July 8

8:00 AM - † Maria Cuc Vu & Dominico Ho Dang

WEDNESDAY, July 9

8:00 AM - † Mary Jane Merk

THURSDAY, July 10

8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang

FRIDAY, July 11

8:00 AM - Deacon Tom & Pat Halliwell, living

SATURDAY, July 12

5:00 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, July 13

7:30 AM - † Carl Grieman

9:00 AM - † Carl Grieman

10:30 AM - † Galicano Abaloyan

12:30 PM - † Carl Grieman

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, Hugo Jorda, Jim Correira, Sharon Conroy, Cliff Lowen, Joy Mann, Ginny Kennebeck, Nancy Vandrosek, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, James Clinton, Au-rel Demian, Daniele Pieters, Josephine Keller, David Dresnick, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dick Kocevar, 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, Maureen McDonough, Arin Zack and Msgr. Marc Trudeau.

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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CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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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