



From the Pastor's Desk:

Mid-July in our northern hemisphere is a time of abundant life, the perfect time to read in the first reading and the Gospel about words that act like growing seeds, and in the second reading about all creation groaning as it awaits the glory that is to be revealed. Carry the images with you as you drive home in the heat or the wind or the rain or whatever weather God has bestowed on you today. If you pass any fields or gardens planted with now-growing crops, recall how Jesus used those summer sights as the basis for his parable about the sower planting seeds. For what is your soul groaning? Do you long for the glory that is to come? Are you in need of a richer mix of soil in your soul - soil that will receive God's word and bear fruit? Ask and you shall receive.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

A priest was visiting Seattle and it had been raining for five days straight. He asks, "Say kid, does it ever stop raining around here?" The boy responds, "How should I know, I'm only six!"

It's been said that this Sunday's readings and Gospel have been used as a springboard for the need to preach on protecting our environment. In our deacon formation, Tina and I had to do a presentation on Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "Rerum Novarum" issued in 1891. In that encyclical he stressed the need for protecting our earth, preserving our resources for future generations and not being wasteful. As much as we progress, things still stay the same. He pointed out that employers and employees have rights and responsibilities to maintain dignity toward each other. He noted that the Church has the right to speak out on social issues, to teach about social issues and bring social classes together. While still a cardinal Pope Leo, in 1841, started a savings bank for the poor.

We are challenged to conserve, be it water, technology equipment, and recycle paper, plastic etc. Do we keep water running needlessly? God gave us the earth to subdue it not abuse His gifts.

Eucharistic Adoration: I am encouraged by the 20+ who spent some time with Our Lord on July 3. Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be July 31, same time - 6-8 pm - same place - in the church. I hope to introduce you to the prayer of the Church, i.e. "Liturgy of the Hours." We'll do the Evening Prayer. Incorporated with the Evening Prayer will be "intercessions." At that time we'll focus on the needs of the world and our church - praying for the protection of the poor and persecuted of the world, enlightenment of our legislators to enact laws in the spirit of wisdom and justice, and for those suffering from hardships, illnesses or loss of a loved one. An invitation will be extended to those who have special petitions which will be offered to God and ask His mercy.

Our Prayer: Lord God, hope of all the earth, hear the humble prayer of your children as we sing Your praises. Pour out Your Spirit on us so that our lives may bear fruit abundantly. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Jack Gregory



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

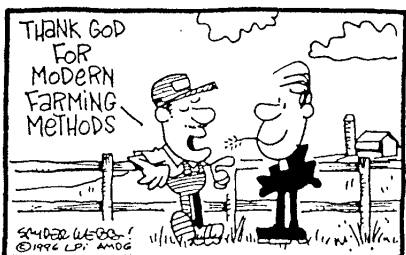
(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How does faith influence what I see and hear?

Child: Who are the people who have planted the seed of God's love in my heart?

Teen: What can I do in the coming week to make sure that I am open to God in my life?

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - The parable of the sower tells of the fruitfulness of God's creative word. It is a parable about the coming of God's reign. Preaching the kingdom will meet all kinds of obstacles, but in the end it will be successful. As powerful as the word is, however, it needs to be received. We must be willing to listen and to bring the message into our lives. We see this in the way that the disciples, open to God's word, are given insights into "the mysteries of the reign of God."

Life Focus - * Why do you think God put you on this earth? What harvest is God bringing from your life? * *What helps or hinders God's ways becoming rooted in your everyday life?* * When, in the last month, have you felt encouragement and hope in your life? * *In what way have you enriched God's kingdom?* * When has personal suffering brought you closer to God?

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 closed from **July 14 - Aug. 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.

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.

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.

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 Meeting: July 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.

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.

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.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center**Summer Concert in the Garden: July 20 2-4 pm**

"In the Good Old Summertime" - Entertainment by the **Coastliners Barbershop Harmony** and old time sing-alongs with **Los Cancioneros** and also **Strawberry Shortcake** iced tea and lemonade. Cost \$10. Questions: contact Gerry Ericsson, 310-377-4867 ext 234.

Private Retreat Opportunity in Silence: 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.

**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.

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? Guidelines for youths working with youths:

The Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education and the Department of Catholic Schools, working in collaboration with the Office of Safeguard the Children, have developed Archdiocesan Boundary Guidelines for junior high and high school youth working or volunteering with children or youth. These Guidelines are promulgated to ensure the safety of the children in all Archdiocesan programs and Christian Service projects. All youth volunteers, including students who are already 18, must receive training in these Boundary Guidelines before undertaking their Christian Service ministry project. To read more about these Guidelines, please visit: <http://the-tidings.com/2007/abuse/abuse26.pdf>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Housing Works is a nonprofit charity that provides much needed low income housing. Its annual fundraising dinner is on Saturday, **July 19**. Please consider attending and donating to this worthwhile organization. Please contact Deacon Tom, 799-0921 or patandtom@charter.net if you have any questions.



Thanks for the generosity of the St. Joseph parishioners!!! If you need a ride to any MFBW meeting, please call a day before; all are welcome!

Wrap up of last fiscal year meeting.

We learned about "Team Tom." Thanks to our board and visitors for participating. 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.

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.

**Precious Life Shelter
Golf Tournament Sept. 24**

Many many years ago men beat sticks on the ground and they called it "voodoo." Today they call it golf!



Golfers needed for the PLS charity golf tournament. Deacon Don has a special place in his heart for Precious life Shelter, and being on the board as well as co-chairing the tournament he feels that this is a worthwhile charity doing something positive for our homeless women in crisis. Call Don (498-6701 or 598-5202) and he will send you a registration form. If you are unable to participate by golfing, he has opportunities for hole sponsors, driving range sponsors, etc. He has something for every pocketbook and looks forward to your assistance.

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.



Save the Date - Friday, October 3, for the St. Joseph Golf Tournament and Oktoberfest!

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament, held at Recreation Golf Course, is 4/5 person scramble with tee prizes, lunch, snacks on the course and concludes at the 4th Annual St. Joe's Oktoberfest! All are welcome to enjoy Oktoberfest food by Chef Pete Lehmar, music, dancing, raffle prizes (including \$1,000 cash), silent and live auction items and the Knights of Columbus Beer Garden. Please join us for a fun-filled day and evening which helps to support St. Joseph School. Golf registration, which includes Oktoberfest ticket, is \$175. Oktoberfest tickets are \$25. To register for golf or buy tickets to the Oktoberfest, please contact Cindy Howard, 961-9300 or the school office, 596-6115.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, July 14

8:00 AM - † Christopher Lynch

TUESDAY, July 15

8:00 AM - Spina family, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, July 16

8:00 AM - † Visitacion Dimzon

THURSDAY, July 17

8:00 AM - Cecilia Razon, Special Intention

FRIDAY, July 18

8:00 AM - † Julianne Uehlin

SATURDAY, July 19

5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati family

SUNDAY, July 20

7:30 AM - † Tomica Perich

9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Christopher Waugh

12:30 PM - Tom & Pat Halliwell, living

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God. — Anonymous

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	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, Aurel Demian, Daniele Pieters, Josephine Keller, David Dresnick, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dick Kocevar, Conrado Uyan, Skyler Weinberg, Hay-dee Koppenheffer, Jake DeRuyter, Maria Luisa Garcia, Don Miller, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, Eljha Carbonell, Kit Escoto VanWyk, Maureen McDonough, Arin Zack, Msgr. Marc Trudeau, Mike Santy, Stormy Leiva and Gloria Castaneda.

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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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

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DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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CONFIRMATION	Marianna Wescott	598-0519
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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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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