



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's responsorial psalm antiphon proclaims: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." This is the theme of all the readings today. For what do you hunger or thirst? God will give it to you! Isaiah assures us

this is all part of the covenant God made with his people. We will have everything we need if we remain with God. Paul wrote to the Romans that absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love. Is there anything you fear? God's love will conquer it! Are you suffering? Read today's Gospel - Jesus notices all that we suffer and is moved with compassion. Even before we ask, he bids us to sit down and eat. There is always enough; no one has to go hungry in God's kingdom.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

"What goes around comes around." Where have you heard that before? Fr. Peyton was famous for promoting the Rosary and coining the phrase: "The family that prays together stays together." It's time to think about holy people

that have gone before us. Here are some sayings from saints: St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop (feast day July 30) - "Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God? Why render yourself such dishonor when you are honored by Him? Why do you ask how you were created and do not seek to know why you were made?" St. Ignatius of Loyola (July 31) - When Ignatius reflected on worldly thoughts, he felt intense pleasure, but when he gave them up out of weariness, he felt dry and depressed. Yet when he thought of living a rigorous life of the saints he not only experienced pleasure when he thought about it, he still experienced great joy even after he dismissed the thoughts. Words of Luis Gonzalez writing about Ignatius. St. Eusebius (Aug. 2) - Writing from prison: "I managed with difficulty to complete this letter. I asked God constantly to keep the guards away hour by hour, and to allow the deacon to bring you some kind of greeting in writing, not simply news of my suffering. So, I beg you to keep the faith with all vigilance." St. John Vianney (Aug. 4) - "We had become unworthy to pray, but God in His goodness allowed us to speak with Him. Our prayer is incense that gives Him the greatest pleasure... When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun." "I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living faith and with a pure heart." Pray as if your life, your eternal life, depended on it...Deacon Don.

Our Prayer: Lord, have mercy on Your people. Fill us with Your gifts and make us eager to serve You in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What lessons about hospitality and outreach can I learn from today's readings?

Child: How do I feel when I am asked to share my toys or snacks with my brothers, sisters or friends? What would Jesus like me to do?

Teen: Do I remember a time when I felt better because someone acted with love?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
- Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Welcome to the Marian Choir who will be leading us in song August 1 at the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses. It is a pleasure to have them as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - Jesus is mourning the death of John the Baptist. But even though he is troubled, Jesus is aware of the needs of those around him. Instead of focusing exclusively on his own needs and concerns, he reaches out to heal others and even to feed a great multitude. This miracle had Eucharistic implications for the early Christians. Moreover, he continues to feed the poor and the hungry through his Church. When the disciples suggested that he send the crowd away to "buy some food for themselves," Jesus tells them, "Give them something to eat yourselves." The Christian community is likewise commanded to feed the hungry in its midst. The Eucharist would be an empty ritual if it didn't motivate people to do what Jesus did.

Life Focus - * Recall a time when you felt mournful, threatened or afraid, but the needs of others took priority. * Recall a time when someone helped you in your time of need. * Name a time when you helped another who was in material or spiritual need. * What are people in your life hungry for? Plan one response. * Relate an experience when you received beyond what you ever hoped for.

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 through **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.

Ten Great Ways to Energize Your Marriage

Remember back to your dating days - the excitement you felt? Now you can reclaim that same spark in your marriage through ten purposeful dates. This program is built on key marriage enriching themes such as effective communication, resolving conflict, building a creative love life and balancing roles as parent and partner. After a short launch meeting that sets the stage for discussion, couples are sent on their own private dates. The program will run the second Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 pm beginning September 14, 2008 through June 14, 2009. Nominal cost but great return for your investment! Child care will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Further information is available by contacting Wendy Thomas 429-0161. Reserve your spot now!

Bereavement Ministry Team Membership

Our Bereavement Team is looking for a few good men and women to serve the St. Joseph Community by offering support (emotional, spiritual & practical) to our parishioners who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death or divorce? All adults are encouraged, and please note that you **DO NOT** have had to experience a loss yourself to join this ministry! In addition to sponsoring our annual Memorial Mass, the team also assists with: grief support groups for adults; children's grief support; guidance and planning with the Mass of Christian Burial; visit and pray with the sick, the dying and their families; coordination of the funeral process between the mortuary, church and cemetery; assist with vigil arrangements. A training class will begin **Sept. 24** at St. Pancratius Church. All interested are encouraged to call the rectory, 594-4657, Nancy Miller, 429-2546, or Dave Desmond, 429-3316.



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

August 4 & 18: Meetings with our usual fun!

August 14: Trip to Natural Science Museum, L.A., I-Max and Body Workers Exhibit (limited time). Cost: \$57 includes bus, tip and early dinner @ Cliftons. Bus will leave @ 11 am and return 6:30 pm. Further info to follow. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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, insurance taxes & fees. Visit Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, & Cabo San Lucas on the Sapphire Princess. Montrose @ 7/21 meeting @ 3pm for info, reservations, booklets. Questions - Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parish members 21 years and older to a two day, one night bus trip to the Edgewater Hotel & Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. The cost is \$60 per person (double occupancy) and includes FREE coffee and donuts, bus transportation, room and buffet. The dates are September 10 & 11. Please contact Manny Vieyra, 425-8811 for info.

**WEEKLY
OFFERING**



**Last Sunday:
\$11,086**

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.

Deacon Tom's recommended listening, meditative prayer:

1. Set aside some quiet time - it can be as little as 5 minutes. **2.** Select a centering prayer, a short phrase that has some spiritual meaning. You can take it from a prayer, a song, Scripture, spiritual reading. **3.** Repeat the centering prayer slowly, gently, over and over. **4.** As other thoughts creep (or charge) in, gently come back to centering prayer. **5.** As you do this consistently, you will find yourself becoming closer to God and hearing what God has to say to you.

Music Ministry Update

By Vivian Doughty

10:30 Choir: Do you sing? Come and try out the choir! You may be amazed by how fulfilling this is. I am seeking new members to complement existing group. Must be able to sing on pitch. All other skills taught. All are welcome (teens and adults). Rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning 9/10/2008 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church.

Children's Choir: Attention all children entering grades two to five, it's time to prepare for choir/drama rehearsals. Following some of the teachings of Hildegard de Bingen, this group's mission is to mix music, drama, visual art, and dance for an enriched liturgical experience. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Rehearsals will resume Saturday morns, 8-9 a.m. beginning September 27.

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

Deacon Don hasn't heard from anybody. Are there any golfers out there?

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 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.



Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Aug. 5 - St. Mary of the Assumption, Whittier
562-698-0107 ex. 222

Aug. 13 - Holy Trinity, San Pedro 310-833-3500

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.



August 9 & 10 Food From the Heart - passing out coupons for food items; bring the food items next week.
August 16 & 17 Return with all 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.

We need **HELP** at all Masses passing out coupons for food items the weekend of Aug. 9 & 10 - please call Jan Minter (430-5839) if this is something you would like to do!!

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, or call Tim, 431-4385 or John/Jan.

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.

Youth Beach Mass - Teens, mark your calendars for the **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 - If you are a young adult, married, single, dating between the ages of 18-39, please join us for our **Theology on Tap** series at St. Dominic Savio parish hall in Bellflower from **7-9pm**. Topic for Tuesday, **August 5** is "Making God Real in My Everyday Life."

End of Life Care bill is on Senate Floor. Please help stop AB 2747. Senators will be looking at this bill when the Senate comes back into session in August. Please write to your Senator to have them oppose this bill. In this area, Senator Lowenthal, 115 Pine Ave, Ste 430, Long Beach 90802. AB 2747 lowers medical standards, is unnecessary and dangerous. California oncologists and disabilities groups strongly oppose this bill.



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, August 2**
 5:00 PM - † John Fay
- SUNDAY, August 3**
 7:30 AM - † John Fay
 9:00 AM - † Primitivo Chingcvangco
 10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Juana Centeno
- MONDAY, August 4**
 8:00 AM - Jack Johnson family, living
- TUESDAY, August 5**
 8:00 AM - † Lena Wadey
- WEDNESDAY, August 6**
 8:00 AM - † Mr. & Mrs. Roy McCarthy
- THURSDAY, August 7**
 8:00 AM - Ray & Marie Bielman 65th Anniversary
- FRIDAY, August 8**
 8:00 AM - † Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bielman, Sr.
- SATURDAY, August 9**
 5:00 PM - † Faye Welter
- SUNDAY, August 10**
 7:30 AM - † John Fay
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - Kit Escoto VanWyk, living
 12:30 PM - † Austin Mayer

Respect Life is looking for your talents, skills, and time. If you would like to become a member of the 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 | Chris Shaw |
| Kenneth Mack McDonald | Adam Mariano |

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, Joy Mann, Ginny Kennebeck, Nancy Vandrosek, Richard Parent, Marlene Mucino, James Clinton, Aurel Demian, Daniele Pieters, Josephine Keller, David Dresnick, Lainie Probst, Bobby Knight, Dick Kocevar, Conrado Uyan, Skyler Weinberg, Haydee Koppenheffer, Jake DeRuyter, Maria Luisa Garcia, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, Eljha Carbonell, Kit Escoto VanWyk, Maureen McDonough, Arin Zack, Msgr. Marc Trudeau, Mike Santy, Stormy Leiva, Gloria Castaneda, Tom Burke and Bobby Rubly.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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PTO PRESIDENT	Nancy Gallegos

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
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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

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RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
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	Terri Traucht	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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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
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785
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BOY SCOUTS	Bill Higbee	425-6124

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE