



From the Pastor's Desk:

Have you been so *sure* about the way something should happen, that you missed it when it actually happened? Have you been so *positive* what your gift would be, that you missed the actual gift you received? All three of today's readings allude to this human tendency. The Lord told Elijah he would be passing by, but he didn't say in what form. So Elijah looked for God in wind, earthquake and fire, as we would also probably do. But - surprise! There was God in "a tiny whispering sound." In the Gospel, Peter thought he could ask Jesus to prove who he was, but the proof Jesus gave was too much for him. He needed faith, not proof, and Jesus made that abundantly clear. Paul is also talking about people missing the message - the Israelites, God's chosen people who were given the law and the prophets and every promise from God, have not recognized the Christ, the Son of God. Stop and think today: Has God stopped by? Has he sent a message?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In one of the invitations to Baptism there is an opening that goes like this: "By bringing this child to the waters of Baptism, an invitation to another Life has been extended to this child." I could not pass up this opportunity to express my gratitude in being a small part of the baptism of Teresa Marie Mendoza on July 27. One reason is that after we baptized Teresa Marie, I invited the family back to their seats. Perry, the father, held little Teresa Marie up for all the congregation to see. Little Teresa (10 months old) beamed a radiant smile as if she knew what was happening. Then a spontaneous applause began from the congregation and she kept on smiling. And that was not the end: at the recessional when the music started she started to applaud! It was a sight to behold. Jesus through the Holy Spirit gives her a life which is more than human. She and all the baptized are children of God.

Our "Wednesday Nite at the Movies" was very successful. The "Splendor of the Church" was presented and refreshments served thanks to Mary Lou Clark and Jan Minter, and Al Shaheen who supplied the film. The thrust of this evening is to continue our faith journey. It will be continued on a bi-weekly basis. Next presentation will be Wednesday, **August 13**. Subject matter still open.

Eucharistic Adoration saw more than 20 attending for varying times. An "intention" book was near the altar and some wrote down their concerns and intentions which were included in our Evening Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours.

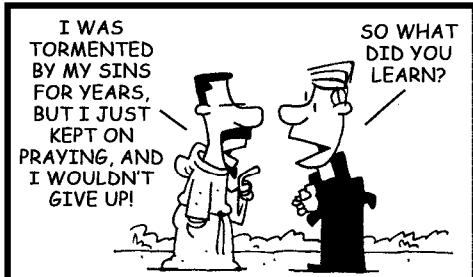
Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, guide us and protect us during these vacation months as we enjoy the time with our families. Through Baptism You made us Your children, confident to call You Father. Touch our hearts, help them grow in Your love. Make us reach out our hands to help others as Jesus reached out to help Peter in his time of desperation. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Holy Day of Obligation
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 15
 Vigil, August 14, Thursday, 7:00 pm
 Feast day, August 15, 6:30 and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
 Mt 15:21-28

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - Part of the purpose for this Gospel passage was to encourage the community. This account was written fifty years after the Resurrection event. Matthew's audience is suffering opposition, rejection, even persecution. They are beginning to worry that the risen Lord has abandoned them as well. Here Jesus reassures his followers, telling them not to be afraid. Matthew gives special attention to Peter's attempt to walk on water. Peter often acted impulsively. He came to realize his weakness and his need to rely on the Lord for help. Matthew hopes his listeners will come to the same recognition.

Life Focus - * When has fear overcome trust in your life? * *Relate an experience when you trusted at first but later began to lose faith.* * Where do you find courage in your life? * *Identify how your discipleship is like Peter's - times of being frightened? Sinking? Crying out for help? Saved? Come to worship?* * Like Elijah, how/where have you found God - in manifestations of great power? In a "tiny whispering sound"? * *It is common to seek God's help in big things; how might you grow in seeking God's help in the numerous little things in your life?*

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.

Early Childhood: Our year runs Sept. - April. Sign up NOW for the 2008-2009 year! Registration forms are 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.

Jesus is Lord - Bible Fellowship resumes **Sept. 9, 9:00 am** (Tuesdays) and **Sept. 11, 7:30 pm** (Thursdays). "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare not woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Learn Our Father's Plan - Please call Rita Smith to register **before Sept. 2**, 714-761-7643 or 562-533-1243.



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community Baptized July 27:

**Teresa Marie Mendoza
Charles David Zahn**

Fr. Joy Puthussery, a Schoenstatt Father from India, will speak at all the Masses next week. The Schoenstatt Fathers in India aim at developing a center of spiritual renewal, a children's village for deserted and neglected children, and a school for qualified Catholic character formation and education. For these projects they appeal to your solidarity and ask for your generous support.

Ten Great Ways to Energize Your Marriage - Remember your dating days, the excitement you felt? Now you can reclaim that spark in your marriage through ten purposeful dates. This program is built on key marriage enriching themes, 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, 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!



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

August 18: Meeting 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 Puerta 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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Aug. 12. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Ruth Browne
Jesus Sagun**



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.

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.

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. 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 - Volunteers will be passing out coupons for shelf-stable food items; bring the food items next week.

August 16 & 17 Return all food items to the rectory garage. Food will be delivered to Catholic Charities to help feed those in need in Long Beach.

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

If you would like a ride to & from the meeting, please call. 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.

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:
\$11,503**

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 12** is "Your Life - Live it with Purpose."

Deacon Tom's additional suggestions for listening, meditative prayer:

1. Find a quiet place to sit and relax.
2. Put yourself in the presence of a loving God and wrap yourself in gratitude. If you don't have these feelings, pray for them as you continue.
3. Take either a centering word (e.g. Jesus) or read a few passages from the Bible or a spiritual book.
4. Sit with the spirit of what you have read or quietly repeat the centering word over and over again. If you become aware of anything else or are distracted, just let the issue move through your mind and out. If it persists, then hand it over to God rather than preoccupying yourself with it, which, after all serves no purpose.
5. Sit quietly and lovingly like this with the Lord for ten or twenty minutes a day on a regular basis and your relationship with God will grow.

From Riding the Dragon, by Robert J. Wicks

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 11**
 8:00 AM - Kit Escoto VanWyk, living
- TUESDAY, August 12**
 8:00 AM - † Bernard Bfost
- WEDNESDAY, August 13**
 8:00 AM - † Peggy Dionne
- THURSDAY, August 14**
 8:00 AM - † John Fay
 7:00 PM - † Rose Burton
- FRIDAY, August 15**
 6:30 AM - † Edward Dondero, Anniversary
 9:00 AM - Stormy Leiva, living
 7:00 PM - Francis & Mary Jane Mulick, Wedding Anniversary
- SATURDAY, August 16**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho - Salvati family
- SUNDAY, August 17**
 7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Joann Wilson
 10:30 AM - Mertrice & Nicholas D'Amore, living, Anniversary
 12:30 PM - † Rosario Garcia

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	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, Bobby Rubly and Betty Chappell.

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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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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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