



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Today's readings are about outsiders and insiders, "them" and "us." The question of who "belongs" among the ranks of God's chosen people is a recurring theme throughout Scripture. It takes some interesting twists today. In the first reading, Isaiah challenges those who might like to claim salvation for Israel alone. "Foreigners" will also be acceptable to God if they follow the Law. God's house is "a house of prayer for all people." The second reading leaves us in no doubt that salvation is for everyone - Jew and Gentile alike. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, assures us that God will have mercy on all. It is Jesus, in today's Gospel reading, who surprises us at first. When a Gentile woman, a Canaanite, asks him to heal her daughter, he answers rather harshly - he was only sent to the house of Israel; he can't give children's food to dogs! This faith-filled outsider speaks of her knowledge of the Creator - even dogs get some scraps. Surely there is love enough for everyone.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** When has compassion for another moved me beyond my comfort zone?

**Child:** What is the one thing I most want Jesus to do for me?

**Teen:** When has my faith in Jesus helped me to be courageous?



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Leftovers from last week's Gospel and readings: When we take time to meditate on the readings and then come to Mass we should be inspired to reflect on a message that has meaning for us. For example: In the first reading, Elijah is in hiding and fears for his life. The Lord says to look for Him. You know the rest of the story: The Lord is not in the earthquake, or the strong wind or the fire, but in a tiny whispering wind. Could the point be: When things get tough, trusting in God does not require us to seek Him in something spectacular but seek Him in little things: sunrises, sunsets, butterflies with their brilliant colors or the quiet times in your own backyard. He seeks you. He says, "Come to Me and rest awhile in Me." The Responsorial Psalm says, "Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him, glory dwelling in our land." "Lord, let us see Your kindness and grant us Your salvation." This is a source of consolation to reflect on. In the Gospel Jesus invites Peter to "Come." Peter is filled with FAITH and starts to walk on the water. But when his mind wanders away from Jesus he becomes frightened and questions his ability, and his faith fades and he begins to sink. We are no different than Peter. We have our ups and downs. Our lives blossom then challenges creep in. Does this cause us to lose faith? It shouldn't. How do we nourish our faith? Go back to the first part of the Gospel - "He went up the mountain to pray." We have something better than a mountain, we have the Mass. We have Eucharistic Adoration, we have "Wednesday Night Revivals" in the PAC (every other Wednesday - next one will be Aug. 27), we have retreats for singles and married couples.

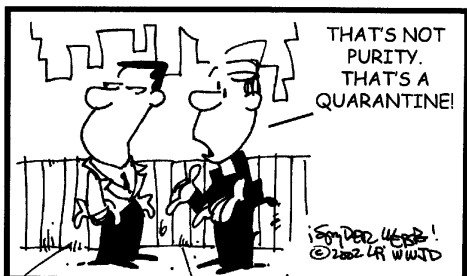
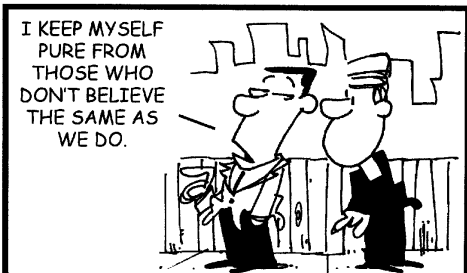
**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to dwell often on the manner in which I am following You. Increase my faith and let me strive to spend this day for Your glory and our neighbor's good. Amen.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**



**Last Sunday: \$10,256**

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus** - The account in this Gospel passage shows that while in the beginning the Good News was preached only to the Jews, there would come a time when all people would be included. Jesus tells his disciples here that his mission is to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But at the end of Matthew's Gospel, the Risen Christ will command the apostles to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of *all nations*." This story is a turning point in Jesus' mission. The woman's humility and "great faith" were not to be denied. Faith in the Lord will bring both Jews and Gentiles to healing and salvation.

**Life Focus** - \* Relate an experience when you felt you were not listened to or when you felt rejected. \* *Relate an experience when you persevered even when you felt ignored.* \* Who are the people who don't get your attention and often aren't included? \* *Relate an experience when your persistence had positive results in a way you did not expect.*

### **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.

### **Help Wanted**

Do you love children? Would you be willing to share your time, talents, and faith with our children? Religious Ed. is currently looking for volunteers to teach our third and fifth graders. Classes take place on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:45 am.

**Qualifications Needed:** love of your faith, desire to share your faith with children, ability to be joyful and loving with children.

**Benefits Provided:** resources and training as needed, personal spiritual growth, opportunity to meet new people and be a part of an enriching and rewarding ministry.

We use a team approach for this ministry to allow for busy schedules. The time commitment is usually twice a month. To apply for this position or for further information, please contact our Religious Education Office, **598-0519**.

*There is a tremendous strength that is growing in the world through...sharing together, praying together, suffering together, working together."*

*Mother Teresa*

### **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 18:** Meeting with our usual fun!

**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.

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Aug. 17** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 596-9449.

**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.

### **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. For those who missed the July training session, Virtus Training will be held again on **Sept. 16** from **7 - 10 pm** in the Parish Center. Please call the rectory office to sign up, 594-4657.

### **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 & balancing roles as parent & 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!

### 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

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.



### 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 19** is "If Love is Blind - How Do You Find the Right One?"

### 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 16 & 17** Return the **Food From the Heart** food items **by 1 pm** to the rectory garage. Thank you for your generosity. Food will be donated to Catholic Charities 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Doug Simpson**



**Annual SCRC Convention** (So. Calif. Renewal Communities) at the Anaheim Convention Center, Aug. 29-31. Info: [scrcerevents@scrc.org](mailto:scrcerevents@scrc.org).

**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 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, Wedding Anniversary  
 12:30 PM - † Rosario Garcia
- MONDAY, August 18**  
 8:00 AM - Burke family, living
- TUESDAY, August 19**  
 8:00 AM - † Louie Camus
- WEDNESDAY, August 20**  
 8:00 AM - Justin Vander Broek & family, living
- THURSDAY, August 21**  
 8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone
- FRIDAY, August 22**  
 8:00 AM - † Thomas and Margaret Devine
- SATURDAY, August 23**  
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, August 24**  
 7:30 AM - † John Fay  
 9:00 AM - † Julianne Uehlin  
 10:30 AM - † Mel and Mary Jo Devine  
 12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

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.

**Observe what is right, do what is just... —Isaiah 56:1**

**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
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
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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	www.stjosephparishcommunity.com	
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FAMILY ROUND TABLE		
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	Tom Neton	429-2030
BOY SCOUTS	Bill Higbee	425-6124

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