



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

From where does human authority come? It is so easy for leaders to forget it comes from God, to think they got authority from their own achievement, wealth or knowledge. In today's first reading, God makes Eliakim the master of the king's palace. The king at the time was Hezekiah, one of the greatest kings to rule after King David. Eliakim was his right hand man, his spokesman in many negotiations with other nations. In the Gospel, Jesus makes Peter the head of his church on earth. We can see the parallels between the two men. The Lord gives Eliakim the key of the House of David and tells him that no one will open what he has shut or shut what he has opened. Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven and tells him that whatever he binds or loosens on earth will be bound or loosed in heaven. Neither man is king; both are stewards of the king. It is in the second reading that we see everything explained: All things are from God, through him and for him.

**Adult Religious Education** - The next meeting will be on Wednesday, **August 27, at 7:00 pm** in the PAC. At this meeting, Peter Baine will review the history of the Bible, both the Jewish and Christian Testaments. We will look at the mystery of the "missing" Jewish Scrolls and the struggle for Christian scripture authentication.

*Rest In Peace*  
Died in Christ:  
**Dick Kocevar**  
**Kathleen Roberts**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**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.



**Catechetical Sunday**

The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is **"The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."** Please join our religious education and school staffs on **September 14** at the **9:00 am Mass** as the parish celebrates those men and women who serve the parish by bringing the Word of God into the hearts of others.

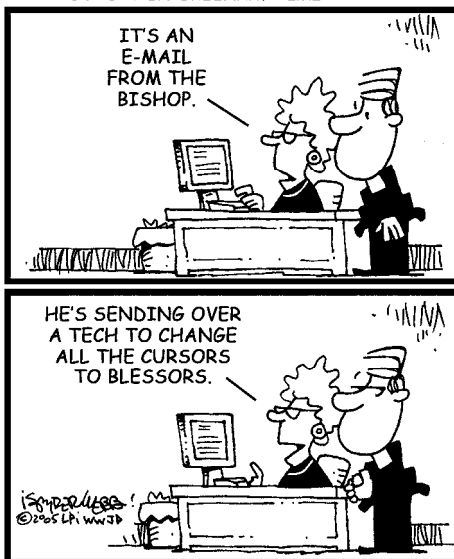
**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus** - Matthew is the only evangelist to use the term "Church." Church is an earthly experience of the Kingdom of God. Because Jesus is always with us, the Church can never fail. The keys symbolize opening up doors to truth and wisdom. Giving the "keys of the kingdom" means that authority is being given to teach and make decisions for the Church community, although the extent of that authority is not clear. Authority exists only for the sake of the Church community and its work of proclaiming the Kingdom.

**Life Focus** - \* When have you felt overwhelmed by responsibility? What did you do about it? \* *When has being part of the Church helped you see life more clearly and act with courage?* \* *When has the Church been an obstacle?* \* Relate an experience when you were a "rock" of strength for another person. \* *What qualities do you see in yourself that Jesus saw in Peter?* \* Describe an experience when responsibility was entrusted to you. \* *When did you exercise authority that helped someone open a door to a fuller life?*

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
*(Based on today's Bible readings)*  
**Adult:** In my heart, who do I say that Jesus is?  
**Child:** What are three things I know about Jesus?  
**Teen:** How would I explain who Jesus is to someone who had never heard of him?

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary/Middle School:** Classes for our Elementary Program will begin on Sunday, **September 21**. A special speaker, Claire Yzaguirre, has been planned for our parents while students receive orientation in their classrooms for the new school year. Our speaker's topic is "**Raising Caring Children.**"

**Registration:** Please register now for our upcoming classes. The fees will increase after **August 31**. Due to insurance requirements, only those registered will be allowed to attend class. Call the religious ed office at **598-0519** for forms or further information.

**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.

**Adult Confirmation** - Are you over 18 and have never been confirmed? A new course is starting up **Sept. 14** through December, **9:15-11:15 am**, at Our Lady of Refuge. Please contact our religious education department for information and to sign up, 598-0519.

**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.



**September 8 & 22:** Meetings with our usual fun! Second and fourth Mondays this month due to Labor Day.

**Sept. 25:** Casino Trip, Valley View Casino, Cost \$25, bus leaves at 9 am, stand bys only. Please call Betty or Olga.

**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.

**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**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**



**Last Sunday: \$9178**

**Ten Great Ways to Energize Your Marriage**

Remember your dating days, the excitement you felt? Reclaim that spark 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 - 5 pm, **Sept. 14, 2008 - June 14, 2009**. Nominal cost but great return for your investment! Child care provided - first come first serve. Further info 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.

**Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women**

Nazareth House, in Los Angeles, **August 31, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Please email: [vocations\\_naz@yahoo.com](mailto:vocations_naz@yahoo.com), or call Sister Fintan, 310-216-8170, or Sister Philomena, 310-839-2361, for more information.

**St. Bernard Church, Bellflower,** 867-2337, is inviting all to attend a spiritually enriching workshop, "**Healing in the Eucharist**" on Saturday, **Sept. 6,** from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, presented by Fr. Lou Cerulli from Montreal. This celebration provides an opportunity for each person to enter into a deeper, richer understanding and experience of how God's healing love can touch us through the Eucharist. Please plan on attending and do bring someone with you!

**SCRC** (Southern California Renewal Communities) The annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place at the Anaheim Convention Center, **Aug. 29-31.** This wondrous event has helped instill a new spiritual zeal in thousands of Catholics of all ages since it began. Come and be richly blessed! Info: [scrcevents@scrc.org](mailto:scrcevents@scrc.org).

**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.



**Thank you** for the **Food From the Heart** donations; our parishioners are most generous! The food has been 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.

**Annual Labor Day Mass,** Cardinal Mahony, celebrant, **Sept. 1, 10 am,** Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, Los Angeles. For more information, please call 213-637-7690.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend Sept. 12-14**

For men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Designed to help work through repressed grief and anger. For information, please call 866-272-2435, or go to [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**St. Margaret Mary Fair September 5 - 7**

Come join us for fun, food, a silent auction and live entertainment! Buy some raffle tickets so you can be sure to qualify of our bonus drawings. The raffle winner will be drawn on Sunday evening and first prize is \$10,000! St. Margaret Mary is at 25511 Eshelman Ave, Lomita.

**Did You Know?** Background checks and screening

"In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, all clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For information call 213-637-7411, or go to : [www.archdiocese.la/about/hr/index.php](http://www.archdiocese.la/about/hr/index.php)." From the pamphlet, "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy," published by the Archdiocese. The pamphlet is available online: [www.archdiocese.la/protecting/resources](http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/resources). For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

**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.

# Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 25**  
 8:00 AM - † Maggie Devine
- TUESDAY, August 26**  
 8:00 AM - † Cyril and Bernadette Bastable
- WEDNESDAY, August 27**  
 8:00 AM - † Patrick and Rosaleen Branigan
- THURSDAY, August 28**  
 8:00 AM - † John and Annie McEvelly
- FRIDAY, August 29**  
 8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- SATURDAY, August 30**  
 5:00 PM - Leo & Arin Zack, living
- SUNDAY, August 31**  
 7:30 AM - † John Fay  
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - † Irene Lynch  
 12:30 PM - † Carol Tuffy

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.

**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 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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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Phil Gray	425-4301
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
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	www.stjosephparishcommunity.com	
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