



From the Pastor's Desk:

Not many of us would be bold enough to complain to God so candidly as Jeremiah does in today's first reading. "You duped me, O Lord!" he cries; then he ruefully admits that he let himself be duped. Called to be a prophet and to speak God's word to the people has gotten him only ridicule, derision, reproach. Even worse, when he tries to stop speaking of God, he finds it is impossible to remain silent. He cannot bear the trouble that comes from prophesying, yet he cannot bear the pain that burns in his heart when he remains silent. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus also speaks of a painful paradox: If you want to save your life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for him, you will actually find your true life. There will always be those who, hearing this conundrum, will conclude that Christians have let themselves be duped. There will always be Christians who know that finding life in Christ is worth that risk!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What obstacles do I encounter in my discipleship?

Child: When is it difficult to follow Jesus?

Teen: How has Jesus' love for me allowed me to do difficult things?

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, Sept. 4, 6-8 pm

What matters most is that we develop a personal relationship with God. A relationship that is expressed in prayer. Do not be afraid of silence or stillness, listen and adore Him in the Eucharist.

At 7:30 we will have Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours followed by Benediction.

From Deacon Don's Desk:

The first morning in Yosemite was: up at 6:15, grab a cup of coffee and my Liturgy, step out and be overwhelmed by the fragrance of vanilla from the ponderosa pines. Then the sun peeked over North Dome, and El Capitan started to glow a golden color. There were many "God sightings" that week.

Returning home, a message alerted us that Dick Kocivar had passed away. I recall Dick telling me, "It makes me feel good to see 'one of us' up there on the altar." Dick, you are 'up there' and we feel good that your life has now changed, and don't forget to put in a good word for us who are still down here.

Last Sunday I baptized little Audrey Michelle Ouimette, a child of God beginning her spiritual journey and what a cute smile. I had planned to tell Mr. & Mrs. Ouimette to be sure to ask their child to pray to God often as children's prayers are very powerful with God. By coincidence I found a note in my Liturgy that August 28, 2005 I had baptized Emily Rose Ouimette, Audry's big sister.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach us the value of praying always. Grant that every event of our lives may be the occasion for prayer; with our lips, our hearts, and works. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

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 - Right after Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells of his coming suffering & death. Jesus makes it clear that he is not a powerful military and political leader. For Jesus, the Messiah was not someone to raise Israel to a high place. Jesus would be rejected by powerful people in both religious and political circles. To further emphasize his message, Jesus continues with the demand of discipleship - selfless love, even if it leads to death, because through the cross comes the glory of resurrection. The reading ends with a bright promise of what lies ahead for those who take Jesus seriously.

Life Focus - * Name an experience in your daily routine when you willingly gave up something that was in the way of your life's priorities. * *What does it mean to you to deny yourself? To take up your cross? To follow Christ?*

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. 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.

Confirmation Year 1 - The new **Discernment Year** for students wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin with a Parent Orientation Meeting on Monday, **October 13 at 7:00 pm** in the hall. Welcome Registration Packets will be mailed prior to this date to all those who are on our mailing list or attended St. Joseph School or Religious Education Program.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call the religious education office, 598-0519.

Confirmation Year 2 - Our **Year 2 Program** for Confirmation will begin with a Parent Orientation Meeting on Monday, **Oct. 6, at 7:00 pm** in the hall. Registration packets will be mailed prior to this day, If you have any questions, please call the religious education office, 598-0519.

Help Form the Lives of Youth - Are you looking for a way to make a difference for today's youth? Our **Confirmation Team** needs you! We can work around your busy schedule. Call Marianna, **598-0519**, for further information and to find out how you can help.



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**

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.

Raising Caring Children - Our religious Education Program is sponsoring a special guest speaker, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, on Sunday, **Sept. 21, at 10:30 am** in the hall. The topic is "Raising Caring Children." All parishioners, and especially parents, are invited to attend.

Claire is a marriage and family therapist, author, speaker, wife and mom. She and her husband, John, have presented several other workshops for us on various family and marriage topics.

Please join us **Sept. 21** for this very informative seminar which will help teach parents how to promote their children's emotional intelligence & caring behaviors, enhance self-esteem and strengthen family relationships. For more information, please call the religious ed office, **598-0519**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

October 5 Ministry Faire

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.

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.



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 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 - 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!

**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 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

MONDAY, September 1

8:00 AM - † Fr. Thomas A. Devine

TUESDAY, September 2

8:00 AM - † Michael and Maymie Devine

WEDNESDAY, September 3

8:00 AM - † Charles Hennessy

THURSDAY, September 4

8:00 AM - † John Fay

FRIDAY, September 5

8:00 AM - † John and Frances Lynch

SATURDAY, September 6

5:00 PM - † Lore Hallinan

SUNDAY, September 7

7:30 AM - † John Fay

9:00 AM - † Felix Suarez

10:30 AM - † Cliff Lowen

12:30 PM - † Leonicio Hemady

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING



Last Sunday: \$10,123

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, 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, Betty Chappell, Mary Harding, Phyllis Hernandez, Elizabeth Jackson and Justin Ferrese.

LITURGY

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| DIRECTOR of LITURGY | Fr. William | 594-4657 |
| ALTAR CARE | Mary Jelnic | 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

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| PRINCIPAL | Brid Considine |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Carole Dellavalle |
| SECRETARIES | Bridget Paluska |
| PTO PRESIDENT | Nancy Gallegos |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
562-598-0519

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY | Veronica Gibb |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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| 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

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| 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

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| Nancy Miller | 429-2546 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Phil Gray | 425-4301 |
| FINANCE COUNCIL | Randall Ely | 430-0142 |
| | rely5@verizon.net | |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR | Mike Santy | 799-0660 |
| | msanty@verizon.net | |
| | www.stjosephparishcommunity.com | |

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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 | 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