



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Love your neighbor. So says Paul in today's second reading, as he lists some of the Ten Commandments that deal with how we should treat one another. The first reading and the Gospel each illustrate how interconnected we all are, and how responsible we are for each other. Both the prophet Ezekiel and Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, insist that we confront sinners and try to persuade them to turn from sin. Jesus also speaks of the power of two or more people to be witnesses, decision-makers and people of prayer. These readings paint a picture of a world where people communicate - truly listening, truly responding to what they hear - and where they really care about each other and their lives in community. Can it ever happen, or is it just a dream? Jesus promised he himself will be with us when two or more of us gather in his name. So the key is in the antiphon of today's responsorial psalm. If you hear his voice - and you certainly will if you are gathered with him among you - do not harden your hearts.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How do I manage conflict in my family or work-place? Do I first approach the "offender" face to face or is gossip my initial reaction?

**Child:** How can I help another person do the right thing?

**Teen:** What do I do when I feel hurt by a friend? Can I ask Jesus to help me deal with the situation?



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

**Happy 90th Birthday Mary Jelnick, oh good and faithful servant.** May the Lord continue to bless you and grace us with your presence.

A week ago, Peter Baine presented us with a brief overview of origins of the Bible both Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament. It must be said that the Bible has to be inspired by God through the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew Scripture is divided into three parts: Torah (Law), Prophets, and Writings. The Writings are the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, etc. (six other books). Just to be able to bring all of this together is a monumental feat.

With the diaspora (dispersion) of the 10 tribes all over the continent, 80% of the Jews were outside of Israel, and yet they were able to bring the writings to the present day. A sampling of the writing of St. Paul, if it were to be examined by a layperson today, would not be understood since there was no punctuation, letters running together could be misinterpreted. Good job Peter!

Next week Scott Hahn will introduce "The Bible and the Church: Both or Neither." He will help us focus on how Catholics should relate to Scripture and how we can help non-Catholics understand the Church's teaching regarding Scripture. It is presented as a challenge to rethink old practices and maybe break old habits. "To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers; so it is the same with Scriptures, the more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches." St. John Chrysostom

**Our Prayer:** Heavenly Father, through Your Word and Sacrament we come to know You. Help us to understand more fully the teachings of Your Son through the Gospel. Enlighten our civic leaders to enact laws in the spirit of wisdom and justice and not abandon the principles of the Gospel especially to love one another as You love us. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**Catechetical Sunday**

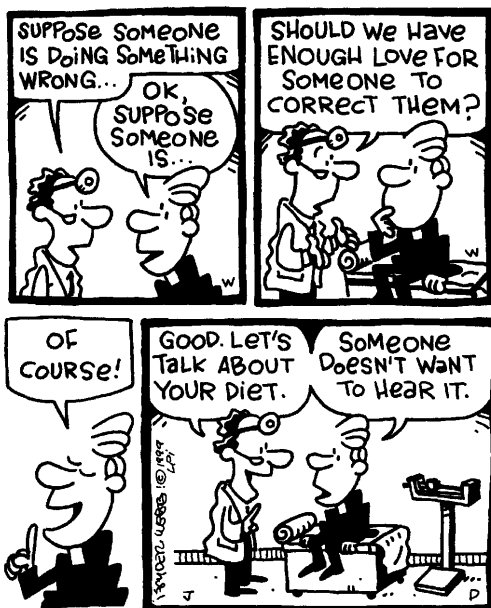
The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "**The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.**" Please join our religious education and school staffs on **September 14** at the **9:00 am Mass** as the parish celebrates those men and women who serve the parish by bringing the Word of God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

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus** - In the first reading Ezekiel has been appointed by God as "watchman." Such a person had to keep watch and warn the city of approaching danger. For Ezekiel, personal responsibility is important. The prophet must warn individuals as well as the group. Matthew is the only Gospel writer to speak of relationships and responsibilities within the Church. He also offers practical guidelines for fulfilling these responsibilities. Serious community decisions are to be made only after serious prayer. Wisdom must be sought from God and from the presence of Christ in their midst.

**Life Focus** - \* Relate a time when you hurt someone and the person confronted you about it. How did you feel and how did you respond? \* *Relate a time when your prayers were answered but not as you expected.*

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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:** 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.



**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.

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Sept. 9. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**



As a parish family we welcome with great joy the following new members of our community baptized Aug. 24:

**Audrey Michelle Ouimette  
Kanahe Keuip'ohina O Loeau Akau  
Karina Mercedes Diaz**

**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.

**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**

**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**

We are looking for people to serve 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.

**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.

**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 in front of church; see you there.

**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.** We are now building our funds for the **Gift Baskets** in Nov. 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.

**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!

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

Golfers needed! Deacon Don has a special place in his heart for this 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 every pocketbook and looks forward to your assistance.



**Save the Date - Friday, Oct. 3, for the St. Joseph 16th Annual Golf Tournament and 4th Annual Oktoberfest!**

The Golf Tournament, held at Recreation Golf Course, is 4/5 person scramble with tee prizes, lunch, snacks on the course & concludes at the Oktoberfest! All are welcome to enjoy Oktoberfest food by Chef Pete Lehmar, music, dancing, raffle prizes (including \$1,000 cash), silent & live auction items and the Knights of Columbus Beer Garden. Please join us for a fun-filled day & evening 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, 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
- MONDAY, September 8**  
8:00 AM - † Cliff Lowen
- TUESDAY, September 9**  
8:00 AM - † Cliff Lowen
- WEDNESDAY, September 10**  
8:00 AM - † Florence Boyd
- THURSDAY, September 11**  
8:00 AM - † Lore Hallinan
- FRIDAY, September 12**  
8:00 AM - Ray & Marie Bielman 65th Anniversary
- SATURDAY, September 13**  
5:00 PM - † John Fay
- SUNDAY, September 14**  
7:30 AM - Malzira Neder, Happy Birthday  
9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners  
10:30 AM - † Betty Jo Zack  
12:30 PM - † Jesus Segun

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 |
| Lynne Norris          |              |

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: \$9987**

**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, 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, Justin Ferriese, Paul Gordon and Elizabeth Jackson.

## LITURGY

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

PRINCIPAL	Brid Considine
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Carole Dellavalle
SECRETARIES	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
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
	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