



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today we step out of the sequence of Sundays in ordinary time because September 14 falls on a Sunday. This is the solemn feast of the Exaltation - the Triumph - of the Holy cross, a feast that dates back to the fourth century, when St. Helen, the mother of Constantine, journeyed to Jerusalem and found what was believed to be the remains of the cross on which Jesus died. From that time on, the church has encouraged veneration of the cross - not just pieces of the true cross, but the images of the cross that adorn churches everywhere. She invites people to see the cross as the glorious means of our salvation rather than as a sign of a shameful death by execution. So here we are in autumn, six months away from Lent and Good Friday, taking a day to remember: There is power in this cross that brought us salvation. We can't save ourselves; only Jesus could save us. Once again the responsorial psalm antiphon provides a summary: "Do not forget the works of the Lord!"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

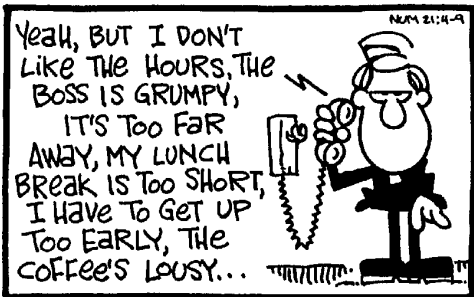
(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

Child: When I see a picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer of thanks to him for loving me that much?

Teen: What sacrifices do I make for my friends and family whom I love?

TRIUMPH of the CROSS



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Two weeks ago we were privileged to assist the Missionaries of Charity in bringing sandwiches to our brothers and sisters who are homeless. At one stop we were inundated with people streaming to our van. We could not sack the sandwiches fast enough. Then we ran out of soft drinks and water and they still were coming for the Famous Amos cookies. The good sister and a young girl who is in discernment accompanied us. Each time we go we find that we need to take new items. Like the Boy Scout motto says, "Be prepared" - items we did not have: can opener, socks. We did have one roll of toilet paper - was that person ever lucky!!

Eucharistic Adoration is growing. It gives you a little time to be silent and sit in the presence of the Lord and just listen. He beckons us, "Come be with Me for awhile. Rest in Me." He cares about us and guides us in ways beyond our understanding. Sit awhile and look for the positive in our lives. I'm happy to say that attendance has been on the rise. With vocations as our last focus we need to strengthen our resolve to encourage even the least glimmer in our young people. Pray for Marisol, the young girl who is in the discernment phase of her journey.

PLS Golf Tourney is only 10 days away - we still have a few slots to fill. Help a worthwhile cause & have fun doing it. Call Greg Shea or myself for sign ups and details.

Our Prayer: Lord, You proved Your love for us in the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. We thank you for this Your greatest gift. Grant us more priests, deacons and religious to build up Your Church. Inspire young men and women to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Non-discriminatory policy: St. Joseph School admits students of any race, color, racial, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs and other school administered programs.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - "God so loved the world." The love and the power that brings the Father and the Son together with each other is the Holy Spirit. The very Spirit of God is what brings us together as well - in the Church, in our families and in our small church community. In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is God's only Son, the one who has come from God. He is the means through whom salvation will be given. And this salvation that God confers is based on faith. Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God will be saved, while others will condemn themselves by their refusal to believe.

Life Focus - * Recall a celebration of the Mass that meant a lot to you. * *How have you experienced the Spirit challenging and nudging you?* * Who are the saviors in your life? How are they Christ to you? * *What part of the world to you find most difficult to love? Why? What part of your own personal world is hardest for you to love?*

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.

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.

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. Limited child care will be available. For more information, please call the religious ed office, **598-0519**.



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.

Thank You

To everyone for your support, prayers, Mass cards, flowers and attendance to my husband's Dick's funeral. He loved all the encouragement cards that he received while he was sick. Thank you again and God bless you all, Olga Kocevar

ACCW District Meeting - Sept. 25 - St. Cyprian Church

The day begins at 9:30, includes Mr. Gavin McKiernan speaking on "Decency in Media," Mass & luncheon, concluding at 1:30. Charge is \$10 pre-paid. Make check and mail to Collette Collins, 4857 Dunrobin, Lakewood 90713 **before Sept. 20**. All Catholic women are members and are invited to attend. Info: Call Collette, 425-7765.

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.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE Sept. 17th General meeting.

We are starting a new year so come and see what is happening. The meeting begins at 7:30pm in the PAC Center. All are welcome. If you would like a ride to and from please give us a call.

October 5: Ministry Fair in front of the Church.

October 4 & 5: Feed A Baby Weekend

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.

YOUR BLUE ENVELOPES ARE SO APPRECIATED as they fund our giving programs. Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: SKIP-A-MEAL. We are finishing our 21st year! Call us to get involved for year 22! Thank you again for all you your support. 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 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
- MONDAY, September 15**
 8:00 AM - Ray & Marie Bielman 65th Anniversary
- TUESDAY, September 16**
 8:00 AM - † Dick Kocevar
- WEDNESDAY, September 17**
 8:00 AM - † Kathleen Roberts
- THURSDAY, September 18**
 8:00 AM - † Ann Thompson
- FRIDAY, September 19**
 8:00 AM - † Leo Hodowski
- SATURDAY, September 20**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati
- SUNDAY, September 21**
 7:30 AM - † Richard Kocevar
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Mildred Tanguay
 12:30 PM - † Martha Aimone

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: \$12,566
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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