



From the Pastor's Desk:

God's thoughts, the prophet Isaiah tells us today, are not our thoughts and God's ways are not our ways! It is so easy to forget this, to think we have a corner on the market of understanding and explaining God. The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel clearly reminds us that we don't. God doesn't think at all like we do, if we are to believe he is like the landowner Jesus describes. This rather bothersome parable is not about good hiring practices. Often people are indignant about the unfairness of the treatment of the laborers who worked all day. Read through a business person's eyes, the parable is a horror! But God's ways aren't our ways. God delights in being generous; God delights in giving more, not less. Dwell on all God has done for you and rejoice; give thanks. If you see others receiving blessings like you have, or more than you have - rejoice! Give thanks.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Which has deepened my faith more - being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs me to treat them with care this week?

Child: How can I be generous like the master in the vineyard?

Teen: Whom do I resent because I don't believe (s)he deserves God's generosity?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

St. Andrew of Crete said, "We celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross that drove away darkness and brought us light. We too are lifted up with the crucified Christ leaving behind sin to gain treasure in heaven. The riches of salvation had been lost and now is restored to us."

What I would like for you to take away from last week's homily is the fact that **someone cares for you**. He cares so much He gave His only Son up to humiliation, torment, pain and even death so that you may live.

I ask that you take a moment and look upon a crucifix, study the picture (a brief glance will not do). See the crown of thorns pressed on His head, the parched lips, bruised and bleeding body. When your crosses seem to weigh you down, when you are discouraged and convinced no one cares, pause and study the suffering Jesus. He will give you strength and courage to bear your crosses more patiently since you will bear them for His sake. Simply stated: Someone **does** care for you more than you will ever know.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, guide our upcoming national elections. Grant that we elect leaders who will govern according to Your will and keep our nation at peace. Bless all world leaders that they will not only be mindful of the needs of their own nation but will have a deeper concern for peoples of all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever & ever. Amen.

Wednesday Night, Sept. 24, 7 pm in the PAC
 "The Bible and the Church: Both or Neither"

This is a very important election. Bishops are telling the faithful to be informed voters. Not only should we be informed, we need to pray for our country. Starting Sept. 26 we can begin a 40 Day Prayer Vigil Before the Elections and pray daily for our country and its leaders.

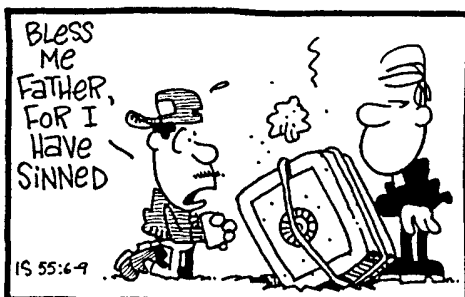
Prolife Prayer Group Mondays, 7:30 pm, in the church. For questions or info, please call Michelle 714-618-1743.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - The generosity of God continues to be highlighted in today's Gospel. We accept God's gifts and try to live in such a way that shows gratitude and a willingness to imitate God's compassion. The message of the parable of the workers in the vineyard is that God's justice is far beyond our understanding. This parable may have been aimed at those Jewish Christians who resented God's call of the Gentiles to salvation.

Life Focus - * Describe a time when you were bothered by generosity shown to someone you thought less deserving. * Tell of an experience when you were treated better than you thought you deserved. * Relate an experience when you were criticized for being generous or forgiving. * Describe a time when you felt cheated by someone else's good fortune. * Where or with whom are you challenged to greater generosity?

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Middle School: Classes for 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade will begin on Tuesday, **October 21**, from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Registration: Due to insurance requirements, only those registered are 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.

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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

J.D. Despain



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**.



**We need new blood! Come join us.
Everyone is welcome - any age.**

St. Joe's Social Club is meeting for fun & games:

September 22: Fun & games, 12 to 3 pm. We will be taking reservations for a Huge Halloween Party - Come one Come all - Costumr party - MONEY prizes. Catered lunch - Reservations a must. Fun for all.

Sept. 25: Casino trip is full. We are taking stand-bys only. Leaves at 9:00 am. Please call Betty or Olga.

Oct. 8: Our Social Club - fun and games!

Oct. 20: Our Big Party

**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 Puerta Vallarta, Mazatlan, & Cabo San Lucas on the Sapphire Princess. Questions - Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Special Note - We would like a few more people for our cruise November 1-8.

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

The day begins at 9:30, includes Mr. Gavin McKiernan speaking on "Decency in Media," Mass and luncheon, concluding at 1:30. Charge is \$10 **pre-paid**. All Catholic women are members and are invited to attend. Info: Call Collette, 425-7765.

Let's have a good turnout from St. Joseph! Call Virginia Mary Souza, 596-6048, if you need a ride.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Oct. 5, 7:30 - 1:30

in the parish hall. To make an appointment, please go to **www.givelife.org**. Our sponsor code is **St. Josephs**. For more information, please call Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chairman, 562-596-9835.

Middle School Fun - Our Religious Education Middle School will start on Tuesday, **October 21**, from 7pm to 8pm for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students currently attending public school. Please join us on Tuesday evenings for a time to be with friends, participate in community service projects, and learn more about your faith. We have some FUN nights, too. Call the religious education office, 598-0519, for registration forms and more information.

Fingerprinting - Our parish is hosting a fingerprinting session on Friday, **Oct. 24**, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call the rectory, **594-4657**, to schedule an appointment.

St. Joseph Parish Ministry Fair - Your Parish Council has been hard at work this year, refreshing our Council Bylaws, seeking greater participation in our St. Joseph ministries from our parish community, and also taking a long look at updating our information and content on each of the ministries. The Council and our ministry leaders seek to provide our parishioners with current and viable information about our church and community.

To this end, we invite you to mark your calendars and plan on visiting our Ministry Fair planned for Saturday and Sunday, **October 4 and 5**. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about the support available through our ministries. If interested in becoming involved, we welcome you and we'll help you become involved, or if you simply want an update on our programs, this is the place to be! Plan to stop by! Questions: Tim 431-4385 or Javier 429-4807.



Thanks to all who attended the September 17 General Meeting.

We are starting a new year so call to find out what you missed if you did not come. Fresh ideas are welcome.

October 5: Ministry Faire 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 your support. John and Jan Minter 430-5839.

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.

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 previous sessions, Virtus Training will be held again on **Nov. 17 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.

12th Annual Memorial Mass

The month of November has always been a special time for remembering in prayer our loved ones who have died. As this time approaches, we would like to support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We invite you, your family and friends to join with the St. Joseph community for our twelfth annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated in our church on Sunday, **November 2 at 4:00 pm** (All Souls Day). The name of your loved one will be inscribed on our Scroll and in our Parish "Book of Life" and each will remain on display in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the month of November.

Following the Mass, there will be a "Potluck" in our parish hall. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately 6 people. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 2. For further information, please call Nancy 429-2546, or Pat 799-0921.

Precious Life Shelter Golf Tournament Sept. 24

Golfers needed! Deacon Don has a special place in his heart for this charity doing something positive for our homeless women in crisis. Call Don (498-6701 or 598-5202) for registration. If you are unable to participate by golfing, he has opportunities for every pocketbook and looks forward to your help.



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 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
- MONDAY, September 22**
 8:00 AM - Ray & Marie Bielman 65th Anniversary
- TUESDAY, September 23**
 8:00 AM - Justin Ferriese, living
- WEDNESDAY, September 24**
 8:00 AM - † Wallace Hillebrecht
- THURSDAY, September 25**
 8:00 AM - † Salud Garcia
- FRIDAY, September 26**
 8:00 AM - Marile Botelho, living, Birthday
- SATURDAY, September 27**
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, September 28**
 7:30 AM - † Mario Montello
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Kathleen Roberts
 12:30 PM - † Eva Retana

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: \$11,054

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, Elizabeth Jackson and Virginia Souza.

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 | |
| 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