



**St. Joseph Parish Council
Town Hall Meeting
October 20, 7:30 pm
Fr. Martin hall
Refreshments provided**

Life and Prayer Chain 2008 - Make plans now to spend an hour on Sunday afternoon, **October 5**, bearing witness to your Christian faith and hope. Join fellow Christians and Californians for the **Annual Life Chain** at the intersection of **Pacific Coast Highway and Avalon Blvd.** between **2:15 and 4:00 pm** to quietly pray while holding signs that call attention to the evil of abortion in our nation. Signs will be provided. 90 minutes is not very much of your time for such an important cause! For inquiries, please call 310-834-5215 ext. 23.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I see myself and my faith community as tenants of the Kingdom?

Child: How can I help care for our world? Our Church?

Teen: What would I do if I found out that a friend had not been loyal to me?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

This, from the Liturgy of the Hours, has special meaning upon the Baptism of Austin William and Danica Mae:

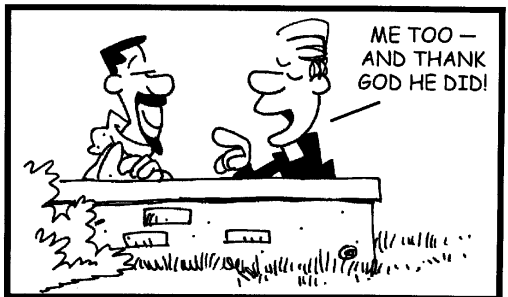
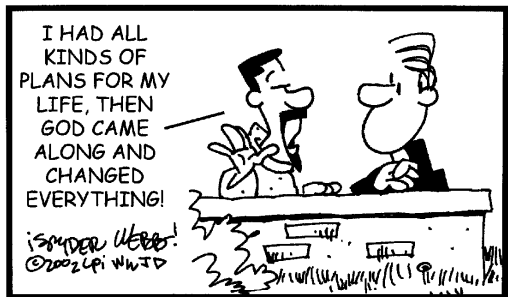
For the fruits of His creation,
 Thanks be to God;
 For the gifts to every nation,
 Thanks be to God;
 For the ploughing, sowing, reaping
 Silent growth while men are sleeping
 Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
 Thanks be to God.
 In the just reward of labor;
 God's will is done;
 In the help we give our neighbor,
 God's will is done;
 In our world-wide tasks of caring
 For the hungry and despairing,
 In the harvests men are sharing
 God's will is done.
 For the wonders that astound us,
 For the truths that still confound us,
 Most of all, that Love has found us
 Thanks be to God.

God shows his great love by giving us these children and putting the timeless into their hearts. (Eccl 3:11)

Our Prayer: God of glory, impress on me the value of humility as a means of attaining true glory. Help me to humble myself in my own eyes as well as in the eyes of all. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - In this parable of the vineyard, each element of the story has another meaning. The property owner represents God. The first group of slaves represents the prophets. They were sent by God to the people before the exile. The second group represents the prophets sent after the exile. Neither group had any good effect upon the people. Rather they were beaten, killed and stoned. When the owner sent his son (Jesus), they dragged him outside the vineyard (Jerusalem) and killed him also. The listeners to the parable were led to judge the tenants (themselves). Because Jesus had been rejected by the religious authorities, the Kingdom would now be given also to the Gentiles.

Life Focus - * What or who has helped you during a period of rejection? * *When have people outside the Church seemed to have more understanding and love than those within?* * Describe a time when you were so set in your ways that you wouldn't accept repeated invitations to change. * *Describe a rejection in your life that turned into something positive.* * How might you miss or reject the good God sends each day?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary School: Classes for our Elementary Program have started. **Registration** is still being accepted. Please call our office, **598-0519**, for information.

Middle School: Classes for 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade will begin on Tuesday, **October 21**. Please register prior to the first class.

Sacrament Program: A workshop for our **2nd Year** parents & children will be held on Sunday, **October 19**, from **2:00 to 3:30 pm** in the hall. Our presenter is Sr. Kathleen Burns and the topic is "Eucharist, Community & Family."

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.

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.

Autumn Festival & Barbecue

Let's celebrate Fall and Halloween with a fun afternoon on our parish field. The parish community is invited on Sunday, **October 26**, from **11:30 am to 3:00 pm** to bring chairs, blankets, sports equipment, plus drinks and a side or dessert to share for a relaxing afternoon.

The Knights will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs for purchase and there will be Halloween fun for the kids - pumpkin carving (bring your pumpkin cleaned out plus carving tools), costume parade, games, bounce house, etc. For further information, please contact the religious education office, **598-0519**.



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

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

Oct. 6: Our Social Club - fun and games!

Oct. 20: Halloween Party - Come one, come all! Costume party, money prizes, catered lunch.

Reservation is a must. Fun for all!

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

**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. Questions - Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

Italy, Greece and Turkey and a 3 day cruise of the Greek Islands, **March 12-25, 2009**. Chaplain, Fr. Michael Philen, CMF. Cost is \$4678 and includes airline taxes, port taxes, tips, meals and a shore excursion in Patmos. Please call Janice Herlihy, 594-6357 or Blaine Kramer, 598-4551, for more information.

10 Great Dates - Reminder: We will be meeting next Sunday, **Oct. 12, at 3 pm**. Family Potluck will follow in the hall. Questions: please call Wendy Thomas, 429-0161.

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 **November 17** from **7 - 10 pm** in the Parish Center. Please call the rectory office to sign up, 594-4657.

Raising Caring Children - Part Two

Please join us on Sunday, **October 12**, from **10:30 to 11:30 am** in the hall for another presentation by Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre. Her first talk was full of great information and we have asked her to continue this talk with time for a question/answer period. So, if you enjoyed the first presentation, please come again. If you were unable to make it the first time, please join us for an hour of great parenting advice. (A \$5.00 donation will be requested to help defray the speaker cost.) Questions? Please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

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.

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.

Help the poor & needy - volunteer for Catholic Charities in Long Beach bringing food & a smile to the homebound once a month. Call Cecilia for a volunteer application, 480-2506, or email to gatekeeperproject@hotmail.com.

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.



Thanks to our volunteers who spoke at the Masses last weekend. If you have any questions for them, call us at the number below, or visit the Ministry Faire **TODAY on the Church**

Patio. Pick up a Blue sheet! We are starting a new year. All are welcome. Call with an idea or to help.

October 4 & 5: Ministry Faire in front of the Church.

October 4 & 5: Feed A Baby Weekend

Oct. 18 & 19: Homeless Kit Envelopes on cross in church.

Oct. 25 & 26: Return the Homeless Kits back to church.

Nov. 8 & 9: NEW Blanket Drive for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 15 & 16: NEW Blanket Drive for Food Baskets.

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.** Call us to get involved for our 22nd year! Thank you again for all you do and share with LB's needy families. John and Jan Minter 430-5839.

THINK GREEN - DROP OFF EVENT

Free Electronics Disposal, Saturday, October 11, 9 am - 3 pm, here at St. Joseph Church.

Items accepted: computers, TV's, monitors, wires, stereos, radios, phones (cell/home), printers, copiers, microwaves, VCR's, DVD players, camcorders, circuit boards.

Unacceptable items: batteries, household appliances, light bulbs.

For more information, call 562-477-2872 or go to www.electronic-waste-recycling.com.

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 Murrach, Blood Drive Chairman, 562-596-9835.

Knights of Columbus, Council 987, Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the Wheelchair Foundation and the Columbian Foundation for the People with Mental Retardation. Please join us for an evening of good food and good company, Monsignor Gualderon Hall, located at the corner of East 6th St. and Alamitos Ave. in Long Beach, Saturday, **October 18, 5-9pm**. \$7 for adults. Children under 7 free.

Election Corner - Your Vote as a Faithful Citizen

Tuesday, Nov. 4 is coming up fast. Not only will we be voting for our next President, we will be voting for many propositions. We are encouraged to vote as Catholics, to see issues in the light of our baptismal call. Please pray and reflect in the next several weeks how your vote can support gospel values such as loving your neighbor and working for the common good.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, October 4**
 5:00 PM - † Bernard McCune
- SUNDAY, October 5**
 7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - Thanksgiving Mass
 10:30 AM - † Stephen Durkin
 12:30 PM - † Rogelio Gealon
- MONDAY, October 6**
 8:00 AM - Dolores Devine, living
- TUESDAY, October 7**
 8:00 AM - Francis & Nora Devine, living
- WEDNESDAY, October 8**
 8:00 AM - Thomas Goonan Marist, living
- THURSDAY, October 9**
 8:00 AM - † Leona O'Shea
- FRIDAY, October 10**
 8:00 AM - † Dolores Deveney
- SATURDAY, October 11**
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, October 12**
 7:30 AM - † Dick Kocovar
 9:00 AM - † Mrs. Mario Benedetti
 10:30 AM - † Mrs. Emmy Formica
 12:30 PM - Don & Tina Gath, living

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: \$9740

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, Virginia Souza and Jon Zack.

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