



From the Pastor's Desk:

When we read today's second reading, we ought to be able to replace the phrase "the church of the Thessalonians," with the name of our own parish church, and read Paul's words as if he had written them for us. Indeed, he did write them for all who are followers of Jesus Christ. We can read them today and derive the same comfort and pride that the Thessalonians did; we can also face the same challenge.

Truly, the Gospel did *not* come to us in word alone. It has come to us "in power, and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Therein lays the challenge. Like Cyrus in the first reading, and every other king of Israel and every other person anointed in baptism, we have been called by name. It is God who empowers us. We will always have to do more than listen to God's word. We will have to act on it.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How does my faith influence my citizenship?

Child: What are some ways I show God the respect that is due Him?

Teen: Do I bring everything to God in prayer, or are there areas of my life that I would rather keep hidden from Him?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Msgr. Rossetti is quoted in Living Faith as saying, "I admire those who have the courage to enter into a lifelong commitment to marriage. Conflicts and challenges abound in all relationships but especially in marriage where emotions run deepest. But there is one common problem that surfaces most often. That is the desire to be truly loved and wanted by the other."

Tina and I had our "date" last week, and just following the simple guidelines in the book, "10 Great Dates to Energize Your Marriage," we really enjoyed each other's company. We laughed as we shared our answers to the simple questions like, "What are our favorite topics to talk about?" Tina said travel, I said baseball. But we both agreed on our grandkids. Then it got a little serious when she talked about cleaning up the garage. We both agreed that we need more quality time together. This plan will help us to that goal. Thank you Wendy Thomas.

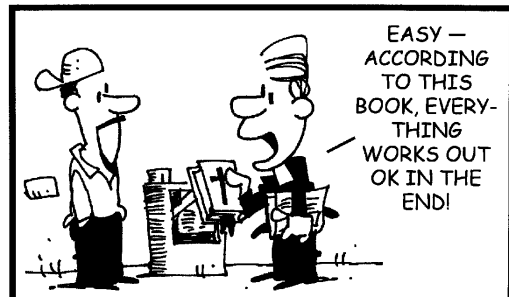
Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, our help and guide, make Your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for You express itself in our eagerness to do good for others. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Salvation History

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **October 22** for Scott Hahn's overview of the Hebrew Scripture. The time is **7 pm** in the PAC and there will be refreshments. This series will help you to enter more fully into the liturgical worship of the Church, in other words, help us appreciate the preparation for the coming of Christ in the Eucharist.

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - Matthew makes it very clear that two opposing political groups have united to trap Jesus: If he supported paying taxes to Rome, he would be accused of being a traitor to his "own" people. If he refused such payment, he would be charged with acting against the government. Jesus is not fooled. He turns the situation back at them. It is clear that they have accepted Roman rule because they can produce a Roman coin. It belongs to Caesar; it has his image and inscription on it. So Jesus says if it belongs to him give it to him, but "give to God what is God's." He is telling them that there is a Kingdom higher than that of Caesar. All people are made in the image of God. They belong to God, and Jesus calls them to give their lives to God, not to earthly concerns.

Life Focus - * Relate an experience when you felt pressured into making a decision contrary to your principles. * Describe an experience of being caught in a no-win situation with family, at work or in society. * What belongs only to God in your life?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary/Middle 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."

Confirmation: First session for **Year 1** takes place on Sunday, **October 26**, starting with Mass at **12:30 pm**. This is a Meet and Greet session and will include helping with the Autumn Festival & Barbecue.

Year 2 sessions begin the week of **October 26** for 4 consecutive weeks.

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.

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.



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

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

Oct. 20: Halloween Party - Come one, come all! Costume party, money prizes, catered lunch. Reservations a must. Fun for all!

Mexican cruise is closed.

Watch for more info on the 10th anniversary of our group. It will be held on November 17.

November 3 - Some of us will be cruising, but our games and fun will go on.

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

**Don't cook a bite - join us for Pasta Night!
Friday, October 24, 5-9 pm, Fr. Martin Hall.**

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

The following date is for the July fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for an appointment:

Nov. 11 - St. John of God, Norwalk, 562-863-5721

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Peggy Johnson
Lucille Heilman**



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

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Oct. 26** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Mary, 596-9449.

Catholic Apologetics Class - Have you been confronted at work or at school by friends or other well meaning people who want to know "have you been saved?" Or maybe, why do you pray to Mary, call priests "Father," or believe you need to confess your sins to a priest? Come join us in the PAC as we learn how to defend these and many more challenges to our faith. Evening classes will be offered on every other Tuesday starting **Nov. 4, 7 pm**, morning classes will be on every other Monday starting **Nov. 10, 9:30 am**. Bring your bible and your questions. Maybe we will learn a little more about our faith along the way. Questions? Contact Richard Dana, 420-9976.

Mass with Healing Service Tuesday, **October 21**, 7 pm, St. Cornelius Church, 3330 Bellflower, 421-8966, Fr. Albert Avenido.

Taize Prayer - Would you like to have some time for quiet, reflective prayer in an atmosphere of peace and calm? Please come join us for Taize Prayer at St. Cornelius Church, Thursday, **October 23**, 7-8 pm. For more info, please contact Sr. Kathleen, 496-3224.

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**.

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.

St. Anthony High School, the only Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school in Long Beach will be holding their Admissions Info Nights on Tuesday, **Oct. 21** and Wednesday **Nov. 5** at 6:30 pm. Open Houses will be on Sunday **Nov. 23** and **Jan. 11**. For info: 562-435-4496 or www.longbeachsaints.org.

St. Joseph High School "A Day in the Life of a Jester" Friday, **Oct. 24**, 8 am - 1 pm, & **Open House** at 5:30 pm. All welcome, especially 7th and 8th graders & their families, 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood. 925-5073 x125.

Comments, Suggestions, etc. - We are interested in what you have to say. Do you have comments, suggestions, praise, or constructive criticism? Would you like to volunteer in one of our ministries? You may contact the Parish Council chair listed in the bulletin, drop us a note in the suggestion box located in the hallway between the church and the school, or send us an email via our website: www.stjosephparishcommunity.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
- I would like to learn about becoming a Catholic
- I would like information about Religious Education

Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox.



Homeless Kits - Envelopes will be on the cross in the back of church. Fill the bag in the envelope with items from the list enclosed and return to church.

All are welcome. Call with an idea or for help.

Mark Your Calendars:

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.

New Life Beginnings in Long Beach - they have been helping young women and their babies for 24 years! Unfortunately, the pipes leaked and the damage repair has already cost \$120,000. Call us for information on how to help them. Please, the bills are coming in!

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.

Donate Books to children who cannot afford to buy books. The 12:30 Contemporary Mass Music Group is collecting new and used books (in good condition) for children, ages pre-school through high school. Please leave your books at the rectory or with the music group at the 12:30 Mass. Thank you!

Precious Life Shelter will be hosting their 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, **Nov. 1**, from 2-5 pm at the Long Beach Sea Base on Alamitos Bay, 5875 Appian Way, Long Beach. The event will feature special wines paired with hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Enjoy jazz music and displays by local artists. Tickets are \$45 per adult. For reservations call 562-431-5025.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, October 18

5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati family

SUNDAY, October 19

7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † J.D. Despain

10:30 AM - † Dorothy Kumer

12:30 PM - Nancy Walker, living

MONDAY, October 20

8:00 AM - † Jim O'Donnell

TUESDAY, October 21

8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone

WEDNESDAY, October 22

8:00 AM - Mary Alice Zink, living

THURSDAY, October 23

8:00 AM - † Judy Senn

FRIDAY, October 24

8:00 AM - † John Fay

SATURDAY, October 25

5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, October 26

7:30 AM - John & Teresa Anselmo, Anniversary

9:00 AM - † Alexander Shinar

10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † John DeRuyter

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:

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:
\$12,088

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Hugo Jorda, Jim Correira, Sharon Conroy, Joy Mann, Nancy Vandrosek, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, 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, Jon Zack and Betty Galaz.

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
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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