



From the Pastor's Desk:

The God of the Old Testament is often called a God of wrath. The high drama, violence, battlefields, and anger that run through the books of the Old Testament can leave us with a picture of a God who is stern, forbidding, quick to punish, and demanding of justice. Today's first reading is a passage from the Book of Exodus which reveals the tenderness, the loving kindness of our God. "I am compassionate," says God in self-description. Take care how you treat your neighbor.

It is important to remember that this love for others has always been part of the law of Israel. Jesus did not invent this; he remembered it, lived it and called others to live it. In a world that had gone crazy with dissecting the law to extract every possible meaning from every angle, Jesus refused to participate. Here is the greatest law, he tells us: love.

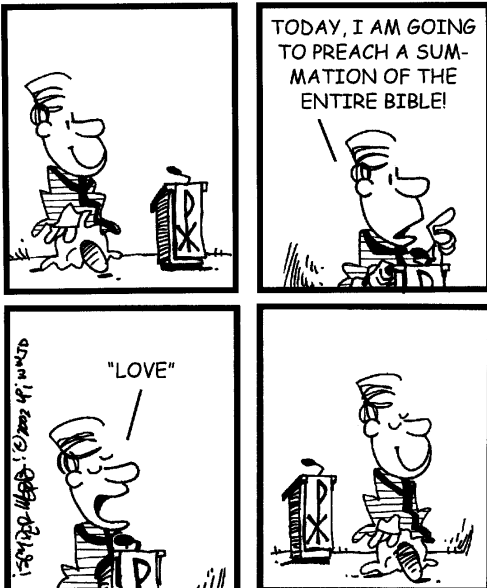
All Saints Day is this Saturday, November 1. The Vigil Mass will be Friday, October 31 at **7:00 pm**. Mass on Saturday will be celebrated at **9:00 am**. Being on Saturday, this is **not** a holy day of obligation.

***Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
- Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Sunday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Don and Tina are vacationing in Italy and asking St. Francis of Assisi to bless the good parishioners of St. Joseph. Pray the Rosary.

Our Prayer: Father, You helped St. Francis to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility. May we of St. Joseph parish follow Your Son by walking in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi and by imitating his joyful love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever & ever. Amen.

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
**Nancy Buonocore
Felipe Perez**

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: What does love of neighbor mean for me in today's world?
Child: How will I show love for my friends and family this week?
Teen: What prejudices block God's love from flowing out from me to others?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - Sometimes we hear people speak of the God of the Old Testament as a harsh judge, while the God of the New Testament is a loving and compassionate God. But there is only one God. Today's first reading from the Book of Exodus deals with the Ten Commandments and some specific ways they are to be lived and understood. These commandments are not burdensome and oppressive. In fact, they are essential if humankind is to live a free civilized life. They will ensure our happiness. In the Gospel Jesus' enemies try once again to trip him up. They think he will speak against the Law of Moses. But Jesus agrees that the greatest commandment is to love God with one's whole being, with one's heart and mind and soul. The second commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," follows from and completes the first. This twofold command sums up the Law of Moses and the teachings of all the Hebrew prophets.

Life Focus - * How was it tough to love someone this week? * *What keeps you from loving God, your neighbor or yourself? Of the three, which for you is the hardest to love?* * How have you shown concern for another in a simple way this week? * *What/who helps you stay centered on what really counts in life?* * Relate an experience when you treated another as you would want to be treated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary/Middle School: Classes for our Elementary Program have started. **Registration** for all grades **except Year 1 and Year 2 Sacrament Program** is still being accepted. Please call our office, **598-0519**, for information.

Confirmation: First session for **Year 1** takes place today starting with Mass at **12:30 pm**. This is a Meet and Greet session and will include helping with the Autumn Festival and Barbecue. Next session is Sunday, **November 9**.

Year 2 sessions begin this week 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.

Did You Know? Telling the story of success - five years since U.S. bishops adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and other dioceses have made significant strides to instill practices that will ensure the safety of children in the church. Please visit: www.the-tidings.com and click on the link to articles on abuse prevention at the top of the page to see a useful database of articles that look at a variety of related issues from strategies in place to prevent and identify child sexual abuse to the growth of transparency in the church. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

In preparation for Advent and the Holidays, St. Bernard Church, Bellflower, is inviting everyone to attend a three night Parish Mission, **Nov. 17-19, 7 pm**. The theme for the mission is "Forgiveness in Christ" presented by Fr. Jack Gibson from St. Dominic Savio. For more information, please call St. Bernard Church, 867-2337.

Marriage Encounter Movement of California invites married couples to a spiritually-filled and Christ centered marriage encounter weekend, at The Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino, CA, **Nov. 7-9**. For more information, please contact Tony/Guing Ramos, 213-627-7330.

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.



St. Joe's Social Seniors Group
We need new blood! Come join us.
Everyone is welcome - any age.

Our Halloween Party was a big success - over 100 people. A big thanks to all the people who put it together. About 80% came in costume - you can't believe the costumes! We seniors sure know how to party!

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

Come one, come all to the 10th anniversary of our group on Nov. 17. We are extremely honored to have Bishop J. Sartoris officiate at a Mass for us at 11 am, with Fr. Will concelebrating. After Mass we will have a small lunch at noon and continue with our regular games. Cost of lunch is \$5. This money will be collected at the Nov. 3 social.

Special Note: Anyone who took photos at our party please get copies to Olga for our book. Give us a bill and we will pay you. Thanks!

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

CASINO TRIP to Harrah's Rincon casino sponsored by St. Pius X, Y.L.I. Friday, **Nov. 14, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm**. Donation \$16. Reservations: Mary Brown, 562-598-0842.

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.

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.

Autumn Festival & Barbecue

Let's celebrate Fall and Halloween with a fun afternoon on our parish field. The parish community is invited **today** 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 Night on 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. Cyprian's Religious Education Holiday Boutique 4714 Clark Ave., **Nov 1**, 9 am - 4 pm, and **Nov. 2**, 8 am - 2 pm, handmade crafts, wood works, jewelry, etc. Delicious Mexican food, too! Questions, 420-6885.

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. 25 & 26: Homeless Kit Envelopes on the cross in back of church. Return the Homeless Kits back to church.

Nov. 1 & 2: Return the Homeless Kits back to church.

Nov. 8 & 9: NEW Blanket Drive, deliver to church.

Nov. 15 & 16: NEW Blanket Drive, deliver to church.

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, please call 562-431-5025.

The Weekend College at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles will be hosting Spring Semester Information Sessions, **Nov. 1 & 15, 10:30 am to noon**, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, for working adults wishing to return to college and complete their degree. Eight bachelor's degrees are offered. For information or to make a reservation, please call Malika Gary, 213-477-2866, or visit www.weekendcollege.org.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul - Italy, Greece, Turkey & a 3 day cruise of the Greek Islands, **Mar. 12-25, 2009**. Chaplain, Fr. Michael Philen, CMF. Cost: \$4678 includes 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 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
- MONDAY, October 27**
 8:00 AM - † Nancy Buonocore
- TUESDAY, October 28**
 8:00 AM - † Don Hobbs
- WEDNESDAY, October 29**
 8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- THURSDAY, October 30**
 8:00 AM - The Taylors family, living
- FRIDAY, October 31**
 8:00 AM - † Fran Mulick
 7:00 PM - † Carolyn Rogers
- SATURDAY, November 1**
 9:00 AM - Bobby Knight, living
 5:00 PM - All Souls Novena
- SUNDAY, November 2**
 7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Deceased members of Munda & Reyes families
 10:30 AM - All Souls Novena
 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:

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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: \$10,418

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, 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

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| DIRECTOR of LITURGY | Fr. William | 594-4657 |
| ALTAR CARE | Mary Jelnick | 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