



From the Pastor's Desk:

If you have been to Rome and visited the Basilica of St. John Lateran, you might wonder why the dedication of this particular church building is commemorated all over the world.

It's a beautiful church, yes, but it is only one of many, many beautiful churches in Rome. And if you haven't been to Rome, this celebration might seem even more unlikely and obscure. Even when you learn that the Lateran Basilica was one of the first churches dedicated by Emperor Constantine as an official site for Christian worship - public worship after years of secret meetings for Mass - you might question making its dedication of such importance.

You will find the answer in today's Scripture readings. This is a feast to celebrate the *endurance* of the holy Catholic Church. It isn't about a building. It is about us, the people of God, the church. We are God's building, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ.



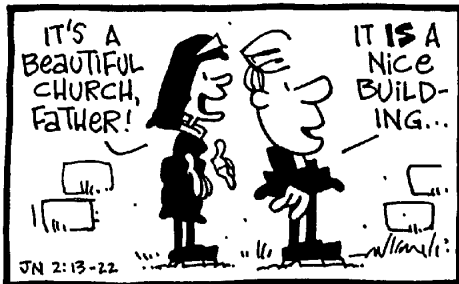
Altar Server Training - Nov. 13, 6-7:30 pm in the church. For more information please call Ann Crowley 594-7575.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

The parish office will be closed on Monday, November 10 for the Veteran's Day holiday.

DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



From Deacon Don's Desk:

"It was the best of times....." and it WAS the best of times. The first week was walking the streets and byways of St. Francis of Assisi. We began to understand the love he had for Jesus.

Franciscans are the largest orders (3) in our Church - though the Jesuits may dispute that. As I reflect on the Catholic Church as a whole, I am beginning to understand more fully what Jesus promised: "I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Mt. 16:18). The last part of the Apostles Creed says, "I believe in the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church...." This is explained very well in the pamphlet titled, "Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth" including how God speaks to us through the Bible, tradition and the magisterium. It references the Catechism of the Catholic Church and talks about Jesus "supernaturalized the sacraments, energizing them with grace. He made them more than symbols." We have a resource and can get it for you - just ask.

Prayer before a crucifix: Here I am good and gentle Jesus, kneeling before You. With great fervor and desire I ask You to instill in me lively sentiments of faith, hope and love. With true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment, I hear the prayers that David spoke in prophesy of You, "They have pierced my hands and feet, and have numbered all my bones." Guide me in Your love. Amen.

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 kind of temple is my own body? Does it reflect the way I care for my parish church, for the community, for myself?
Child: If Jesus came to my house today, what would I do to get ready for him?
Teen: How should being a temple of God affect how I live and treat others?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - As followers of Jesus and so members of the body of Christ, we as individuals have become "the temple of God" through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Through our faith in Christ and baptism, we have been made into places where God is now present in a special way. Of course, we still need buildings where we may worship God in community and express our shared identity and dignity. Yet we do so convinced that Christ is the reality to which all earthly temples, shrines and churches point, and that through Christ God dwells in us and makes us holy through the Spirit. As God's people in Christ, we are now dwelling places of the Most High.

Life Focus - * Do you ever think of yourself as a temple of God? How might such a concept affect your actions?
 * *Why do you go to your local church? What do you hope to find there?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teaching Touching Safety: There will be an information meeting with video presentation for our Elementary level parents on the Teaching Touching Safety Program which will be implemented into our programs with two lessons starting in January. Meeting times & dates are as follows:

Grades Kg. through 2nd Grade - today at 10:30 am and **Grades 3-5 Nov. 16 at 10:30 am.** Both meetings will be held in the Parish Activity Center.

Sacrament Program: The first Parent/Child Workshop for our **Year 1** families will be held on Sunday, **Nov. 16**, from **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** in the hall.

Middle School: There will be **no class** on Tuesday, **November 11**, due to Veteran's Day.

Confirmation: Next session is today starting with the **12:30 pm Mass.** Candidates will go to the hall at 1:30 until 3:30pm.

Year 2: Rite of Commitment will take place on Sunday, **November 16**, at the **12:30 Mass.** Candidates and sponsors are required to attend this liturgy.

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.

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.

Mass with a healing service Tuesday, **Nov. 18**, St. Cornelius Church, 7 pm. Celebrant, Fr. John Struzoo, has devoted 25 years to the healing ministry where he has witnessed the miraculous healing grace of the Lord touching and healing families and the community. Come and bring your family and friends to experience the awesome healing power of the Holy Spirit.

10 Great Dates - Remember: We will be meeting **November 9 at 3 pm** in the PAC for Date/Chapter 3. New couples are welcome to join us anytime. Contact Wendy Thomas, 429-0161, for more information.

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.



St. Joe's Social Seniors Group

We need new blood! Come join us.

Everyone is welcome - any age.

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.

Special Note: Anyone who took photos at our Halloween 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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

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.

"You can have everything in life you want, if you will just help enough other people get what they want."
Zig Ziglar

Did You Know? Join us to help protect our kids. Safeguard the Children Committees have been established in parishes throughout the Los Angeles archdiocese. A primary goal of these committees is to ensure that all children and youth experience safe environments in all parish activities and events. These committees also inform all parish personnel, committees, ministries and volunteers of the available resources for educating their constituencies on all aspects of child and youth abuse and neglect. For more information, call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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.

Concern America will be here today, **Nov. 9**, selling their free trade goods. Get a head start on Christmas!

St. Anthony High School, the only Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school in Long Beach will be holding their Open Houses on Sunday **Nov. 23** and **Jan. 11**. For info: 562-435-4496 or www.longbeachsaints.org.

St. John Bosco High School - November 22 will be the 9th annual New Legends Gala honoring individuals in the Bosco community for their outstanding contributions. Proceeds will benefit the Tuition Assistance Fund providing scholarships for young men who otherwise could not afford a Catholic education. Includes gourmet dinner, drinks, dancing, live and silent auctions and tribute ceremony. Tickets available at www.bosco.org. For more information, contact Erin Wilson, 920-1734 x231.

Open House at Don Bosco Technical Institute Sunday, **November 23, 12 - 4 pm**. For more details and directions, please contact Michael Smith, 626-940-2011 or msmith@boscotech.edu.

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.

Thank you for all the Homeless Kits from our generous parishioners!
Thanks to all who joined us at our meeting last week.



Mark Your Calendars:

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 our needy brothers and sisters in Long Beach.

John and Jan Minter 430-5839.

Christian Outreach in Action will have its annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction, "Fall Festival of Grace," Saturday, **November 15**, at 5 pm, at the First Baptist Church of Lakewood. Dinner will feature Santa Maria style beef tri-tip and skewered shrimp grilled over red oak. Proceeds benefit their Hot Meals Program, the distribution of groceries to homeless and low income families, and their Men's and Women's Transitional Housing Programs. For information, or reservations, please call Tobi or Jude, 562-432-1440.

Catholic Singles Network invites you to their Pre-Thanksgiving Dance event of the year, Taix French Restaurant, Los Angeles, Saturday, **November 15**, 7:30 pm to 1:00 am. Appetizers while they last. \$20 at the door. Dressy attire. For questions, call Jeanette, 626-437-7905 or visit the website: www.CatholicSinglesNetwork.com.

Dance for Catholic Singles - Join the Los Angeles Catholic Alumni Club for their Day After Thanksgiving Dance, Friday, **Nov. 28**, 8 pm, Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys. Dressy attire. Tickets at the door \$20. All ages welcome - most are 30-55. Please call 818-759-1545 for information or www.LACatholicSingles.org.

The Weekend College at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles will be hosting a Spring Semester Information Session, **Nov. 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.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, November 8**
 5:00 PM - All Souls Novena
- SUNDAY, November 9**
 7:30 AM - All Souls Novena
 9:00 AM - † Magdalena Calderon
 10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Celia Ponce
- MONDAY, November 10**
 8:00 AM - † Betty Stern
- TUESDAY, November 11**
 8:00 AM - † Don Hobbs
- WEDNESDAY, November 12**
 8:00 AM - † Michael Iiams
- THURSDAY, November 13**
 8:00 AM - † Felipe Perez
- FRIDAY, November 14**
 8:00 AM - Mike Roide and family
- SATURDAY, November 15**
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, November 16**
 7:30 AM - † John Fay
 9:00 AM - † Enrique Antonio Fuentes
 10:30 AM - † Bill Lewis
 12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

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: \$11,833

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, Elijha 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, Betty Galaz and Gloria Gonzales.

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 & Julie Gianessi |
| 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