



From the Pastor's Desk:

What does it mean to be blessed? What makes a good Christian? In the second reading Paul calls us children of the light and of the day. The worthy wife in the first reading from Proverbs and the good and faithful servants in

Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew give us simple descriptions of the blessed children of light.

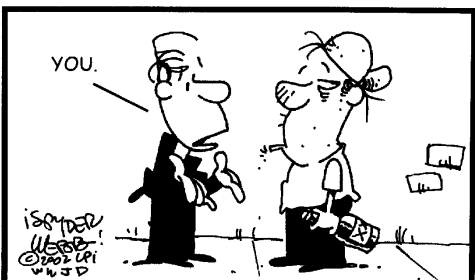
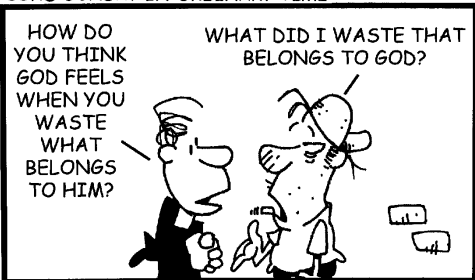
In contrast, we also have a picture of a man who was too lazy to live a blessed life. Yes, too lazy! There is nothing lazy about the worthy wife, but you might not recognize how hard the men in Jesus' parable worked to invest their talents. The talents used as money in the Roman Empire were not small coins, but were large metal rounds each weighing 94 pounds! Go back and reread the parable with that picture in mind. The third man reported that he was "afraid," but it looks like he was lazy. Is it possible that sometimes the gifts we've been given are just too much trouble? Not if we're children of the light and of the day!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From Deacon Don's Desk:

St. Paul gives us a wake-up call: read 1Cor3:16-19. We need to be careful of the foundation we build upon for our temple. To paraphrase the reading: "If you defile that temple, God will destroy that person, for that person (temple) of God which YOU ARE is holy." Stop and reflect for a moment - your body is a vessel, a house of God's spirit. When we defile it through illicit drugs, or various illicit desires, envy, hatred to one another, we defile that temple.

Cecil B. DeMille, Hollywood director famous for filming *The 10 Commandments*, was asked, "What commandment do you think people break most today?" He said, "The first one - worship no God but me - do not bow down to any idol. It's the one Israel broke first, and the one we still break most." He hastened to clarify that we don't bow down to idols of metal and stone any more rather we bow down to idols of flesh, idols of fame and money.

"Not all of us understand spiritual values as well as we should, nor do we give them a proper place in our lives. Blessed Pope John XXIII

Our Prayer: Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Respect Life - Is an hour too much time to pray for sanctity of life from womb to tomb, for an end to abortion, for our country in this new era? Please join us every **2nd and 4th Monday** at 7:30 pm (look on your calendars) in the Blessed Sacrament chapel to exercise the power of prayer Jesus gave us. Bring the concerns on your heart. *Isaiah 49:15-16, "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands..."* Please contact Marian Stein for questions, 429-0246.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus - As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our attention is drawn more and more to the end of our lives and the accounting we must give for our use of God's gifts. Jesus' parable speaks for itself. The faithful servants are generously rewarded because they were responsible and used what was given to them. Our relationship with God is not a cold business deal. But God expects us to show gratitude for the gifts given us and for God's confidence in our mature sense of responsibility by using these talents.

Life Focus - * What are the most important gifts you have been given? Describe how you are showing gratitude for them. * *For what gifts do you need to show more gratitude? How will you do so this week?* * If your life ended today, what from your life would you be most pleased to set before God?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: There will be **no class** on Sunday, **November 30**, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Teaching Touching Safety: There will be an information meeting with video presentation on the Teaching Touching Safety Program which will be implemented into our programs with two lessons starting in January. The meeting for parents of children in **Grades 3-5** will be **Nov. 23 at 10:30 am** in the Parish Activity Center.

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

Confirmation: Next session is **November 23** starting with the **12:30 pm Mass**. Candidates will go to the hall at 1:30 until 3:30 pm.

Year 2: Rite of Commitment will take place today 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What does Jesus ask me to do with my talents? What is an example in my life of burying a talent?

Child: How do I use the gifts that God gives me?

Teen: How do I share my gifts with my friends and classmates in order to help them?

Mass with a healing service on Tuesday, **Nov. 18**, at 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.

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

These dates are for the December fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for an appointment:

Dec. 2 - St. Cornelius School, Long Beach, 562-425-7813

Dec. 3 - San Miguel School, Los Angeles, 323-567-6892

Dec. 5 - St. Anthony of Padua, Gardena, 310-329-7170

Dec. 6 - Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro, 310-833-3541

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. Hall will be closed until after Mass. 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!

We are back from a wonderful cruise - a good time was had by all - good friends, good food (too much).

Dec. 1 - This meeting will be early - starting at 10 am and finished by 1:30 pm.

We will be collecting for our annual Laughlin trip with a stop at AVI Indian Casino 3 days, 2 nites, **Jan. 11, 12, 13**. Many buffets & special party with door prizes, live music & dancing. Cost includes bus driver tip - Double Occ - per person \$103. Single Supplement, \$123.

Dec. 15 - Annual Christmas party - more info to follow.

Dec. 20 - Keep open - boat trip Saturday nite, 5:30-7:00. See all the Christmas lights. More info to follow.

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

A.C.C.W. - Last general meeting for the year to be held **Nov. 20** at St. Anthony's hall and church, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Rev. Al Scott has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker. His topic: Thanks-Giving. Mass to be celebrated by Rev. Jose Magana, pastor. \$10 per person, pre-paid, includes luncheon. Make check payable and mail to St. Anthony church, 600 Olive St., Long Beach, 90802. Put "ACCW Luncheon" in the memo. Need a ride or more information? Call Virginia Souza, 596-6048.

In preparation for Advent and the Holidays, St. Bernard Church, Bellflower, is inviting everyone to attend a three night Parish Mission, **Nov. 17-19**, at 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.

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.

Need a Job? The City of Torrance is looking for a Senior Auditor. Check out their website, www.torrcnet.com, for this and other positions.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 15 & 16: Last week to collect NEW Blankets for the baskets.

If you would like to drive for our November and December basket deliveries please call **Patty Brio, 425-5964**, or John/Jan, 430-5839.

We need an artificial tree to put the envelopes on in December. If you have one **without lights** please give us a call.

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.



Catholic Charities Needs Toys for Christmas

to distribute to 1,000 children. Santa will see the children Dec. 9, so contributions need to be collected by **Dec. 5**. Please call Anna Totta, 900-6602, for information. Santa needs more helpers this year than ever before.

Catholic Charities Honors St. Joseph Parish for its Project Achieve "guest chef" participation. This honor is shared by all of you who have helped with team leadership, as cooks, servers and those who donated to the program. Congratulations to everyone who made this honor possible and we look forward to continue serving these brothers and sisters.

Did You Know? The prevalence of abuse in society:

In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of 10 men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the United States today. An estimated 9.6 percent of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34 percent of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16 percent of all males will also be victimized before they are 18. For particular help you may call Suzanne Healey, Director of Assistance Ministry, at 213-637-7650.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 17**
8:00 AM - † Thomas Angelos
- TUESDAY, November 18**
8:00 AM - † Joe Eno
- WEDNESDAY, November 19**
8:00 AM - † Ron Castellano
- THURSDAY, November 20**
8:00 AM - † Tom Angelos
- FRIDAY, November 21**
8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone
- SATURDAY, November 22**
5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati family
- SUNDAY, November 23**
7:30 AM - † Alicia Attardo
9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
10:30 AM - † Nancy Buonocore
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: \$11,646
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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, Maria Luisa Garcia, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, Elijah 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, Gloria Gonzales and Don Miller.

LITURGY

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

PRINCIPAL	Brid Considine
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Carole Dellavalle
SECRETARIES	Bridget Paluska & Julie Gianessi
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
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