



From the Pastor's Desk:

Congratulations to Betty, Olga and all the seniors on the 10th anniversary of their group. Politics has certainly consumed a lot of our time and thought in the past weeks and months. We have seen the tyranny of some royalty in the world, and the ambition of those who would be leaders in democracies. So our images of Christ as a king could well be tinged with mistrust or indifference. It is time to turn from the political images of a king to look to the images offered in today's Scripture readings. Our King is a Shepherd who tends us gently and carefully. Our King has identified himself with those who are hungry and thirsty and homeless. Oh, our King has also come to conquer, it's true. All the power and authority of any other king or president or corporate head in this world comes from the authority of our God. All that authority will be conquered by our King. And then, last of all, Christ the king will conquer sin and death.

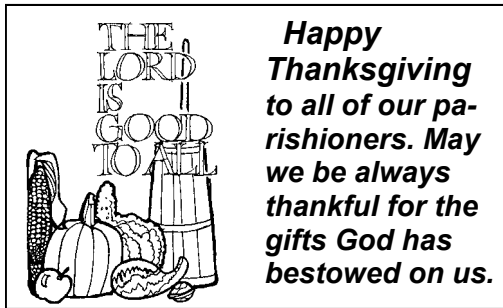


From Deacon Don's Desk:

The Gospel reading today is what I call our "final exam" to enter into God's kingdom. The Seniors have a "passing grade." Congratulations Seniors of St. Joseph on the 10th Anniversary of your founding. I was blessed to participate in what began with concelebrating of Mass with Bishop Joseph Sartoris & Fr. William and culminated with a luncheon featuring "This is Your Life." Selected members of the Seniors gave reflections. For example, Ray Bielman (who resisted going, but thanks to Marie he went) said, "I don't want to be with a bunch of old men! Little did I know that age is a state of mind and these men were young at heart and younger than springtime, as the song goes." Gerry Kohlen said the Seniors are a "blessing for Celeste and me. They came to our door and brought Celeste to their meetings when I was not able to drive. Her being involved in bingo and other activities was more therapeutic than anything the medical profession could prescribe."

The Seniors have "Seniors 4 Seniors" that provides transportation for those not able to drive. Among their charitable beneficiaries are St. Athanasius Church, Project Achieve, Precious Life Shelter, Movement for a Better World and other homeless shelters. These are the unsung heroes at St. Joseph. We pray that they give St. Joe's decades and decades more of their "younger than springtime" energy.

Our Prayer: Almighty God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in Your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May we in heaven and earth acclaim Your glory and never cease to praise You. Amen.



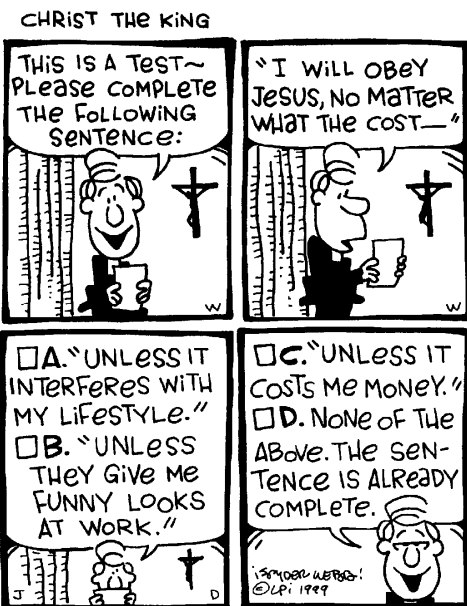
Concern America - Last weekend Fr. Chris Smith and Fr. Donal McCarthy spoke regarding their international development and refugee aid programs and received a very warm welcome. Parish members responded with great generosity to the gracious sum of \$2,473. Words cannot express the gratitude to everyone for responding with such marvelous generosity on behalf of our economically poor brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

Urgent!! Help Needed! With all the requests for help this time of year, the shelves at St. Francis Center are starting to get bare. We will help by collecting canned goods at our **9am Thanksgiving Mass** and at all the weekend Masses on **Nov. 29 and 30**.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's description of the last judgment goes further than any other. This final judgment determines what counts in the end. It is not success or how perfectly a person has developed. In the end, the judgment is about love for the poorest, the no-accounts, the ones easy to miss. It is not about doing good or charitable things for a cause or out of a sense of duty. What counts is doing real practical good out of genuine love. Jesus tells us when we do this, we are serving Jesus himself.

Life Focus: * When have you felt "left out" and when have you felt accepted? * *When this week did you see another hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, in prison? How did you respond?* * Describe a time when helping others was your way of living this Gospel. * *As a Church, whom do we easily pass by?* * How sensitive are you to the needs of those around you? * *What are the limits to your care and concern for others? On what basis do you decide whether to assist another or not?* * How/when have you experienced God's shepherding care for you (see the first reading)?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: There will be **no class** on Sunday, **November 30**, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our **Advent Celebration** for parents and students will take place on Sunday, **December 7**, in the hall at 10:30 am.

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

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

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class! No class next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
 Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: If I were to be judged today by God, what would be my greatest regret? What is one thing I could do to change that?

Child: What loving actions does Jesus ask us to do?

Teen: What can I do either alone, with friends, or with my family to help those who are in need of food, shelter, or have other needs?

Advent Spiritual-TEA by the Carmelite Sisters. Sister Ines, OCD will speak on "Our Lady of Guadalupe: Light of the New Advent." Saturday, **Nov. 29**, 1:30-4:00 pm. Hot tea and delicious goodies will be served. Silent auction held before tea. Support the mission of the Carmelite Sisters to promote a deeper spiritual life among God's people. Please send check made out to Sacred Heart Retreat House for \$30/person to St. Joseph Campus, 507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra, 91801. Call 626-289-0223 or email at stjoctr@pacbell.net 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.

We had a very successful 10th anniversary. Bishop Joe was just great. It was a kind of "This is Your Life" program. Several members got up and talked about what the group meant to them. It was very rewarding to Betty and Olga. Thanks!

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

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

Dec. 1 - This year our Christmas Project is Precious Life Shelter. We will be giving a list of items that are needed. We will be collecting for our annual Christmas Party, cost is \$10 per person, includes entertainment. We will also be collecting for our annual Laughlin trip with a stop at AVI Indian Casino 3 days, 2 nites, **Jan. 11, 12, 13**. Many buffets and special party with door prizes, live music and dancing. Cost includes bus driver tip. Double Occ - per person \$103. Single Supplement, \$123. Checks only.

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.

Thank You to the Niz family for donating a paper shredder to the Religious Education department.

Adult Confirmation Course starting **January 12** through April, 7-9 pm, St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita. Please contact our Religious Education department, 598-0519, for registration form and other information.

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles is requesting donations to assist the victims of the wildfires in our Archdiocese. Please call, 213-251-3494, or mail your donation to Catholic Charities, Resource Development Dept., 1531 James M. Wood Blvd., L.A. 90015-0095. Thank you!

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.

Need a Job? The City of Torrance is looking for a Senior Auditor. Check out their website, www.tornet.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.

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.

Connelly High School, an all girls Catholic college preparatory high school, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717, ext. 234, **Fall Open House**, Sunday, **Dec. 7**, 1-4pm. Learn about academics and student life; meet students, teachers, administrators; campus tours; vocal and handbell ensembles perform; refreshments.

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.

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:

Thanks for all the new blankets for our 69 families.

December 6 & 7 - Gift envelopes will be on the Christmas trees in back of church. More next week.

If you would like to drive for our Christmas Gift Basket delivery in December, please call **Patty Brio, 425-5964**, or **John/Jan, 430-5839**.

Please HELP with more donations in the BLUE ENVELOPES. We are up to 69 families for our gift basket program because of the great need. We are also helping with seed money to help young Catholics help Project Achieve with breakfast. If you can HELP a little more in a blue envelope, it will all go to our needy neighbors in Long Beach.

We need an artificial Christmas tree to put the envelopes on in December. If you have one **without lights** please 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!! We have more families that we are delivering to this year and projects that we are trying to fund. **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.

Did You Know? Five steps to safer environments.

The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse: 1. Know the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child. 2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth. 3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth. 4. Be aware of, and sensitive to, what is going on in the lives of children. 5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, at 213-637-7650.

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

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, November 22**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvati family
- SUNDAY, November 23**
 7:30 AM - † Alicia & Amanda Attardo
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Nancy Buonocore
 12:30 PM - † John DeRuyter
- MONDAY, November 24**
 8:00 AM - Ulpiano Villarete, living
- TUESDAY, November 25**
 8:00 AM - Gloria Gonzales, living
- WEDNESDAY, November 26**
 8:00 AM - † Joe Eno
- THURSDAY, November 27**
 9:00 AM - Thanksgiving Mass
- FRIDAY, November 28**
 8:00 AM - † Don Hobbs
- SATURDAY, November 29**
 5:00 PM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- SUNDAY, November 30**
 7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Nancy Buonocore
 10:30 AM - Mass of Thanksgiving
 12:30 PM - † Ron Castellano

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: \$10,634

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

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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 & 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 |
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| | 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 |
| PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER | Don Gath | 598-5202 |
| 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