



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. There are not many words that could fill us with more joy than do words of praise from a parent. Those who have never heard such words spend much of their lives seeking approval. On the other hand, those who hear parental praise too often, given for every insignificant achievement, may stop noticing it or responding to it. How lovely today to hear how the Father praised Jesus, to know how beloved he was and how pleasing his Father found him. Our faith story is not about a distant God or a theoretical construct. Our God is Trinity - Father, Son and Spirit - in relationship with each other, communicating together, loving and pleasing each other!

II. A big thank you to all who made our Christmas celebration one to be remembered - liturgical environment, music, altar servers, lectors, lay ministers, and everyone involved!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Anne Castro



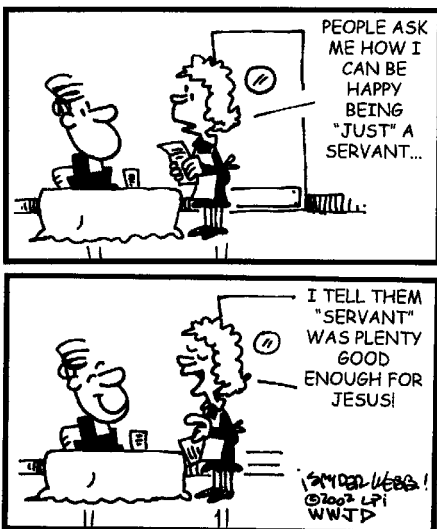
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Bundle Sunday

Next weekend, **Jan. 17 & 18**, please bring your **usable** clothing and household items to the truck by the hall to help the needy. For large items, please call 800-974-3571 for pick up. Thank you for your support!

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Last Sunday was an exceptional one for Tina & me. We visited the Skirball Cultural Center featuring "A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II & The Jewish People." It traced Karol Wojtyla as a boy living with his family in a Jewish owned apartment thru WWII where he studied underground & worked in a quarry, his rise from priest to bishop to cardinal. In Krakow he established close ties with the Jewish community. Then as Pope he attempted to heal 2000 yrs of separation between the two religions by becoming the first pope to enter a Jewish synagogue in 2000 years. It is said that he spent his life looking for deep spiritual values he believed are shared by all humanity. There were many differences but he found we shared one thing in common, "some version of the golden rule."

The prayer he left in the Wailing Wall on Mar. 26, 2000: "God of our fathers, You chose Abraham and His descendants to bring Your name to the nations; we are deeply saddened by the behavior of those who in the course of history have caused these children of Yours to suffer, and asking Your forgiveness we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant."

Our Prayer: Lord God, teach me to see the living presence of Your Divine Son in the Eucharist. Make my faith so vivid that I will gladly come to encounter Jesus in every Mass. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Adult Education

Class is back in session: Need to be uplifted in our faith? Join us for the final chapter in **Salvation History** this Wednesday, **January 14**, 7 - 8:30 pm in the PAC chapel. Refreshments will be served. Gate will open at 6:45.

10 Great Dates - Reminder: We will be meeting Sunday, **Jan. 11** at **3 pm** in the church for Date/Chapter 5. If you have missed a date or two along the way, don't fret, come anyway and catch up. New couples are welcome to join us anytime. Contact Wendy Thomas, 429-0161, for more information.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The Christmas season comes to an end with this feast of the Lord's baptism. God reveals his son to us as Jesus begins his work. The creation account in Genesis tells us that the spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth the world out of chaos. In the account of the baptism, Jesus comes up out of the water and the spirit descends upon him as a sign of God's favor. A new world is created in Christ.

Life Focus: * In what ways and/or by whom have you been affirmed since you were baptized? * *Recall a time when you felt that your life began anew.* * Recall a time when you were chosen to do something special. What effect did it have in your life? * *How have you been able to help this new world come about this last week?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Our annual Family Mass and Brunch will take place on Sunday, **February 1**. All families will attend the **9:00 am** Mass followed by a potluck brunch in the hall.

Sacrament Program: The second workshop for our **Year 1** families will take place on Sunday, **January 25**, at **2:00 pm** in the hall.

Teaching Touching Safety: Our first session for the Teaching Touching Safety Program will be presented to our Kg. (Early Childhood), Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 today during regular class time. We need all permission forms signed for the children to participate in this program. An "opt out" form is also available.

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

Confirmation Year 2: Winter Session begins this week.

Early Childhood: Regular class today.

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.

Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is ready to enrich and revitalize us. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of L A, Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this 4 day event. Youth Day draws 15,000 youth. Congress' international presence continues to grow, with participants attending from many different countries. This year there will be more than 280 workshops to choose from, covering topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. This year the Congress is **Feb. 26** (Youth Day) - **Mar. 1** and focuses on the theme **Love Unfolding...Igniting our Yes!** Over the weekend participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of prayer experiences with internationally renowned leaders in the areas of liturgical music and worship. Concerts at noon-time and evening offer delightful experiences which engage and renew participants! Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more information or to register stop by our religious education office for a guidebook, or call the R.E. Congress info line, 213-637-7348. Information and online registration is also available at www.RECongress.org.

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.



St. Joe's Social Seniors Group
New members are welcome.

Jan. 11, 12, 13 - Laughlin trip with a stop at AVI Indian Casino 3 days, 2 nites. 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. Stand-bys only. **Bus leaves at 8:00 am.**

Jan. 19 - Regular meeting and fun.

Feb. 9 - Casino Trip to Fantasy Springs, bus leaves at 8:00 am. Sign ups at the Jan. 19 meeting. Call Olga 596-6981 for more information.

Any questions - call Betty 596-8287.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center

Day Retreats - Please call Gerry Ericsson, 310-377-4867 Ext. 234 for information.

Who Moved My Life: Laughing & Crying with God in a Time of Change, Frank J. Ferrante, C.M.F., **Jan. 17, 9 am - 4 pm.** Focus on personal & spiritual growth. \$75.

God Loves Us: Rediscover the Original Whisper, Fr. Richard Danyluk, SS.CC. **Retreat for Seniors**, Wednesday, **Feb. 11, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**, lunch included. With so many voices clamoring to be heard, we easily lose the ability to hear that one voice that really matters: "You are my beloved." Focus on reclaiming this message and listening with open ears and heart to God's whisper and come to experience love that is real today. Cost: Paid in full before Jan. 21: \$55, after Jan. 21: \$65.

Have you been challenged about being Catholic?

Have you been asked "have you been saved?" Or why do you pray to Mary, call priests "Father," or believe you need to confess your sins to a priest? A **Catholic Apologetics Class** will be starting to help answer those and other challenges using Scripture and the Fathers of the Church, in the PAC on the 2nd & 4th weeks of the month, February through April, Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am and Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm. Bring your Bible and questions. For information, contact Richard Dana, 420-9976.

Office of Family Life Separated, Divorced and Widowed Ministry presents Msgr. Jim Gehl, pastor of St. Bede's, former Office of Family Life director for seven years, "Journey to a New Life" Saturday, **Jan. 17**, registration 8:45-9:30, tour, workshop & Mass from 9:30 - 2:30, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Cost: \$25 - **RSVP by Jan. 12**, \$30 at the door, includes: materials, continental breakfast, lunch and parking. For info please call Julie Auzenne, 213-637-7249 or email jmonell1@altrionet.com.

100 cup coffee pot missing from the hall. Please return!

Basketball Freethrow Competition

The Knights of Columbus invite all girls and boys ages 10 to 14 to take part in their annual basketball freethrow competition. The competition will take place during the month of January. Watch the school bulletin board for the date and time of your school. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in their age group. Girls will compete against girls and boys against boys.

T-Ball Sign-ups

Come sign-up your son and/or daughter for another fun filled season of St. Joseph's T-Ball! Registration will be held on Saturday, **January 24**, from 9 - 11 am in front of Fr. Martin Hall. All children Pre-K to 1st grade are welcome to play. Cost: \$65 each. The season will run from March 7 to May 16. All games and practices at St. Joseph's on Saturdays at 9 am & Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for coaches, team moms, & snack shack helpers. For more information, call Dave Bierman 430-4493, email stjosephball@gmail.com, or see stjosephball.googlepages.com.

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 a registration form and other information.

Baby Bottle Drive for the East Los Angeles Pregnancy Center - January 17 & 18 - to help mothers and babies primarily in the East Los Angeles area. Your contributions will help greatly to help save the lives of our most vulnerable members of society.

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 your generosity.
Happy New Year!**

Thanks to the gift providers, sorters & hauler, and to Coke's Torrance employees (they donated canned goods after reading the Press-Telegram report about MFBW Gift Basket delivery at Thanksgiving).

Plan to visit our next meeting: January 21, Wednesday, in the PAC, 7:30 pm. Our meetings are open and we offer free rides to avoid night driving.

ATTENTION!! Catholic Charities wants to thank the St. Joseph Seniors for the sandwiches they make and bring EVERY Wednesday, about 200-250 sandwiches! What is one thing that we do for someone else every week? Thanks to our senior group of volunteers!

Please HELP with donations in the SKIP-A-MEAL 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 for young Catholics to 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.

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!! Please **make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: SKIP-A-MEAL**. Thank you for all you do and share with our needy brothers and sisters in Long Beach!

John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Jan. 21 - Sts. Peter & Paul, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

Jan. 22 - St. Matthias, Huntington Park, 323-277-1188

Jan. 24 - Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach, 562-498-6641

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.

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your will or trust? For further information, please contact H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust & Estate Programs, www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc, 213-637-7472, HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org. Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the benefit of: St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 10

5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, January 11

7:30 AM - Ricky Jennen, living

9:00 AM - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Alicia and Amanda Attardo

MONDAY, January 12

8:00 AM - Jeanne Sexton, living

TUESDAY, January 13

8:00 AM - Rita Smith, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 14

8:00 AM - † Bill DeRuyter

THURSDAY, January 15

8:00 AM - † Ruth O'Krary

FRIDAY, January 16

8:00 AM - † Sean McKeever

SATURDAY, January 17

5:00 PM - † Zdzislaw Hauser

SUNDAY, January 18

7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Georgia Ordonez, living

10:30 AM - † Maria Tran Thi Tinh

12:30 PM - † Nancy Buonocore

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:

Amy Mann
Nick Compton

Irene Avila

Justin Ray

Kenneth Mack McDonald

Lynne Norris

SSg. Rob Beckwell

Glen Warren
Joseph Comfort

Scott Williams

Timothy Ring

Adam Mariano

Chris Shaw

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:
\$13,187**

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Hugo Jorda, Jim Correia, Joy Mann, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, James Clinton, Aurel Demian, Daniele Pietters, 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, Stormy Leiva, Gloria Castaneda, Tom Burke, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Mary Harding, Elizabeth Jackson, Justin Ferriese, Paul Gordon, Virginia Souza, Jon Zack, Betty Galaz, Gloria Gonzales, Don Miller, Chuck Greening, Jean Boolish, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol and Nicole Stanton.

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
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Website address:		
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Michelle Needham	922-5065
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