



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

God will turn your world upside down if you let him. Like Samuel, you may not recognize his voice at first, but God will persist until you understand it is he who is calling. Then you will ask him to speak and you will promise to listen.

After that, nothing will be the same. Ask Samuel.

Like the first disciples, you may not know who Jesus is initially, or where he is taking you. "Come, and you will see," he invites. If you accept the invitation like those disciples did, you'll go and see, and then you won't be able to keep what you've seen and heard to yourself. You'll stay with him and you'll keep finding other people who ought to meet him too.

**Respect Life Sunday**

The annual Respect Life Mass is this coming Saturday, **January 24, at 6 pm** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. We will be carpooling from St. Joseph, leaving around 4 pm. Call Tina or Don if you need transportation or if you can drive. We'll "Dutch treat" for dinner.

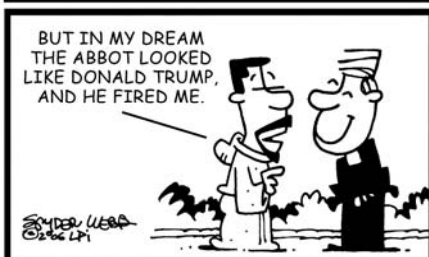
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice"
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

**St. Vincent de Paul Society - Bundle Sunday**

Today 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!

2ND ORDINARY SUNDAY



CALL AND RESPONSE



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Reflection on this Sunday's readings: *If God is your co-pilot, you are in the wrong seat.*

Leftovers from last Sunday: The Gospel revealed the first evidence of the Holy Trinity: here you had Jesus, God-man; the Holy Spirit in the

form of a dove; and God through His voice. We end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. I want to share the core of the PREFACES during that time:

**Advent:** We watch for the day, hoping salvation promised us will be ours.

**Christmas:** Today You fill our hearts with joy as we recognize in Christ the revelation of Your love: Your eternal Word takes our human weakness giving our mortal nature immortal value.

**Epiphany and Baptism:** You have revealed in Christ Your eternal plan of salvation and Your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of the Word made man.

**Ordinary Time:** In love You created man, in justice You condemned him, but in mercy You redeemed him through Jesus Christ our Lord.

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. We need to NOT take His name in vain. Remember Jesus' words: "Ask the Father anything in My NAME and He will give it to you." His name is too precious and sacred to be used lightly.

**Our Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help us to embrace Your will, give us the strength to follow Your call so that Your truth may live in our hearts and reflect peace to those who believe in Your love. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** In what ways do I experience being called by Jesus?

**Child:** What can I do this week to show that I am a follower of Jesus?

**Teen:** What qualities do I have that would cause others to recognize me as a disciple of Jesus?

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** John the Baptist's role is to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, who will forgive the sins of the world. This statement recognizes Jesus' importance and leads John's disciples to leave him to follow Jesus, the Son of God. In this short section of the Gospel, much is said about openness, for example, the ability to accept the word about Jesus and letting one's heart be moved.

**Life Focus:** \* Relate an experience when you met someone who helped you change your priorities, values or outlook. \* *How has someone else's willingness to try something new or to meet a new person changed you?* \* Relate a time when you were stubborn about a new experience but eventually realized its value. \* *What are you really looking for in your life?*

**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:** Thank you to our trained facilitators, Shannon Carpenter and Karen Muccino, for presenting Lesson 1 and 2 of the Teaching Touching Safety Program to our Kg. through 5th grade religious education students last Sunday.

**Middle School:** Teaching Touching Safety will be presented to our Middle School students on Tuesday, **Feb. 3**, during their regular class session. All permission slips must be signed and returned. An "opt out" form may be requested from the religious education office.

**Confirmation Year 1:** Next session is **January 25** starting with the **12:30 pm** Mass. Candidates will go to the Parish Activity Center from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm.

**Confirmation Year 2:** Retreat Weekend is **Feb. 7 & 8**.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Next week: Early Childhood Catechist Spring Planning meeting after class.

**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.



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

**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.

**Mary & Joseph Retreat Center**

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

**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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Robert Sylvia**  
**James Correira**  
**Jim Clinton**



**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.

**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.

**Have a Heart - Valentines Blood Drive!**

The Knights of Columbus Council 3629 invites you to save lives, Sunday, **Feb. 8, 7 am to 12 noon**, St. Joseph Parish Hall. Sign up online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org), type in Sponsor Code: St. Josephs (no apostrophe), or call Pat Murach, 596-9835. We encourage sign ups to avoid a wait. All donors will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Mimi's Café and will be entered into a Spa Package Drawing!

**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](http://www.RECongress.org).

**Kindergarten applications** are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. If your child will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2009 please call the school office and we will be happy to mail you the registration information.

**We invite everyone to our Open House** on Wednesday, **Jan. 28**, at **6 pm**. We will also be hosting our **book fair** on Sunday, **Jan. 25 to Jan. 28**. The book fair will be open after all the Masses. Please join us to celebrate Catholic Education.

**Letter stating donations for tax purposes:** This year, to save on postage, we are not sending out letters to all parishioners. If you would like a letter to substantiate your tax deductible donations to the parish for 2008, please call the rectory, 594-4657, and leave your name and phone number. Thank you.

**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](mailto:stjosephball@gmail.com), or see [stjosephball.googlepages.com](http://stjosephball.googlepages.com).

**Baby Bottle Drive for the East Los Angeles Pregnancy Center - This Weekend** - 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!**

**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](mailto: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
- Feb. 11** - St. Gregory the Great, Whittier, 562-941-0115
- Feb. 13** - St. Gertrude, Bell Gardens, 562-927-1216
- Feb. 14** - St. Catherine Laboure, Torrance, 310-323-8900

**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](http://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](http://www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc), 213-637-7472, [HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org](mailto: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 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
- MONDAY, January 19**  
 8:00 AM - Ray & Marie Bielman, living
- TUESDAY, January 20**  
 8:00 AM - Rita Smith, Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, January 21**  
 8:00 AM - Lily Dang, living
- THURSDAY, January 22**  
 8:00 AM - † mother of Mrs. Folentino
- FRIDAY, January 23**  
 8:00 AM - Don Miller, living
- SATURDAY, January 24**  
 5:00 PM - Don and Nancy Miller, living
- SUNDAY, January 25**  
 7:30 AM - † Bernie Hodowski  
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - † Lee Olsen  
 12:30 PM - † Amanda Attardo

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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| <b>Amy Mann</b>              | <b>Glen Warren</b>      |
| <b>Nick Compton</b>          | <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   |
| <b>Irene Avila</b>           | <b>Scott Williams</b>   |
| <b>Justin Ray</b>            | <b>Timothy Ring</b>     |
| <b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b> | <b>Adam Mariano</b>     |
| <b>Lynne Norris</b>          | <b>Chris Shaw</b>       |
| <b>SSg. Rob Beckwell</b>     | <b>Vincent Vezzetti</b> |

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:  
\$10,512**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Hugo Jorda, Jim Correira, Joy Mann, 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, Elijha 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

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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 |
|                             | 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                | 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