



From the Pastor's Desk:

Why do some folks care so much about when the Last Day is coming? When they hear St. Paul's words, "Time is running out," they ask, "Exactly how much time *do* we have left? Can you give us a date so we can make plans?"

When we read today's Gospel, the answer is pretty clear: The time is *now*. "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Jesus says, echoing words his cousin John said before him. But we want to know *when* - it wouldn't do to repent too soon, would it? Well, Jonah did tell the people of Nineveh how much time they had: "forty days more." These wise people did not wait until day thirty-nine to repent. They repented after the first day of Jonah's visit to their city.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What part of my life is Jesus calling me to change right now?

Child: In what way can I be a better follower of Jesus?

Teen: What attracts me about following Jesus?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Bundle Sunday

Thank you to all who brought donations for St. Vincent de Paul to help the needy. Your ongoing generosity is admirable and very much appreciated.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In today's readings we begin with the prophet Jonah proclaiming, "Forty days and Nineveh will be destroyed." The people repented. They asked for forgiveness. St. Paul, in the 2nd reading, is just as urgent in his pleading to the Corinthians.

The Alleluia verse says, "the kingdom of God is at hand...believe in the gospel." Mark's Gospel describes Jesus calling to Simon, Andrew, James and John, "Come follow Me. I will make you fishers of men. They abandoned their nets and followed Him."

Well, it's all about "**Vocations**;" each of us has been called by our Baptism to be a servant. The Responsorial Psalm gives us a nudge, "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me Your paths..."

Have you invited someone that you know that has or may have leanings toward a vocation? Age is not important. Many may just need to be invited; how about asking, "**Have you ever thought of becoming a priest?**" A little question may light that little fire inside.

Fr. Kenneth Roberts' autobiography branded him with the title of "Playboy to Priest." He is quoted as saying, "I ran hard and fast to deny what deep inside kept nagging at me. When I could deny it no longer, I sought God's will and I have never for a single second regretted my 'leaving all to follow Him.'" Our priests and especially our Archbishop have been through some rough times with much bitterness shown to them. We should never say harmful things. We should speak so as to encourage and say things that will really help others. Harmful words may lead to anger, then to wrath, slander and bitterness, even malice. Instead we should show compassion and kindness. In other words, be kind and forgiving. Jesus forgave us, didn't He? He had every right to show anger, but He gave us the path to righteousness. Come, follow Him.

Our Prayer: All powerful and ever-living God, let not our faults and weaknesses obscure the vision of Your glory or keep us from the peace You have promised, but direct Your love that is within us, that our efforts in the name of Your Son may bring us to unity and peace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's passage begins Jesus' preaching and is the core message of everything he will say later. To repent means to change one's mind, to completely change one's attitude from self-centeredness to God-centeredness. It suggests a total change in one's life. We see an example of this in Jesus' call to his first followers and their response. Simon and Andrew set aside what has been their life's work to follow Jesus.

Their immediate response to accept Jesus' call testifies to their recognizing him as their leader. James and John, too, abandon work and father to follow Jesus. Believing in the gospel means a personal attachment to the person of Jesus and going with him on his way.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you were drawn to someone and it changed your life. * Describe a change in your life which resulted from another's call. * Name a time when you had a change of heart or mind.

3RD ORDINARY SUNDAY



CALL AND RESPONSE

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 **today at 2 pm** in the hall.

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 **today** 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. Early Childhood Catechist Spring Planning meeting after class today in the PAC. Next week: No class so that you may attend the 9:00 am Family Mass and Potluck Brunch in the hall after Mass. Bring an item to share. Questions, call Religious Ed, 598-0519.

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.

Middle School Bake Sale

On Sunday, **February 1**, Super Bowl Sunday, our Religious Education middle school students will be holding a bake sale as a part of the **Souper Bowl of Caring Program**. All proceeds will go to the St. Francis Center in Long Beach. Please support our efforts by donating a baked good, purchasing an item, or giving a monetary donation. Thank you!

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.



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

Feb. 2 - Regular meeting and games.

Feb. 9 - Casino Trip - Fantasy Springs, bus leaves at 8am. May be a few openings. Please call Olga 596-6981.

Feb. 16 - Future announcements, games, etc.

Important - Keep open dates April 29, 30 and May 1 - future trip with Karl Andreos tour.

Remember - dues are due, \$5 for the year. Thank you.
Any questions - call Betty 596-8287.

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, 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!

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Tom Burke
John Manlove



Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Our Religious Education Program is once again selling Yankee Candles as a fundraiser to support our program. Items may be ordered starting this Sunday through February 22. There are beautiful gifts and candles for purchase and they will be delivered before Easter. Catalogs are available in the religious ed. and school offices or call Veronica at 598-0519.

Religious Education Congress - Save the dates of **February 26 - March 1**. The annual Congress held in Anaheim is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this internationally acclaimed 4 day event. Youth Day draws 15,000 youth. There will be more than 306 workshops to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests. The theme is **Love Unfolding ... Igniting our Yes!** Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more information or to register call the R.E. Congress info line, 213-637-7348 or register online at 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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Feb. 11 - St. Gregory Great, Whittier, 562-941-0115 x221

Feb. 13 - St. Gertrude, Bell Gardens, 562-927-1216

Feb. 14 - St. Catherine Laboure, Torrance, 310-323-8900

Grief Support Group

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss/layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Tuesday, **February 24**, at 7:00 pm (location to be announced) and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support offered free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information, please call: Olga Cuda 594-4654 (Rectory Office) or Dave Desmond 429-3316.

Adult Education - Put on your calendar that we begin a new series, "The Four Marks of the Church" - One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, **January 28, 7 pm**. The gate will be opened at 6:45 for your convenience. Refreshments provided. Come & help us refocus on parts of our Creed.

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 all for attending the meeting last Wednesday.



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.

Marriage Encounter - Husbands and wives, the most precious gift that you can give to each other is your love. Renew your love with a perfect Valentine's gift, Feb. 13-15. Sign up by Jan. 25 for 50% discount on registration. Info: Jacob & Sarah Flores 562-923-7335.

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, leave your name and phone number, and we will be happy to send your letter to you. Thank you.

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 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 & Alicia Attardo

MONDAY, January 26

8:00 AM - Phung Tran and brothers, living

TUESDAY, January 27

8:00 AM - Rita Smith, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 28

8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang

THURSDAY, January 29

8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone

FRIDAY, January 30

8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, Special Intention

SATURDAY, January 31

5:00 PM - † Olimpio Pili

SUNDAY, February 1

7:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Gonzalo Martinez

10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

12:30 PM - † Oliver Taylor & the Berberet family

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

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: \$9,499
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PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Hugo Jorda, Joy Mann, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, 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, Stormy Leiva, Gloria Castaneda, 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
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DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
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562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Brid Considine
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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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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