



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's first reading and Gospel set us thinking about where we get our information and whom we should believe. The Israelites traveling through the desert decided they had seen and heard enough directly from God. The noise of his voice and the heat of his fire were too much for them to bear. So God agreed to raise up a prophet from among them and put his words into that prophet's mouth. All the people had to do was listen to those words and follow them. A fine plan, except that from the start there was a caveat - this human prophet might speak a message that was not from God.

The Gospel passage from Mark offers some irony: Jesus spoke with such authority that people were spellbound by his teaching and amazed by the results. Yet it was the unclean spirit in the possessed man who identified the true identity of Jesus, calling him "the Holy One of God." Did anyone else in the crowd know who Jesus was? Can we today identify a person who is speaking with God's authority versus someone speaking a message that is not from God?

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:

Bernie Hughes
Rosemary Zilliox



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

4TH ORDINARY SUNDAY



HE SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, February 5, 6-8 pm

Do you really love Me? Then come to Me. Visit Me before the Blessed Sacrament. Take advantage of your short time on earth. Do things that will lead you to eternal life.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

This past week we have been touched by those whom we have crossed paths with: Tom Burke, John Manlove, Jim Clinton. You may recall others and they leave an indelible mark in our own journey. May God in His merciful goodness embrace them in His care and include those who have not been given a chance to live due to abortion.

I want to introduce you to someone: He was born about, some say after 5 or 10 AD. His hometown was Tarsus the current territory of Turkey. Some considered him pompous, even cantankerous. He was considered highly intellectual even a genius. Tarsus was considered by some equal to a university town. He had the advantage of an education that crossed from Jewish to Gentile. He was considered a Pharisee. He probably was very adept at arguing scriptural passages and had access to such scholars as Gamaliel, considered the greatest Jewish teacher of the first century. He had the advantage of being born in a Roman territory that allowed him free travel. He was considered an "Adult Convert." It was three years before he met up with St. Peter and the Apostles. By now you know that we speak of St. Paul. We hope to introduce you to St. Paul as we journey through the last five months of this Year of St. Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Our SCC challenge: Be aware and alert so as to be a positive influence to all people.

Our Prayer: God our Father, You taught the Gospel to all the world through the preaching of St. Paul Your Apostle. May we who celebrate during his year of remembrance, make his conversion to the faith our goal to continuing conversion of heart in bearing witness to Your truth. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The most important question Mark's Gospel asks is, "Who is Jesus?" Jesus speaks with authority, and people were stunned with the knowledge of the Scriptures Jesus displayed. Beyond this, his very presence changes situations. When he drives out the evil spirit, the crowd doesn't understand when the shrieking demon calls him by name - "the holy one of God." They discuss the power over evil and go out to spread the news throughout all of Galilee. But they keep asking, "Who is he?" For them and for us, it's more important to let the holy presence and authority of Jesus into the situations of our lives and of our world than to look for verbal answers and definitions of who Jesus is.

Life Focus: * When has someone's presence brought change in your life? Was it negative or positive? * *Name an action you can take this week to give God greater influence in your life.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Our annual Family Mass and Brunch takes place **today**. All families will attend the **9:00 am** Mass followed by a potluck brunch 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.

Teaching Touching Safety: Confirmation Year 1 students will receive the Teaching Touching Safety presentation on Sunday, **February 22**. All permission forms must be signed and returned. An "opt out" form may be requested from the religious education office. **Year 2** students will receive this presentation in their individual groups in February and March.

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

Early Childhood: No class today. Please join us for the Family Mass at 9:00 am and the Potluck Brunch in the hall immediately following.

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.

Confirmation Retreat - Our **2nd Year Confirmation** candidates will be attending an overnight retreat at the Mission San Luis Rey **February 7 & 8**. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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 - All the way from womb to tomb there's a desperate cry. Abortion kills more children in one day than the number of people who died on 9/11. Please join us every 2nd and 4th Monday @ 7:30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please contact Marian Steins, 429-0246, or Michelle Needham, 922-5065, for questions.



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.

Mar. 2 - Our annual Mini Retreat with a catered luncheon. Collecting & sign up at Feb. 16 meeting. Please come & enjoy your time with Jesus. We all need this at this time.

Remember - dues are due, \$5 for the year. Thank you.

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty.

10 Great Dates - Reminder: We will be meeting next Sunday, **February 8**, at 3 pm in the church for Date/Chapter 6. We will have a potluck in the hall following your date at 5 pm. 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.

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!

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.

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.

Together In Mission 2009 - I turn to you, Lord. Psalm 32 (7)

Cardinal Mahony is sending a letter this week to past contributors. On the weekend of Feb. 7-8, we will provide information about this campaign that provides funds to 35 parishes and 48 schools that would find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate without them. On the following weekend, we will conduct the in-pew process, so those who did not receive the mailing will have an opportunity to make their pledges. As you reflect on the amount to pledge, please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and give generously, according to what God has given to you.

Pastoral Council Welcomes New Members:

Robert Madura, Bill Smith, Susan Klodt, Jim MacDonald and Michelle Needham.

Continuing members are: Tim Clark, Annemarie Forster, Javier Munoz, Wendy Gentry, and Ruth Foley.

Out going members are: Phil Gray, Chris Hodowski, Madeline Majick, Stan Lawrence, and Dana Moler.

The new facilitator for the coming year is Tim Clark.

Thank you to each of you for giving of your time and talent to better our community here at St. Joseph Parish.

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 the extra donations this winter to cover our extra families. All were covered. Bless you all.

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.



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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what ways have I experienced the presence of Jesus in my life?

Child: Do I remember to pray to Jesus when I am tempted?

Teen: What is the most important lesson Jesus has taught me?

Did You Know? Internet Safety for Kids - The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters. Internet "chat rooms" provide an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with others. Child molesters use chat rooms to gain access to teens. When teenagers are in a chat room, they should never provide personal information, especially their specific physical location. For particular help, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213-637-7227.

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

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, February 2**
 8:00 AM - † Elizabeth Anne Lund
- TUESDAY, February 3**
 8:00 AM - † Eduardo Munda
- WEDNESDAY, February 4**
 8:00 AM - † Evelyn Mehl
- THURSDAY, February 5**
 8:00 AM - † Jim Clinton
- FRIDAY, February 6**
 8:00 AM - † Francis Aimone
- SATURDAY, February 7**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, February 8**
 7:30 AM - † John Fay
 9:00 AM - Jim and Mary Martorona, living
 10:30 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - Glenn Bernstein, living

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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| 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:
\$10,633**

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, Nicole Stanton and Odete Salvate.

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 | Tim Clark | 431-4385 |
| 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 Neaton | 429-2030 |
| BOY SCOUTS | Bill Higbee | 425-6124 |

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE