



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear St. Joseph's Parishioners,
 In a previous homily, I pointed out what a vibrant, welcoming and spirit-filled community we have here at St. Joseph's. I regularly hear this from our own parishioners, from many of the

visitors who worship with us on occasion, and from several of the priests who assist us at Eucharistic celebrations and communal Reconciliation services. Of course, I agree whole-heartedly with them!

As our office staff sends out tax letters to those parishioners who have made a financial contribution to our parish, I am once again reminded of the incredible generosity of so many of our parishioners. As you know, we are a community that exists solely on the good will of our members. Without the generous contributions of our parishioners, St. Joseph Parish would cease to exist.

At the same time, I also realize how the current economic crisis has affected all of us in some way or another. For some in our community, that crisis has hit very close to home. I continue to pray that this storm will pass soon, and that all of us will weather it without too much damage.

As I have often said regarding Stewardship, it involves much more than just the sharing of our financial treasures. It also involves the gift of our time and talents. As your pastor, I have the privileged position to see the wealth of time, talent and treasure that all of you contribute. I am truly humbled by it.

In Luke's account of the poor widow who put two small coins into the collection, our Lord reminds us that it is not the size of the contribution that matters, but the spirit in which it is given. In that same spirit of thankfulness and humility, I would just like to say 'Thank You' to each and every one of you who give so much to the St. Joseph Parish community. Whether it be your time, your talent or your treasure that you so generously share with this community, please know we couldn't do it without you.

Your grateful pastor, Fr. Will



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In the Tidings of January 23, I found an interesting article about Bible passages at presidential oath taking. Only one president did not take the oath of office with his hand on the Bible.

Franklin Pierce had a crisis of faith a few weeks prior to taking office: his 11 year old son was killed in a train accident.

Of note, here are some of the presidents who had the Bible opened to their favorite passages: Abe Lincoln: Matthew 7:1 "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." Theodore Roosevelt: James 1:22-23 "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only..." Woodrow Wilson: Psalm 119 "Happy those whose way is blameless, who walk by the teaching of the Lord. Happy those who observe God's decrees, who seek the Lord with all their heart..." Franklin D. Roosevelt: 1Cor 13 "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, is not quick tempered, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth... Love never fails..." Harry Truman: Matthew 5:3-11 The Beatitudes and Exodus 20 The 10 Commandments. Other passages can be researched on the Library of Congress' website.

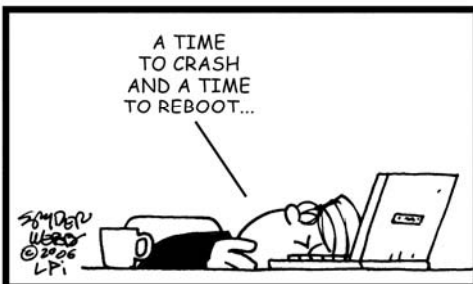
Quote: "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich"... John F. Kennedy.

Prayer Before Communion: Let not the partaking of Thy Body oh Lord Jesus Christ, which I though unworthy presume to receive turn to my judgment and condemnation, but through Your goodness may it become a safeguard and an effective remedy of soul and body. Amen.

P.S. The Knights of Columbus on national day of service (1/21/09) in Washington, DC sponsored a coat drive to help needy children stay warm during winter. They purchased 7,800 coats from Oshkosh B'gosh & London Fog for distribution in their program dubbed "Coats for Kids."

Baby Bottles - Please return the baby bottles to Mass no later than this coming weekend, **Feb. 14 & 15**. Your loose change will help make a big difference for the LA Pregnancy Center and the women and babies they serve.

5TH ORDINARY SUNDAY



HE HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law. She is so completely cured, she waits on them immediately. Jesus continues all kinds of cures and expels all kinds of demons as the whole town gathers at the house. But Jesus refuses to be locked into an identity as a wonder-worker. He tells his closest disciples that his mission is to preach the good news that the reign of God is at hand. The cures he works are only a sign of God's reign breaking into the here and now.

Life Focus: * When have you felt boxed-in by someone else's expectations and image of you? * Name an event in your life when God's intervention had a more far-reaching effect than you imagined. * Relate an experience when you had to withdraw for a period of prayer and reflection in order to be reenergized. * Where do you find strength for your call in life?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: No class on Sunday, **February 15**, for President's Day.

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.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. No class next week. Please pray for our fledgling president that he may be dedicated to protecting our Constitution thereby protecting each citizen of our great nation, and that he may become the great leader that so many believe he is capable of becoming.

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 Thank You!

Thanks to all who donated to our project "**Hands of Mercy**" last Sunday. We received a total of **\$2,271!!** This money will support our house building project for Mexico. We will be building two houses here at St. Joseph's on March 28. The homes will then be transported to Mexico.

Thank You!! Thank You!!

Our religious education middle school students would like to thank all those who supported the bake sale last Sunday. The profit from sales and donations was \$350. They have also collected a total of \$690 from donations made through a mailing to family and friends. Thanks to all who donated to our community service project for helping the St. Francis Center in Long Beach.

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.



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

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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Have a Heart - Valentines Blood Drive!

The Knights of Columbus Council 3629 invites you to save lives, this Sunday, **7 am to 12 noon**, St. Joseph Hall. All donors will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Mimi's Café & will be entered into a Spa Package Drawing!

10 Great Dates - Reminder: We will be meeting today, **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. New couples are welcome anytime. Contact Wendy Thomas, 429-0161, for more information.

VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION - All those who attended the Virtus adult awareness session in the years **2003-04** will need to attend a mandatory re-certification session. We have tentatively planned a session for Tuesday, **February 17**, from **7 - 8:30 pm** in the hall. Confirmation of this date will be published next week. Please call the religious education office at 598-0519 for further information.

A Catholic Apologetics Class will be starting this week in the PAC on the 2nd & 4th weeks of the month Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am or Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm. This week we will be answering such questions as "have you been saved?" Or "have you been born again," or "said the sinner's prayer?" We will also look at traditions such as "once saved, always saved" and "sola scriptura" using Scripture and the Fathers of the Church. Bring your Bible & 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.

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 - A Time for Reflection

This week you are asked to read and reflect upon the materials that you receive today. *Together In Mission* provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many, but it does. Here is an opportunity to show our concern for those that need your financial support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. We will conduct our annual in-pew process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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. We will be collecting "books for kids" - start saving books.



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! Call about your "Tom's Team" donations and questions. 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: How has a difficult time in my life become a source of strength, hope and healing?

Child: What can I do to help my friends know more about Jesus?

Teen: What could I do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

Did You Know? Get Involved in Parish Safety Programs - Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as all the children in the parish community. Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children. Contact the parish office for more information on how you can become actively involved in the safe environment training programs in our parish. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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. 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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, February 9**
 8:00 AM - O'Donohoe Family, living
- TUESDAY, February 10**
 8:00 AM - † Tom Burke
- WEDNESDAY, February 11**
 8:00 AM - † Tom Burke
- THURSDAY, February 12**
 8:00 AM - Mr. Lopez, living, Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY, February 13**
 8:00 AM - † Tomas Villarete
- SATURDAY, February 14**
 5:00 PM - † Thomas Steiner
- SUNDAY, February 15**
 7:30 AM - † Tom Burke
 9:00 AM - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Nancy Buonocore
 12:30 PM - † Tom Burke

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 |
| Kimberly Allen | |

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: \$11,410

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 | |

- Website address:
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| 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