



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. Mark's Gospel tells of Jesus' forty days in the desert in two verses (Mk 1:12-13), while Matthew takes eleven verses (Mt 4:1-11) and Luke tells it in thirteen (Lk 4:1-13). We do not read of any conversation with Satan in today's

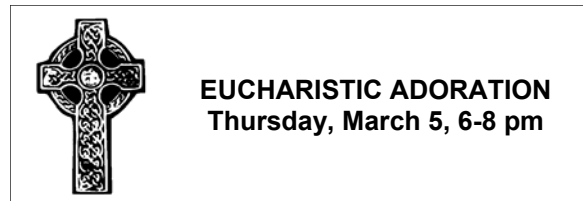
Gospel, yet the Gospel verse and the communion song both harken back to a reply Jesus made when Satan tempted him to change some stones into bread: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." As we begin this Lenten season of fasting, we are *supposed* to feel some physical hunger. We join in our small way with the sufferings of Jesus. We give from our abundance to help feed those who are poor. We come face to face with our own human need and frailty. We must take care not to miss the second half of the reply Jesus made to Satan. We do not live on bread or any other food alone, but we must also hunger for and live spiritually on the Word of God.

II. Lenten Regulations - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: fast and abstinence - no meat and one full meal, two small meals not equal to the full meal - ages 19-59 inclusive. Fridays of Lent: no meat, ages 14 to death do us part. Excessive physical labor or serious illness would excuse one from fasting.

III. Our parish mission will be Monday to Thursday inclusive the third week of March. It will be given by Father Francis Benedict of St. Andrew's Abbey in the high desert. Please see details later in the bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, March 5, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

We have now entered into Lent. The first half of Lent is to bring us to "deflation of our egos," or as the ORDO puts it: "compunction." "To challenge any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Jesus." A constant barrage of challenges in the Gospel that are to "trouble us." "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return." "Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves." Leo Tolstoy.

The cross of Jesus exemplifies every virtue: According to St. Thomas Aquinas, "Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us?" He did it as a remedy for sin and to set an example of how to act. "If you seek the example of love: Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends. Such a man was Christ. He gave His life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for His sake. If you seek **patience**, there is no better example than the cross in two ways. He patiently suffers much. He suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. If you seek **humility**, look upon the God who was judged by Pontius Pilot. He was **obedient** to the Father even unto death. "So by obedience of one Man, many were made righteous."

What is one way to follow more closely in Jesus' footsteps during the season of Lent? Hints: The rosary for world peace is said every Thursday at 7:30 pm at Gabriel and Jessie Tostado's home, 2604 Vuelta Grande. Stations of the Cross are Friday 7:30 pm in the church. Small Church Community still invites you - call me 598-5202.

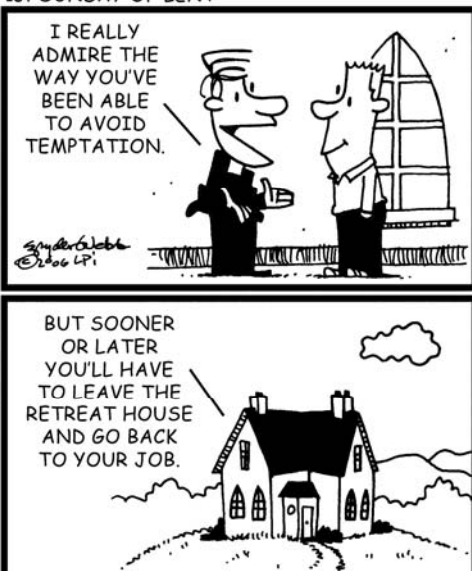
Our Prayer: Here I am, good and gentle Jesus, kneeling before you. With great fervor and desire I ask You to instill in me lively sentiments of Faith, Hope and Love. With true repentance for my sins and a firm resolve to amend my ways, I hear the prayers which David spoke in prophesy of You: "they have pierced my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones." Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear Mark's version of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus begins with this confrontation with evil. The rest of his life and work will continue this great battle: casting out demons, healing, struggling for the truth against corrupt leaders and even the blindness of his own disciples. Through it all, he proclaims the good news that the time of God's reign is now. God's truth and love is stronger than distortion and injustice. Believe the good news and it can change your life.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you were "tested." * Describe a time when you were challenged to confront a weakness in your life. * Explain how you deal with failures in your life.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



OVERCOMING THE POWERS OF EVIL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: No class today due to the Religious Education Congress.

Confirmation Year 1: Next session is Sunday, **March 8**, starting with 12:30 pm Mass. Session in hall until 3:30.

Sponsor Meeting for Year 1 on Monday, **March 16**, at **7:00 pm** in the hall.

Early Childhood: No class today. St. Joseph community attends the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim.

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.

VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION - All those who attended the Virtus adult awareness session in the years **2003-05** will need to attend a mandatory re-certification session. A session has been planned for Wednesday, **March 25**, from **7 - 8:30 pm** in the hall. If you have any questions, please call the religious education office at 598-0519.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Jeannette Ginnett
Lee Demers**



Together In Mission - A big thank you to the **129** families (of our 2012 registered families) who have made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign to help struggling parishes and schools with their day to day operations. So far, we have **\$23,916** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$49,100.40**, and **\$13,682** already paid. Thank you for your continued generosity. There are envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory if you would like to join in and make a pledge for this very needed cause. The people of the archdiocesan schools and parishes who receive the help will very much appreciate it.

Catholic Apologetics Class on every other Monday from 9:30 - 11:30 am or Tuesday from 7 - 9 pm in the PAC.

Mar. 9 & 10 - challenges to the Mass and Eucharist

Mar. 23 & 24 - challenges to the canon of the Bible, Biblical interpretation, justification and salvation

Apr. 13 & 14 - challenges to Baptism, purgatory, Confession and the crucifix

Apr. 27 & 28 - challenges to the Marian Doctrines and praying to saints

We use Scripture and the Fathers of the Church. Bring your Bible and your 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.

March 2 - (Regular meeting date.) Annual Mini Retreat 9:30-3:00. Fr. Jim Halley will be our Retreat Master. Mass will be offered at 11:00 followed by a catered luncheon in the hall. Cost: \$10, reservations required. Deadline: Feb. 27. Call Betty 596-8287 for further info.

Retreat open to all parishioners.

May 12-14 - 3 day, 2 nite Death Valley Adventure. Call Olga for more information and flyers 596-6981. We do need 42 people, ask friends and family.

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection - March 1

Improving lives by working with local communities and partners in more than 99 countries. Please be generous.

St. Joseph Lenten Calendar 2009

Sun. Mar. 1 First Sunday of Lent
 Mon. Mar. 2 Seniors' Retreat 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
 Thurs. Mar. 5 Eucharistic Adoration 6 pm to 8 pm
 Fri. Mar. 6 Stations of Cross 7:30 pm
 Sun. Mar. 8 Second Sunday of Lent
 Fir. Mar. 13 First Reconciliation NO STATIONS
 Sun. Mar. 15 Third Sunday of Lent - Parish Mission starts
 Mon. Mar. 16 Parish Mission
 Tues. Mar. 17 Parish Mission
 Wed. Mar. 18 Parish Mission
 Thurs. Mar. 19 St. Joseph Feast Day - Parish Mission
 Reconciliation Liturgy
 Fri. Mar. 20 Stations of Cross 7:30 pm
 Sun. Mar. 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Religious Ed Stations on field 11 am
 Fri. Mar. 27 RE Soup Night/Parish Retreat 4-9 pm
 Stations of Cross 7:30 pm
 Sun. Mar. 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Thurs. Apr. 2 Eucharistic Adoration 6 pm to 8 pm
 Fri. Apr. 3 Stations of Cross 7:30 pm
 Sun. Apr. 4 Palm Sunday
 Mon. Apr. 6 Chrism Mass
 Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
 Thurs. Apr. 9 HOLY THURSDAY
 Morning prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8 am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 pm
 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11 pm
 Fri. Apr 10 GOOD FRIDAY
 Morning prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8 am
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:30 pm
 Stations of Cross 7:30 pm
 Sat. Apr. 11 HOLY SATURDAY
 Morning prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8 am
 Easter Vigil Service - 8 pm
 Sun. Apr. 12 EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN!

Daylight Savings Time begins early this year. Spring your clocks ahead, 2 am, **March 8**.

10 Great Dates - Reminder: We will be meeting next Sunday, **Mar. 8 at 3 pm** in the church for Date/Chapter 7. 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.

Chrism Mass Monday, **April 6, at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Call Deacon Don for carpooling arrangements, 598-5202.

Embracing the Sacred Presence - Enrich your spiritual journey and learn to embrace and honor the life God has given you. Terry Hershey helps to uncover the richness and significance of our lives. St. Dominic Savio, Tuesday, **March 3, 7-9 pm**, 233-8955 for more info.

Thank you for your generosity.
The HOMELESS KITS can be returned to the back of church.
NEWS: Watch the bulletin for "books for kids" collection details; start saving books for Easter.



Your donations have helped us extend additional help to Project Achieve - two breakfasts per month by our young adults. This is now in its 4th month.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING



Last Sunday: \$10,223

JOIN US FOR THE FIESTA
April 24, 25, and 26
 The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming.
 Lots of fun rides, games, prizes and tons of food!
Save the Dates!!
See You There

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:

- Mar. 11** - Holy Family, Wilmington, 310-834-6333
- Mar. 13** - American Martyrs, Manhattan Bch, 310-546-4734
- Mar. 14** - St. John of God, Norwalk, 562-863-5721

Did You Know? Ensuring Your Child's School is Safe - Every teacher, coach, and volunteer who works with children in the Archdiocese's parishes and schools must have a background check before he or she is permitted to work in any school or parish related job or activity that involves contact with children. But what about the children who attend non-Catholic private or public schools? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm. Suggest that they review other abuse prevention programs to ensure that their policies and practices are up to date. And demand that all employees and volunteers who work in the school be properly screened, including background checks, before they are allowed to be near your children. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Letter stating donations for tax purposes:

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.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How can I use this Lent to deepen my beliefs?

Child: What can I do at home or school this Lent to be more like Jesus?

Teen: What good habit could I work on during Lent so I could grow closer to God?

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, February 28**
 5:00 PM - † Francis Aimone
- SUNDAY, March 1**
 7:30 AM - † Tom Burke
 9:00 AM - † Lily Friedhoff
 10:30 AM - † Cliff Lowen
 12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, March 2**
 8:00 AM - † Rosemary Zilliox
- TUESDAY, March 3**
 8:00 AM - † Richard Loughran
- WEDNESDAY, March 4**
 8:00 AM - † Jan Ginnett
- THURSDAY, March 5**
 8:00 AM - † Jim Reinard
- FRIDAY, March 6**
 8:00 AM - † Jan Ginnett
- SATURDAY, March 7**
 5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter
- SUNDAY, March 8**
 7:30 AM - † Tom Burke
 9:00 AM - † Nancy Buonocore
 10:30 AM - Hugo & Miriam Jorda 59th Anniversary
 12:30 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners

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.

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, Elijha 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, Virginia Souza, Jon Zack, Betty Galaz, Gloria Gonzales, Don Miller, Chuck Greening, Jean Boolish, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Nicole Pisula-Stanton, Odete Salvate, Rosemary Doran, Gerry Kohnan and Annette Haddad.

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
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
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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 Neton	429-2030
BOY SCOUTS	Bill Higbee	425-6124

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