



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Take a good look at the large paschal candle prominently displayed in our church today and for the next six weeks. Perhaps you were present at the Easter Vigil to see it lit by the new fire. It is not likely that you were standing close enough to see the celebrant inscribe the candle with the Greek letters *alpha* and *omega* and with the year 2009, and place the five grains of incense held in place by wax nails; but perhaps you heard the prayer he said as he did the inscribing: "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him and all the ages: to him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen." Spend some time with these words and consider what they mean for us, now, in this age.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

The Resurrection is the central fact of human history for, granted death is inevitable, and Our Lord has shown that humanity can conquer it. Since it commemorates the most glorious event known to man, Easter is naturally the climax of the church's liturgical cycle. Everything hinges on it. Our Lord's rising from the dead is at the same time His greatest victory and the invincible proof that He is God. As such, it is the foundation of our faith. Easter is the solemnity of solemnities.

When someone asks you for the reason for your hope, the answer is: "hope" is shorthand for the promise of the resurrection. (from the Lector's workbook)  
He has opened the gates of heaven to receive His faithful people. His death is our ransom from death. His resurrection is our rising to life. (Easter Preface)

May Easter Blessings be yours in abundance.  
**Our Prayer:** God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know Him in the breaking of bread, and follow Him in His risen life. Amen.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How well do I recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in the poor, in the sacraments, in the Church?

**Child:** Do I remember that Jesus is alive in my heart and I can always tell him that I love him?

**Teen:** What impact does the Resurrection of Jesus have on my world view?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Rest In Peace  
Died in Christ:  
**Lorraine Hartman**

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** All the Gospels agree that women were the first to come to the tomb. Mary Magdalene is always mentioned among them. The scene symbolizes a new creation brought about by the Resurrection of the Light of the world. The darkness suggests the darkness that covered the abyss before light first appeared. When Mary Magdalene sees the stone removed from the entrance, she runs to the disciples with the news that "the Lord has been taken from the tomb!" She saw him die a few days ago, and that prevents her from drawing any other conclusion. The two disciples run side by side to the tomb. Peter sees the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus' head, but he doesn't know how to interpret what he sees. The other disciple, the one Jesus loved and the source of this account, is the first to understand the significance of the empty tomb: "The Lord has risen." For John, all those who came to believe would be loved by Jesus and would love in return.

**Life Focus:** \* When has the funeral or wake of a friend or relative had an impact on your life? \* *When have you blamed someone and found you had wrongly accused that person? What did you do then?* \* Have you seen a sign, a hint of the Resurrection in your life? In your family? Your community? The world? \* *Relate a time when you had a stone (barrier) in your faith life removed.* \* Tell of a time in your life when understanding a life situation was difficult. \* *Name a time in your life when something good came out of a seemingly hopeless situation.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**



THE LORD HAS INDEED RISEN

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** Happy Easter! Blessings to all for a wonderful Easter. The religious education office will be closed April 13-17. Classes will resume on **April 19**.

**Middle School:** No class on **April 14** for Easter vacation and **April 21** for Open House at the various schools.

**Early Childhood:** No class today. We wish you a happy and joyous Easter! Last class next week: Children singing and certificate presentation in the hall after class. Wear your t-shirts, invite family and friends, and bring your cameras/camcorders. Sign up for next year if you haven't already registered. Remember to sign-up for your shift at the fair.

**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.

**10 Great Dates** - Reminder: We will be meeting Sunday, **April 19 at 3 pm in the hall** for Date/Chapter 8. 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.

### **Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**April 24** - Holy Family, Artesia, 562-860-5973

**April 25** - Holy Angels Church of Deaf, Vernon, 323-587-2096

**May 20** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower 562-920-7796 x247

**May 23** - St. Barnabas, Long Beach, 562-988-6855



A **Marriage Encounter** is like Easter Sunday because it is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, & new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer fuller life together! The next weekend is **May 1-3**. For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 562-923-7335 or go online at [www.ilovemypouse.org](http://www.ilovemypouse.org).

**Reverencing the Sacred Blood** - The Church encourages us to receive both the Sacred Body and the Sacred Blood in Holy Communion. This is how Christ instituted it. This is the fuller sign of this sacrificial meal. Sometimes, there are reasons we do not receive from the cup. Perhaps we are sick and out of courtesy want to avoid the possibility of sharing our illness with others. Still, simply ignoring the cup and walking past does not honor Christ in his real presence there. One possibility is to take the cup, acknowledge it with a bow of the head and then return it to the minister without drinking. This honors Christ's presence in the sacred cup and also maintains the reverence of the communion procession.



### **St. Joe's Social Seniors Group**

**Apr. 20** - Fun and games

**July 11-24 - Canadian Rockies** - Come join the St. Joseph Seniors on a great trip. **Everyone is welcome - open to all.** Call your friends and family - 13 nights, baggage handling (one bag/person), gratuities, guides, city tours of Victoria, Vancouver & Banff, Jasper & Banff National Parks, Ice Explorer ride on the Columbia Ice Fields, Lake Louise, 2 ferry cruises, 13 breakfasts, 2 deluxe dinners - \$2289 Dbl/Triple, Single \$3265. We are having our wonderful driver Carl of Andreas tour and travel; we have a 4 page flyer that explains daily details. Deposit of \$250 required and refundable. Call Olga 596-6981.

Any questions or additional information, call Betty 596-8287 or Olga 596-6981.

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Apr. 14. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

### **First Communion**

First Communion will be held on the weekend of **May 2 and 3** at the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm Masses.

### **Experience the Mercy of the Lord**

**Divine Mercy Novena** of Holy Masses Monday, April 13 to Sunday, April 19 (7pm weekdays & 5 pm on weekends) SS. Peter and Paul, 515 W Opp St., Wilmington. A guest priest will celebrate and preach during each Mass. Confessions will also be available. For information, please call 310-834-5215 ext. 23, or email at [sppc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sppc@sbcglobal.net).

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 1 pm**, Fr. Michael Sears, St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 818-342-6626.

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

**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** - Please join us the **2nd & 4th Monday** of every month @ **7:30pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray for our leaders and their impact on the future of life.

### Save the Dates!!

April 24, 25, and 26

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is coming.

Lots of fun: rides, games, prizes and lots of food!

**Game, ride and food tickets:** do you have enough?

Buy them next weekend after all Masses & save \$\$\$.

**Tex-Mex Tri-Tip Dinner** tickets **NOT** sold at the door.

**\* JOIN US FOR THE FIESTA \***

**St. Anthony Class of '69** will be having their 40th reunion. For more information & to be put on our list, please email Phil LeBlanc at [pleblanc@toplinestaffing.com](mailto:pleblanc@toplinestaffing.com) or Jacki (Hughes) Stanfield at [sa40threunion@aim.com](mailto:sa40threunion@aim.com).

**Pius X High School**, Downey, looking for "Warriors" from classes of 1958 and 1960 for 50 year reunion to be held April 24. Contact Linda (Askins) Wettstone, 951-651-6502 or Judi (Deckert) Seel at [seel5920@aol.com](mailto:seel5920@aol.com).

**In His Presence: A Worship Revival Celebration** - An Easter praisefest concert featuring El Shaddai Southern California Music Ministries (A Catholic Charismatic Prayer Community) Saturday, **April 18**, 3:30 pm matinee, 7 pm evening, Glendale High School Auditorium. Suggested donation \$20. To reserve your seats call 213-385-8667. Let's make a joyful noise and lift it high unto the heavens!

**Together In Mission** - A big thank you all who have made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign and for your continued generosity. There are envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory if you would like to make a pledge. The people of the archdiocesan schools & parishes who receive the help will very much appreciate it.

**Did You Know? April is Child Abuse Prevention Month** - It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please visit: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. 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.

Happy, Holy Easter!!! Praise the Lord for our blessings and how we share with our brothers and sisters in Long Beach!



Sign up for the Fair Popcorn

Booth, April 24-26, the best deal in town. Call for the best times now.

Thanks for the hundreds of books donated. We sorted and delivered them to our Special Families. We want to focus on the importance of reading for children. Your help is appreciated by these families and the volunteers - and more volunteers are needed and welcome. Call for details.

YOUR SKIP-A-MEAL BLUE ENVELOPE donations provide for Project Achieve, Feed-A-Baby, Project Concern, weekly sandwiches for the hungry, and Holiday Food Baskets and ARE SO APPRECIATED!! Please make checks to **St. Joseph Church**, memo: **SKIP-A-MEAL**. Thank you for your generosity!

Call about your "Tom's Team" donations and questions. Tom: 799-0921. We are still in the "start up" mode. John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

**20th Anniversary of Precious Life Shelter** - come celebrate at our annual Dinner Dance "Affair of the Heart," Saturday, **April 18**, 6-11 pm at the Eagles Nest clubhouse, Navy Golf Course, Cypress. Live orchestra, dinner, silent and live auctions. Ticket \$65/adult. Join us in supporting homeless pregnant women and their children. Reservations: 562-431-5025, [preciouslifeshelter.org](http://preciouslifeshelter.org).

<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>		<b>Last Sunday: \$13,189</b>
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**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.

# Mass Intentions



## SATURDAY, April 11

8:00 PM - Intentions of Presider

## SUNDAY, April 12

7:30 AM - Intentions of Presider

9:00 AM - Intentions of Presider

10:30 AM - Intentions of Presider

12:30 PM - Intentions of Presider

## MONDAY, April 13

8:00 AM - David and Julie Young, living

## TUESDAY, April 14

8:00 AM - Marlene Sergeant, living

## WEDNESDAY, April 15

8:00 AM - Rafael Segura, living

## THURSDAY, April 16

8:00 AM - † Chris Ramstead

## FRIDAY, April 17

8:00 AM - † John Fay

## SATURDAY, April 18

5:00 PM - † Botelho-Salvate

## SUNDAY, April 19

7:30 AM - † Tom Burke

9:00 AM - † Violette Nivera

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Martha Aimone

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
Chris Shaw	SSg. Rob Beckwell
Vincent Vezzetti	Kimberly Allen
Daniel O'Connell	

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, Tracey Rossello, Kristen Tuasonand, Alexi, Karl Parize, Elijha Carbonell, Kit Escoto VanWyk, Maureen McDonough, Arin Zack, Msgr. Marc Trudeau, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Justin Ferriese, Virginia Souza, Jon Zack, Betty Galaz, Gloria Gonzales, Jean Boolish, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Nicole Pisula-Stanton, Rosemary Doran, Gerry Kohnan, Annette Haddad, Marge Hamilton, Michelle Smith, Johnny & Cody LaRiccia, Barbara Hook, Marlana Stewart, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth & Marlene Sergeant.

## 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
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
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
	Teri 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	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	Tom & Diane Krause	310-316-4857
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
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