



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

There is a fresh, almost wide-eyed feeling to today's Liturgy of the Word. Easter is a week old and our newly baptized members can look around and say, "I'm still here. I am a Christian." Our long-time members can say, "After all these years, I still believe." So we read the description of the early church in the first reading with a certain pride and some definite regret. What happened? When was the church so new and perfect and holy? Perhaps we doubt it could ever be so. Perhaps we doubt the possibility of a church like that even more than Thomas doubted the possibility of a risen Jesus. Which story is harder to believe - that a dead man returned from the grave or that a group of people lived with one heart and mind? How can we renew our faith today?



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

What's so "good" about Good Friday? In our Small Church Community we open with a question (after a song & morning prayer): Did anyone have any "God sightings" to share? I must say that this Good Friday, for me, was "good" in many ways. First, God shows us the depth of the love He has for us by the painful death His Son endured for our salvation. Secondly, I received a phone call from Jennifer Davies, the Girl Scout Daisy leader. She had her troop collect about 500 cans of food for St. Francis Center. We were able to coordinate a time to meet with director, Paul Mousel and deliver the food. Paul was overwhelmed by their generosity AND the girls even sorted the cans by category and helped put the food in the warehouse!! He gave them a brief tour of the facility. On the Friday before, I saw a young man by the name of Noah. I asked him to carry the candle to each Station of the Cross. I learned that he made a comment to his mother something like this: "About the 9th Station the candle became very heavy. I understand a little bit better about how Jesus must have felt carrying that heavy cross." Oh, that each of us could imagine the vision and understanding of youthful minds that are uncluttered by "education." Then we too could feel the love Jesus has for us. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe."

**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus, teach me to bring Your saving message and love to the world. In my own small way, let me change the world by giving Catholic Christian example to everyone I meet. Amen.

**Rest In Peace**  
Died in Christ:

**Kevin Kocher  
Stephanie Burt  
Elizabeth Sheiler**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**Go to the Holy Table with your poverty and also your troubles, but also with hope and love. These are the best dispositions that you can bring to the Eucharist.** St. Peter Eymard

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Today's readings center on faith. Acts tells us the early community of believers took the gospel to heart and formed their lives on its message. Peter writes to encourage the newly baptized Christians who faced hostility. And the Gospel tells the story of Thomas. He insists upon physical evidence before he believes. He doubts, but Jesus knows this and speaks to him through his doubts. He recognizes Thomas as one who can believe and he calls him to faith. The gospel writer encourages his audience to believe in Jesus even though they haven't actually seen him.

**Life Focus:** \* When did you believe because of a sign and not by faith? \* Name a time when you believed by faith. \* Share an experience when you hesitated to admit that you were a Catholic. \* Relate a time when you overcame your doubts and became stronger in your relationship with God. \* When have you ever felt "sent" by the Lord? \* Relate a time when you did something to help strengthen someone's belief. \* What hinders you from believing in Jesus in your life? \* Do you ever identify with Thomas in your spiritual life, and how do you handle periods of doubt?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** Classes will take place on the fair weekend, **April 26**. Don't forget to sign up to help in the Sweet Tooth Booth or one of the other food or game booths.

**Middle School:** No class on **April 21** due to Open House at the various schools.

**Early Childhood:** Last class today! Parish Fair next week. Don't forget to work your shift at the Fair! We've truly enjoyed having your children in our program & look forward to next year. Thank you to our fabulous teachers, aides, families and students for participating with us. Sunday School fills very quickly - please register for next year's classes NOW! Ques? Call Shannon, 430-6840.

**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.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How does forgiveness bring peace to me? How does it change the world?

**Child:** What do I believe about Jesus?

**Teen:** How can I be a peacemaker among my friends?

**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.



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, sign up for casino trip to Pechanga.

**May 26** - Trip to Pechanga, cost \$15 includes \$5 refund & bus driver tip. Leave at 8:30 am - return 5:30 pm. Must have picture ID and player card number. Please pay with check.

**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.

**Opportunity to Serve**

We have a wonderful group of Eucharistic Ministers visiting our sick patients and bringing them Eucharist at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. This ministry is very rewarding and so beneficial for our very vulnerable Catholic people. At this time we need more volunteers for this great work. If you can afford some time, even one hour per month, and you feel a call to this ministry, please call Sister Rita Carroll, 933-1455 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), or send her an email at [rcarroll@memorialcare.org](mailto:rcarroll@memorialcare.org). Sister Rita will help you with preparation and find a time that is suitable for you. Thank you for your generosity.

**First Communion**

First Eucharist will be held on the weekend of **May 2 & 3** at the following Masses: 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm. Child care will be provided at all the Masses.

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

**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.

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**5 MORE DAYS UNTIL...**  
**The Parish Fair - April 24, 25, & 26**  
**Game, ride and food tickets:** Do you have enough? Buy them now while you still have a chance to save \$\$\$.

**Tex-Mex Tri-Tip Dinner** tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door. Last day to purchase tickets is April 20. Adults \$15, children \$5. Get all your tickets today! We will be selling them after all Masses.

Go to [www.stjosephparishcommunity.com](http://www.stjosephparishcommunity.com) and click on the "Fiesta" logo for more information.

**WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE FIESTA!**

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**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).

**Fight Women's Cancer - April 23** come to a fun-d raising and life affirming dinner and movie at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center. Proceeds from the dinner and contributions will be donated to the Revlon Run/Walk for Women to fight women's cancers. Appetizers at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30, movie at 7:30. Bring your own beverage. Cost: \$25. To register: Sydne, 310-377-4867 ext 258.

**Did You Know? Child Abuse Is a National Problem** - According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 905,000 reported child abuse victims in 2006 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level. April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. 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.

**Sign up for the Fair Popcorn Booth, April 24-26, the best deal in town. Call for the best times now.**

**Our next meeting will be May 13, Wednesday night, 7:30 in the PAC.**



**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 and all you do and share!

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.

**Knights of Columbus Council 3629** is selling raffle tickets, \$1 each, to support the Rancho San Antonio Boys Home. First prize \$5000. Call Tom Neton, 714-271-8642.

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **April 26** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

**Gambler's Delight** - The Knights of Columbus invite all parish members 21 years and older to a 5 hour trip to the Pala Hotel and Casino in Temecula, Ca. on May 13. The cost is \$15 per person. Call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811 for more complete information.

**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 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
- MONDAY, April 20**  
 8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living
- TUESDAY, April 21**  
 8:00 AM - † Thomas Steiner
- WEDNESDAY, April 22**  
 8:00 AM - Long Tran and brothers, living
- THURSDAY, April 23**  
 8:00 AM - † Mary Mason
- FRIDAY, April 24**  
 8:00 AM - † Mary Mason
- SATURDAY, April 25**  
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, April 26**  
 7:30 AM - † Tom Burke  
 9:00 AM - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett  
 10:30 AM - Hugo and Mickey Jorda, living  
 12:30 PM - † Nancy Buonocore

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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| <b>Amy Mann</b>              | <b>Glen Warren</b>       |
| <b>Nick Compton</b>          | <b>Joseph Comfort</b>    |
| <b>Irene Avila</b>           | <b>Scott Williams</b>    |
| <b>Justin Ray</b>            | <b>Timothy Ring</b>      |
| <b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b> | <b>Adam Mariano</b>      |
| <b>Chris Shaw</b>            | <b>SSg. Rob Beckwell</b> |
| <b>Vincent Vezzetti</b>      | <b>Kimberly Allen</b>    |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b>      |                          |

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, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth & Marlene Sergeant.

## LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
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LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
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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
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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Marianna Wescott	598-0519
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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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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

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Nancy Miller	429-2546
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
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	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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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