



From the Pastor's Desk:

We don't like to think about sin, and we surely had many reminders of it during Lent, so it may be surprising or even troubling that all three of today's Scripture readings speak about our sinfulness and need to be forgiven. Make no mistake, the church reminds us today, Jesus suffered and died, and he did it to save us from sin. Does this focus lead to what some people facetiously call "Catholic guilt"? On the contrary! Knowing we are sinners, and knowing Jesus died to save us is not a cause for guilt. "Peace be with you," Jesus says. Because of him, we can be at peace. Today's responsorial psalm truly is our response to these readings: "Lord, let your face shine on us... As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling."



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, April 30, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

We come from Easter, to make you a "believing Thomas," now to the Emmaus story. We have come from doubting by putting our hand into His side and now having our eyes opened to His Resurrection in the breaking of the bread.

Now, in faith, we come to listen and be still with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. COME and "spend one hour with Me." Jesus beckons us, this Thursday, 6-8 pm.

Pope Paul VI once said, "A visit to the Blessed Sacrament draws us (the faithful) into an ever deeper participation in the Paschal (Easter) Mystery.... Pastors should exhort them (faithful) to this, and set them a good example."

"We live in a society which loves to 'get things done.' We are great doers. But we are not good at reflecting, at meditation on the mysteries we celebrate. Without such meditation, without a life of reflecting prayer, we will never be able to celebrate Mass fully, consciously or actively... Adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament...nourishes our souls and kindles a hunger for the Eucharistic celebration with the Lord..." Fr. James Moroney

Our Prayer: Good and gracious God, we pray You grant us more priests, deacons and religious to build up Your Church. Inspire our young men and women by example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of my faith?

Child: Do I realize that God has given me my body and that I must take care of it?

Teen: How do I witness to my faith in Jesus?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY THE LORD OPEN OUR MINDS

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus appears among the disciples. Even though they have heard that he appeared to Simon and to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they think he is a ghost. At Jesus' invitation to touch him, to look at his wounds, they are filled with joy, but they do not completely believe. Only his eating in their presence convinces them that he is indeed the risen Lord. As he had done on the road, he opens their minds to the Scriptures. After he has done this, he sends them to share the Good News with others.

Life Focus: * Speak of your life as a mixture of belief and lack of faith at the same time. * *Relate an experience that brought peace to your life in the middle of difficulties.* * Who do you know who lives and acts as if Christ is truly alive? How does this person affect you?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: No class for the next two Sundays, **May 3 & 10**, due to First Communion and Mother's Day. On **May 17** we will celebrate our last class with our annual May Crowning and Ice Cream Social at 11:00 am in the hall. Children will come to class at 10:30 am.

Early Childhood: Parish Fair today! Remember to work your shift this weekend!

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.

Vacation Bible Camp - Registration forms are now available in the school, rectory & religious education office for our Vacation Bible Camp which takes place here at St. Joseph's the week of **July 6 - 10**. Our theme this year is "Son Rock Kid's Camp" & we meet from **9 am to 12 noon** each day. Children entering K - 6 in the fall are eligible to attend. Students entering grades 7 & 8 and high school may participate as teen helpers. For further information, please call the religious education office, 598-0519.



A **Marriage Encounter** is like Easter Sunday because it is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and 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.ilovemyspouse.org.

**Sacred Heart Women's Retreat
"Called to Be Holy"**

Conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters at the Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake, **May 1-3**. Includes communal and private prayer. Celebrations of the Eucharist and Reconciliation will highlight the retreat experience. Come and be refreshed by the love and company of our Lord Jesus Christ. Donation: \$90. For more information, call 909-866-5696.

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

May 4 & 18 - Regular fun & games and blah, blah, blah.
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.

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.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING



Last Sunday:
\$8,934

Easter Offering:
\$26,374

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

May 20 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower 562-920-7796 x247
May 23 - St. Barnabas, Long Beach, 562-988-6855

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.

LAST CHANCE:

**The Parish Fair is ending TODAY!
Please come check it out after Mass.
We'll be open from 11 am - 6 pm!
There won't be another chance in 2009!**



**The Silent Auction this year is online.
Please go to www.stjoseph.cmarket.com
to check out all the wonderful items we
have this year. The silent auction closes
on Wednesday, April 29 at 9 pm.**

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.

Did You Know? Learn How to Protect Children from Abuse - There are 25,857 Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. If every Catholic parish or school could stop just one child from being abused we could make a tremendous difference. Abuse prevention training programs are available on a regular basis throughout the Archdiocese. These programs only take a few hours to complete. To locate a training program near you, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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.

Fair Weekend! Meet friends and family at the Popcorn Booth, the best deal in town.

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



Thanks for the hundreds of books donated for our Easter Food Basket families. Your help is appreciated by these families and the volunteers - and more volunteers are needed and welcome. Call us 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.

St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday

On **May 3** our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to their truck here at our church parking lot. Help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. Call them for pick up of heavy items, 213-224-6380 or 800-97-HELP-1.

Moms and Babies Need You! The 22nd Annual Walk for Life happens Saturday, **May 2 at 8:30 am**, Veteran's Park/Band Shell Redondo Beach. Come and enjoy the sun and fresh air while helping raise money for a great cause. Entertainment and prizes follow! You can register on line at: www.phctorrance.org. For more information email at: pregnancyhelpcenter@dslextreme.com or call 310-320-8976.

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.

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. Sister Rita will help you with preparation and find a time that is suitable for you. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, April 27**
 8:00 AM - † Marie Carabine
- TUESDAY, April 28**
 8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang
- WEDNESDAY, April 29**
 8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- THURSDAY, April 30**
 8:00 AM - † Marie Carabine
- FRIDAY, May 1**
 8:00 AM - Hai Dang & Family, living
- SATURDAY, May 2**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, May 3**
 7:30 AM - † Leo DeRuyter
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Al Day
 12:30 PM - Glenn Staniec, 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 |
| 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, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth & Marlene Sergeant.

LITURGY

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| DIRECTOR of LITURGY | Fr. William | 594-4657 |
| ALTAR CARE | Mary Jelnic | 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 |
| | Teri 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 | 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 | Greg Shea | 221-8673 |
| 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