



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

I. No one but Jesus can save us: today's readings make that perfectly clear. He is our rock of salvation, and he is the shepherd who will protect us from harm and lead us to God the Father. As for us, we certainly are the sheep of his flock, but St. John assures us we are more than that - we are God's children. What an amazing statement that is! And how fitting it is to have these readings on what is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. How is God calling each of us to live our lives as his children? Pray especially for the young people among us who are seeking to know God's will for their lives. May those who are called to service in the church have the wisdom and courage to join the Good Shepherd in caring for his flock.

II. A big thank you to Dana Moler, her team, and all of you who worked so hard to make our Parish Fair a huge success last weekend. What an awesome event, thanks to you! Muchicimas gracias!!! (Spanglish!)



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

There was a skit on Saturday Night Live called "Get to Know Me!" The comedian asked questions like, "Do I like vegetable soup or alphabet soup? Get to know me!" He asked other questions always followed by, "Get to Know Me!" Do we really know each other? Do we really know Jesus? Do we really know His Mother Mary? We have a tendency to prejudge people. I was called at the last minute to do a funeral service for a man who was not a parishioner. His "biography" said he demonstrated "joie de vivre," played pro football, and became an engineer. I passed over the "Special Ed teacher the last 10 yrs." I was at our fair that night and spoke to a parishioner who enlightened me about the dedication this man had for his students. He treated them as his own.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, time to "get to know Him" and His Blessed Mother, Mary. This is Mary's month. Get to know her. Do we honor her or worship her? Many people are mixed up. Here is a young girl's explanation: "God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother because she never sinned, and since Jesus is our brother, Mary is our mother. We honor and respect her because she is our mother, but we save worship for God."

The fair was a smash hit! Dana Moler rushed by with her walkie-talkie in hand, hard at work; such efficiency. Forget the "profit," the real "profit" is the camaraderie, friendly greetings and overall joy, food and fun the families had. Thanks to all who participated.

**George Washington's Prayer for the USA:** Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. Finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rest In Peace  
Died in Christ:

**Sr. Peter Claiver**  
**Annette Haddad**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**



SALVATION IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** During the Easter season, we look at how Jesus' Resurrection continues to affect people's lives. In the first reading from Acts, Peter heals a cripple in the manner and power of Jesus. In John's Gospel Jesus describes himself as a *good* shepherd. He knows his sheep by name; he knows their habits and traits. His sheep know him. His love for them is so great that he freely lays down his life for them. People who know each other in the deep way described in this passage share their thoughts, feelings and will. They become one heart and one mind. Each has no life without the other. Jesus and his Father know each other in that way. Now Jesus tells his followers that they too have a share in this depth and intimacy.

**Life Focus:** \* *Have you allowed the people in your life to come to know you, as Jesus knows his sheep? What gets in the way?* \* Reflect on a life situation in which God may have been trying to get a message through to you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** No class today due to First Communion weekend. Also no class next Sunday, **May 10**, due to 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.

**Confirmation Year 1:** Potluck lunch with your sponsor and interviews after the 12:30 pm Mass today.

**Early Childhood:** Our regular year runs September - April. Sign up NOW for the 2009-2010 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon, 430-6840, for more info.

**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.

### **Bereavement Ministry for Children Is There a Mother's Day in Heaven?**

Mother's Day is a special day to celebrate all mothers - those who live on earth and those who are in heaven. Jesus' mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, is in heaven. If your mom is in heaven, too, come to the flagpole before or after 9:00 Mass on Sunday, May 10. There will be a big, poster-size "Happy Mother's Day" card made especially for our moms in heaven. We can write a message on the card, draw something on it, or just sign our name. This will be a special way to say "Happy Mother's Day!" to our moms in heaven!



### **Ministry Fair, May 16-17**

*St. Joseph Parish offers many fulfilling opportunities to share your faith and minister to our parish and extended community. Representatives from our parish ministries will be available to answer your questions after all Masses the weekend of May 16 and 17. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn about our ministries and answer God's loving call to serve.*

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**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.

**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.



### **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.

**May 3 - "World Day of Prayer for Vocations."** Pray for vocations to priesthood and the religious life.

**May 7 - "National Day of Prayer."** Pray for our nation and leaders, and all ministers of the Gospel.

### **First Communion**

First Eucharist will be held this weekend 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.

### **Confirmation**

Our 2nd Year Candidates will be confirmed on Sunday, **May 31**, at the **12:30 pm Mass**. The celebrant will be Bishop Solis. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this sacrament.

**Adult Confirmation** classes begin Sept. 13 at Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach, and go through December. If you are interested in attending, please contact our religious education department, for requirements and information, 598-0519.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How do I implement a good shepherd's leadership and care in my work?

**Child:** What does it mean when Jesus tells us he is the Good Shepherd?

**Teen:** What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd suggest and how do I experience God in this way?



Winners of our fair opportunity drawing were:  
 \$1000 - Fred Nottage  
 \$500 - Thomas Ciesielski  
 \$100 - Michelle Gath  
 \$100 - Hilary Boyce  
 \$100 - Dorothy Hainley  
 \$100 - Winifred Waters  
 \$100 - Alexis Lewis

**St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday**

Today 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 between 8 am and 1:30 pm. 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.

**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

**Did You Know? Child Protection is a Priority for the Church** - The Catholic Church in the U.S. has made care for minors a key priority, with safe environment programs established in every diocese. Through these programs more than five million minors already have been educated on how to protect themselves from harm, and nearly two million adults have undergone background screening and training on appropriate relationships with youth in their care. To find out how you can help keep children safe, 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.

**What a great Fair Weekend! Our parish family came together, and we had a great time! Thank you Dana and Tina for leading the volunteers to provide a fantastic weekend. Thanks to the volunteers and customers of the Popcorn Booth. We broke all of our sales records and enjoyed the parish family at the same time!**



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

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.

**Special Collection**

**Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests**

Next weekend, **May 16-17**, all parishioners throughout our Archdiocese will be asked to give generously to support this fund which provides for 149 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, the priests who will reach retirement age will number 349. All have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. We owe it to them to assure that they do not have to worry about their retirement years.

Beginning in 2000, the Archdiocese has asked for support for this fund. The faithful have responded generously and tremendously. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who have been so generous.

Please reflect on how the priests in your life have guided you, called forth your gifts and provided spiritual guidance. Prayerfully determine the amount you will give in support of them, not out of a sense of obligation but out of true gratitude for their dedication and service for so many years to the people of God in our Archdiocese.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**



**Last Sunday: \$9296**

**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. 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.

# Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, May 4**  
 8:00 AM - † Amelia Bator
- TUESDAY, May 5**  
 8:00 AM - † Frank A. Anselmo
- WEDNESDAY, May 6**  
 8:00 AM - † Dorothy Kristoff
- THURSDAY, May 7**  
 8:00 AM - All Souls
- FRIDAY, May 8**  
 8:00 AM - † Fortunato Galapon
- SATURDAY, May 9**  
 5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter
- SUNDAY, May 10**  
 7:30 AM - † John Fay  
 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena  
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.  
 12:30 PM - Intentions of 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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| <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, Arin Zack, Msgr. Marc Trudeau, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Justin Ferriese, Virginia Souza, Jon Zack, Betty Galaz, Jean Boolish, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Nicole Pisula-Stanton, Rosemary Doran, Marge Hamilton, Michelle Smith, Johnny & Cody LaRiccia, Barbara Hook, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth, Marlene Sergeant, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, & Msgr. Tseu.

## 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	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