



From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's readings are all about belonging. In the First Letter of John we read that those who keep his commandments will remain in Jesus Christ. In the passage from John's Gospel, Jesus himself says we must remain in him and "bear much fruit" or we will be thrown out and left to die. In contrast, the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, depicts St. Paul's first attempts to join the church. He was still called Saul then, and his early reputation as a persecutor of Christians led the disciples to distrust him. He knew he needed to remain in Christ and belong to his church, but what could he do if they wouldn't even let him join? Just as Jesus says in the Gospel, it was by his fruits that Paul came to be known as a true disciple.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

This is a message for the parents of our First Communion and Confirmation young people. The USCCB in their 4/27 newsletter pointed out that a Pew Forum poll showed that Catholics had highest retention rate (68%) among Christian churches when it came to carrying the Catholic faith into adulthood. Determining factor was whether or not that person attended Mass regularly as a child and teenager. Archbishop Donald Wuerl, past chairman of bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Doctrine said "the report highlights the importance of Mass attendance among children and teenagers." "Catholics can separate the sins and human failings of individuals from the substance of the Faith." Catholics look to the 2,000 year history of the Church which has flourished despite painful times.

Pope John XXIII once said "Oh, if only the Eucharist were better understood by Christians and more worthily and frequently received. How copious (plentiful) would be the fruits of harmony, peace, and spiritual decorum (conduct) that would flow therefrom for the Church and the whole world!"

So, parents, especially moms during the month of Mary, keep faithful and be the guiding light for our young who need you. Fathers too can be that guiding light with the help of our St. Joseph. Pray always, God will answer in His time.

Our Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to have a better appreciation of the Eucharist. Let us receive it with understanding, love, and thanksgiving so that it may bear abundant fruits of corporal works of mercy. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I remain in Christ each day?

Child: When we live in Jesus, we do good things. What good deed will I do for someone this week?

Teen: Is there anything or anyone that keeps me separated from Christ? What can I do about it?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or
Jn 17:11b-19

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Lynn Holden



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



OUR UNION WITH THE LORD IN THE CHURCH

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: John speaks of Jesus doing the work of the Father. He knows the love and concern of the Father. The image of the vine and the branches reveals the union between Jesus and us. Together the vine, Jesus, and the branches, his disciples, bear much fruit. The One who causes to grow, prunes and trims is the Father. The works of Jesus become part of the disciple. We are to live as Jesus lived, to love as he loved. Jesus not only revealed God's love for us, he gave evidence of this love "by laying down his life for us." to be followers of Jesus we must give witness to him by our words and deeds.

Life Focus: * What do you need to prune in your life? * What nourishment do you need to help you increase your yield? * Speak of a time when you were able to do more than your limitations allowed because of your communion with Christ. * In your experience, where is there a real bond between you and the other people of the Church? Where is that unity missing? How will you strengthen those bonds?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Happy Mother's Day! No class today. 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 Yr. 2: Confirmation dinner and rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will take place on Thursday, **May 28**, at 6:30 pm in the hall. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, **May 31**, at the **12:30 pm Mass**.

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!

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.

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.

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

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers!

Thank you to all our Seniors who ran the booth at the fair. Without your help we could never have done it. Everyone came to work their shift.

Congratulations to our seniors **Winnie Waters, Dorothy Hainley, and Barbara Fay's** granddaughter who won in the fair raffle.

May 18 - Regular fun & games & more 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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 12. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

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.

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. 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 (Mon., Tues., Wed.), 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.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear. Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child. To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge to their children. Assist all "spiritual mothers," those who selflessly care for the children of others. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women. We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children. We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. Amen.

Single Sunday Mass - All Catholic singles welcome to join the L.A. Catholic Alumni Club for Single Sunday Mass at 10 am on **May 17** at St. Francis de Sales, Sherman Oaks. Buffet brunch to follow at local restaurant. Reservations for brunch a must: Lori, 805-953-0718.

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.

Happy Mother's Day to all!
HELP NEEDED for Tom's Team:
Requests for: narrow dresser and queen/double bed with frame and mattress/boxsprings for our Food Basket families. Please call Deacon Tom or John/Jan.
We also need a volunteer to shop for lunch bag supplies for those who make over 200 sandwiches every Wednesday morning. Call Diane, 598-3441, or John.
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.



Carmelites' Spring Fling! Sunday, **May 17**, at Avila Gardens in Duarte, from 10-3. Food, fun, music, dancing, fashion accessories, books, CD's, gifts. \$10 admission includes international food tasting. Info: 626-599-2214.

Did You Know? Working Together to Prevent Child Abuse - A hallmark of the Catholic Church is the protection of life and the dignity of the human person. Through Scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response of what we are called to do as Church. For information on how you can become more informed and involve 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.

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, 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

MONDAY, May 11

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 12

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 13

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 14

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 15

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 16

5:00 PM - Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 17

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Gloria Vosselmann

10:30 AM - † Bill Lewis

12:30 PM - Mother's Day Novena

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, 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 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

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
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	rely5@verizon.net	
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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	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