



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. What a revelation Peter had! After heated discussions about who should or should not be welcomed into the band of disciples, the early Christian Church, Peter came to this realization: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." All of today's readings including the responsorial psalm, underscore Peter's statement. All nations have received the saving power of God. Everyone who loves is begotten by God. God is the one who does the choosing. It is not up to us to choose who is to be part of God's kingdom; it is up to us to love one another so that each of us is worthy to remain in God's kingdom.

II. Parents, please always accompany your young children to the restroom during weekend Mass. This is a safety precaution.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How deeply do I understand (and live) the connection between self-sacrifice and love in its most pure form?

Child: What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus?

Teen: Who is in most need of my love and kindness right now? How can I be more loving to those most in need this week?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus makes it clear that his leaving is not everything. He promises that his disciples will live on in his love by keeping the commandments. He promises them joy in their continued union, and he is glad to call them friends. Jesus reminds them that he has made known to them all that he heard from the Father. The challenge for them is to go forward and bear fruit by loving one another. God sent his only Son that "we might have life through him." Others are to have life through us. In the reading from Acts, Peter comes to realize that this gift is to be extended to uncircumcised Gentiles as well as Jews. Anyone who reverences God and acts according to God's will is acceptable to God.

Life Focus: * As you reflect on Jesus calling you his friend, what thoughts and feelings come to you? How might you respond this week? * *When in the last two weeks did you recognize God's love in your life?* * What does it mean in your life to love yourself? What things in you hinder you from loving yourself?



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Leftovers from last week's homily: Last Wednesday (5/13), the same Gospel was proclaimed, "I am the true vine you are the branches.....by this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Jn 15:5

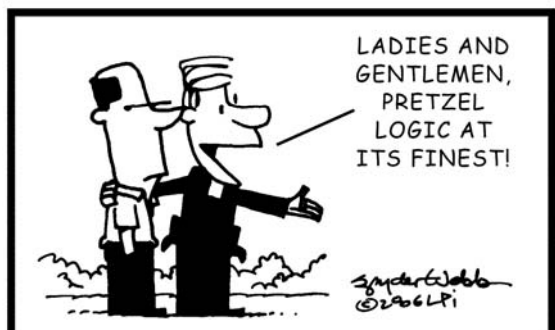
We need to allow God to "tend us," to prune away that which gets in our way of being faithful disciples. Why prune roses? To remove the diseased and damaged, to control size & shape, and thus produce the most and best quality. Now apply that to you and me. It still is relevant today isn't it? Confession (reconciliation) removes that which damages us. Mass and acts of charity shape us through the Holy Spirit (that sap that flows through the vine, Jesus, into us the branches) that gives us life.

In our Liturgy of Hours (5/12) St. Cyril of Alexandria (4th century) wrote, "Christ is teaching the same truth by calling himself the vine, since the vine is the parent of its branches and provides their nourishment.Like branches growing from a vine, we now draw our life from Christ, and we cling to His holy commandment (to love one another) in order to preserve this life. The Holy Spirit teaches us to discern right from wrong and to act with integrity."

Our Prayer: Jesus, humble of heart, give us compassion and kindness; teach us to be patient with everyone. Inspire us to be true neighbors to all in distress. May the Blessed Virgin, Your Mother, pray for all vowed to a life of virginity so as to deepen their dedication to You and the Church. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe. — St. Therese of Liseux

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER / GOD IS LOVE



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Today is the last session for our elementary religious education. We will celebrate 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.

Confirmation

Our 2nd Year Candidates will be confirmed on Sunday, **May 31**, at the **12:30 pm Mass**, The celebrant will be Bishop Oscar Solis. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this sacrament. Envelopes have been provided on the photo board so that you may insert a personal note.

Attention 8th Grade Students

Religious Education is sponsoring a special evening for 8th grade students and their parents on Tuesday, **May 19**, from **7:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Parish Activity Center.

The topic of this evening is "Navigating the High School Years." Two experienced high school teachers will offer insights on various situations facing our teens as they go onto high school, such as: friends, relationships, stress, disappointments, peer pressure - how does their faith help them to deal with these situations. Parents will have their own presentation and a chance to ask questions. For further information, please call the religious ed 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.

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 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.

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

June 10 - St. Philomena, Carson, 310-830-6180

June 12 - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

June 13 - St. Bartholomew, Long Beach, 562-438-3826

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.

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 this Fall are eligible to attend. Students entering grades 7 and 8 and high school may participate as teen helpers. For further information, please call the religious education office, 598-0519.

Married Couples Retreat - July 10-12 at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre. Congregation of Passionists offer a time to be restored by the love of Christ. It's a gift of your time to your spouse, a special quiet time away from the world to rediscover how you are gifts to one another. Contact Deacon Don, 598-5202 for info.

Congratulations

The parish community congratulates all the children who received Eucharist for the first time the weekend of May 2 and 3:

5:00 pm Mass

Juliana Baratta
Anna Barycki
Samuel Bass
Susannah Brandel
Kimberley Burke
Erin Condon
Sofia Goldschmidt
Andres Kulju

Devin Koval
Angelica Narez
Jovanni Pham
Robert Rios
Gabby Sander
Alyssa Torres
Evan Vail

9:00 am Mass

Jaden Booher
Shane Brown
Jake Bruno
Gavin deLeon
Barrett Grubbs
Katherine Grubbs
Hanna Jaynes
Spencer Kennebeck
Abigali Lovold

Elijah Matias
Cader Powell
Vincent Ruscio
Noah Rush
Andrew Shaheen
Harrison Thomas
Jacob Warren
Sarah Warren
Sarah Wilson

10:30 am Mass

Gerard Aquino
Sean Berry
Leah Black
Broderick Campbell
Nicholas Campbell
Owen Fahringer
Issac Foster
Cole Gray
Jessica Jakubowski
Katrina Jakubowski
Spencer Jehlik

Virginia Macias
Elena Munoz
Sarah Murach
Dominic Salerno
Serena Smith
Daniella Spina
Cecelia Stage
Kate Wasson
Cooper Wilhelm
Hunter Wilhelm

12:30 pm Mass

Derek Bedell
Mikayla Farrell
Natalie Gath
Colby Jensen
Olivia Jensen
Seamus MacDonald
Matthew McCarthy
Thomas Moler

Anthony Neoman
Sofia Papini
Grace Requejo
Tyler Scalise
Hannah VanWyk
Isabella Weber
Justin Wolfley
Jacob Villarreal

Also, congratulations to Ali Edwards who received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist on April 26 at the 9:00 am Mass.

**Special Collection
Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests**

This weekend, parishioners throughout our Archdiocese will be asked 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.

Ministry Fair today - an opportunity to meet & work with your parish family for the benefit of others.



We 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.

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.

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.

"Till Death Do Us Part, Late Nite Catechism 3"

The Pastoral Care Department of Memorial Medical Center announces this hilarious interactive comedy, the latest, all-new sequel in the *Late Nite* series.

Hailed as the best yet, this evening of fun and laughter will be Saturday, **June 27, at 7:30 pm** in Houssels Forum. Free parking, an opportunity drawing, and oh, lots of laughs. Tickets are available at **562-933-1460**. Act now and save \$5 per ticket at the special pre-event price.

Did You Know? 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.

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 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

MONDAY, May 18

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 19

8:00 AM - Mia Sebastian, living

WEDNESDAY, May 20

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

THURSDAY, May 21

8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone

FRIDAY, May 22

8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living

SATURDAY, May 23

5:00 PM - Hung Hoang, living

SUNDAY, May 24

7:30 AM - † Sr. Peter Claiver

9:00 AM - † Jesus Sagun

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - Marlene Sergeant, 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, 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 LaRicca, Barbara Hook, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth, Marlene Sergeant, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, Msgr. Tseu & Tony Schember.

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