



From the Pastor's Desk:

Even at the very end of his ministry on earth, just before he ascended to the throne of his Father in heaven, Jesus had to endure one last question about earthly politics: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus makes it clear that all authority comes from God the Father and then says no more about the kingdom of Israel or any other earthly kingdom. It is time to look above and beyond these kingdoms. The kingdom of God is at hand. Over two thousand years later, the questions about the government of Israel and dozens of other lands still persist despite ensuing wars and diplomatic negotiations. Our challenge to look above and beyond this world to seek the kingdom of God persists, too. We are still being sent into the whole world to proclaim the Gospel to everyone everywhere.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Ministry Fair Thanks - Thank you to all who participated in our Ministry Fair last weekend. A great job was done by the team organizing the event. Many parishioners stopped by to visit with the representatives present and some will be participating more fully in our community soon through their chosen ministry.

ASCENSION



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In the Order of Prayer, the outline for Ascension (Thursday) of the Lord reads: Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in His name, reminding them He is always present through His Spirit. The ORDO urges us to "live in a manner worthy of the call we have received" in our own baptism. St. Augustine reflects on the Ascension: Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, let our hearts ascend with Him....For just as He remained with us even after His ascension, so we too are already in heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but He still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of His body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" and when He said, "I was hungry and you gave Me food." Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with Him in heaven even now, through faith, hope and love that unites us to Him? He did not leave heaven when He came down to us, nor did He withdraw from us when He went up again into heaven...we are in Him by His grace.

Food for thought: As the farmer, sitting on his porch, said to the traveling salesman trying to sell him a book on how to improve his farm's yield by 10 times, "Young fella, I know how to farm my land 10 times better, my problem is doing it." Question: What problem keeps me from doing God's Word as well as I know how?

"Wisdom is knowing what to do.... Skill is knowing how to do it. Virtue is doing it."....Thomas Jefferson

Our Prayer: God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of Your Son Jesus. May we follow Him into the new creation for His ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: During his life, Jesus revealed to his followers what God was like. By his words and deeds he taught them. They were faithful to him and to the truth. He kept them from departing from the truth. He also kept them from getting hurt. As Jesus prepares to return to the Father, he asks the Father to keep them faithful to the truth and to witness to all that Jesus said and did. Believers are to continue the words and works of Jesus. Jesus prays that they may be one in the same way he and his Father are on. This unity of the disciples with each other will be the way the world will come to believe.

Life Focus: * What are the specific ways in which you experience real mutual belonging and care for each other in the parish? How can these ties be strengthened?
 * *What are some of the values of your faith community that you can show to the world this week?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program & Middle School: Our programs are completed for this school year. We wish to thank all the wonderful catechists who have shared their faith these past months. Also, thank you to the parents and youth who have volunteered as aides in the classrooms and helpers with our various community activities.

Fall registration forms will be mailed in the next couple of weeks to those who were registered this past school year and new families who have contacted our office. Please complete and return by **July 10**. For further information, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children - Just a reminder that every Sunday at the **9:00 am Mass** all children, ages **Kg. through 6th grade**, are invited to our **Liturgy of the Word with Children**. The children are dismissed during the readings and homily with our adult catechists to experience the readings on their level.

We encourage parents to participate as observers and request parental supervision of those younger than the age of 5. Anyone wishing to volunteer as a catechist for this very rewarding ministry, please contact the religious education office, **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. Fee is discounted if received by **June 8**. For further information, please call the religious education office, 598-0519.

Coming Soon - Meditation Prayer Group

We shall begin a **Meditation** prayer group in the near future. Fr. Frank Cassidy, who has been practicing and teaching meditation for a long time, will be here to explain the process and give guidance. Fr. Connor and Marie Gemma will be the facilitators for the group. Please plan to attend to find out how to become "one with God" and learn how to grow in your spiritual life. We plan to have guest speakers at some of the gatherings. For further information, please call Fr. Will at 594-4657.



St. Joe's Social Seniors Group

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.

June 1 & 15 - Regular fun, games and more blah, blah.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Blood Drive - The Knights of Columbus invites you to save lives at our Father's Day Blood Drive on Sunday, June 21, from 7 am to 1 pm in our St. Joseph hall. To make an appointment, please go to: www.givelife.org, our sponsor code is **St. Josephs**. For more information please contact Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chair, 596-9835.

Class of 1965 - St. Joseph School "44 years after" reunion, **June 27, 3-8 pm**, St. Joseph Church Hall, \$20 at the door includes finger food & soft drinks. Beer and wine also served. Dress casual. RSVP Chris Haddad 510-206-7280, or Diane Cannon Robetcky 951-302-8702 by June 14 please. Still seeking classmates - can you help us?

St. Joseph High School

Summer School - Two sessions, morning and afternoon, **June 22 - July 17**, review, enrichment, elective, athletic, \$225 per class. Please call 562-925-5073 x881.

Summer Day Camp - 5 weekly sessions, \$150 per session, **June 22 - July 24**. Please call 562-925-5073 x882.

Pentecost Vigil Celebration! "Take Heart: Receiving & Sharing God's Love" Saturday, **10 am - 4:30 pm, May 30**, with Fr. John Hampsch, CMG, Kay Murdy, Dominic Berardino & Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Bishop Alemany High School Chapel, 11111 N. Alemany Dr., Mission Hills 91345. **Free! All are welcome!** For more info, call 818-771-1361, email spirit@scrc.org or go to www.scrc.org.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Why is the Ascension a cause for joy rather than sorrow?

Child: How can I share the good news with others this week?

Teen: What important message did Jesus give us before he went back to the Father?

Did You Know? Learn how to protect children from abuse. There are 25,857 Catholic parishes & schools in the U. S. If each of these 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 of L.A. 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.

Ministry Fair was well attended. Thanks for adding some ministry to your life schedule.

Diaper-A-Baby on June 6 & 7.

Special meeting June 17 to discuss Project Achieve and our end of year funds.

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.



Memorial Day Mass at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, **May 25, 10 am.** Principal celebrant will be Bishop Edward Clark. All are welcome!

"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.

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 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
- MONDAY, May 25**
 8:00 AM - † Agnes Roberts
- TUESDAY, May 26**
 8:00 AM - Dr. & Mrs. Kelly, 50th Anniversary
- WEDNESDAY, May 27**
 8:00 AM - Berard Family, living
- THURSDAY, May 28**
 8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang
- FRIDAY, May 29**
 8:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- SATURDAY, May 30**
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, May 31**
 7:30 AM - † John Fay
 9:00 AM - † Annette Haddad
 10:30 AM - † Al & Marg Day
 12:30 PM - † Joseph McDonald

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 | Matthew Underwood |

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 LaRiccica, Barbara Hook, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth, Marlene Sergeant, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, Msgr. Tseu, Tony Schember, Javier Salinas & Tess Keickesen.

LITURGY

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| 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

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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 |
| PROJECT ACHIEVE | Tina Gath | 598-5202 |
| | Olga Cuda | 594-4657 |
| 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