



From the Pastor's Desk:


Everyone at some time or other comes up against the question raised in today's readings: Why are there sin and death in the world? Most especially, we ask that question when we meet a situation like the one in the Gospel passage.

"Why does God let little children suffer and die?" we ask. Today's passage from the Book of Wisdom, answers us in no uncertain terms. "God did not make death." Even more powerfully, today's Alleluia verse reminds us, "Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death." The little girl raised to life, and the woman just before who touched Jesus and was healed, may seem like characters from a dim and distant past; but they are vibrant witnesses that Jesus has, in fact, destroyed death. Their bodies have long since left this earth, but their souls, our faith tells us, live on. Their stories down to the present day attest that Jesus has brought all of us healing and eternal life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Wordnet Productions presents a Catholic program: **The Power of Love** with Fr. Mike Manning, SVD, televised every Wednesday at **8:30 am** on TBN, Channel 40. **July 1 ~ Teresa of Avila** - Fr. Mike reflects poetically on seven characteristics of this great mystic, one of three women Doctors of the Church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, July 2, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Trick question: How many Apostles were there? Yes, you guessed it: 14. The original 12 that Jesus appointed, then Matthias who replaced Judas, & then Jesus selected Paul. Tomorrow (the 29th) closes the "Year of St. Paul."

St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop (c395) says this about St. Paul: "No one has known Christ better than Paul, nor surpassed him in the careful example he gave of what anyone should be who bears Christ's name. Paul teaches us the power of Christ's name when he calls him the power and wisdom of God, our peace, the unapproachable light where God dwells, our expiation and redemption, our great high priest, or paschal sacrifice. He goes on to speak of Him as the mighty God, the head of His body the Church, the first born of the new creation, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep, the mediator between God and man. Paul calls Christ by many other titles too numerous to recall here. By the goodness of God we are called 'Christians' thereby granted the honor of sharing in Christ's name, the highest and most sublime of all names. If we are not to lie when we call ourselves 'Christians,' we must bear witness to it by our way of living."

Our Prayer: Glorious St. Paul, most zealous Apostle, martyr of the Love of Christ, give us a deep faith, a steadfast hope, a burning love for our Lord so that we may proclaim with you: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Help us to become apostles serving the Church with a pure heart, witnesses to her truth. With you we praise God, our Father; to Him be glory in Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The Gospel reading shows Jesus' victory over the forces of evil and death. It also shows two desperate people. A father begs Jesus to help his sick daughter. An afflicted woman reaches out to Jesus for a cure. Both people put aside fears in their frantic search for help. By seeking Jesus, Jairus risks the ridicule of his fellow synagogue officials. The unclean woman risks the crowd's anger, and possibly Jesus' anger as well, for her touch. Jesus responds to both tenderly. He calms their fears, confirms their faith & restores the woman to health and Jairus' daughter to new life. Jesus overpowers sickness & death. He answers people's spoken & unspoken needs. "God formed (humans) to be imperishable," says the author of Wisdom. Each of us must trust God's plan.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when someone approached you in faith and asked for help. * *What are the daily routines that drain you in your faith life?* * Describe a time when the storms of life seemed much more real than God's presence.

13TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program & Middle School: Fall registration forms have been mailed to those who were registered this past year & new families who have contacted us. Please complete and return by **July 10**. For further information, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

Early Childhood: Our year runs Sept. - April. Sign up NOW for the 2009-10 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.

Vacation Bible Camp

Registration forms are in the school, rectory & religious education office for our Vacation Bible Camp 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.

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.

Women's Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House Sept. 11-13 - Theme: "God Alone Suffices"

This year's retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality, a time to rest and be refreshed in God. Now is the time to make your reservations by calling Madeline Majick, 596-6219, Marie Newton, 429-7939, or Tina Gath, 598-5202, to reserve a room.

Peter's Pence Collection - Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous today.

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. Joseph Senior Group**

Please note - we have **3** meetings in June.
June 29 - Regular fun, games and blah, blah, blah.
Laughlin Trip: 3 days, 2 nites, **June 30 - July 2**.

Please bring bottled water and remember only 1 suitcase per person - we will be gone only 3 days.

"Carl's Country Western Party," Riverside Hotel in Laughlin. Package includes 2 breakfast buffets, one buffet of choice, transportation, baggage & room tax, & bus driver tip, **PLUS** a big Live Country Western Party with music, dancing, western buffet, drawing for great prizes & free trip. Carl's Big Foot-Stomping Great Time Party. Cost **\$92 per person**, double occ or triple occ. \$112 single supplement. **Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 am.** Call Olga for more info & reservations. **Checks only please!** Thanks.

ALOHA - put on your muumus and grass skirts - **we're going to Hawaii** on Princess Cruise Lines, 14 days, **Nov. 8 - 22**. Price varies depending on rooms - \$1399 - 2345. More details at July 13 meeting. Call Gerry S., 420-3220 or Olga, 596-6981. **Remember - No Flying!** Leave from Long Beach area.

Any questions on meetings, call Betty 596-8287 or Olga 596-6981.

SENIORS' SUMMER SCHEDULE:

June 29, July 13 & 27, August 3 & 17

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **June 28** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

Coming Soon - Meditation Prayer Group

We shall begin a **Meditation** prayer group soon. Frank Cassidy, who has been practicing & teaching meditation for a long time, will be here to explain the process & give guidance. Fr. Connor and Marie Gemma will be the facilitators. 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. We will meet in the church at 7pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We hope to begin July 7.


Married Couples Retreat - July 10-12 at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre. Congregation of Passionists offers a time to be restored by the love of Christ. It is 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.

Blood Drive - The Knights of Columbus thank the 31 parishioners who donated at our Father's Day Blood Drive last Sunday. Our next drive will be **Thursday, August 6**, from **1:30 - 7:00 pm**. For more information please contact Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chair, 596-9835.

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Laurette Amrhein
Bobby Knight



Spread love everywhere you go: First of all in your own house... let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness —Mother Teresa



Marriage Encounter

Your wedding was just one day, but your marriage is forever. The weekend is a powerful experience for couples who believe that their Sacrament of Matrimony is a sign of love in a world that hungers for stability and commitment. The next weekend scheduled is **July 17-19**. For more info, call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 562-923-7335 or go online at www.ilovemypouse.org.

Cheer Camp at St. Joseph High School, July 17-19

A weekend of skill and technique training and a lot of fun, ages 5-14, no experience necessary. \$55 includes cheer training as well as lunch on Saturday and Sunday, camp t-shirt, and the opportunity to earn prizes. Please contact Nicole Vazquez, 925-5073 x166.

Did You Know? Internet Safety Lectures Available Now

- Because children can be the target of Internet predators, the L.A. City Attorney's Office offers Internet Safety lectures for parents and school age children from 5th grade and up and community groups. These presentations are approximately one hour in length and deal with issues including Internet safety issues, social networking sites such as MySpace, Instant Messenger (AOL/AIM), Internet predators, Megan's law, Internet chat rooms and popular weblogs. For more information or to request an Internet Safety presentation, please contact the Child Abuse Policy Division at 213-978-8095. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

- July 22** - St. Raymond, Downey, 562-923-4509
- July 24** - St. Martha, Huntington Park, 323-585-5776
- July 25** - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes, 310-377-5571

Thanks to those who attended and helped guide us at our wrap-up meeting last week. You can always call us for details of the meetings.



Diaper-A-Baby will help Catholic Charities & two mew-mother shelters in Long Beach: New Life Beginnings & His Nesting Place in North Long Beach. They have both been operating for over 24 years. Call us to learn more about them or check online. Thanks to our volunteers. We have completed 24 years of service from St. Joseph Parish to our Community!

Thanks to the volunteers who offered to help shop for lunch bag supplies for those who make over 250 sandwiches every Wednesday morning. Call Diane, 598-3441, or John. Next we need a family or group to oversee the Feed-A-Baby collection - only once a year. Pick a season! Joy is in the giving.

Call about your "Tom's Team" donations and questions. Tom: 799-0921. Let's Pay It Forward.

YOUR SKIP-A-MEAL BLUE ENVELOPE donations 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! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

Safe & Sane Fireworks Sale - The Knights of Columbus will be selling fireworks daily, **10 am to 10 pm** starting Wednesday, **July 1 - 4**. The profits provide for scholarships and many acts of charity for our church, schools, & community. The fireworks stand is located on the corner of Woodruff Ave. and Harvey, just north of the Wienerschnitzel. Bring this announcement for 10% discount.

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

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, June 27

5:00 PM - Father's Day Novena

SUNDAY, June 28

7:30 AM - † John Fay

9:00 AM - Father's Day Novena

10:30 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, June 29

8:00 AM - Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, June 30

8:00 AM - Father Edward Broom, living

WEDNESDAY, July 1

8:00 AM - † Louis Pantuso

THURSDAY, July 2

8:00 AM - † Louis Pantuso

FRIDAY, July 3

8:00 AM - Marlena Sargeant, living

SATURDAY, July 4

5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, July 5

7:30 AM - Joe & Mai Dang, living

9:00 AM - † Joseph T. Lavoie

10:30 AM - † Fred Kravitz

12:30 PM - Matthew Mello, 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:

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	Justin Christopher

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, 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, Marlena Sargeant, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, Msgr. Tseu, Tony Schember, Javier Salinas, Tess Keckeisen, Danielle Carmody & Virgil Terry.

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
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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	
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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
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