



From the Pastor's Desk:

Is God's grace sufficient for you? Has God given you enough talent to live your life, to make some contribution to the world, to be a good person? Has God ever asked you to do more than you thought you could? Have you ever had to be a prophet - to speak up on someone's behalf, to speak the truth in the face of lies, to hold on when it seemed more sensible to let go? Finally, has anyone ever doubted your ability, questioned your authenticity or challenged your integrity? Today's readings are a gift to you, then. It would be very good to read them more than once, to spend some time reflecting on them and to end that reflection with a prayer. We've even been given that prayer - the responsorial psalm. "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading, pleading for his mercy."



From Deacon Don's Desk:

I was thinking of some quotes from "famous" people and up popped **Year of Priests!!** The Tidings, in its featured article, interviewed Fr. Al Scott. He can quote you every important saying of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. But I thought his own words should be noted, for example, speaking about those who need help, "I tell them, 'I can be your best friend and best cheerleader, but I can't run your race, hit your homerun or score your touchdown.'" "I can help them become the best versions of themselves," but in the final analysis, "Happiness is an inside job."

Robert F. Kennedy, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.... Those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest wall of oppression and resistance."

For those who have had their loved ones "Born into Eternal Life": Francis Thompson writes words that God might speak, "All which I took from thee, I did but take not for thy harms, but just that thou might seek it in MY arms."

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray that the Blessed Mother protects Your priests. Through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry of the Gospel. We pray that Mary will guide Your priests to follow her words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn2:5). May Your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse, and seek nothing but Your greater glory and salvation of souls. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What is one thing I can do this week to grow in confidence that God guides my life?

Child: How can I help my friends know about Jesus?

Teen: What is one thing I can do this week to help a friend grow in his or her self-confidence?

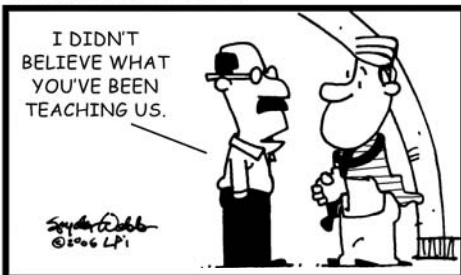
St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, please pray for us and all the priests doing Christ's work.

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 8 ~ Music Power, Chris Cerna**, musician blind from early childhood - Physical vision isn't needed by one who creates beautiful music with eyes of faith and love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

14TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE PRIEST'S MINISTRY



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's readings give us courage even though they speak of failure and rejection because people resist God's word. Jesus' own family, friends and townspeople turn him off. Jesus returns home. A crowd comes to the synagogue to hear him speak. Jesus appears ordinary, like one of them. But his words are amazing. His own kinspeople and townspeople do not have the faith of his followers. They do not see God's Spirit at work. Jesus, like Ezekiel and Paul, is distressed by the response of those he was sent to save. But their rejection does not stop his mission. Jesus cures the sick and moves on to teach others.

Life Focus: * When have you felt hurt when trying to do something good for another? * *Relate an experience in your life when you were acknowledged by another person.* * What prevents you from believing in the goodness of others - sometimes in your own relatives and friends? * *What keeps you going when you don't feel support?*

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.

**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.

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.

Theology On Tap - If you are a young adult, married or single, between the ages of 18-39 you are invited to join us for the 8th annual summer speaker series. Come meet other young adults for fun, networking, and opportunities to discuss and learn about current issues of faith. Tuesdays, **July 21 & 28**, and **August 4 & 11**, at St. Dominic Savio Church hall, 13400 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, 90706, 7-9:30 pm. For more info or if you'd like to be part of the team, please contact Bettyrae Reyes, 562-233-8955, or bettyraereyes@yahoo.com.

Summer Concert in the Garden - "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" - **July 12, 2-4pm**. A relaxing afternoon of music & dessert in the sun-dappled garden at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes. Entertainment by the South Bay Coastliners Barbershop Quartet. Enjoy fresh strawberries on homemade shortcake with all the fixin's and lemonade too. Cost: \$10.

Mass for Life!! Starting **July 5** join us at the Mass for Life every **first Sunday of the month, 5:00 pm**, St. Cornelius Catholic Church, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd.

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**

Since this is being written on Monday, June 29, we have all come back from a successful and profitable trip to Laughlin. We have all won a ton of money, so we will all go on our Hawaii Cruise! Wishful thinking!!

We still need new members. This past week, we lost Laurette Amrhein, keep her in your prayers.

ALOHA - put on your muumuus 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:

July 13 & 27, August 3 & 17

Attention prayerful single men! The Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery (for men) in Huntsville, Utah will be hosting a "Live-In Experience" Vocational retreat. The monks are on a scenic 2000 acre farm. Work & pray with the monks & enjoy the vocational talks. The group Live-In is **Aug. 5-9**. (Individual July dates available at your convenience.) There is no cost. Call toll free 800-221-1807.

Are you called to be a monk, nun, or priest? Take a free online test at www.vocationsplacement.org. (Over 630 persons like you have reported applying and entering religious life or the priesthood, 800-221-1807.

Coming Soon - Meditation Prayer Group

We shall begin a **Meditation** prayer group soon. Fr. 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.

As part of the **annual maintenance of the parish plant**, this summer the following work will be taking place in and around the school:

1. The main school roof will be cleaned and repaired.
2. Trees will be trimmed from the school building and roof.
3. The main school skylights will be cleaned and repaired to stop leaking.
4. Electrical improvements to the classrooms will occur.
5. The basketball courts will be sanded & re-stripped.
6. The parking lot will be sealed, repaired and re-stripped.
7. The additional ADA bathroom will be installed.



Watch this corner for furniture needs of our local families: Currently, we need a crib, a bunk bed, and a wheelchair. (Are these the three stages of life?) This is through Ton's Team Ministry.

Diaper-A-Baby will help Catholic Charities & two new-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.



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.

St. John Bosco High School Golf Tournament at Rio Hondo Golf Course, **July 17**. For information go to www.bosco.org or call 562-920-1734 ext. 250.

Peter's Pence Collection - Thank you for your generosity in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of worldwide proceeds for this collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.

Did You Know? Online teens: What You Need to Know - Fully 32 percent of online teens have been contacted by someone with no connection to them or any of their friends, and 7 percent of online teens say they have felt scared or uncomfortable as a result of contact by an online stranger. Although several factors are associated with high levels of stranger contact, the large majority of these interactions are benign. But to keep children safe from Internet predators, the L.A. City Attorney's Office offers a variety of age-appropriate Internet Safety precautions. For more information, 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

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish again on the weekend of **July 11-12**, giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry to the elderly poor. The Little Sisters conduct the Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro, and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like ourselves. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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, 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
- MONDAY, July 6**
 8:00 AM - Marlena Sargeant, living
- TUESDAY, July 7**
 8:00 AM - Marlena Sargeant, living
- WEDNESDAY, July 8**
 8:00 AM - † Richard St. Laurent
- THURSDAY, July 9**
 8:00 AM - † Louis Pantuso
- FRIDAY, July 10**
 8:00 AM - † Genoveva Pinili
- SATURDAY, July 11**
 5:00 PM - † Primitivo Chingcuangco
- SUNDAY, July 12**
 7:30 AM - Eileen Loughran, living
 9:00 AM - † Antoinette Lavoie
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - Byers family, 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 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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Tim Clark	431-4385
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
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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