



### From the Pastor's Desk:

True disciples of Christ, like his first disciples, and even like the prophets of the Old Covenant, often find themselves where they didn't plan to be, doing things they didn't prepare or expect to do. Worse, they often find a very cool welcome from those around them. "Don't blame me!" they are tempted to say, as the prophet Amos did before them. "This wasn't my idea!" Amos was a farmer, not a prophet. Likewise, the Twelve sent by Jesus were probably surprised to find themselves walking off without any food or money and with the probability that they would be met with some hostility. It isn't and never will be any different for us, the disciples of Christ today. Saint Paul assures us that God chose us in Christ "to be holy and without blemish." It was God's idea to use you as a disciple in the unique ways that you are called to now. What are you going to do about this call you have received?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

**Adult:** How do my possessions help my discipleship and how do they hinder it?

**Child:** What good news of Jesus can I share with my friends this week?

**Teen:** What good thing can I do this week which will keep me on God's path?

15TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

I was contemplating what to say this Sunday and it came to me during my evening prayer. How prophetic is Psalm 49 (the "emptiness of riches"): Last Tuesday, I was on my way to fill my prescription. On the radio was a beautiful pop song. I changed stations and the same song was on! After changing stations 5 times I realized that the memorial service for Michael Jackson was in progress and every major station was broadcasting it.

Two parts of Psalm 49 spoke out loud to me: "For no man can buy his own ransom, or pay a price to God for his life. The ransom of his soul is beyond him. He cannot buy life without end, nor avoid coming to the grave. He knows that wise men and fools must both perish and leave their wealth to others...in his riches, man lacks wisdom." The antiphon that followed says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon" (material wealth). Then the 3rd antiphon says, "Adoration and glory belong by right to the Lamb who was slain." We ask God to be merciful to all our departed brothers and sisters including Mr. Jackson.

This Sunday's Gospel says "do not take anything with you on the trip except a walking stick." It brings up the question: How dependent am I on "things"?

Admiral Richard Byrd was quoted: "Half the confusion of the world comes from not knowing how little we need."

**Our Prayer:** Lord, may we never fail to praise You for the fullness of life and salvation You give in the Eucharist. We ask Your blessing upon all our priests who make the Holy Mass possible. Amen.

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

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** The Twelve are sent to towns of Galilee. It is a trial mission that looks ahead to the Christian mission to the world at large. All Christians are to speak for God in the world, even when the world does not care to listen. Jesus shares with the Twelve his powers over the forces of evil. Jesus says to get moving on this mission right away. The Twelve are to travel light. If they are offered hospitality, they should accept it. If not, they are to shake the dust from their feet, which is what pious Jews did when they returned from unholy territory. Jesus did not tell the Twelve to preach about God's reign. That task belonged to Jesus. They were to be much like John the Baptizer preparing for Jesus' mission. They were happy with their success.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe a time in your life when you were genuinely lacking resources, but the task got done in spite of your poverty. \* Share a time when you were able to let go of the disappointment of your failures and get on with your life. \* How did you feel when called away on an emergency and you had to leave without any of the usual necessities? \* Relate a time in your life when your attitude shifted from "No way, I can't do it" to "I certainly can." What caused the shift?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

**Sacrament Program:** Preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a **two-year process** which usually starts at the first grade level. Older children may receive the sacraments through our **RCIA for Children Program** which is also a two-year process.

**Office Hours:** The Religious Education Office will be closed from **July 13 through August 3**. You may contact us by phone or the parish website as we will be checking messages from time to time during that period.

**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.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

**Bon Voyage - Come Join Us** - St. Joseph Seniors are setting sail on Princess Cruise Lines to the beautiful islands of Hawaii, **Nov. 8 - 22**. We will board the Golden Princess in the Long Beach area and return 14 days later to the same port. Our trip will include Honolulu, Hilo, Kauai & Maui. There will be a small presentation about the trip for anyone who is interested, for prices and accommodations, at St. Joseph hall, Monday, July 13, at 10:30 am. If you cannot attend, please call Gerry, 420-3220 or Olga, 596-6981.

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

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 14. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**Thank You!!** I want to thank the person who found and returned my wallet on Saturday, June 27. Margaret B.

**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](http://www.vocationsplacement.org). (Over 630 persons like you have reported applying and entering religious life or the priesthood, 800-221-1807.

**Retreat Opportunities at Sacred Heart Retreat House**  
**July 31-Aug. 2** - Widowed & Divorced Retreat  
**Aug. 14-16** - Men's Retreat  
**Aug. 19-22** - Contemplative Retreat - "Ocean of Mercy"  
**Aug. 28-30** - Carmelite Spirituality Retreat (men/women)  
 To make a reservation for any of these retreats, call the Retreat House at 626-289-1353 x 218.

**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 15 ~ Mirroring Mercy, Charles Osburn, evangelist**  
 - Discovery of long-term abuse of their children by a neighbor nearly destroys a couple.

**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](mailto:bettyraereyes@yahoo.com).

**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. John Bosco High School Golf Tournament** at Rio Hondo Golf Course, **July 17**. For information go to [www.bosco.org](http://www.bosco.org) or call 562-920-1734 ext. 250.

**Lace Up Your Sneakers - It's Camp Time!**

St. Anthony High School is hosting its Third Annual Darrick Martin Basketball and Books Day Camp on **Aug. 3-7**. The free camp is open to students aged 7 through 17 years. Basketball skills are taught by NBA professional Darrick Martin, St. Anthony's Class of '88, but instruction also focuses on life skills such as goal setting, nutrition, study, computers, and college readiness. Camp begins at 8 am, Monday through Friday, and ends at 2:30 pm. Lunch is provided. Parents may apply online at [www.longbeachsaints.org](http://www.longbeachsaints.org) or by contacting St. Anthony's at 562-435-4496. Enrollment is limited. Applications must be received at St. Anthony's by July 24.

**"Save the Date" - Precious Life Shelter Charity Golf Tournament, September 23.** Sponsorship opportunities, contests including putting contest, hole in one opportunity, longest drive (men & women), closest to the pin, and round ball rally! To volunteer, donate or for questions, contact: Deacon Don, 598-5202.

**Have you remembered your parish or school in your will or trust?** For further information, please contact H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs 213-637-7472, [hrclosson@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:hrclosson@la-archdiocese.org), [www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc](http://www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc). Our correct legal title, is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the benefit of St. Joseph Church.

**Did You Know? Internet Filter Software Is No Substitute for Parental Monitoring** - There is a lot of material on the Internet that is inappropriate for children. Parents can use filtering software to protect children from that material, but filters do not guarantee that children will not be exposed; a filter will never be a substitute for parents' presence. Monitor your child's online behavior. Keep your family computer in a highly visible, common area, like the family room or the kitchen. Ask your children to show you what sites they go to, and be open and willing to discuss the inappropriate material they might come across. 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

Watch this corner for furniture needs of our local families through Tom's Team Ministry: We are still in need of a bunk bed.



**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](http://www.ilovemypouse.org).

**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 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

## MONDAY, July 13

8:00 AM - † Adele Tirnetta

## TUESDAY, July 14

8:00 AM - † Lucille Bollin

## WEDNESDAY, July 15

8:00 AM - † Laurette Amrhein

## THURSDAY, July 16

8:00 AM - † Laurette Amrhein

## FRIDAY, July 17

8:00 AM - † Julianane Uehlin, Anniversary

## SATURDAY, July 18

5:00 PM - † Matthew Mello, living

## SUNDAY, July 19

7:30 AM - † John Fay

9:00 AM - † Thomas J. Lavoie

10:30 AM - † Cliff Lowen

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

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 & Seth Davis.

## 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	Cheryl Hebestreit
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	

## 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
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.ceofla.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