



From the Pastor's Desk:

What is it like to be a sheep without a shepherd? Jesus saw the crowd clamoring for his attention and realized they were like sheep without a shepherd. But when he looks at us now, that is not what he sees. We are definitely not without a shepherd. There is no need to pity us, because we have a Shepherd who is also our Savior, our Brother and our Living Bread. Yet it is not unheard of for some of us blessed disciples, safe in the flock and needing no pity, actually to be rather pitiful. Secure with our Shepherd, how often we ignore him, forget him, or even mistrust him. We seem to have no idea how good we have it. We are sheep *with* a shepherd. We are supposed to know his voice, but some of us have forgotten it. Our Shepherd calls us each by name, but some of us seem to be waiting for someone else to call us. We read about how Jesus cared for the disciples he already had. "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while," he invited them. He is extending the same invitation to us.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

This Sunday's Gospel ties in very well with last weekend's "married couples retreat" at Mater Dolorosa Retreat center. Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." That is what we did. It also included being fed, bodily and spiritually. It began with Fr. Bob Weiss explaining the immensity of the universe. We are actually looking at stars in the night that may have extinguished themselves hundreds or thousands of years ago, yet we are seeing them now." A scientist once said, "The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than a million worlds the size of earth. There are stars in space so large they could easily hold 500 million suns like ours." Werner Von Braun was asked, "Do you believe in God?" He said, "Yes, and He is bigger than I thought!"

We need to approach God with great reverence and humility. Fr. Bob said, "We often do not start with an adequate notice of our God. We too often take Him for granted. We need reverence in our homes! God is there! God's transcendence helps our prayer life." This applies in our married life. Compliment each other. Mark Twain once said, "I can live 6 months on one compliment." There is suffering and sometimes pain in marriage. "Love cannot survive without forgiveness...let it go! In many cases the biggest sin is what we do not do. We cannot reach our potential without God being the center of our lives. When He is the center, everything falls into place." Amen!

Our Prayer: Father God, you proved Your love for us in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus. We give thanks for our priests, our shepherds, who bring Your greatest gift to us. Grant that you may sustain them in their faithful ministry of the Gospel. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Fr. Will is very grateful to the 2009 graduating class of our parish school for the Shrine of the Holy Family at the east side of our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. May our parish family emulate the virtues of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph.

The inside parking lot will be closed until further notice due to the construction of the handicap bathroom.

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus looks at the crowd with great feeling. They have no one to feed them with the teaching that will give them life or with the physical food to stay alive. Jesus appreciates how vulnerable people are and how fragile their lives are. Like sheep, they will die without a shepherd to keep them together, show them the way and feed them. Seeing their need, Jesus himself begins to teach. He becomes shepherd to the leaderless flock.

Jesus calls his disciples to be the kind of shepherd he is. The disciples, of course, will not understand this kind of leadership until after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Life Focus: * When have you felt let down or disappointed by someone you looked to for leadership, guidance or direction? * *Where is the "out-of-the-way place" that gives you peace? Why do you feel this way about this place?* * When have you tried to escape the needs of others only to find that *their needs* for your attention were greater than *your need* to be away from it all? How did you feel about the demands placed on you? * *When in your life have you felt like a sheep without a shepherd, in need of spiritual and/or physical care? Where or from whom did you seek care?*

16TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
AS A SHEPHERD TENDS HIS FLOCK



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 **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.

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.

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 22 ~ Holy Land Special, From the Mount** - Recorded during a Holy Land pilgrimage, **Fr. Mike** brings the Sermon on the Mount to life, modern-day life.

Meditation Prayer Group

Fr. Connor and Marie Gemma are 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 see you on **July 21**.

**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.

SENIORS' SUMMER SCHEDULE:

July 27, August 3 & 17

Book Discussion Monday, July 27, 7 pm, in the hall.

Join us for a discussion of young adult women's Catholic identity. Get to know the defining characteristics of Millennial Catholics and learn how the young women in the book **From the Pews in the Back** define their approach to their faith. Come ready to describe your own experiences of Catholicism and to share your vision for the future of our church community with the author. Young and old, male and female are welcome. For ordering information, go to www.fromthepewsintheback.com. Please RSVP to melissa.beach@gmail.com.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When will I "come away" with Jesus this week?

Child: When will I take time to pray this week?

Teen: When I am tired and trying to rest, but a friend asks for my help, what do I do?

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.

Lace Up Your Sneakers - It's Camp Time!

St. Anthony High School is hosting its Third Annual Darrick Martin Basketball and Books Day Camp **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 or by contacting St. Anthony's at 562-435-4496. Enrollment is limited. Applications must be received at St. Anthony's by **July 24**.

Attention St. Joseph Parishioners

We are "Hawaii" bound setting sail on the Golden Princess from **Nov. 8 - 22**. Come join us for our 14 days of fun, sun, beautiful scenery, and of course we offer great company as a bonus. Trip includes port stops at Honolulu, Hilo, Kauai and Maui. Please feel free to call Gerry, 420-3220 or Olga, 596-6981.

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, 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.

Vacation Bible Camp - A Fun Experience

Thanks to all who helped make our week of Vacation Bible Camp such a fun and exciting time. We had over 100 campers as well as 40 pre-teen and teen aides who assisted in all areas of the camp. Over 20 adults were on hand to teach scripture in the classrooms and coordinate crafts, music/skits, snacks, and recreation. Bishop Alex Salazar celebrated the closing liturgy on Friday along with Fr. Will, Fr. Mike from St. Cornelius, Fr. Jason from St. Cyprian and Deacon Don.

Our camp is a cooperative effort of several parishes in the area: St. Joseph, St. Cornelius, St. Maria Goretti, and St. Cyprian.

Did You Know? Recognizing Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect - The key to reporting child abuse & neglect is being able to recognize common indicators: Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance. Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention. Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen. Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn. Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Watch this corner for furniture needs of our local families. Thanks for all of the donations.



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. Deacon 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.

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.

"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.

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

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 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
- MONDAY, July 20**
 8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living
- TUESDAY, July 21**
 8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone
- WEDNESDAY, July 22**
 8:00 AM - † Alicia Attardo
- THURSDAY, July 23**
 8:00 AM - † The Vu family
- FRIDAY, July 24**
 8:00 AM - The Dang family
- SATURDAY, July 25**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, July 26**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Katharine M. Lavoie
 10:30 AM - † Mary Jane Merk
 12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

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 | 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 & Patricia Santy.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
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562-596-6115

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VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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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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Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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.cceofla.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