



From the Pastor's Desk:

These summer Sundays present Jesus in all his vitality at the height of his ministry, teaching, healing, traveling with his disciples from town to town and attracting crowds wherever he went. Story after story from week to week depicts his energy, his deep compassion and his attention to every detail of people's lives. In today's Gospel no one else seemed concerned about how the crowds of people were going to eat. Jesus didn't start out looking for a way to perform an impressive miracle. He was just looking for a way to meet people's needs. If he wanted to get his disciples on board to help think of some solutions to the problem, they were of no help at all. They simply magnified the problem of how hungry the people were by pointing out how expensive it would be to feed them. Only that little boy in the story entered into some problem-solving with Jesus. What he had wasn't enough, but he brought it out anyway. Then came Jesus' overwhelming, abundant, glorious response to this boy's small but total gift. Jesus made that small meal enough. Enough for everyone. Then he made it more than enough. So he does with each small gift we offer.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

The deacon is on vacation and will be looking for and appreciating the Creator's handiwork. Forgive him if he leaves his concerns behind. All those who have asked for his prayers, they will be remembered in his Divine Office.

Our Prayer: God, source of all holiness, though no one can see You and live, You give life most generously and in an even greater way restore it. Sanctify your priests through Your life-giving Word and consecrate your people in His blood until our eyes see Your face. Amen.

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

The Knights of Columbus Council 3629 invite you to **give blood** at our summer, after hours, blood drive. This will be held Thursday, **August 6**, from **1:30 to 7:30 pm** in the hall. Participants will receive a gift card for Daphne's Greek Café. For more information, please call Pat Murrach, Blood Drive Chair, 562-596-9835.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How can I use my possessions, talents and time for the good of others?

Child: How do I share with others?

Teen: What loving gift could I give to another this week?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Both the first reading and the Gospel today tell stories of God feeding hungry people through the words and works of prophets. For the next five Sundays, we will hear the Bread of Life teaching from John's Gospel. For John all of Jesus' acts are "signs" - sacraments - that point to a deeper reality. It is clear that the people do not appreciate the deeper meaning of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The reaction of the crowd showed that they thought wrongly that Jesus was the triumphant and political Messiah. So Jesus goes "back to the mountains alone." the people had indeed misread the sign.

Life Focus: Relate a time when you were so engrossed in something important that you forgot to eat. * *Describe a time when you were surprised that your limited resources were sufficient.* * Relate a time when your prayers were answered on God's terms rather than your own. * *Share an experience in the recent past in which you recognized a definite sign of the Lord working in your life.* * Describe a time when you experienced abundance in your life. * *When have you shared your small amount with another? How did this make a difference in the person's life and/or in yours?* * Relate a time in your life when you were refreshed by someone. * *From your experience, when did you get so caught up in the physical needs - just making a living - that there was no time and energy for anything else?*

17TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US



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 29 ~ Rebuilding Family - Charles & Jeanne Osburn, Evangelists** - The power of forgiveness restores a strained marriage and evolves into a powerful ministry.

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 and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We hope to see you on **August 4 and 18**.



St. Joseph Senior Group

**We need new members - age is not an issue.
All are welcome.**

July 27 - We will have our regular games and announcements on trips, etc.

August schedule - Meetings on **August 3 and 17**.

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. If you have questions, please call Gerry, 420-3220 or Olga, 596-6981.

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

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.

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.

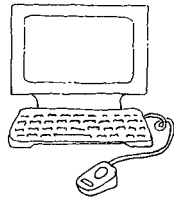
Adult Confirmation

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 - Come and pray for respect and love for all life, not only in the womb but outside the womb as well, the **2nd & 4th Mondays** of every month @ **7:30pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thanks for praying.

A prolife clinic in Long Beach has opened up on Willow St. and Long Beach Blvd. with ultrasound machines. Volunteers are welcome and will be trained as needed. Please contact Jennifer Borba for details, 714-836-5447, or jen@birthchoiceclinic.org.

Sign Up For Email - If you are away for awhile, you can still be in touch and keep up with what's going on here at your home parish. To receive weekly copy of the bulletin and other timely announcements and newsletters, please join our email list by visiting the St. Joseph website at www.stjosephparishcommunity.com.



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, 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.

July 28 - *"I'm Here, God, Now What? Where Do I Go From Here?"* Guest speaker Floy Hawkins, MFCC

August 4 - *"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly - Relationships"* Guest speaker Juliette March-Williams

August 11 - *"Money - The Root to All Evil or In God We Trust? Dealing with the Economic Crunch"* Guest speaker Fr. Jack Gibson, S.D.B.

"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 August fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for appointment:
Aug. 19 - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-548-6335
Aug. 21 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 x247
Aug. 22 - St. Matthias, Huntington Park, 323-588-2134

Did You Know? Possible Indicators of Child Abuse and Neglect - The key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In a parent, the following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect: Shows little concern for the child; blames the child for the child's problems in school or at home; asks teachers or other caretakers to use harsh physical discipline if the child misbehaves; sees the child as entirely bad, worthless, or burdensome. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Food From the Heart is coming. We need volunteers to pass out the Food Coupons on August 8 and 9 at all Masses. We pick up the donated food on August 15 and 16 at all Masses. The food will go to Catholic Charities. The food must be "shelf-stable." Call with questions.



Watch this corner for furniture needs of our local families. Just last week we had a wheel chair donated and a parishioner called to borrow one. It happens! Let's try the "Pay it Forward" idea. 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.

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**.

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 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.
- MONDAY, July 27**
 8:00 AM - † Louie G. Camus
- TUESDAY, July 28**
 8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang
- WEDNESDAY, July 29**
 8:00 AM - Father Edward Broom, living
- THURSDAY, July 30**
 8:00 AM - † Halina Kamoska
- FRIDAY, July 31**
 8:00 AM - † Laurette Amrhein
- SATURDAY, August 1**
 5:00 PM - Sylvia Dang and sons, living
- SUNDAY, August 2**
 7:30 AM - Bradshaw family, living
 9:00 AM - Alyssabeth Reyes, living
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Msgr. Folliard

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 & Patrick Farrell.

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

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.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