



From the Pastor's Desk:


I. As we saw last week, and will for the next four weeks, the first reading points to an interpretation of the Gospel. As we read John 6 section by section, the church holds up an Old Testament reading as a mirror to the Gospel.

This week it is part of the Exodus story, in which the Hebrew people were exhausted and fed up with Moses and Aaron. But even as they complained, God had pity on them and met their need for food. The Gospel promises the same - God will meet the needs of his people, indeed, in ways far beyond what they expect.

It is not just physical food that is promised, but food that endures to eternal life. Like the Hebrew people during the Exodus, like the Jews of Jesus' time, we want something from God. What is your heart's desire that you most pray for? Does it lead you to eternal life?

II. The Little Sisters of the Poor thank you for your generous contribution of \$3,297 to the elderly poor at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro.

III. I am very grateful to our 2009 school graduates for their gift of the Holy Family Shrine in the east corner of our Eucharistic Chapel. Father Will



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, August 6, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's Desk:

The deacon is on vacation but reminds us that **Eucharistic Adoration** is this Thursday, Aug. 6, 6-8 pm.

"Confession is called the gate of heaven." — St. Anthony of Padua.

"We must work as if success depended upon us alone. At the same time, we must be wholeheartedly convinced that we are doing nothing; it is God who is doing everything." —St. Ignatius of Loyola

Our Prayer: All powerful God, let us realize that no matter what we do, it is only through You with the help of our priests that we do it. Help us to work as if all depended on us and pray as if all depended on You. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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

18TH ORDINARY SUNDAY



THE MESSIANIC BANQUET

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus had just fed the Israelites of his day with "bread from heaven," but they saw only the "bread." They followed him back across the lake to Capernaum. They were hoping for more free food. Jesus uses their question to try to teach them the deeper meaning of the "bread from heaven." He reproaches them for being so concerned about food. They have missed the meaning of the feeding. They do not see this as a "sign" pointing to a deeper reality. When they ask what they must *do* to perform works pleasing to God, Jesus says, in effect, "nothing." They are asked simply to accept him as the one God has sent. This faith is a free gift of God. The mention of faith makes them impatient. They want action, the crowd is operating on the material level. They are hoping for an endless supply of food. Jesus startles them by saying he is bread which gives life. They must believe in him. He will satisfy them forever.

Life Focus: In a society that offers instant gratification and the pursuit of comfort and convenience, what can you do to keep your focus on Jesus? * *Where have you seen Jesus this past week in your life? What message did he have for you, and how did you respond?* * What are some things you take for granted? Share an experience when you've taken life's pleasures for granted and your expectations weren't life's reality. How did you cope? * *Most families bring their problems to the dinner table.* *When have you brought your problems to the Lord's table?* * How has your attitude toward material things changed over your lifetime? Name an experience that shows this change.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**Pro Life Mass will take place at St. Cornelius
August 3 at 5:00 pm.**

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.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

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

August schedule - Meetings on **August 3 and 17**.
Any questions on meetings, call Betty 596-8287 or Olga 596-6981.

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.

Retreat Opportunities at Sacred Heart Retreat House

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How have the life, teachings, and presence of Jesus sustained and nourished me?

Child: Why do we eat? Why is Jesus the "living bread?"

Teen: What does the phrase "Jesus is the bread of life" mean to me?

St. Cornelius Parish Organization "People for Others"

has an outreach project to honor our service men and women from the local area with care packages. Please call President Fenn, 496-4935, or Secretary Farney, 429-3559, with names and addresses of your family members or friends in the military. Thank you!!

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.
August 5 ~ Shout Praise - *Grayson Warren Brown, Evangelist* - What kind of song does your life sing to the world? Try singing "a new song."

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**.



Parish Directory

Our parish community continues to grow and change, and it's high time our Parish Directory catches up! Can you help in a support role? We already have a "lead" team and are well under-way in planning, but we will be need-

ing help at Masses to pass and collect information, check in families at photo sessions and such. Shifts should be short and will be tailored to your availability. Both day and evening help will be needed. Questions? Call Tim and Mary Lou Clark, 431-4385, and *thanks* for your help in building and improving our parish community!!

The Knights of Columbus Council 3629 invite you to **give blood** at our summer, after hours, blood drive. This will be held Thursday, **Aug. 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 Murach, Blood Drive Chair, 562-596-9835.

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.

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center *Puttin' On The Ritz* **Aug. 15**, 5:30 - midnight. A festive night of fine dining, gaming & celebration to support and refurbish the retreat center. To register, contact Gerry, 310-377-4867 ext 234.

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? Take the Child Safety Quiz - Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC website and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com. For particular help, you may 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.

"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.

Sign Up For Email - 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.



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, 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

MONDAY, August 3

8:00 AM - † Birute Tamulis

TUESDAY, August 4

8:00 AM - † Louis Pantuso

WEDNESDAY, August 5

8:00 AM - † Edward Dondero, Anniversary

THURSDAY, August 6

8:00 AM - † Patricia McCrisaken

FRIDAY, August 7

8:00 AM - Chuck Dixon, living

SATURDAY, August 8

5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, August 9

7:30 AM - † John Fay

9:00 AM - Paul A. Lavoie, living

10:30 AM - † Faye Welter

12:30 PM - † Leticia Manriquez

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, Patricia Santy, Patrick Farrell & Louise Turner.

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
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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.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	Tom Lane	496-4223

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE