



From the Pastor's Desk:

In the later writings of the Old Testament, wisdom is often personified, as we hear her described in the first reading from Proverbs this weekend. She is the attendant at God's throne, a foreshadowing of the Holy Spirit that Christians believe is the third person of the Holy Trinity.

The wisdom of God is far beyond any human understanding, and the gifts of the Spirit greater than any human imagining.

We may not comprehend fully all that the Eucharist is for us. We may not even understand deeply the mystery of the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of his body and blood. But in our Communion with him we are joined intimately with Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is strengthened in us. When we receive the body and blood of Christ at Mass he remains in us and we remain in him, a gift beyond our imagining.

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 19 ~ Response-Ability ~ Volunteer Teacher Program, Society of Holy Child Jesus** - Generous college grads help children learn, while also receiving a "real world" education.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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

20TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Usually after the Sunday homily I have "leftovers" - instead I ask you to read the "Scripture Focus" for this Sunday.

Looking for a life-changing bible verse? Try Psalm 77:12 - "I remember the deeds of the

Lord." I selected out of the "Living Faith" booklet the following: Remembering what God has done is to view our life in the context of reality. If we forget what God has done, we neglect reality; inevitably, we go astray. How do we remember? First we remember in the Mass. Not simply remembering a past event, the Mass is the great remembering in which Christ's sacrifice again becomes present to us. We remember that God has created us, that He has sent His Son to us, that His Son has given His life for us. But we each need our own ways to remember. Recite the above Psalm, not once but over a few times and dwell on it.

It's our time to return that "fidelity" to God who has shown His "fidelity" to us. Semper Fi!

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, make me realize that the Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's action that freed us of our sins. Help us to participate devoutly in every Eucharist and obtain the grace to avoid sin. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Pray for our priests.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Which images from today's reading touch my heart?

Child: Jesus shares his life with us. How does Jesus help me to share my life with others?

Teen: What part of Jesus' teaching is difficult for me to accept?

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the participants of our Blood Drive last Thursday. Those who showed up helped in saving 42 lives. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, **October 4**, at the St. Joseph parish hall.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: John's Gospel has no direct account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Rather, it includes this sermon on the Bread of Life that we have been hearing for the past several weeks. The statement of the opening verse, "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," is very close to the account in Luke's Gospel of Jesus blessing bread at the Last Supper and saying "This is my body given for you." Accepting the teaching of Jesus, the Liturgy of the Word, important as this is, only prepares us to share his body and blood. Participation in the Eucharist brings present possession of "eternal life" and is thus a pledge of eventual resurrection.

Life Focus: How does believing in "eternal Life" affect your daily living? * *What have you done with this "life" received in the Eucharist?* * Describe an experience when you have been the "bread of life" for others.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION SUNDAY: On Sunday, **August 30**, there will be an opportunity to register or re-register for Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle School Programs after the **9:00 am** and **10:30 am Masses** in the Parish Activity Center. For additional information or to receive forms through the mail, please call our 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.

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.

Confirmation Program: Confirmation Orientation Meeting for **Year I** will be on Monday, **Sept. 14**, at **7pm** in the Fr. Martin Hall. This is for **PARENTS ONLY**. You will receive a packet in the mail with registration paperwork. Please fill out before coming to the meeting. No registration will be accepted without the following information: Sponsor name and address, baptismal certificate, and completed safety release forms. Payment of the \$135 fee may be paid anytime prior to the first class session.

If you did not attend St. Joseph Religious Education Program in the 8th grade or go to St. Joseph School in the 8th grade, please call our office, **598-0519**, and request a Year I Confirmation registration package.

Confirmation **Year II** Orientation for **parents** and **sponsors** will be on Monday, **Sept. 28** at 7 pm in the Fr. Martin Hall. **Candidates do not** attend this meeting. Please bring your registration package, which will be mailed to you, completed to be registered that night. The fee of \$250 may be paid anytime prior to the first class session.

Jesus is Lord - Bible Fellowship resumes **Sept. 15, 9:00 am** (Tuesdays) and **Sept. 17, 7:00 pm** (Thursdays). "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare not woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Learn Our Father's Plan - Please call Rita Smith to register, 714-761-7643 or 562-533-1243.

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**

All are welcome.

August 17 - Regular games etc. Taking names, checks only please, for the Getty Villa trip, Sept. 25. \$67 includes bus driver tip, transportation, guided tour, Lawry's Restaurant (choose prime rib, chicken or salmon lunch).

September Meetings - are changing due to Labor Day. We will meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays, **Sept. 14 & 28**.

Future Trips: Please keep open **Wednesday, December 9** for our great Christmas holiday trip. Olga will have flyers and cost in October.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

An Invitation If you are a non-Catholic who is interested or even curious about the Catholic faith, we cordially invite you to join us in an exposition of the Catholic faith. You will learn all those things about the Catholic Church you wanted to know but were afraid to ask! Our meeting times are flexible. If you are interested, please call Peter Baine, 598-4130.

Adult Confirmation - Classes begin **Sept. 13** at Our Lady of Refuge and go through December. If you are interested in attending, please contact our religious education department, for requirements and info, 598-0519.

Music Ministry Update - by Vivian Doughty

10:30 Choir: Do you sing? Maybe it's time to serve in the choir. All of us who partake attest to the deep fulfillment we experience by participating. If you possess good skills you are very welcome, but if you don't read music, I provide training. The minimum requirement is you must be able to sing on pitch. All are welcome (ages 14 to adult). Rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning 9/2 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church.

Children's choir: Attention all 2nd - 5th graders from parish and school communities: we need you in the choir! This choir's mission is to mix music, drama, visual art, and dance for an enriched liturgical experience. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Rehearsals will resume Saturdays, 8-9 am beginning September 26.

Youth choir: Please join this growing group of young musicians for rehearsal on Saturdays at 4 pm in preparation for each weekend's 5:00 Mass. Open to grades 6-12.

Meditation Prayer Group

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 **Aug. 18**.



Parish Directory

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

The St. Joseph Parish Council is sponsoring the **Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition** in Father Martin Hall **September 18-20**. This exhibit is composed of 120 posters faithfully recounting for us many well documented miraculous occurrences. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

"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.



CRUISE NEWS

Remember: Current Passport Required

A trip you do not want to miss! A 14 day excursion to the tropics of the Hawaiian Islands which includes visits to Honolulu, Hilo, Maui, and Kauai. Enjoy sailing on the Golden Princess leaving out of and returning to San Pedro from **Nov. 8 to Nov. 22**. For more information, please call Gerry, 420-3220 or Olga, 596-6981.

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.

Food From the Heart bring your donations of non-perishable food on **August 15 - 16 to the Rectory Garage** at all Masses. The food will go to Catholic Charities. The food items must be "shelf-stable." Call with questions.



Watch this corner for furniture needs of our local families. Thanks for all of the donations. Call about your "Tom's Team" donations and questions. Deacon Tom: 799-0921. Let's Pay It Forward.

HELP NEEDED: We need a family or group to oversee the Feed-A-Baby collection - only once per year. We help with the planning! Joy is in the giving.

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.

Virtus Training

There will be two Virtus training sessions held in September as follows: "Protecting God's Children: on **September 15** from 7-10 pm in the hall and "Keeping the Promise Alive" on **September 22** from 7-8:30 pm in the hall. The first session is required for any adult **not yet** certified who will be working/volunteering in our school/parish. We also request that all lectors, choir members, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and **leaders** of the various parish ministries attend this workshop.

The second session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" is for all who have completed the three hour course and need re-certification. Certification expires every three years.

Please call the religious education office, **598-0519**, to sign up for either of these sessions or for further information.

Fingerprinting Schedule

The following dates are for the Aug./Sept. 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
- Sep. 9** - St. Matthew, Long Beach, 562-436-6726
- Sep. 11** - St. Paul of the Cross, La Mirada, 562-921-2914
- Sep. 12** - St. Peter Chanel, Hawaiian Gardens, 924-7591

Did You Know? Join in to help protect our kids -

Safeguard the Children Committees have been established in parishes throughout the L.A. Archdiocese. A primary goal of these committees is to ensure that all children and youth experience safe environments in all parish activities and events. These committees also inform all parish personnel, committees, ministries and volunteers of the available resources for educating their constituencies on all aspects of child and youth abuse and neglect. For more information, call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, August 15**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho and Salvate families
- SUNDAY, August 16**
 7:30 AM - † Dick Kocevar
 9:00 AM - † Julian Colina
 10:30 AM - † Domingo Fermin
 12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, August 17**
 8:00 AM - Special Intention
- TUESDAY, August 18**
 8:00 AM - † Robert Simpson
- WEDNESDAY, August 19**
 8:00 AM - † Louie G. Camus
- THURSDAY, August 20**
 8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living
- FRIDAY, August 21**
 8:00 AM - † Jesus Sagan
- SATURDAY, August 22**
 5:00 PM - † Martha Aimone
- SUNDAY, August 23**
 7:30 AM - † Al Maligie
 9:00 AM - † Eva Retana
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Alicia Attardo

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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| Glen Warren | Justin Christopher |
| 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 | |

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, 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, Elijah Carbonell, Kit Escoto VanWyk, Arin Zack, Msgr. Marc Trudeau, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Justin Ferriese, Virginia Souza, Betty Galaz, Jean Boolish, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Nicole Pisula-Stanton, Rosemary Doran, Marge Hamilton, Michelle Smith, Johnny & Cody LaRiccica, Barbara Hook, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth, Marlana 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 and Hugo & Mickey Jorda.

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.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 | Tom Lane | 496-4223 |

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