



From the Pastor's Desk:

We make choices every day. Some are as simple as whether to have toast or cereal for breakfast. Others can have more import, such as which physician to select or how much to spend on home furnishings. Still other choices can be life changing: where to attend college, and who to marry. Choices always have consequences - some foreseen, and some barely imagined.

In the first reading, Joshua presents a choice to the Hebrew people: choose whom you will serve, the LORD, or other gods. The church pairs this reading with the selection from John to foreshadow the choice that Jesus gives to the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?"

Peter's response, "Master, to whom shall we go?" characterizes the faith of believers. We have no one else but Christ. He is our way, our truth, our life, and going somewhere else will never satisfy.

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 26 ~ Marriage-Wise ~ Fr. Pat Connor, SVD, Counseling and Retreats** - Marriage prospects need to show potential for commitment.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

21ST ORDINARY SUNDAY / THE RISK OF FAITH



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Last Sunday, a Jesuit's homily struck me. Like many homilies they seem to go over our heads, they have meaning at Mass, then "out the door" and it's left behind in the church. I had a note pad, and the one line that struck me was, "take to heart the words of Panis Angelicus from St. Thomas Aquinas." This song is sung in Latin at many weddings. But, he read the English translation - it was so appropriate for the past few Gospels about the Bread of Life, that I want to share it with you: "Holy and living bread, wondrous food from heaven sent, God's sacrifice foretold now in our hands we hold. Sign and reality, challenge for us to be humble servants to all the poor. God, holy Three-in-One, through this offering of your Son all now on earth can see what we are called to be: hope for a world in need, signs that love can succeed where true justice and peace endure."

This Sunday is the last of John's Gospels (five) which were sandwiched in between Mark's Gospels (Year B). These five Sundays emphasized the fact that Jesus is the Bread of Life. We are to be HOPE for a world in need. We are called to be what we eat: the Body of Christ. It doesn't stop at the exit of the church - that "exit" should be the entrance to share that Love of Jesus.

Our Prayer: Good and loving Father, help us to overcome all tendencies to show favoritism in our lives. Let us treat all persons as brothers and sisters in Christ and work and pray for their salvation. Inspire us, especially young men and women, to give ourselves to the work of Christ and His Church. Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Faced with Jesus' claim to be the real bread from heaven, the truth, the revelation of the Father, his disciples had to make a decision. Today's Gospel reading gives their reaction to that claim. Many reject his words and refuse to believe that he "came down" from heaven. Jesus told them to "stop murmuring" and pointed out the need for that faith which only God can give. The Twelve remain with Jesus. They were the ones who would "remain with Jesus" once he ascended to the Father. Peter sums up their faith, accepting the revelation of Jesus with the words, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The people who deserted him wanted answers they could understand. Their faith was weak. The apostles did not understand either, but because they loved Jesus, they believed and accepted without understanding. We, too, cannot really understand how Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We cannot know, intellectually, how bread and wine become his "body and blood." When we make our act of faith, however, we become one with him in a special, life-giving way.

Life Focus: Describe how your experience of the Eucharist has changed over the course of your life and how this has affected you. * Describe a struggle you had which led to a deeper faith. * Relate an experience that has shaken your faith. * Describe an experience when you have taken a risk without fully understanding the outcome. What effect did it have on your life?

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.

Help Wanted - Would you like to make a difference in the lives of our parish youth? We are in need of a volunteer to help form the faith of our 7th & 8th grade religious education students. Class sessions and fun nights take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm. We use a team approach for this position to allow for busy schedules.

Qualifications needed: love of your faith, desire to share your faith with others, enjoy working with this age group, and a joyful, loving spirit.

Benefits provided: resources and training as needed, personal spiritual growth, opportunity to meet new people and be a part of an enriching and rewarding ministry. To apply for this position or for further information, please contact our Religious Education Office, **598-0519**.

Bereavement Ministry - Our Memorial Mass is scheduled for **November 2**. Our first planning meeting will be on **September 10** at 7 pm in the PAC. Anyone interested in helping prepare for this Mass, please call Dave Desmond, 429-3316 or Nancy Miller, 429-2546. We really need and would appreciate extra help. Thank you.

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.

An Invitation If you are 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 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.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

All are welcome.

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

Sept. 14 - Regular games, etc. Taking names, checks only, for Getty Villa trip, Sept. 25. \$67 includes bus driver tip, guided tour, Lawry's Restaurant lunch (prime rib, chicken or salmon). Announcing info for holiday trip.

Sept. 28 - Collecting for Dec. 9 holiday trip.

Nov. 8-22 - Cruise.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (divorced, separated, single, widowed), will meet on Sunday, **Aug. 23 at 2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

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.

Music Ministry Update - by Vivian Doughty

10:30 Choir: Do you sing? All of us who serve in the choir 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 welcome (ages 14 to adult). Rehearsals resume Wednesday, 9/2 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church.

Children's choir: 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, & dance for an enriched liturgical experience. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Rehearsals resume Saturday, Sept. 26, 8-9 am.

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.



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!!

"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 is a success. Thank you for the donations! The food went to Catholic Charities.



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.

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.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What part of Jesus' message do I find hard to live?

Child: Who helps me to believe in Jesus?

Teen: How do I feel when a classmate doesn't understand my religion?

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 or for further information.

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 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
- MONDAY, August 24**
- 8:00 AM - † Connie McCarthy
- TUESDAY, August 25**
- 8:00 AM - Joseph Dang, living
- WEDNESDAY, August 26**
- 8:00 AM - † Eva Retana
- THURSDAY, August 27**
- 8:00 AM - † Antonio Palicte
- FRIDAY, August 28**
- 8:00 AM - † Mario & Dominico Dang
- SATURDAY, August 29**
- 5:00 PM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
- SUNDAY, August 30**
- 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- 9:00 AM - Leo Zack, living
- 10:30 AM - † Angela Brown
- 12:30 PM - † Helen Kemney

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

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
	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