



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. Laws protect society. We often hear our country described as a nation of laws, and that we submit to the rule of law and not the whim of a person. "While the law does not prevent crime from taking place, it does set out a fun-

damental code of behavior that acts as a societal norm. We know what most people will do at a red light. They will stop. It doesn't prevent someone from running the light, but such instances are rare compared to the millions of motorists that wait.

As we know, laws can become outdated. There's not much need for a law regulating the keeping of passenger pigeons since the species is extinct. Jesus' approach to law in the Gospel isn't so much about outdated laws as it is about laws that truly matter. The law of love - and all that flows from it - always comes first.

Respect Life - Come and pray for respect and love for all life the **2nd & 4th Mondays** of every month @ **7:30pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thanks for praying.

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

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

22ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE HUMAN & DIVINE ELEMENT IN RELIGION



From Deacon Don's Desk:

We wonder why the Catholic Church survived for 2,000 years. St. Paul said "The weakness of God is stronger than men". St. John Chrysostom, bishop, had a homily that expressed the above. "In what way is it stronger?" It (the

Church) made its way throughout the world and overcame all men, countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified Jesus, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. It's enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged war on a dead man proved helpless.

For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine. For how could otherwise 12 uneducated men who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city think setting out to do battle with the whole world? In His (Jesus') lifetime He brought no nation under His banner, but by uttering His name we will win over the world? Would it not be wholly irrational to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them? It is evident, that if they had not seen Him risen and had proof of his power, they would not have risked so much. Are we ready to believe without seeing? We need to follow Simon Peter's reply: "Master, to whom shall we turn? You have the words of eternal life".

And wives, do not be discouraged by the 2nd reading to the Ephesians (5:21)-it should be taken as "be subordinate to ONE ANOTHER out of reverence for Christ". As Father Gleeson once said: "Marriage is a union between two good forgivers".

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, strengthen and protect your priests. May Your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, to seek nothing but Your greater glory and salvation of souls. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: The question Jesus poses for us today: do you live by the letter or the spirit of the Law?

Child: Jesus tells us to be careful about what we say and do. How do I treat my family and friends? Do I think about what I say and how I say it?

Teen: What do my patterns of living say about my priorities?

Catechetical Sunday: We will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday on the weekend of September 19 and 20. There will be a special commissioning at the 9:00am Mass for the men and women of our parish who share their faith and bring the Word of God into the hearts of others. The theme for this year is "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word". Please keep our catechists in your prayers, especially those who are new to this ministry, as they serve the catechetical needs of our parish community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION SUNDAY: Today 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.

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 and 8th grade religious education students. Class sessions and fun nights take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We use a team approach for this position to allow for busy schedules. To apply for this position or for further information please contact our Religious Ed office at 598-0519.

Our Confirmation Year 2 Team also needs you! Two hour sessions are held in your home on the night of your choice. Call Marianna at 598-0519 for further information.

Bereavement Ministry - Our Memorial Mass is scheduled for **November 1**. 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.



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.

Oct. 5: Games, etc.

Oct. 19: We will be collecting for a trip to San Diego area called BUON NATALE TOUR with lunch in Little Italy. Olga has fliers with all stops, etc. Cost will be \$63 including lunch- Spaghetti with Meatballs, Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Parmesan, includes coffee or tea and gratuity. Dessert will be about 1 hour after lunch, gelato and pastries are included. **Checks only**.

Nov. 8-22 - Cruise.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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.

Babysitting available. Please call Rita Smith to register, 714-761-7643 or 562-533-1243.

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. Next: **September 1 & 8**.



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!!

Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition– Sept 18-20. This exhibit is composed of 120 posters that faithfully recount well documented miraculous occurrences associated with the Holy Eucharist. 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. Eucharistic Adoration will be offered during exhibit hours Saturday Sept. 19th from 12 noon to 7pm except during 5pm Mass. A schedule is being made to ensure attendance during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please call Terry Tibor at 598-1408 if you can be included on this schedule.

"Save the Date" Precious Life Shelter Charity Golf Tournament Sept.

23, Golfers needed for the PLS charity golf tournament at the Navy golf course. Deacon Don has a special place in his heart for Precious Life Shelter, and being on the board as well as co-chairing the tournament he feels that this is a worthwhile charity foing something positive for our homeless women in crisis. Call Don 498-6701 or 598-5202 and he will send you a registration form. If you are unable to participate by golfing, he has opportunities for hole sponsors, driving range sponsors, etc. He has something for every pocketbook and looks forward to your assistance.



Did You Know? In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of every ten men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adults survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the US today. An estimated 9.6% of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34% of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16% of all males will also be victimized before they are 18. For more information, call the Archdiocese's Safe-guard the Children Program Office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the 8th grade class Sept. 13th from 8-11:30 in the hall.

Food From the Heart is a success.

THANK YOU for the donated food on August 15-16th. We estimated about 50 bags of food. The food went to Catholic Charities.



Mark your calendar for our next meeting September 16th at 7:30pm on Wednesday in the PAC.

Watch this corner for furniture needs of our local families. A couple of weeks ago, we had a wheel chair donated and a parishioner called to borrow a wheel chair. It happens! Let's try the PAY IT FORWARD IDEA. Thanks for all the donations!

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.

Call about your "Tom's Team" donations and questions, Tom's # 562-799-0921. Call us or Deacon Tom direct. Let's PAY IT FORWARD.

Thank you again for all you do and share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: Jon/Jan Minter at 562-430-5839.

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.

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 ed office, **598-0519**, to sign up for either of these sessions or for further information.

Fingerprinting Schedule

The following dates are for the Sept. fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for appointment: **Sept. 9** - St. Matthew, Long Beach, 562-436-6726 **Sept. 11** - St. Paul of the Cross, La Mirada, 562-921-2914 **Sept. 12** - St. Peter Chanel, Hawaiian Gardens, 924-7591

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

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 31**
 8:00 AM - † Dorothy McLean
- TUESDAY, September 1**
 8:00 AM - † Pete Vasilj
- WEDNESDAY, September 2**
 8:00 AM - † Ken Chambers
- THURSDAY, September 3**
 8:00 AM - † Victor Bollier
- FRIDAY, September 4**
 8:00 AM - Hai Thi Dang and Family, living
- SATURDAY, September 5**
 5:00 PM - Marge Davis, living
- SUNDAY, September 6**
 7:30 AM - † Dick Kocevar
 9:00 AM - † Jovita Bonoan
 10:30 AM - † Angela Brown
 12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

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 LaRiccia, 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
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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
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	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