



From the Pastor's Desk:

One of the traits of American consumerism fueled by the easy credit of the past two decades is the instant gratification that could be had by buying on credit. Whether it was a credit card or an easy loan, a person could get what he or she wanted immediately, and then have to pay it off over time.

In a way, the Gospel story is about immediate gratification. The crowd brings the deaf-mute to Jesus and he is immediately cured. What is different is the depth of faith. Buying on credit implies a certain amount of faith in an economic system - a faith that has been shaken in the past year. Approaching Jesus for a cure requires a faith far beyond the faith we may put in dollars or any other human endeavor. But it is God himself who tells us through the prophet Isaiah, "Be strong, fear not!"

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. **September 9 Aid Pro Bono ~ Casa Cornelia Law Center, Holy Child Ministry, San Diego** - Compassion and justice motivate this ministry assisting immigrants with legal matters.

Catechetical Sunday: We will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday on September 20th. 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.

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

23RD ORDINARY SUNDAY
THE HEALING ACTIVITY OF OUR LORD



From Deacon Tom's Desk:

Deacon Tom will be helping lead a Kairos Weekend at the Lompoc federal prison from October 9-12. Kairos' mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. Parishioners can show God's unconditional love by baking cookies, writing prayer letters, signing up for a prayer vigil, or coloring prayer shields. For more information contact Peter Baine at (562) 598-4130 (cookies), Al Shaheen at (562) 420-7974 (prayer letters and vigil), Virginia Young (562) 598-0519 (prayer shields) or for more information about the Kairos weekend please contact Deacon Tom at (562) 799-0921.

We will have a table outside the Church at all Masses this weekend to answer questions and provide written materials. Peter Baine will give a pulpit announcement at the 5:00 Mass. I will deacon the 7:30 Mass, and deacon and preach the 9:00, 10:30 & 12:30 Masses and speak about Kairos.

Thanks,
Deacon Tom

Be sure to fly your flag Sept. 11th and pray for peace.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, Send us more priests to guide your Church through the pathways of life. Make them strong of faith, wisdom, discipline, and pastoral concern. Bless our priests who faithfully bring Christ crucified to us through the Eucharist. This we ask thru Christ our Lord. -Amen

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: As I listen to today's Gospel, what thought patterns or prejudices cry out within me to be opened by the touch of Jesus?
Child: What would it be like to not be able to hear or speak? What would it be like to have Jesus touch me?
Teen: What does it mean when we say that "actions speak louder than words?"

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Ruben Romero Jr
Dottie Mulligan



St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, September 8th. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course. Any questions, please call Ruth at 562-431-0288.

The Our Lady Queen of Angels is hosting Chuck Chalberg on Sept. 24th at 2046 Mar Vista Drive, Newport Beach at 7:15pm. Babysitting is available.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

Elementary Program & Middle School: Elementary class sessions will begin on Sunday Sept. 27 and Middle School starts on Tuesday Oct. 6. Due to insurance requirements, only those registered will be allowed to attend class. Please register before the start dates of class. Please contact the Religious Ed office at 598-0519 for

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 - Unfortunately several Catholic Organizations are urging people to support the current version of healthcare reform despite it's pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia effects. Please come and join us to pray for our country and promote a culture of life. Also please note that in Sept. the group will only be meeting on Sept. 28th. Next month we will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month.

Stand and be counted with thousands of Pro-Life Christians! Long Beach Life Chain, Oct. 4 from 2:30-4:00 on the corner of Lakewood and Del Amo Blvds,



St. Joseph Senior Group

This past week we lost Dottie Mulligan. Please keep her in your prayers. Until we meet again!

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. Call Olga for more info. We have a few openings. Bus leaves at 10am sharp.

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

Oct. 5: Games, etc.

Oct 19: We will be collecting for a trip to San Diego called Buon Natale Tour with lunch in Little Italy. Olga has flies with all stops. Cost is \$63 including lunch, beverages, dessert and gratuity. Checks only, bus leaves at 10 am sharp.

Nov. 8-22 - Cruise.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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.

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**.

We are also looking for help with our Confirmation Year Two Team! We can work around your busy schedules. Call Marianna at 598-0519 for further information.

Town Hall Meeting September 20- The St. Joseph Council will host a Parish Town Hall Meeting Sunday Sept. 20 at 3 pm in the parish hall. The purpose of this meeting is for parishioners to stay in touch with the mission of our parish and to discuss *your* questions and suggestions for ways to improve it! This is an opportunity to hear from our pastor, principal, Parish and Finance Councils about our current efforts and our plans for the future. We can also learn ways we can contribute to this essential mission. Please join us! Appetizers and refreshments will be served after the meeting.



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.

Beat the heat and check our COOL meeting, Sept. 16th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Activity Center.

Food From the Heart was a success. Thank you! Thank you!



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.

Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Sept. 18-20:

This exhibit faithfully recounts 126 well documented miraculous occurrences associated with the Holy Eucharist. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and in his Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Eucharistic Adoration will be offered during the exhibit hours Sat. the 19th from 12-7pm except during 5pm Mass. We are scheduling to ensure attendance during adoration of the Blesses Sacrament. Please call Terry Tibor at 598-1408 if you would like to be included on this schedule.

Did You Know? We consider our homes to be safe places for our children. But being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home. Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents aren't home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone and take a message. For more tips please visit www.kidsafe.com. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, September 7**
 8:00 AM - † All Souls
- TUESDAY, September 8**
 8:00 AM - Hai Dang and family, living
- WEDNESDAY, September 9**
 8:00 AM - † Kenneth Bettis
- THURSDAY, September 10**
 8:00 AM - † Florence Boyd
- FRIDAY, September 11**
 8:00 AM - † Bob Madison
- SATURDAY, September 12**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho and Salvate families
- SUNDAY, September 13**
 7:30 AM - † John Fay
 9:00 AM - Dewey Miller Special Intention
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - Munda & Abaloyan Special Intention

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 | |
| 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, Elijha 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, Tony Schember, Javier Salinas, Tess Keckeisen, Danielle Carmody, Virgil Terry, Seth Davis, Patricia Santy, Patrick Farrell, Louise Turner, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Beverly Clinton.

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