



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

We each have our own understanding of who Jesus is. Those perceptions were formed in the home when we were young, through school and religious education classes as we grew older, maybe through some theology classes in college, by the movies and songs of contemporary culture, and by the preaching and prayer of the church. All of those influences build up our own understanding of who Jesus is. Some of our conceptions of who Jesus is may be very much aligned with the understanding of the church, while others may be very far from the faith we proclaim in the creed.

Wrestling with who Jesus is for us is nothing new. The Gospel itself points out that there were plenty of people in Jesus' own time who thought he was someone other than who he was. Even after Peter confessed Jesus to be the Christ, he didn't quite get what that meant. Take a moment today to consider who Jesus is in your own life.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** What cross do I carry today? How do I follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?

**Child:** What does it mean to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

**Teen:** Who do I say that Jesus is? Who is Jesus in my life?

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

24TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
TAKING UP OUR CROSS



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

**Simple Necessities** - *Calmly and quietly go amongst the clamor and quickness, recall what peace there is in silence.*

*Be on good terms with all people. Listen to others, those who lack knowledge or awareness, they too have their story. From your heart speak clearly your truth. Stay away from offensive and quarrelsome people; they will distress your spirit.*

*Be on guard to not compare yourself to others, it may cause you to be haughty or conceited or bitter or envious. There will always be those who are lesser & greater than you. Your successes should be enjoyed and even shared.*

*Your occupation or vocation should be cherished no matter how modest or unpretentious; it is a resource in the vicissitudes of life.*

*Be on good terms with all, they too are children of God. Be at peace with God. Comfort yourself with the assurance that God's plan is unfolding as it should. We may see dimly as in a clouded mirror but we will see clearly. Sustain your faith and hope with the assurance that Love will always remain for all eternity, Love never fails.*


**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 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 16 Special -- 5 Seconds to Successful Marriage** - Fr. Mike has a simple request for couples: Give "5 seconds" a day to your spouse and God; then watch for miracles!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Barbara Calhoun**



**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.

**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 **Sept. 15**.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**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 Education office at 598-0519 for further information and registration forms.

**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** - Make a difference in the lives of our parish youth. We need a volunteer to help form the faith of our 7th & 8th grade religious ed students. Classes & fun nights are Tuesday evenings 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**.

**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 info.

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



**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:** Collecting for a trip to San Diego called Buon Natale Tour with lunch in Little Italy. Olga has fliers 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.

**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.

**Confirmation Program:** Confirmation Orientation Meeting for **YEAR I** on Monday, **Sept. 14**, at **7pm** in the hall for **PARENTS ONLY**. Please fill out your registration paperwork before the meeting. No registration will be accepted without: Sponsor name & address, baptismal certificate, & completed safety release forms. 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.

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

**Help Form the Lives of Youth** - Looking for a way to make a difference for today's youth? Our **Confirmation Year 2 Team** needs you! We can work around your busy schedule. Two-hour sessions are held in your home on the night of your choice between 6 & 9 pm. Call Marianna, 598-0519, for info and to find out how you can help.

**"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.



**St. Joe's Golf Classic and Oktoberfest October 2** at Recreation Golf Course, a 4/5 person scramble, 12:30 shotgun start. \$175 includes 18 holes with cart, tee contests, prizes, food & beverages, & ticket to delicious German meal, the Knights beer garden, music & dancing, silent & live auctions, & opportunity drawing including a \$1000 prize! Oktoberfest: age 21 and older welcome, 6-11 pm, \$25. Sponsorships available. Contact Cindy Howard, 682-9005, choward@howardcdm.com

**Blood Drive** - The Knights invite you to save lives at the Oktoberfest Fall Blood Drive, Sunday, **Oct. 4**, 7am-1pm in the hall. Appointments can be scheduled online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org), sponsor code: **JosephLB**. For more info contact Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chair, 596-9835.

**Bereavement Ministry** - Our Memorial Mass is **Nov. 1**. Anyone interested to help prepare for this Mass, please call Dave Desmond, 429-3316 or Nancy Miller, 429-2546. We need & would appreciate help. Thank you.

**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 PAC. Need a ride? Call us. Food From the Heart was a success. Thank you! Thank you!**



**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.**

**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.

**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.

**Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Sept. 18-20:** Friday 3-5 pm; Saturday 12-7pm; & Sunday 8 am - 3 pm. This exhibit faithfully recounts 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. 19 from 12 - 7 pm except during 5 pm Mass. We are scheduling to ensure attendance during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please call Terry Tibor, 598-1408, if you would like to be included on this schedule.



**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 underway 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!!

**Did You Know? CyberTipline Fights Internet Crimes Against Children** - The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the FBI, & other government agencies work together to fight Internet crimes against children. They've established a "CyberTipline," a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, molestation of children outside the family, sex tourism of children, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made, 24 hours a day, online at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or by calling 800-843-5678. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

# Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, September 14**  
 8:00 AM - † Natalie Sanchez
- TUESDAY, September 15**  
 8:00 AM - Tom & Pat Halliwell, Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, September 16**  
 8:00 AM - Tim Clark family, Special Intention
- THURSDAY, September 17**  
 8:00 AM - Susanne Nau, living
- FRIDAY, September 18**  
 8:00 AM - John & Jan Minter, Special Intention
- SATURDAY, September 19**  
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, September 20**  
 7:30 AM - Hung Hoang, living  
 9:00 AM - † Natalie Sanchez  
 10:30 AM - † Bernie Hughes  
 12:30 PM - † Martha Aimone

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>           | <b>Justin Christopher</b> |
| <b>Nick Compton</b>          | <b>Joseph Comfort</b>     |
| <b>Irene Avila</b>           | <b>Scott Williams</b>     |
| <b>Justin Ray</b>            | <b>Timothy Ring</b>       |
| <b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b> | <b>Adam Mariano</b>       |
| <b>Chris Shaw</b>            | <b>SSg. Rob Beckwell</b>  |
| <b>Vincent Vezzetti</b>      |                           |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b>      |                           |

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, Michelle Smith, Johnny & Cody LaRicca, 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 & Patti Nolan.

## 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