



From the Pastor's Desk:

I. We all like a little recognition. It's good for our self-esteem. Whether it is grades or certificates in school, medals or trophies in sports, or raises or perks at work, recognition can give us an incentive to do even better. Indeed, in sales,

there are usually graduated tiers of incentives aimed at pushing the salesperson to keep reaching for the next level.

While eternal life might be an incentive for some Christians, the reality is that for most of us, as life goes on from day to day, we don't often think about eternity. The day-to-day struggles we encounter have a way of fixing our mind on the present rather than on a heavenly future.

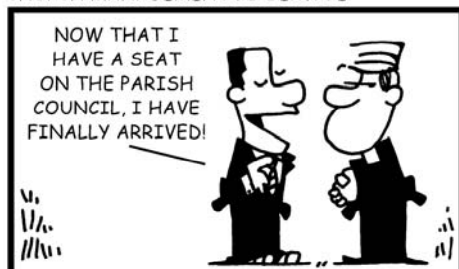
The command of Jesus to his followers that they are to be servants may be the perfect way to join the present and eternity. If we focus on caring for others in our daily life, heaven will take care of itself.

II. The flu season is upon us. At the exchange of peace use your own discretion. You may simply wish to bow to the people nearest you or give the peace sign with your two fingers in a V.

Catechetical Sunday: We are celebrating Catechetical Sunday today 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.

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 23 Defusing Difference - Rev. Eric H. F. Law, Multicultural Leader and Facilitator** - We need a new Pentecost of leadership, one that embraces diversity and redistributes power.

25TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
CHURCH MANAGEMENT IS SERVICE



From Deacon Don's Desk:

I read that the theme of this Sunday's Gospel is "service to others." The task of the Church is ministry, meaning service. Karen and Kim Katsumura were ministering to St. Joseph. How so, you ask? They have been involved with the

Avon Run/Walk for breast cancer for some time and for the past 2 or 3 years have asked for assistance in distributing an abundance of food. Last week able bodies, Karen, Peter & Barbara Baine, Tim Clark and John Minter, distributed food to New Life Beginnings, Project Achieve, Christian Outreach Appeal and the Samaritan House. Well done good and faithful servants.

If you have an opportunity, please pick up a copy of The Tidings. The 10 Commandments should be part of all of our decisions. The Tidings highlights the 6th Commandment. Its title is "What are they saying about the 6th Commandment? Chastity in the 21st Century: 'Old law' in a whole new context." If time is a challenge then read the prelude scenario and the "conclusion." I heard that this commandment is somewhat reinforced by the 9th and 10th Commandments. Check it out. It's time for us to go beyond the first two stages of "love" and reach for the "agape" form of love. Focus on "letting go and letting God" in times of weakness. Remember what peace there is in silence. God's in control, give Him the reins.

Our Prayer: Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory & salvation of souls. Amen.

Who Do You Say That I Am? - On Sunday, **Oct. 4**, from **4-6 pm** there will be a special Whole Community Catechesis event in the hall. Mark your calendars to attend this fun and spirit-filled intergenerational gathering. All are welcome to attend - families, young adults, seniors! Come and enjoy an afternoon of prayer, reflection, music, and sharing followed by a delicious pasta dinner. For more information and to sign up for this event, call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

Altar Servers Needed - Altar Server Training will be held on Tuesday, **Sept. 22** from **6:30-7:30 pm** in the church for all boys & girls, 5th grade & above. Please call Ann Crowley, 882-7728, if you have any questions. See you there!

Music Ministry

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.

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. You may call 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: Classes start **Sept. 27**. It's not too late to register...tell your friends, family and neighbors about our great Sunday School program! Call the office, 598-0519, with your child's name and birth date to reserve a spot. Extra registration forms are in the back of church.

We need teachers in the 3 and 4 year old classes! It's time to step up & listen to the call...**YOU** are being called! Join our great group and share your faith with the little ones of our parish. Call Shannon, 430-6840, to inquire... there are only up to 11 classes to plan for the whole year.

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 - "Keeping the Promise Alive" will be held on **Sept. 22** from 7-8:30 pm in the hall. This session is for all who have completed the three hour "Protecting God's Children" training and need re-certification. Certification expires every three years. Please call the religious education office, **598-0519**, to sign up or for further info.

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.



St. Joseph Senior Group

Sept. 25 - Getty Villa trip is closed. Bus leaves at 10 am. Be there at 9:45.

Sept. 28 - Regular meeting and announcements.

Oct. 5: Announcements, 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 trip is full.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What evidence do I see in the world around me that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Child: Why do I like to be first at things? Why is it good to let others be first at something?

Teen: Do I realize that those who I do not like are still loved by God?

Confirmation Program: YEAR II Orientation for **parents & sponsors** on Monday, **Sept. 28**, 7 pm in the 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 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.

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.

“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.



Ahoy Mates! Save the Date, October 5, 3:30 pm, Fr. Martin Hall - a meeting for you cruisers bound for Hawaii on Nov. 8. There will be a small presentation along with packets of information. If you cannot attend, please contact Olga, 596-6981, or Gerry, 420-3220.

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, 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.

If you missed our meeting, call us for the details or your ideas.



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. We need beds and dressers. 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

The St. Joseph Parish Directory Committee is excited to announce we are going to be creating a new Parish Directory of our wonderful church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our current church congregation.

The photography sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10 through Friday, Nov. 13 from 1-8 pm, and Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 am to 5 pm. Sign ups will start the week of Oct. 4. More info to come next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new Parish Directory just won’t be complete without you!

Did You Know? IOW, Knowing Internet Lingo Can Help Parents Safeguard Kids - Online chat rooms, instant messaging systems, and even cell phones equipped to send text messages are environments rich in abbreviations, acronyms, and other shorthand that help increase the speed of communication. Parents need to become aware of some of the common lingo that is used in these environments. Some of these terms may be found to be vulgar, degrading, or otherwise offensive. However, parents and educators need to have a level of understanding of the dangers that face our children. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213-637-7227. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, September 21**
 8:00 AM - † Gina Sweet
- TUESDAY, September 22**
 8:00 AM - † Frank Vinencia
- WEDNESDAY, September 23**
 8:00 AM - † Wallace Hillebrecht
- THURSDAY, September 24**
 8:00 AM - † Nancy Herman
- FRIDAY, September 25**
 8:00 AM - † Salud Garcia
- SATURDAY, September 26**
 5:00 PM - † Bernard McCune
- SUNDAY, September 27**
 7:30 AM - † Vernita Fletcher
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Donald Pollock
 12:30 PM - Rossy Cerna, living

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, 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 LaRiccia, Barbara Hook, Christopher Moore, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Don Wassmuth, Marlena 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, Gregory Freez, Diana Norton, Luisa Parada, Rebecca Clinton, & Karen Kindell.

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