



### From the Pastor's Desk:

You never quite know where the Spirit of God is going to pop up. We believe that the church is guided by the Holy Spirit. The institution is infused with the Spirit, preserving it from error, even if members (and even leaders) of the

church go astray. We also believe that each baptized person is also endowed with the same Holy Spirit. This indwelling of the Spirit is one of the tenets of our faith.

Over time individuals, at the prompting of the Spirit, have called the institution back to its service of Christ. It could be someone like St. Catherine of Siena, or Dorothy Day or Blessed Pope John XXIII. Each in his or her own way acted in the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Maybe you won't be driving out demons (like the person in the Gospel), but the Spirit's gifts are given for the building up of God's people. What are you doing with yours?

### 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 ed office, **598-0519**.

### Altar Servers Needed

Calling all boys and girls fifth grade and above to Altar Server Ministry. If you are interested in serving at Mass, please contact Ann Crowley, 594-7575, or [annbakercrowley@yahoo.com](mailto:annbakercrowley@yahoo.com). Thank you!

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** There is a temptation in Church communities to control and possess all the ways God works and not give credit to anyone who is not of our kind. In today's Gospel the apostles forbid a man from casting out demons because he is not in their group of followers of Jesus. The same narrowness shows up in the first reading. Joshua complains that two Israelites are speaking for God with the power of God's spirit. They were not part of the seventy helpers at the special ceremony. Moses answers much like Jesus. The disciples are told they belong to Christ. The phrase is literally, "in the name of Christ." This name is powerful enough, not only to cast out demons, but to gather people into the person of Christ. Anything done for those who belong to Christ will be appreciated by God. Anything done to hurt or stand in the way of one who belongs to Christ deserves punishment. Any sacrifice is worth the effort to belong to Christ.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe an experience in which a person was misjudged because he or she was not "one of us."  
\* *Relate an experience when God's power or love came to you through an unlikely person.* \* Name a time when your action became an obstacle to God's power working.  
\* *What do you need to cut out in order to be more fully alive?*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday, October 1, 6-8 pm



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

This past weekend was much more than I imagined. We are grateful to those who brought the Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. You come to more fully realize how vital and real Eucharist is. There were about 120 miracles from many countries on display. "The flesh and blood are human. The blood type belongs to the same AB category and was the same as that of the man of the Shroud of Turin. In 1973 further tests (500) were conducted under the World Health Organization's scientific commission to corroborate findings. Fifteen months later it was verified that the fragments taken from Lanciano in Italy (750 AD) were not likened to embalmed tissue. The commission declared the Flesh to be living tissue. In 1996 the commission of WHO and the UN declared that science has come to a halt, face to face with the impossibility of giving an explanation. The Flesh is still intact and the Blood is divided into five unequal parts which together have the same exact weight as each one does **separately.**" Thanks to all who made the experience possible.

The guest book reflected over 500 visitors not including those who chose not to sign in. Eucharistic Adoration saw a steady stream of worshipers. "The Eucharist is the living Christ; as a living body is not without its blood, or living blood without a body, so Christ is received whole and entire under either form of bread or wine." (Council of Trent)

**Our Prayer:** Dear Lord, we pray Mary will guide Your priests to follow her words, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn2:5) May Your priests have the heart of St. Joseph. May the Blessed Mother's pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross and to always work for salvation of souls. Amen.

26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
OPEN-MINDED RESPECT AND LOVE FOR ALL



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program & Middle School:** Elementary class sessions start **today**. Parent Orientation Meeting in the hall at 10:45 am. **Middle School** starts on Tuesday, **Oct. 6**. Due to insurance requirements, only those registered will be allowed to attend class. You may call the religious education office at **598-0519** for further information and registration forms.

**Sacrament Program:** The first workshop for our **Year 2** students and parents will take place on Sunday, **Oct. 11** from 2-3:30 pm in the hall. This workshop is required for both school and religious education families. Our topic is **“Eucharist, Community & Family.”** Our guest speaker for the parents is Sr. Kathleen Burns.

**Early Childhood:** First class today! Mandatory Parent Meeting in the Hall during class. Children may stay in nursery with Miss Yvonne. We have a few spots available in our classes. Please call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

**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.

**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.

**Autumn Festival & Barbecue** - Mark your calendars for **October 25** for our annual Autumn picnic on the field from **11:30 am to 2:30 pm**. All are invited to enjoy an afternoon of food, fun activities for the kids, & a relaxing time with friends. For additional information call the religious education office, **598-0519**, or check the parish website.



**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.



**St. Joseph Senior Group**

**Sept. 28** - Regular meeting and announcements.

**Oct. 5:** Announcements, games, etc.

**Oct. 13** - Trip to Viejas Casino includes \$5 dining discount & many more. Cost: \$6 includes bus driver tip. Bus leaves at 8 am, return approx. 6 pm.

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** Who is God for Me? What opportunities do I have to promote or explain my faith?

**Child:** How does God help me to live each and every day?

**Teen:** How might I respond on a Christian manner to others who have gifts and talents other than I have?

**Meditation Group**

Our guest speaker, Fr. Cassidy will be speaking at all the Sunday Masses, **October 4**, explaining the way of Mediation and the fruits of its practice. Fr. Cassidy has been facilitating meditation groups for several years and is still very active in the John Main tradition of meditation in Monrovia. Our Meditation Group meets every first and third Tuesday at 7 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 6 in the church. Please plan to join us as we practice what we learn from Fr. Cassidy's teachings.

**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. 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](mailto:choward@howardcdm.com)

**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.

**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.

**Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule**  
The following dates are for the October fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for appointment:  
**Oct. 21** - St. Cyprian, Long Beach, 562-421-9487  
**Oct. 23** - St. Lucy, Long Beach, 562-424-9051  
**Oct. 24** - St. Linus, Norwalk, 562-921-6649

**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.

This is Movement for a Better World weekend at all Masses. Study the Blue Sheet!



**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.



**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!

**Annual Regional Congress - "Lord, Renew & Bless Us, As We Walk in Your Ways"** - Saturday, **Oct. 3**, St. Matthias High School in Downey. Registration online at [www.archdiocese.la/regions/sp/re.html](http://www.archdiocese.la/regions/sp/re.html). Over 40 workshops offered in Faith formation, Spirituality, and practical skills such as creative lesson planning and personal development. For information, please call Karina Plascencia or Nancy Longo, 630-6272.

**Birth Choice Health Clinic Volunteer Training** - Friday, Oct. 2, 6:30-9 pm **and** Saturday, Oct. 3, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Parkcrest Church, Long Beach. For more information or to register, call Jennifer Borba, 290-0212.

**Did You Know? Help Reduce Abuse Statistics** - Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. 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 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
- MONDAY, September 28**  
 8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang
- TUESDAY, September 29**  
 8:00 AM - Father Edward Broom, living
- WEDNESDAY, September 30**  
 8:00 AM - Herman family, living
- THURSDAY, October 1**  
 8:00 AM - Gerry Seckington, Special Intention
- FRIDAY, October 2**  
 8:00 AM - Rebecca Clinton, living
- SATURDAY, October 3**  
 5:00 PM - Marian O'Donnell, Special Intention
- SUNDAY, October 4**  
 7:30 AM - † Mario Montello  
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - † Gilbert Amaral  
 12:30 PM - † Raymond Jones

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       |
| SSg. Rob Beckwell     | Vincent Vezzetti   |
| Daniel O'Connell      | Obinna Ugochukwu   |

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, 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, 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, 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