



From the Pastor's Desk:

When you only have a quarter, it's hard to believe that you're rich. Most of us don't have to rely on twenty-five cents alone. We have a credit or debit card, a checking account, or some resources that we can call on. Even in these difficult economic times, using up our whole livelihood is not something that many of us confront. But there are people around us that have to make those choices, folks who have lost a job, incurred huge medical expenses, or are suddenly without a spouse because of death or divorce. For some the temptation may be that of the widow and her son in the first reading, "when we have eaten [what is left], we shall die." While Elijah worked a miracle, the Gospel today suggests that the miracle does not come from outside, but from within the community that knows those in need and reaches out.



Centering Prayer
Tuesdays, November 16 and 30
7:00 pm
In the church

From Deacon Don's Desk:



Thank you Marianna, Virginia and Ann for your care in educating our Confirmation class. Last Sunday Tina and I had the privilege of doing a brief instruction to our confirmandi on altar serving. The few minutes did not stress strongly enough the importance of this service. The word sanctuary means a holy place. To serve at the altar within the sanctuary is a great source of graces. Cardinal Griffen said, "To serve at the altar is next to the priesthood, the highest privilege which a human can enjoy. The **Altar Server** represents the faithful and takes an intimate part in the rich treasures of the church's liturgy. These ceremonies should be carried out with devotion, dignity and attention to detail." Altar servers must show the utmost respect and reverence through dress and behavior because they are privileged to walk into the sanctuary - a holy place. This means, listening attentively and in a state of prayer with hands in a prayerful position. They stand near the altar on which the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. They should humble themselves and bow each time they pass the altar of sacrifice: they are assisting at the Holy of Holies. (A minor tip: genuflect at the tabernacle, bow at the altar.) By showing reverence they are receiving blessings from God the Father of Jesus our Savior. Thank you for considering this awesome service.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessings upon us and especially our altar servers, that they may serve at Your altar with reverence, attention, and love, and in so doing bring others to do the same. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Jean Bulicz

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How can faith free me to be generous?

Child: What would I be willing to give up for someone else?

Teen: In what ways am I generous?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's reading from Kings illustrates several things: God's care for the poor, even the foreign poor (Zarephath was over Israel's border in what is now Lebanon); Elijah's activity as his agent; and, in the context of today's liturgy, the trusting generosity of a widow who sacrifices her own livelihood to the needs of another. Quite clearly we are invited to connect her to the widow of the Gospel reading. In Mark's Gospel the poor widow who contributed "all that she had to live on" is sharply contrasted with the wealthy who gave sizable amounts from their surplus wealth. The rich do not depend on God. They have plenty to live on. The widow now has only God and God's people to lean upon.

Life Focus: * By giving from her "want," the widow shows her trust in God. Can you recall an experience when you let go and put your trust in God? * *The scribes say long prayers and Jesus disapproves. How would you describe your prayer life and its development?* * From your experience, what are some practical ways you can contribute to the Church besides money? * *The widow in Israel's history stands for someone who has no support and is helpless. In what practical ways have you helped the helpless and disadvantaged in your community?* * Jesus criticizes the scribes for being religious in the wrong way. What are the qualities you find in a person you consider to be religious?

32ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
SELF-GIVING TO GOD



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: No class on **November 22** for catechist-in-service. Assignments to be completed at home. No class on **November 29** for Thanksgiving.

Middle School Program: "Fun Night" in gym on **Nov. 17** from 7-8 pm. No class on **Nov. 24** due to Thanksgiving.

Sacrament Program: The first workshop for our **Year 1** students and parents takes place today, 2-3:30 pm in the hall. The topic of this workshop is "Growing in Our Faith."

Early Childhood: Regular class today. *Community Helpers: With your child, drop your food & blankets in the collection box. Thank you for participating in our food drive!*

Sunday Nursery: The nursery is open during 9:00 and 10:30 Masses every Sunday. Drop in children of all ages, first come - first served. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Shannon, 598-0519.

Are You Being Called to be a Deacon?

There will be an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program. Your wife is strongly encouraged to attend with you.

Information Day will be **Sunday, November 15**, from 1:30 - 4:00 pm, St. Basil Church, 637 S. Kingsley Dr., L.A., 213-381-6191. If you have any questions, please call the Diaconate Formation Office, 213-637-7383.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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.

Respect Life means protecting life from conception to a natural death. It also includes the right to health care as called for by our bishops, minus abortion and euthanasia. Please join us to pray for reverence and respect for life on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, 7:30 pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

Nov. 16 - Fun and games! A few of us will be on a Hawaii cruise, but things will go on as usual. Collecting for Laughlin.

Nov. 30 - Cruise people back with pictures and stories - what happens on the cruise stays on the cruise! Collecting for Laughlin. Note: Please bring your AVI cards. We will be collecting \$10 for our Dec. 14 Christmas Lunch.

Dec. 9 - Trip to San Diego, 10 am - 8:30 pm, lunch, tour of Church of Nativity, Holiday of Lights at Del Mar Race Track (largest display on the West Coast), \$63, checks only please. Call Olga for info. We have openings!

Dec. 14 - Christmas Luncheon - entertainment and gifts for Precious Life Shelter. Cost \$10 per person.

Jan. 10-12 - Laughlin Trip 3 days, 2 nites at Riverside, breakfast buffet of choice with champagne, dinner buffet with music, dance and door prizes. Free lunch at AVI. Cost \$99 double occ., \$119 single, includes driver gratuity. **One Bag Only.**

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

The Environmental Committee this year is asking the parishioners of St. Joseph to help sponsor the church's Christmas decorations with a suggested dollar amount for the poinsettias, wreaths, and greenery. The sponsorship can be made in the name of the family or in memory of a loved one. The list will be distributed the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, with instructions and the list of items that can be sponsored. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the decorating on Dec. 23. Please contact Alexis Lewis, 234-7907 for more details.



Concern America - Nov. 15 - Unique, quality hand-crafts, gifts for special events or to brighten our own homes, new crafts and designs inspired by nature, beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products honor indigenous traditions and provide a source of income to materially poor communities. View a selection of the crafts on their website: www.concernamerica.org.

Virtus Training

There will be a training held for the basic three-hour "Protecting God's Children" session on Monday, **November 16**, from **7:00-10:00 pm** in the hall. All those who work with children must be current with these sessions. Please call the religious ed office, **598-0519**, to sign up for either of these sessions or for further information.



Parish Directory

The St. Joseph Parish Directory Committee is excited to announce we are 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.

Due to popular demand, another week of photo sessions has been arranged. The following dates are now available: Nov. 24-28, Dec. 29-30, Jan. 5-9. Times are 1-8 pm on weekdays and 9-5 on Saturday. If you haven't signed up yet, you may go online and sign up at our parish website, www.stjosephparishcommunity.com, click on the camera, or call Victoria Higgins, 597-6979.

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

Parish Library - Are you looking for an opportunity to nurture your faith life? Do you enjoy reading? Please visit our parish library. There are many books available on spirituality, scripture, lives of the saints, contemporary issues, church history, etc.

Don't have time to read? We have many CD's and tapes that you can pop in your car players while you drive to work or to pick up kids. These are all talks that have been given by exceptional speakers from the many religious education congresses.

Our parish library is open Sunday mornings and during religious education office hours Monday - Friday.

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

The following date is for the October fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for appointment: **Nov. 13** - St. Margaret Mary, Lomita, 310-326-3364

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.

Homeless kit envelopes can be returned to the back of church at the cross. Thank you for helping those who are most helpless.



BLANKETS! Please donate **NEW** blankets for our Gift Basket families - **Nov. 7 & 8** and **Nov. 14-15**, for delivery on **Nov. 21, 8:30 am**.

If you drove for last Easter's Gift Basket delivery, you're scheduled. New drivers are asked to call Patty Brio, 425-5964.

Help!! 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.

Children's Christmas Toys needed by Dec. 4

Catholic Charities, with St. Mary Medical Center, will hold a Christmas party for 700 children and their parents Dec. 8. Toy donations are greatly needed for children ages 1 month to 12 years. Please deliver to Catholic Charities, 123 E. 14th St, Long Beach **by Dec. 4**. Please call 591-1641 for information or questions. Thank you.

St. Joseph High School - A Day in the Life of a Jester, **Nov. 13**, 8am-12 noon. Open House **Nov. 13**, 5 pm. For more information, please call 925-5073, x151.

St. Anthony High School - Casino Night, \$35 per person, **Nov. 14**, 7-11 pm. Information: Mrs. Baez, 421-9142.

Get the Real Scoop on the H1N1 (Swine) Flu

Thursday, **Nov. 12**, 6:30 pm, in the hall. Presenter is Mark Malek, MD, MPH, associate professor of Epidemiology, UCLA Medical School, LA County Sheriff Medical Epidemiologist, Director, Infection Control & Employee Health. A representative from the Health Department will also be present.

Did You Know? Text Messaging: Know the Warning Signs

Monitoring your child's Internet browsing and cell phone use are important & challenging aspects of parenting. Keeping track of your child's text messaging, with its dizzying array of coded abbreviations and symbols, there are some codes that every parent should keep his/her eyes open for. These are codes that kids use to warn others that their parents are around or that they use to talk about sex, drugs, or to arrange a meeting. For example, "KPC" means "keeping parents clueless," and "LMIRL" means "Let's meet in real life." A tutorial for parents is located at www.mahalo.com. Type: "How to understand your kids' text messages" in the search box. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, November 7**
- 5:00 PM - All Souls Novena
- SUNDAY, November 8**
- 7:30 AM - All Souls Novena
- 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- 10:30 AM - Noriel and Michelle Reyes, living
- 12:30 PM - † John DeRuyter
- MONDAY, November 9**
- 8:00 AM - All Souls Novena
- TUESDAY, November 10**
- 8:00 AM - All Souls Novena
- WEDNESDAY, November 11**
- 8:00 AM - † Pat O'Brien
- THURSDAY, November 12**
- 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- FRIDAY, November 13**
- 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- SATURDAY, November 14**
- 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, November 15**
- 7:30 AM - Msgr. Tseu, living
- 9:00 AM - † Candido Javier
- 10:30 AM - † Fred Kravitz
- 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 |
| SSg. Rob Beckwell | Vincent Vezzetti |
| Daniel O'Connell | Obinna Ugochukwu |
| David Waidelich | |

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, Betty Galaz, Jean Bulicz, 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, Lainie Probst & Peggy Montello.

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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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