




From the Pastor's Desk:

One of the more curious aspects of American Christianity is the appearance from time to time of evangelists or prophets who claim to know the exact hour of Christ's return in glory. Particular catastrophes - hurricanes, earthquakes,

attacks - seem to increase the numbers. Some attract many followers only to find the prophecy doesn't hold up when the day passes and the world continues on.

While it is possible to expend a lot of energy trying to determine the "day or hour," in reality the Lord comes for us individually at any time. Rather than trying to focus on God's timing, the Lord would be better served if we put into practice the commands given to us: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Doing that is worth all the energy of our hearts!



Centering Prayer
Tuesday, November 17
7:00 pm
In the church

From Deacon Don's Desk:



The Liturgical year is almost over and we start "Year C." Luke's gospel will be proclaimed beginning in Advent. But let's not leave "Year B" too hastily. The readings for Sunday give us the gift of HOPE. Daniel gives an "underground" message to the Jews to not give up. Israel is occupied by Syrians and they try to impose the Greek language. The author writes in symbols (look for a deeper meaning) and indirect references. There is a direct correlation with the first reading to the Gospel. God is pointing to a brighter future for His faithful through Jesus. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." (Mk 13:32). Mark consoles us with this message of HOPE. "Build up your faith, hope and love and He will come."

November is the month of remembrance - keep our veterans in your prayers for through them we have the gift of peace and security. Thank you Nancy Miller and crew for our Memorial Mass.

Our Prayer: Lord God, make us humble of heart, help us to serve each other out of reverence for Your Son, Jesus. Pour out Your Spirit upon our priests, Your servants, that they may increase our faith and teach us to be examples of love for one another. We ask this in your Son's name. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What signs of hope and promise do I see in my life?

Child: If Jesus came to visit me today, what would I do?

Teen: What would I be doing differently in my life if I knew I would meet Christ tomorrow?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

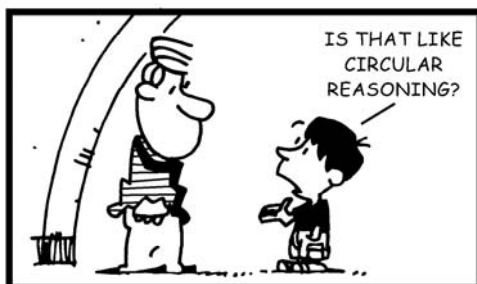
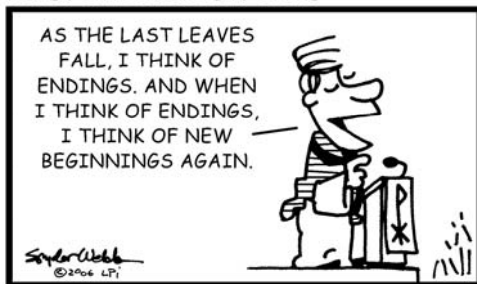
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: As the Church year nears its end, the readings also speak of the end time. These readings were written during times of trial and persecution, and their purpose is to encourage people not to give up. Today's reading from Daniel comes just one hundred sixty-five years before Jesus. It speaks of great conflict - even the earth will shake and the stars will fall - but for the first time in the Old Testament, there is a very clear belief in the resurrection of the faithful and punishment for evil. God's kingdom will win over every kind of evil. God's faithful who do good and lead others to goodness (justice) will shine with God's own light. The Gospel proclaims that Jesus will come at the end of time to call his people from all over the world to share in his victory. All the physical world - earth, sun, moon, stars - will be under and belong to him.

Life Focus: * In tough times, what keeps you going?
 * If the world were ending tomorrow, how would you experience today differently? What would you do differently?
 * In what way do you need to persevere right now?
 * How does your inner radiance reflect that of the Maker of the stars? * How does Christian hope move beyond the expectation of reward in the afterlife? * What in nature speaks most strongly to you of the ever-expanding love of God?

33RD ORDINARY SUNDAY
 HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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.

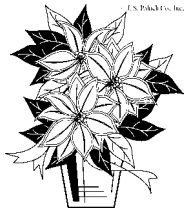
Middle School Program: "Fun Night" in gym on **Nov. 17** from 7-8 pm. No class on **Nov. 24** due to Thanksgiving.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Next week - Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class! *Community Helpers: With your child, drop your food & blankets in the collection box. Thank you for participating in our food drive!*

Tomorrow: Nov. 16, Virtus Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness Session workshop for **all parents** and those who work with children, at 7 pm in the hall.

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.

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.



Come Be a Part of Our Mission San Luis Rey Retreat

The Confirmation Team is looking for group facilitators and chaperones for the one-night Year 2 Retreat. The date is Dec. 12 & 13. Come and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of this historical mission while helping form our teens in this wonderful spiritual process. Please call Marianna Wescott at the religious education office, 598-0519, for further information.

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.

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 cruise, but we'll 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.

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.

Year I Confirmation - **Nov. 15** is the **last session in Track One.** The Confirmation Team and Candidates would like to thank the Ministry teams that came in and trained our Candidates on the Ministries of the Mass. **Track Two will begin on Jan. 3** through **Jan. 24.** We will meet at the front of the church before the 12:30 Mass. There are no make up sessions for Track Two. Every session is a guest speaker.

Year II Confirmation - Confirmation Year II will be doing a fund raiser **Nov. 17** at **Islands Restaurant in the L. B. Town Center on Carson St.** Please support our efforts to raise money for our Hands of Mercy House Building Project. Pick up your flyer in the church today.

Year II Retreat: We need chaperones to come on retreat Dec. 12 for a one night stay at Mission San Luis Rey. Please contact the religious education office for more details, 598-0519.

Religious Education Office Update

As of November 1, the religious education office has had changes in the office staff. We said our fond farewells to Veronica Gibb as our administrative assistant and welcomed Marianna Wescott to that position. We want to thank Veronica for her dedication and all of the years she was a supportive staff member.



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

Please visit our parish library on Sunday morning and during the week from 10 am to 4 pm. Many wonderful books and CD's/tapes are available for check out.

<p>Rest In Peace Died in Christ: Daniel Iemola</p>	
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St. Anthony High School Open House Nov. 15, 1 pm. All welcome to attend, tour our campus, & meet teachers.
Admissions Information Night Nov. 19, 6:30 pm. For more information, please call 435-4496 x1217.

Rosary High School Open House Nov. 22, noon - 3 pm. Tour the school, and learn about academic and extracurricular programs. For more info, 714-879-2097.

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. 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive to Benefit St. Francis Center

- During these difficult economic times it is hard to keep the shelves stocked at the St. Francis Center in downtown Long Beach. **Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets provided at our 9 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.** Many families will be grateful for your generosity and kindness.

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.

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.

Did You Know? Text Messaging: Know the Warning Signs

- When monitoring your child's text messaging, with its dizzying array of coded abbreviations & 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," & "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.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 16**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- TUESDAY, November 17**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- WEDNESDAY, November 18**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- THURSDAY, November 19**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- FRIDAY, November 20**
 8:00 AM - Hung Hoang, living
- SATURDAY, November 21**
 5:00 PM - † Martha Aimone
- SUNDAY, November 22**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - Emerson Tran and brothers, living
 10:30 AM - † Bob Sylvia
 12:30 PM - † Virginia Souza

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 Trudeauau, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Justin Ferriese, Betty Galaz, 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

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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