



From the Pastor's Desk:

"My kingdom does not belong to this world," Jesus tells Pilate in today's Gospel. Yet today we honor him as universal king, holding dominion of all creation. Yes, Christ's kingdom is not of this world. It is not land and property, or castles and wealth.

As the Mass prayers state, his is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." That is the kingdom of which we are citizens by virtue of our baptism. And that is the kingdom we work to bring others to. Jesus told Pilate that his attendants would fight to prevent him from being handed over if his kingdom were of this world. We don't engage in that kind of warfare. But we do work with all our hearts to bring others to Christ so that his reign may extend to every nation.



Centering Prayer

First & Third Tuesdays
7:00 pm
In the church

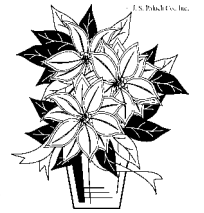


From Deacon Don's Desk:

In 1789 President George Washington ordered that a day of Thanksgiving be celebrated and in 1863 President Lincoln instituted an annual Thanksgiving Day. The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1621 giving thanks to God for an abundant harvest during the first year in the New World.

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.



From all of us to all of you
Our Thanksgiving Prayer

Father of all gifts, we praise You, the source of all we have and are. Teach us to recognize the good things Your infinite love has given us. Help us to love You with all our hearts and minds as our expression of **Thanksgiving** for Your many blessings. Fill our hearts with the spirit of gratitude. You have given us an abundance of Your creation through this bountiful and rich land. Let us not take this for granted. Help us to be faithful in sharing this bounty with those less fortunate and help us to teach our children to love as You love. We also remember, during this month of remembrance, our forefathers who gave us this legacy to carry forward.

Bless our families, our land and those who protect our freedom. Amen.

Thanksgiving day Mass at 9:00 am.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What is the truth for me? How do I live the truth everyday?

Child: What can I do each day this week to serve others?

Teen: How can I show that I honor Jesus as the king of my life?

CHRIST THE KING
 GOD'S KINGDOM IN THE PROCESS
 OF BEING ESTABLISHED



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel is all about the world not recognizing Jesus. Neither the Roman world nor the Jewish religious community recognized who Jesus really was. They call Jesus "king," but they do not realize the truth of what they say. In John's Gospel Jesus is in control of the situation. He is already the victor. He walks the way of the cross like a king to his throne and he rules from the cross. Jesus' power is the truth he has and the truth he is. His kingdom is not of this world, but his kingdom is very much coming into this world of ours. That kingdom calls into question the way things are done by the rulers of this world.

Life Focus: * Have you recently experienced conflict between the values of the kingdom and the values that society preaches? * *Relate an experience of being rejected as Christ was.* * Jesus testified to the truth. When have you been challenged to do the same? * *What are the obstacles that pull you away from following Jesus?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Advent Celebration: This celebration takes place on **Dec. 6** in the hall from **10:15 - 11:45** am. This is a family event. Children need to be accompanied by a parent.

Middle School Program: No class on **November 24** due to Thanksgiving.

Rel. Ed. Office: Our office will be closed **Nov. 26 & 27** for Thanksgiving.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class! No class next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2;
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Year I Confirmation - 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 - 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.

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 **December 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.

Parish Library

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



St. Joseph Senior Group

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Taize Prayer Service

Come join us for an hour of meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, a time of quiet, reflective prayer in an atmosphere of peace and calm. St. Cornelius Church, Tuesday, **Nov. 24**, 7-8 pm. For more information please contact Sr. Kathleen, 496-3224.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

**Louise Turner
Robert Alanis**



Sacred Heart Retreat House Events

507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra 91801

Spirituality Series by Mother Regina Marie, OCD, "Happy? In THIS Valley of Tears?" **Nov. 24**, 7:30 pm. God will make a way where there seems to be no way! Free-will offering accepted, gift store open.

9th Annual Advent Spirtuali-Tea Nov. 28, 1-4pm. Begins with a rosary, High Tea served at 2:00 with tea, hot scones and homemade goodies. Fr. Joseph Shea will lead a beautiful meditation on the self-giving love that each of us are called to. Cost: \$35 (mail checks to above address). Questions: 626-289-1353 ext. 302.

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.



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 still available: 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!

True Gratitude - Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. —Theodore Roosevelt

Don Bosco Tech's Open House - Come one, come all. Sunday **November 22**, 1-4 pm. For more info, please call Mr. Salvino Lewis, 626-940-2011.

Rosary High School offers a free High School Placement Test prep class on Jan. 9 when application and fee have been received by Dec. 4.

Student Shadowing Program - call for appointment to experience "a day in the life" of a Rosary student. For further information, call 714-879-6302 ext. 145.

Connelly High School Fall Open House - All girls Catholic college preparatory school, Sunday, **Dec. 6**, 1-4 pm, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 92804, 714-776-1717 ext. 234. Learn about academics and student life; meet students, teachers, & administrators; campus tours; vocal and handbell ensembles perform; refreshments.

Did You Know? Know the "Parent Warning Codes" -

Text messaging is an increasingly integral part of the way young people communicate with their friends. But like other forms of communication, it can expose children to outside threats and unwanted contacts, even from sexual predators. That's why it is important for parents to monitor their child's use of text messaging. Young people are aware of their parents' supervision and have developed text codes in response. These parent warning codes are codes that kids use to let whomever they are talking to know that it is not safe to talk. If you see these codes, you should instantly be suspicious. For example, "MOS" means "Mom over shoulder," and "PIR" means "Parent in room." A helpful 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.

Blankets! Thank you for all the donations. Gift basket delivery was Saturday morning, Nov. 21. Our volunteers delivered 67 food baskets and blankets to Long Beach families.



Envelopes for the presents for our Gift Basket families' children will be on the Christmas tree in the back of church **Dec. 5 & 6**. Gifts must be returned **BEFORE the 12:30 Mass on Dec. 13**. Sorting the packages will be done during the 12:30 Mass. Please plan ahead.

New drivers for Christmas are asked to call Patty Brio, 425-5964. Christmas delivery is Dec. 19 at 8:30 am.

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.**

Next meeting is **January 20**.

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.

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.

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 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
- MONDAY, November 23**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- TUESDAY, November 24**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- WEDNESDAY, November 25**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- THURSDAY, November 26**
 9:00 AM - Happy Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY, November 27**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, living
- SATURDAY, November 28**
 5:00 PM - † Maria and Dominico Dang
- SUNDAY, November 29**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living
 10:30 AM - Munda/Reyes family, living
 12:30 PM - † Zenon Popinski

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 | 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 |
| Dave Hoyt | |

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, 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, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Beverly Clinton, Patti Nolan, Gregory Freez, Diana Norton, Luisa Parada, Rebecca Clinton, Karen Kindell, Lainie Probst, Peggy Montello & Steve Christmans.

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