



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

The cycle of celebrating salvation history begins anew this week with the advent of the church year. The four Sundays of preparation for the Christmas feast mirror our lives, in which the preparation is not just for a single day on the calendar, but for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. There are those who would have us believe that they can predict the end of the world through the interpretation of signs and events, much as we can count the days until Christmas. But we know not when the Lord will appear in glory. We do know that God will fulfill his promises as was proclaimed by the prophet Jeremiah so long ago, and whose are the first words of Scripture we hear at the beginning of this church year. God will come; we must be vigilant, ready for the Son of Man!



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursday, December 3  
6-8 pm in the church**

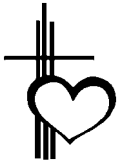


**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

"Of whose gifts do we give if not of His?" ...St. Augustine. Tina and I noted a great deal of love in the hygiene kits donated over the past few weeks. Besides the homeless, benefactors will be **Project Achieve** and the family sized items will go to **St. Francis Center**. Every bit will be used, nothing will go to waste. We are sure that these gifts of love will be deeply appreciated - we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Ninety-one complete hygiene kits will be distributed to the homeless on the streets this Sunday. Several bags of hotel sizes of toiletries were given last Monday to **Project Achieve**. Thank you Ron for your generous cash donation to Project Achieve!

**Advent** is here!! It's that time of **Hope**, that time of **Maranatha**. The greatest Christmas gift we can give and receive is the gift of the Presence of Christ. That's why we celebrate Christmas. Think of joining a Small Church Community. Connie Ainge hosts one in the afternoon. It's only an hour and a half. Our home is open every Wednesday morning (6:30 am) for our SCC meeting. Advent is the perfect time to set aside time for prayer and express our love of Jesus and others.

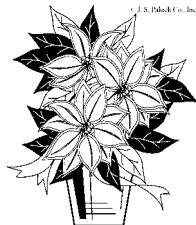
**Our Prayer:** Father, You fulfilled the plan You formed long ago and opened the way to salvation when Your Son humbled Himself to come among us as a man. Now we wait for that day hoping the salvation promised us will be ours when He comes in His glory. Amen.



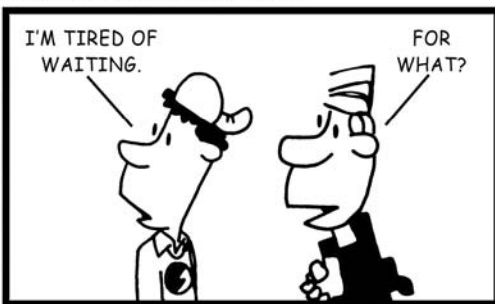
**Centering Prayer**  
**First & Third Tuesdays - Dec. 1 & 15**  
**7:00 pm**  
**In the church**

**The Liturgical 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 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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE  
YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES



**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Tuesday, December 8**

Vigil, December 7, Monday, 7:00 pm  
Feast day, December 8, 6:30 and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** During Advent we celebrate the coming of Christ two thousand years ago and at the end of time. Today's readings emphasize that end time. The Gospel reading is part of Matthew's great discourse on the establishment of the Reign of God at the end of time. Jesus tells his followers that they must live their lives so that they are ready to enter into this reign at any time.

**Life Focus:** \* Relate an experience that made you stop to reflect on your priorities and on the way you live your life. \* *What are some of the difficulties in staying alert to God in everyday life?* \* If tomorrow were to be the last day of your life, what might you change? \* *Recall a disruptive experience in your life recently. How did it affect you?* \* Share a time when you were caught unprepared. How do you see God being a part of that experience?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** No class today! Hope everyone had a wonderful 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.

**Early Childhood:** No class today! Thank you for participating in our Pumpkin Pie Reception. Remember to give God thanks for all your blessings!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**A Spiritual Journey to the Holy Land**

Archdiocesan Lenten Pilgrimage, **March 12-23**, led by Father Jack Stoeger, Spiritual Director of the House of Prayer for Priests. Visit the holy sites including Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Mt. Tabor, and Gethsemane, and walk the Via Dolorosa to Calvary. For information, please call Sister Mary Jean Meier, RSM, 213-637-7520.

**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. 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. Stand-bys only!

**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.

**Holy Night Devine** - Voices of Faith, the young adult choir of St. Pancratius in Lakewood, will be presenting its fifth annual Advent/Christmas benefit concert on Saturday, **Dec. 5**, at 7:30 pm in St. Pancratius Church. Tickets are \$7 presale, \$8 at the door. Proceeds will benefit St. Pancratius School. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Victor Wheeler, 562-505-1089. Come celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas, proclaimed through scripture and song. Thank you.

**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.

**A Day of Spiritual Enrichment - Advent: Wake Up to the Divine Compassion**, Fr. Carl J. Arico, Sunday, **Dec. 6**, 3-5pm, St. Bartholomew Church, 5100 E. Broadway, L. B. Fr. Carl is a humorous, totally engaging speaker with profound insights into the heart of silence, God's most intimate language. Spend an afternoon during this Season of Advent preparing for the coming of Jesus. Registration fee, by Dec. 1, \$20, space is limited. For more information, contact Melissa Guttman, 562-434-1998.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** What have been the strengths of my prayer life? What habit of prayer could I strengthen during this Advent season?

**Child:** In what special ways can I show love to others this Advent?

**Teen:** What is one thing I can do to prepare myself spiritually for Christmas?



**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](http://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!

**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.

**St. John Bosco High School Open House - Dec. 6,** 11 am - 2 pm. Introducing the University Scholars Program. All administrators, teachers, coaches, and counselors will be present, 13640 Bellflower Blvd., 562-920-1734.

**Servite High School Open House - Dec. 6,** 1-4pm. A chance for prospective students and parents to get to know Servite, our faculty and staff, and tour our campus. For info, please call Bill Brundige, 714-774-7575 x1170.

**Did You Know? Ensuring Your Child's School is Safe** - Every teacher, coach and volunteer who works with children in the Los Angeles Archdiocese's parishes and schools must have a background check before he or she is permitted to work in any school- or parish-related job or activity that involves contact with children. But many of our children attend non-Catholic private or public schools. What steps do these schools take? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm. Suggest that they review other abuse prevention programs to ensure that their policies and practices are up to date. Demand that all employees and volunteers who work in the school be properly screened, including background checks, before they are allowed to be near your 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.

**Blankets!** Thank you for all the donations. We had two for most families.



**Envelopes for the presents** for our Gift Basket families' children will be on the Christmas tree in the back of church **December 5 & 6.** Gifts must be wrapped and returned **BEFORE the 12:30 Mass on December 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.

**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. Hedwig's 30th Annual Christmas Dinner**

If you are alone this Christmas, we invite you to join us on Friday, **December 25,** at 1:00 pm in Quinn Hall, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos. There will be families there to share their love and prayers with you, a bounty of food, singing, and much, much more! Reservations are required by December 21. Please contact Ed or Dewey Foster, 562-598-7060. There is no charge.

**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 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
- MONDAY, November 30**  
 8:00 AM - † Cu & Hue Dang
- TUESDAY, December 1**  
 8:00 AM - † Maria Can Dang
- WEDNESDAY, December 2**  
 8:00 AM - † Manh & Tranj Dang
- THURSDAY, December 3**  
 8:00 AM - Mang & Trang, Special Intention
- FRIDAY, December 4**  
 8:00 AM - Lisa, Paul & Louise Dang, living
- SATURDAY, December 5**  
 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate family
- SUNDAY, December 6**  
 7:30 AM - † John DeRuyter  
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - Peggy Montello, living  
 12:30 PM - † Louis Pantuso

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>          |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>           |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>            |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b> |
| <b>Adam Mariano</b>     | <b>SSg. Rob Beckwell</b>     |
| <b>Vincent Vezzetti</b> | <b>Daniel O'Connell</b>      |
| <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b> | <b>David Waidelich</b>       |
| <b>Dave Hoyt</b>        |                              |

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

## 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
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## 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

WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net	799-0660
	Mike Santy	
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephparishcommunity.com	

Website address:

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
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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