



From the Pastor's Desk:

The place of Jesus' baptism at Bethany across the Jordan has the remains of five churches, one built on top of another. In the early centuries of the Christian era those to be baptized walked down to an area where the waters of the Jordan flowed through four pillars, dividing the water into a cross. Many of the newly baptized etched a cross into the stone of the baptistery walls, signifying their desire to be like Jesus. Indeed, in baptism we do become like Jesus. We become God's beloved sons and daughters who are called to manifest God's love to the world. Christ was shown to be the beloved Son by his love for others. If we want to follow him, we have to do more than wear a cross around our neck (or carve one into the baptistery wall). We have to manifest God's love.




From Deacon Don's Desk:

We need to adjust our attitude toward that of GRATITUDE. Mary's "Yes" was the beginning of our salvation. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. The Eternal Word leapt down from heaven and now we are filled with wonder for He has saved us by His birth. How we have taken all of this for granted! The first three steps in the Ignatius "Examin of Consciousness" are (1) See God in all things; He is seeking us, (2) Realize that God is present and be grateful, (3) Ask God to truly discover Him in every experience.

This past weekend I was reflecting on all the good parishioners who helped with the decorating of the church for Christmas. A name popped into my head, Mary Jelnick. I recalled her busily cleaning the church with her 'angel helpers,' while we were hanging wreaths. As I went back into the sacristy, one of the ladies came to Mary and asked her a question, and she instinctively knew how to guide that person with her chores. How we take things for granted. Here is a parishioner that goes quietly about her gift to St. Joseph with graciousness, serenity, and calmness. Boy, could we ever learn from her!! Thank you Mary for being a pillar of St. Joseph Church.

Our Prayer: God of love and mercy, may the birth of Your Son overcome human suffering, calm our fears, bring peace in our homes, families and the world. Amen.



Centering Prayer
First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays
Jan. 19 - 7:00 pm
In the church

Parish Library

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: What does Baptism empower? How can I live out Jesus' claim on us in baptism faithfully?
Child: What is one thing I know (or remember) about my Baptism?
Teen: When do I feel God's love? Do I know how special I am?

HOLY LAND: On January 17, Tina and I will be on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Sartoris. Bishop Joe has requested we gather Prayer Intentions from our parishioners. These will be placed on the altar during Mass at various holy sites we visit. If you would like your intention remembered, please write it down and drop it off at the rectory **no later than Friday, Jan. 15.**

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Luke tells us that John prepares the way for Jesus' ministry by the baptism he preaches. That baptism not only marks the beginning of Christ's ministry, but it also marks the dawn of a new era in human history. Our eyes are drawn from one figure to another. In John we see the promise; in Jesus, the fulfillment. As Luke records events, John will soon fade out of the picture entirely. He is "water" compared to "fire." He is herald compared to the One he proclaimed. He preached a promise. It would come true. As John prepared the way for the Lord, so must we in our own lives. As we were given a new birth in the Holy Spirit with our own Baptism, we must hear and obey God's word in our lives every day.

Life Focus: * John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord. How do you "prepare the way for the Lord" in your own life and in the lives of others? * *Baptism prepared Jesus for his mission and life's work. What has your Baptism asked you to do? How have you responded?* * Describe a time when you noticed a real renewing of life, either in yourself, in others or in society. What was the effect?



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Our Family Mass and Brunch event will take place on Sunday, **January 31**. Families from our Early Childhood through Middle School Programs will attend the 9:00 am Mass followed by a potluck brunch in the hall.

Middle School: A "game night" for our middle school students will take place on Tuesday, **January 26**, in the Parish Activity Center from 7pm - 8pm.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Happy New Year! We are on our regular schedule until January 31 when we ask you to join us at the Family Mass at 9:00 and Potluck in the hall immediately following! Questions, contact Religious Ed., 598-0519. Community Helpers alert! Bundle Sunday next week....bring your usable household items for the St. Vincent de Paul collection.

Sunday Nursery: Our nursery is available during 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Please do not sign your child in if they are sick. Let's all try and stay healthy!

Confirmation Year I - Welcome back to Confirmation Track II. We will be meeting each week in the Fr. Martin hall. If your candidate is responsible for snack please drop items off in the hall before Mass.

Confirmation Year II - Welcome back to Confirmation Winter Track. Candidates will be meeting with their small groups starting tonight and continue through Thursday. Your candidate will meet at the Catechist's home for three consecutive weeks. January 31 will be our Rite of Affirmation Mass at 12:30. This is a Sponsor & Candidate event followed by a guest speaker and lunch served after Mass in the Fr. Martin Hall. If your candidate needs to substitute a class night or make up a missed session please contact the Religious Education Office, 598-0519. All substitutions need to be approved through the coordinator.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation course will be on Mondays starting **January 11** through May, 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Margaret Mary Church, Good Shepherd room, 25511 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, 90717. For information or to register, please call our religious education office, 598-0519.

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

Jan. 10-12 - Laughlin Trip is full, stand bys only. Bus leaves promptly at **9:00 am**. Please bring water.

Jan. 18 - Regular meeting. We will be back from Laughlin, some of us a little richer, some better luck next time.

Feb. 1 - Regular meeting and fun!

Feb. 15 - Important - Mini Retreat 9am to 3 pm. No games. Bishop from Cleveland will be here. More info to follow. We will have a catered lunch at \$10 per person but you can bring your own lunch.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Hands of Mercy - 2010 - Thanks to our parish families! Confirmation Year II families and friends have raised \$3,155. We are in need of our community's support. Our goal is \$6,000. It costs \$3,000 to build each home. Thank you to those who have given so generously. Our homes are being built at St. Joseph on March 27.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

- Pearl Olivier**
- Marion Dellavalle**
- Marie Haddad**
- Sarah Munoz**
- Fr. Gerry Webber**



Beginning Experience Weekend, Jan. 15-17, at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino, for those who've experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. This ministry is endorsed by the L.A. Archdiocese Office of Family Life. The website is www.beginningexperience.org For more information or registration, please call Brenda Mikhail, 818-352-5265 or email brendamikhail@msn.com.

Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us **March 18-21**. More than 315 workshops available from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. The theme is **Incredible Abundance**. Enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies, a variety of prayer experiences, and concerts. For more information or to register stop by our religious education office for a guidebook, call the Congress info line, 213-637-7348, or go online at www.RECongress.org



Parish Directory

Please show your pride and membership in our parish community, and help us to create a valuable resource to recognize and to minister to each other. Appointments are available

February 11-13; weekdays 1 - 9 pm, Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm. You will receive a copy of the parish directory and an 8X10 photograph, both free to yourself and to the parish. Additional copies and poses may be purchased as well. **NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PRINTED WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION.** If you wish just to include your family photo and names, or address without phone number, etc., no problem. We'll ask you this at your photo session. Sign-ups can be made from our parish website, www.StJosephParishCommunity.com by clicking on the camera, or by calling the rectory, 594-4657.

St. Joseph School Easy Fund Raiser!

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES from Dell, Cannon, Lenmark, Apple and Hewlett Packard. There is a collection box outside of the school office. Just drop your empty cartridges there. We then send them directly to the recycle center and receive up to \$4 for each. How easy! Thanks for your help!

Please come support the Graduating Class of 2010 by attending our Chili Night, **January 22** from 5-9 pm in the school hall. Donations accepted at the door. Also selling advance tickets for a reverse raffle during dinner and after Masses near the flag pole. Winner receives \$2000.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday
Just a reminder! The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday is next Sunday, **January 17**, in the parish parking lot from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. We need your support! Remember to bring any usable items that will help needy individuals. For large items, including furniture and large appliances, please phone 323-224-6280 for home pickups.

You are invited to attend a series of classes on **Natural Family Planning** taught by the Couple to Couple League. You'll learn a method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. For more information call Greg and Beth Gath at 377-5877, or email us at bethandgreg@verizon.net.

Did You Know? Get Involved in Parish Safety Programs - Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as all the children in the parish community., Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

HELP - Gift Basket family would like a baby walker and/or baby swing.

Also, we have two families who are looking for help. First family of five, dad died while working. Second family of five needs food. Please call us.



Thanks to ALL who bought and wrapped those beautiful packages that MFBW delivered. St. Joseph Parish has given 65 families a wonderful Christmas!

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 Jan. 20, 7:30 in the PAC. All invited!
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.

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

The following dates are for the January fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for an appointment:

- Jan. 19** - St. Cornelius School, Long Beach, 425-7813
- Jan. 22** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, 562-692-3758
- Jan. 23** - St. Athanasius, Long Beach, 562-423-7986

The Parish Fair is scheduled for **April 23, 24, and 25.** We are looking for volunteers interested in joining the Fair Committee. There are many opportunities, big and small. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7pm in the PAC.** Please come and find out how you can get involved to help plan this year's event. All are welcome! Any questions can be addressed to Wendy Gentry, 754-8546, or Phil Tondreault, 822-4242.

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, January 9**
 5:00 PM - † Dan Maher
- SUNDAY, January 10**
 7:30 AM - † Stanley Horn
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - Anne Dang, living
 12:30 PM - † Patricia Reischl
- MONDAY, January 11**
 8:00 AM - Anne Dang, living
- TUESDAY, January 12**
 8:00 AM - Anne Dang, living
- WEDNESDAY, January 13**
 8:00 AM - Anne Dang, living
- THURSDAY, January 14**
 8:00 AM - † Stanley Horn
- FRIDAY, January 15**
 8:00 AM - † Stanley Horn
- SATURDAY, January 16**
 5:00 PM - † Stanley Horn
- SUNDAY, January 17**
 7:30 AM - Anne Dang, living
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Steve Durkin
 12:30 PM - † Patricia Reischl

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, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Conrado Uyan, Kristen Tuasonand, Elijha Carbonell, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Betty Galaz, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Rosemary Doran, Michelle Smith, Barbara Hook, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Marlena Sargeant, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, Tess Keckeisen, Danielle Carmody, Virgil Terry, Seth Davis, Patricia Santy, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Beverly Clinton, Patti Nolan, Gregory Freez, Diana Norton, Rebecca Clinton, Karen Kindell, Peggy Montello, Steve Christmans, Michael Raspudic, Patricia Langlios, Carlos Franco, James Amrhein, & John Fortier.

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	Marianna Wescott

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
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	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.ceofla.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