



From the Pastor's Desk:

The vineyards of California, Chile, and Australia, as well as those of France, Italy, Spain and Germany vie with one another for the designation of the beat wines. Thousands, even millions, of dollars are at stake for the winning appellations. Of course Jesus wasn't interested in gold medals or marketing opportunities when he changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee, no matter how good the headwaiter may have thought the wine. The purpose of the first sign (miracle) that Jesus performed was to reveal his glory to his disciples, who then began to believe in him. Jesus reveals himself today as well. He doesn't show up at a wedding feast with some water jugs ready to do a miracle. Instead, he shows up in the actions of Christians, through what we do and say each day. Jesus will continue to reveal himself when we act like him.




From Deacon Don's Desk:

Leftovers from last week's homily: Why did Jesus become baptized? To show His solidarity with us. He would not have us do anything that He would not do first. It is God's act of commissioning, God's "endorsement" of Jesus. "...He becomes baptized; He is washed and all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at the source for dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages." St. Maximus (467AD). In baptism we are made a Christ to be the light to the world. Now, I ask you to read Matthew's Gospel, the last chapter, 28, last paragraph. We now are sent. We must be aware that people in the world will meet God when they meet you and me. We exist to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. You are the hand, eyes, and heart and yes the very "skin" of God's only begotten Son.

"When the Church baptizes a child, that action concerns me, for the child is thereby connected to that which is my body, and engrafted into that body whereof I am a member." ...John Donne

It's hard to let this bulletin go without recognizing the hard work, total dedication of someone that has taken on a task in which he totally **immersed** himself. Not only one task. You will find him at the photo sessions, MBW meetings, SCC meetings, Wednesday Religious Ed sessions, etc. etc. - you name it, he's there. He'll pitch in feeding the homeless. Sorry, Tim Clark, we can't give you a gold watch, but better than that you have our sincerest gratitude and prayers for being the facilitator of our Pastoral Council, and last week's discernment process was well executed by your skilled guidance...and the Maduras dinner was magnifique!! Well done good and faithful servant!
Our Prayer: Lord renew in us the grace of our baptism. Transform our thoughts, words and deeds so that we might turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. Amen.



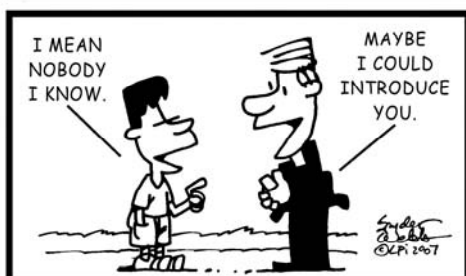
Centering Prayer
First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays
Jan. 19 - 7:00 pm
In the church

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: When have I stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?
Child: How does Jesus show his love at the wedding feast?
Teen: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

2ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
 FOR THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In the wedding at Cana John tells us the simple story of a wedding, which more importantly, is a "sign." A wedding *is* taking place, not only the one at Cana, but the more important one between God and people. God joins to Israel in the appearance of the Son. When Jesus changes water into wine, he replaces the old order (water) with the new (wine). The astonishing amount of wine (90 to 150 gallons) suggests the superabundant blessings of this new age. Here lies the truth behind the wedding scene. Jesus revealed his "glory" and the disciples "saw" and began to believe in him.
Life Focus: * Who helped bring your faith to life? How do you do this for others? * *What blessings have come to you beyond what you asked or expected?* * When were you able to talk to those close to you about who you are and what you believe? * *Where has the wine run out in your life?* * Describe a recent "ordinary" event that ended up having extraordinary meaning for you. * *Describe a time in your life when letting go of the familiar allowed something new and better to happen.* * How has someone filled a need in your life that you were unable to fill?

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. Community Helpers alert! Bundle Sunday today: donate 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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Virtus Training & Re-certification Session

There will be a three hour Virtus training on Monday, **January 18**, in the hall at 7:00 pm. Please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519, to register.

St. Cornelius will be hosting a Virtus Training for adults working with children on Sunday, **January 24**, 1-4pm in the small hall. Please register online with www.virtus.org if you would like to attend.

On **January 25**, 7-8:30 pm, a Virtus re-certification workshop will be held for those who have already completed the three hour Virtus training **before 2006** and **have not** recertified through the Virtus website. Please call Caren, 420-7613, to reserve your spot.

Did You Know? CyberTipline Fights Internet Crimes Against Children

- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other government agencies work together to fight Internet crimes against children. They've established a "CyberTipline," a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, molestation of children outside the family, sex tourism of children, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made at www.cybertipline.com or by calling 800-843-5678. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

Tax Time!! If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Parish for 2009, please call the rectory, 594-4657, and leave your name and phone number.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

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. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Emergency Help - Haiti Earthquake

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Haiti earthquake.

Parish Council - Please support the six faithful parishioners who have said "yes" to God's calling and accepted commissions as newly elected members of our St. Joseph Pastoral Council. They are Bea Almada, Chris Berry, Tommy Goodwin, Margee Infante, Mark Smith, and Sybil Van Dijs.

Prayer: May the incoming officers be inspired by the Holy Spirit to foster and nourish the faith of our parish community. Bless our outgoing officers for their service and may they continue the good works they have been a part of these past two years.

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Jan. 23 - St. Athanasius, Long Beach, 423-7986

Feb. 9 - St. Mary of the Assumption, Whittier, 698-0107

Feb. 12 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 920-7796 ext 247

Feb. 13 - St. Rose of Lima, Maywood, 323-562-4579

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.

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

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.

Do whatever He tells you.

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.

Catholic Schools Week

St. Joseph School celebrates Catholic Schools Week beginning Sunday, **January 31**. The parish community is cordially invited to our Open House on Wednesday, February 3, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm to see the wonderful things that are happening at St. Joseph Parish School. Each classroom will be displaying the special projects that they have been working on. The Scholastic Book Fair is held during this week and will be open on January 31 after the Sunday Masses. Also, the book fair is open every day that week after school. Everyone is invited to attend.

On behalf of St. Joseph School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parishioners who support their parish school by making contributions each month. Part of the money we have received so far this year has been gratefully accepted for tuition assistance to help some of our struggling families. In addition, we are currently in the process of replacing the wood on all of the junior lunch tables. I am sure if you have used them recently you would agree with the necessity of this project. The project will continue throughout the year until they have all been replaced. Again, thank you for your generous support. Miss Hebestreit, Principal

Next meeting is **Jan. 20**, 7:30 pm in the PAC. All are welcome!

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

Special help needed: we have two families who are looking for help. First family of five, dad died while trimming trees. Second family of five needs food. Please call us.

Help!! We need a family or group to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby collection - only once per year.** Next one is in March. 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.



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.

Walk For Life January 23, 261 E. Willow St., Long Beach. Two starting times: 10:30 and 12:30, check in half hour before. Questions: Jennifer 562-290-0212.

Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus **Feb. 28** in the hall from 7 am to 1 pm. More information to follow. **Mark your calendars!**

St. John Bosco High School Placement Exam January 23. Arrive no later than 8 am, bring two No. 2 pencils. Snack will be provided. Fee: \$50. Pre-registration form available at www.bosco.org You may register the day of the test! Questions, please call 562-920-1734.

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 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
- MONDAY, January 18**
 8:00 AM - † Vera McFadden
- TUESDAY, January 19**
 8:00 AM - Rita Smith, Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, January 20**
 8:00 AM - Joe and Lily Dang, living
- THURSDAY, January 21**
 8:00 AM - Lily Dang, living
- FRIDAY, January 22**
 8:00 AM - † John DeRuyter
- SATURDAY, January 23**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho and Salvate families
- SUNDAY, January 24**
 7:30 AM - Bridget Wetmore, living
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.
 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, Eliha 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