



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

I. Those who preach the so-called "prosperity gospel" would like us to believe that once we accept Christ into our lives, everything will be just fine. They would say that someone doesn't prosper because the person hasn't given himself or herself over completely to Christ. What such "prosperity" evangelists don't seem to remember is that Jesus himself had some pretty bad days. For instance, as in today's Gospel in which the people of his own hometown wanted to hurl him off of a cliff. Death by crucifixion is not exactly the end result of a success-filled life. Although God promises us good, he never promised us that everything would be perfect all the time. We can take comfort in the fact that we'll come out all right as long as we were faithful to God. There will be bumps along the way, but in the end God will prevail.

II. The Haitian Relief Collection last weekend came to \$5,740. Thank you all for your generosity to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

By the time you read this, Bishop Sartoris will have led us from the Mount of Beatitudes (Jan. 19) to the Basilica of the Annunciation (1/20), and at Cana of Galilee renewal of our marriage vows will have been exchanged. At this time Tina and I will offer blessing petitions to all of our parishioners who will or have celebrated their significant wedding anniversaries, i.e. 20th, 25th, or beyond, during this year of 2010. That first week will be around the Sea of Galilee. The second week we'll travel to Jerusalem always keeping your petitions with us and placing them on each altar where Holy Mass is said. General intentions will be said for all of St. Joseph parishioners. This second week will be focused on Jesus cleansing the temple, the crucifixion and resurrection. One Mass will be at the Holy Sepulcher. I recall words of St. Bonaventure: "Suffering is like a kiss that Jesus, hanging from the Cross, bestows on persons whom He loves in a special way. Because of this love He wants to unite them in the work of redemption."

"Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the risen Christ." Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

**Our Prayer:** Loving Lord, help us to look upon suffering as a sign of Your special love for us. Let us accept it and suffer in union with You for our salvation and that of the



**Centering Prayer**  
**First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays**  
**Feb. 2 & 16 - 7:00 pm**  
**In the church**

**Pre-Lenten Retreat**

Open to all in the parish, sponsored by the Seniors. We have a visiting Bishop from Ohio. Remember, it's a holiday, Presidents Day, so people are usually not working. A catered lunch will be served, cost \$10, and a continental breakfast. Please welcome our Bishop, Edward A. Pevec. Hours - 9-3. Mass at 11. Lunch at 12 noon.

What a great way to start our Lenten Season. Call Rosie for reservations, 425-4162.

*Rest In Peace*  
*Died in Christ:*  
**Richard Parent**  
**Claire Shaheen-Zlaket**



**Maureen Haddad Memorial Service** will be Saturday, **February 6**, at 11:00 am, here at St. Joseph Church.

3RD ORDINARY SUNDAY  
 GOD'S LIVING WORD IN THE BIBLE



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How has the mission of Jesus to help the poor and set free the enslaved affected me personally?

**Child:** If someone were to ask me who Jesus is, what would I say?

**Teen:** What motivates me to work for justice in our world?

### **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. Join us next week, Jan. 31, at our Family Mass at 9 am and immediately following for the potluck in the hall. Don't forget your item to share! Questions, contact Religious Ed., 598-0519

**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!

### **Yankee Candle Fund-Raiser**

Our Religious Education annual fund-raiser will begin on **February 7**. Please support our program and consider purchasing one or more beautiful Yankee Candles. Gift items for Easter, birthdays, friends, teachers, etc. will be available to order. Orders will be delivered prior to Easter. For further information, please call Marianna, **598-0519**.

**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.

**A Mass with a Healing Service** Monday, **January 25**, 7:30 pm (new schedule - now every 4th Monday of the month) St. Cornelius Church, 3330 Bellflower Blvd. Celebrant: Fr. Ed Benioff.

### **Please Pray for Priests**

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever he tells you." May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

**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**

**Feb. 1** - Regular meeting and games; collecting dues for 2010, still only \$5 - such a deal!

**Feb. 15 - Important - Mini Retreat 9am to 3 pm.** No games. Bishop Edward A. Pevec, visiting from Ohio will be doing our retreat. His theme: "Who do you say that I am?" Cost for catered lunch and continental breakfast is \$10. Agenda - talk 9:30-11, Mass in church - 11, Lunch - 12, Questions and answers - 1-3. Call Rosie, 425-4162, for reservations.

**March 1 & 15** - March meetings.  
Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

### **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.

### **Virtus Training & Re-certification Session**

**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](http://www.virtus.org) if you would like to attend.

On **January 25**, 7:00 to 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.

### **Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**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

**Did You Know? Road to Priesthood Involves a Rigorous Formation Process** - Seminary formation involves much more than academic study. Prior to ordination, a candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John's Seminary, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org) and click on the "Vocations" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.



**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](http://www.StJosephParishCommunity.com) by clicking on the camera, or by calling the rectory, 594-4657.

**Parish Fair - April 23, 24, & 25**

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **February 10** at 7 pm in the PAC. We still need help in many areas. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Wendy Gentry, [gentryrb@aol.com](mailto:gentryrb@aol.com) or Phil Tondreault at [patondre@hotmail.com](mailto:patondre@hotmail.com).

**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!

**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

**Special help received:** thank you to our sooooo caring parish for the donations for our two families in need.



**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.**

Thanks to all who attended our third meeting of the fiscal year; call with your questions.

YOUR SKIP-A-MEAL BLUE ENVELOPE donations are so appreciated!! Please **make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: SKIP-A-MEAL.** Thank you for all you share with our needy brothers & sisters! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

**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](http://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.

**Blood Drive** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus **February 28** in the hall from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. More information to follow. **Mark your calendars!**

**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 High School Placement Examination**  
5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, Saturday, **Jan. 30**, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**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 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
- MONDAY, January 25**  
 8:00 AM - Mike and Robin Wetmore, living
- TUESDAY, January 26**  
 8:00 AM - Phung Tran and family, living
- WEDNESDAY, January 27**  
 8:00 AM - Jim Wetmore, living
- THURSDAY, January 28**  
 8:00 AM - † Maria Dang
- FRIDAY, January 29**  
 8:00 AM - † Martha Aimone
- SATURDAY, January 30**  
 5:00 PM - † Kathy Burach
- SUNDAY, January 31**  
 7:30 AM - † Chris Ramstead  
 9:00 AM - John Wetmore, living  
 10:30 AM - † Olimpio Pili  
 12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

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, 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

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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                       | Marianna Wescott |

## 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         |              |

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| SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES | Don & Tina Gath | 598-5202 |
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## 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 |          |

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| 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 |              |

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| 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