



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 Parish Council will meet Monday, February 1, at 7:30 pm in the Parish Activity Center.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

I was reflecting on our Small Church Community's past meetings. In the closing part, we ask the question: So what? After reading the Sunday Scriptures, we discuss what resonated with us. How will we attempt to change in the coming week? Many times we have to work hard at certain attitudes. Here are some responses: "I will try to be conscious of my blessings when trials in my duties burden me. I will remain focused on being grateful in these trials." Another said, "Reflect and be grateful and thank my parents who led me to the Catholic faith" (this was near the feast of the Holy Family). "Look for opportunities to be more contemplative." "Focus on patience which leads to charity." "I'll try to make the world a better place. I'll start with a more positive attitude." "I'll try to listen more attentively to what God is saying to me and not be so self-centered." "I'll try to say 'thank you' more often."

There is joy in our SCC groups. We invite all to find a group that fits your time slot and plan to attend. If you would like to form your own group, let me know. Tina and I will get you started. Lent is the perfect time to begin....even if it is only for the six weeks of Lent.

Our Prayer: 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.

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 or Phil Tondreault at patondre@hotmail.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When do I hear God's voice most clearly in my daily life?

Child: What is Jesus' Good News?

Teen: Do I always listen attentively and with an open mind to the Good News of Jesus?



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

Pre-Lenten Retreat - February 15

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.

4TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Our Family Mass and Brunch event will take place today. Families from our Early Childhood through Middle School Programs will attend the 9:00 am Mass followed by a potluck brunch in the hall. **No class** on Sunday, **February 14**, due to Presidents' Day.

Sacrament Program: The First Reconciliation Workshop for our 2nd Year children and parents will take place on Sunday, **February 21**, from **2-4:30 pm**. This workshop is for both the school and religious education families. Our guest speaker is Sr. Kathleen Burns.

Early Childhood: Family Mass at 9 am and the Potluck in the hall immediately following. There is no class today.

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**.

Thank You!! Thank You!!

Thanks to all our religious education students and families who so generously donated money to the Holy Childhood Association for relief in Haiti. At the request of Fr. Ken Deasy, Director of the HCA in Los Angeles, we took up a collection last Sunday in all our classes.

One of our 4th grade students, Mackenzie Padilla, together with her friend, Adam Fagin, held a bake sale and raised \$321.17. Our total gift to Fr. Ken was \$500!!!

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.

Respect Life - The St. Cornelius Respect Life Team & AudioGirl Ministries are championing the *40 Days for Life* Spring Campaign, Feb. 17 thru Mar. 28, in Long Beach! People of all faiths are praying that, with God's help, this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

We invite you to join us for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, to stand vigil with us as a peaceful, prayerful witness outside an abortion mill, and to take a positive pro life message to every corner of our city. If you believe in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception, please join us and be a bold and active voice for the unborn.

Learn how you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" here in Long Beach by visiting www.40ddaysforlife.com/longbeach or contacting Sylvia Aimerito, 429-1965, or www.AudioGirlMinistries.com

**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.

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!**

Annual Pancake Breakfast - February 7, 8am-noon

Come to the hall and enjoy this annual event in support of Boy Scout Troop 120.

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.

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? Is Your Family Prepared for a Natural Disaster? - News reports on the recent earthquake in Haiti have shown how easily families can become separated during the chaos of a natural disaster. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* offers the following recommendations to all families potentially impacted by a natural disaster. Know where your kids are at all times. Stay together. Take photos of your children with you when evacuated. Give children identification information to carry with them, including the child's name, date of birth, address, home number etc. E-mail digital photos of all family members to extended relatives and/or friends. Photocopy important documents and mail to a friend/relative in a safe location. Make a plan with your children, so they know what to do if your family becomes separated during an evacuation. 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 by clicking on the camera, or by calling the rectory, 594-4657.

Hands of Mercy - 2010 - Thanks to our parish families! Confirmation Year II families and friends have raised \$3,500. 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.

Domenico's fund raiser Feb. 22, 11:30 am to 10 pm. Get your flyer from Religious Ed for 25% of the sales, dine in or take out, for Hands of Mercy.

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 today. The parish community is cordially invited to our Open House on **Feb. 3** from 6-8 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 today after the Sunday Masses and every day 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, than 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 giving your time.**

Next meeting Mar. 17, 7:30 pm, in the PAC.

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 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.

T-Ball Sign-ups - Come sign-up your son and/or daughter for another fun-filled season of St. Joseph T-Ball! Registration forms will be available after Mass on Sunday, **Jan. 31**, and also at the school office. There will be a registration event on **Feb. 6, 11 am - 2 pm** in front of the parish hall. All children pre-K to 1st grade are welcome to play. Cost is \$70 per player. **Please turn registration forms into the school office by Friday, Feb. 5.** The 2010 season will run from Mar. 6 - May 22. All games and practices will be at St. Joseph's on Saturdays at 9 am and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for coaches, team moms, or snack shack helpers. For more information see <http://stjosephball.googlepages.com>, or call Dylan Wright, 714-894-4183.

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 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
- MONDAY, February 1**
 8:00 AM - Mike and Robin Wetmore, living
- TUESDAY, February 2**
 8:00 AM - Rita Smith, Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, February 3**
 8:00 AM - Rochael & Cameron Williams, living
- THURSDAY, February 4**
 8:00 AM - Mia Wetmore, living
- FRIDAY, February 5**
 8:00 AM - † Marion Dellavalle
- SATURDAY, February 6**
 5:00 PM - † Frank Aimone
- SUNDAY, February 7**
 7:30 AM - Joseph Dang, living
 9:00 AM - † Eleanor Connell
 10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 PM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

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 | William G. Ouimette |

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, Marlana 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