



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Today's second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians contains an early Christian profession of faith: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised on the third day; he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. This ancient statement of belief reflects the origins of our faith in the death and resurrection of Christ.

With Lent just around the corner, there will be men and women preparing ever more intensely for the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. These catechumens will make this early Christian proclamation of faith their own at the Easter vigil when they profess their baptismal promises just before they are baptized. We may want to get ourselves ready for Lent by considering what our own faith means to us, acknowledging that Christ died for our sins, and rose that we might have life.




**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Yes, the journey through the Holy Land was worth the jet lag that I am experiencing even to this writing! At every holy site we placed your petitions on the altar during Mass. The collective petitions from those who journeyed with us were literally, without exaggerating, thousands. On the last night of our pilgrimage we held a prayer service and all petitions were burned, leaving them in God's hands there in the Holy Land. Thank you for journeying spiritually with us. Tina found a website called "SACRED-DESTINATIONS.com/Israel" that had many pictures that were identical to ours. Try it, if you have time.

I had intended to offer to you an outline some time ago and now offer it to you today. It is from the Knights of Columbus and titled, "10 Things Your Kids Need to Know." It is presented by "fathersforgood.org" through the KofC. This is just a "Cliff Notes" version.

- #1 You love them. It's the foundation of any child's life. Say "I love you," and then give LIFE to the words.
  - #2 God loves them. Pope Benedict XVI says, "I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love God lavishes on us and which we in turn must share with others." A child may see God's love in the Crucifix or a picture of Jesus' arms around children. Some may see it as abstract. But they will look to you and that your actions reflect and affirm the Father's love. The ball is in your court.
  - #3 You love their mother. Your love shown to their mother will be their model as they grow up.
  - #4 Life has meaning and is worth living. Help them to respect the mystery and discover their own potential for love under the eyes of God.
  - #5 They must learn to forgive. This is absolutely essential to enter the Kingdom of God. Revenge is not an option even toward our enemies.
- To be continued - if you wish the full text, call me or Ron Steiner and we'll see you get it.
- Our Prayer:** O God, Lord of justice, you are the Supreme Legislator of the world. Help us to keep Your laws and therefore share in Your infinite justice and mercy which ensure our earthly and heavenly happiness. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.



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

**Pre-Lenten Retreat - February 15**

Open to all in the parish, sponsored by the Seniors, cost \$10. 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 and a continental breakfast. Please welcome our Bishop, Edward A. Pevec. Hours: 9-3, Mass at 11, lunch at noon.

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

5TH ORDINARY SUNDAY  
 AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE



**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** In today's Gospel we hear Jesus calling the first disciples. Jesus calls unlikely, even unworthy people to follow him, but in response to his assurance of forgiveness, we see a generous response to the call. Even Peter, first among the apostles, is astonished at the power of Jesus and then overcome by a sense of his own sinfulness. But Jesus overlooks Peter's protests that he is unworthy and calls him beyond that to reach out to others.

**Life Focus:** \* Relate an experience when you felt a sense of awe or wonder. \* *What do you think God is calling you to do in your life?* \* How is God calling you this week to carry out your mission? \* *Describe an experience when another person helped you overcome fear.* \* When were you asked to do something you couldn't handle? Where did you find the strength?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** Thanks to all who helped make our Family Mass and Potluck Brunch such a great success. A wonderful time was had by all!!

**No class** on Sunday, **February 14**, due to Presidents' Day. On **February 21** our teachers will be instructing the children in grades Kg. through 5th grade on child abuse prevention. We are mandated by the Archdiocese to include this very important information in our curriculum.

**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:** Regular class today. Thank you for joining us last week for the Family Mass and Potluck! No class next Sunday, February 14. Remember to say a prayer for our President and all the leaders around the world that they may make decisions that will preserve our lives, liberties and the pursuit of happiness.

**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!

**Come, break open the Word**, and enrich your experience of Sunday liturgy. A new Small Faith Community is forming for Lent. Meetings will be on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, in the Parish Center (PAC), beginning Feb. 16. Contact Olga Cuda at the rectory for more information.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** We are called to follow Jesus, but how does this translate into actions, attitudes, or prayers in my everyday life?

**Child:** How does Jesus want me to follow him?

**Teen:** What do I need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in my life?

**Respect Life** - The St. Cornelius Respect Life Team & AudioGirl Ministries are championing the *40 Days for Life*, **Feb. 17 - 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.40daysforlife.com/longbeach](http://www.40daysforlife.com/longbeach) or contacting Sylvia Aimerito, 429-1965, or [www.AudioGirlMinistries.com](http://www.AudioGirlMinistries.com)

Please join us to pray for reverence and respect for life on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, **7:00 pm**, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel here at St. Joseph.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

First, at our Feb. 1 meeting, Chuck Dixon informed us he was cancer free, no sign at all. **This is the power of prayer.** We are all so happy for you, Chuck!

**Feb. 8** - Please support the pancake breakfast for the Boy Scout troop 120!

**Feb. 15 - Important - Mini Retreat 9am to 3 pm.** No games. Bishop Edward A. Pevec, from Ohio will be doing our retreat. Theme: "Who do you say that I am?" Cost for catered lunch & continental breakfast: \$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** - Announcements, games, etc. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**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.

**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**.

**Confirmation Year I** - Our Third Track kicks off with a retreat, **Feb. 20**. Candidates must be at the hall by 10:30 am. Sponsors will meet at 3:45 for the close of our day. We will journey together into the 5 pm Mass for the Rite of Promise with our candidates and sponsors. Lunch and snacks provided. Regular sessions will be held in the PAC starting **Feb. 28**. Our last meeting, a sponsor potluck is **Mar. 14**. See you there! Q's, please call the RE office.

**Confirmation Year II** - Spring Track is almost here! We are in the final stages of Confirmation Preparation. Year II Candidates are meeting in their small groups starting Sunday, **Feb. 28 - Mar. 5**. Same day, same place and time. We will meet for three consecutive weeks.

Please remember to support our **Domenico's** fund raiser **Feb. 22, 11:30 am to 10 pm**; 25% of dine in or take out goes to the Hands of Mercy house build. Print out a flyer on our SJ website. We will be building our two loft homes **Mar. 27**. Our mini retreat will be **April 18**, here with Fr. Mark, 6-9 pm. Confirmation is **May 16**, 12:30 pm Mass. Rehearsal is **May 14**, 7-9 pm. Questions: call RE.

**Hands of Mercy** has raised \$3562 towards the \$6,000.



**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.

**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.

**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!**

**St. Joseph School Casino Night is Back!! Feb. 27, 6-11 pm.** Included with your \$25 ticket is dinner, \$100 of chips to be used at various gaming tables including slot machines, and a 5X7 photograph. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold after all Masses Feb. 13, 14, 20, and 21 or you can call Stacy Bass, 310-347-7056. Please join us for a fun-filled evening Vegas style!

**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).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

The following dates are for the February and March 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
- Mar. 24** - St. Bernard, Bellflower, 867-2337
- Mar. 26** - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179
- Mar. 27** - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hermosa Bch, 310-372-7077

**Did You Know? What is the National Review Board?**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established the National Review Board (NRB) during their meeting in June of 2002. The purpose of the NRB is to collaborate with the USCCB in preventing the sexual abuse of minors in the United States by persons in the service of the Church. To view a video interview with Ms. Diane Knight, Chair of the NRB, about the board's work, please visit: [www.usccb.org/ocyp/](http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/). For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

**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!

**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.

**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, 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.

**MONDAY, February 8**

8:00 AM - † Patrick Sheahan

**TUESDAY, February 9**

8:00 AM - Rita Smith, Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, February 10**

8:00 AM - † All Souls

**THURSDAY, February 11**

8:00 AM - † Mike Beck

**FRIDAY, February 12**

8:00 AM - † Angela Lowen-Brown

**SATURDAY, February 13**

5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter

**SUNDAY, February 14**

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Thomas Steiner

10:30 AM - † Tim O'Donnell

12:30 PM - † Bernadette & Fermin Lopez

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>        | <b>William G. Ouimette</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, 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**

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	

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