



From the Pastor's Desk:

For Christians, Valentine's Day is so much more than roses and chocolates. The feast is named after a Roman priest who was martyred because of his faith in Christ. It is God that is the origin of all love, and the depth of

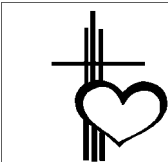
that love was revealed through God's Son, who came to live among us. As St. Paul relates in the second reading, Christ is also raised from the dead.

We will begin lent on Wednesday, a season in which Christians have the opportunity to show the depth of their love for God and for others. By deepening our prayer life, we can draw closer to God and increase our love for him. As we fast, we free up resources to share with others. This sharing, our almsgiving, helps us grow in love for our neighbors who have less than us. In one sense, all of Lent can be our Valentine.

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.


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.



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

Rest in Peace
 Died in Christ:

Thomas Michael McDonough
Fumiko Mary Kagawa



***The one who trusts the Lord
 is like a tree planted near running water.***

Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles
 St. Bonaventure Parish, 16410 Springdale St., Huntington Beach, 714-846-3359, is hosting the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles that was on display here last September. Hours are 9 am to 9 pm **Feb. 13 and 14**.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I measure happiness? Do I "buy into" the values of the Reign of God?

Child: How do I bring happiness to others?

Teen: How do I experience God's blessing when I am lacking in something, trying to make peace, or rejected by others?

Small Church Community
Scripture Focus: The "beatitudes" and "woes" in today's Gospel should be looked at together because they balance one another. The poor should not be too easily identified with a social class for the poor are not just the economically poor but also the lowly and oppressed who seek God's will. On the other hand, the rich are not condemned just because they are rich. But their riches can easily make them independent, not needing God or others. And they can begin to believe that they have a right to what they own, that they don't have to notice the poor around them. We are promised happiness and fullness, but we are challenged to keep ourselves humble and our lives simple. Jesus preaches poverty because poverty forces us to trust totally in God. We have to realize that the Kingdom holds the ultimate value.

Life Focus: * Imagine yourself happy. Where are you? Who is with you? What are you doing? What are you feeling? * *Speak of an apparent misfortune, "bad luck" or disaster. What was the hidden blessing?* * Describe a time in your life when you *felt* poor or deprived. What impact do the words of Jesus have on these feelings? * *What are the things money can't buy?* * How can your life be simpler? How can you depend more on God? How can you begin to notice poor people?

6TH ORDINARY SUNDAY
 SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: No class today 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.

Middle School Program: Our students in grades 6 to 8 will celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday, **February 16** from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Activity Center. There will be food, fun, and activities in preparation for the Lenten Season of fasting and service.

Early Childhood: No class today for President's Day. Remember to pray 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!

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

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 or contacting Sylvia Aimerito, 429-1965, or 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**

Feb. 15 - Important - Mini Retreat - Bishop Edward A. Pevec, from Ohio will be doing our retreat. Theme: "Who do you say that I am?" Cost for continental breakfast & catered lunch: \$10. Agenda - 9:00 Continental Breakfast, 9:30 Bishop speaks, 11:00 Mass in church, 12:00 Lunch, 1:00 - 3:00 or 4:00 Bishop speaks and questions and answers. Call Rosie, 425-4162, for reservations - Thursday, final day for reservations.

Feb. 27 - We must support St. Joseph School, please come to Casino Night.

Remember dues are still owed for 2010. Thanks.

March 1 & 15 - Announcements, games, etc.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tuesday: | Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wednesday: | Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday: | Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25 |
| Friday: | Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15 |
| Saturday: | Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32 |
| Sunday: | Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 |

Yankee Candle Fund-Raiser

Our Religious Education annual fund-raiser is taking place. Please support our program & consider purchasing beautiful Yankee Candles. Gift items for Easter, birthdays, friends, teachers, etc. will be available. Orders will be delivered prior to Easter. Booklets are available from the religious education office, rectory, or school office. 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

A big *thank you* to all our families who participated in taking photos for our new parish directory. That process is now finished. Please watch the bulletin for information and help we may need from you. For those who have taken family photos, please see a personalized envelope in the vestibule of the church. This contains the information we understand you have asked us to print in the name and address roster. If this information needs to be corrected, please note it and return the letter to the rectory. **If you did NOT take a family photo but would still like to be included in the name and address roster**, there is a flyer in the vestibule. Please fill it out and return it to the rectory.

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!

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all Parish Members 21 years and older to 5 hours at the Pala Resort and Casino on Wednesday, **March 24**. Cost is \$15 per person. The Casino will return \$5 on arrival. Please call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811 for more information.

Food Drive Sponsored by Brownie Troop 313

Please help us restock the shelves of St. Francis Center by bringing any non-perishable foods to church. The girls will be collecting your donations before and after Mass on Sat., **Feb. 20** and Sun., **Feb. 21**. Look for us by the main entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Joseph School Easy Fund Raiser!

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

Did You Know? Abuse Prevention Training Nears 2 Million

- Did you know that every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? The Archdiocese has trained more than 100,000 adults in the VIRTUS program. Nationwide, more than 1.7 million clergy, educators, employees and volunteers have been trained in how to create safe environments and prevent child sexual abuse. For more information on how you can help keep children safe, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Happy Valentine's Day!

We are planning our "gently used" (and new) book drive for Easter.



Watch for the "homeless kit envelopes" on the cross in the back of church.

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 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!**

Parish Fair - April 23, 24, & 25

Silent Auction - Do you have an extra pair of Dodger or Angel tickets? A timeshare or frequent flyer miles to donate? **The Parish Fair Silent Auction could use your help!** We're looking for sporting events, vacation travel, restaurants, home services (landscaping, painting, etc.), or any other item that might help us to raise funds for the church and school. **If you can help, please call Cyndie Kalina, 673-5777, by Apr. 1. Thanks!**

It takes many hands to have a successful fair. We are looking for two people to help organize two food booths. Please contact Wendy Gentry, gentryrb@aol.com or Phil Tondreault at patondre@hotmail.com for more info.

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 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
- MONDAY, February 15**
 8:00 AM - † Dominico and Maria Dang
- TUESDAY, February 16**
 8:00 AM - † John Anselmo
- WEDNESDAY, February 17**
 8:00 AM - † All Souls
 7:00 PM - Munda & Abaloyan, Special Intention
- THURSDAY, February 18**
 8:00 AM - † Tim O'Donnell
- FRIDAY, February 19**
 8:00 AM - † Nelda Chambers
- SATURDAY, February 20**
 5:00 PM - † Salvate and Botelho families
- SUNDAY, February 21**
 7:30 AM - † Marion Dellavalle
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Pearl Olivier
 12:30 PM - Hilda del Castillo, living

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, Elijah 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, John Fortier, Dave Gallagher, John Flaherty & Fr. Frank Ferrante.

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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| 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 |

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| 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