



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

There's nothing like a couple of good temptations to get our minds wandering from God. Or, hopefully, to push us fleeing headlong into God's arms as we seek protection against evil.

Temptation to sin is part of human existence, and, since Jesus was fully human, he too was tempted. The temptations we hear about in today's Gospel take place as Jesus begins his public ministry. These were not the only temptations he faced in his life. At the end of Lent we will encounter the story of the agony in the Garden as part of the Passion narrative. Up until the very end, Jesus was tempted not to accomplish the Father's will.

We may fail during these forty days. We may not live up to our baptismal faith. But we have the tools to keep trying: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the community of faith. We are in this together.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Lent is here. "Alleluia" is absent from the singing...until the Easter vigil. We fast during Lent to make room in our hearts and lives for God's love, which has to be present through charitable acts toward others. Someone said, "Faith that does not animate us to service is not faith at all. Works mean nothing if they do not inform or flow from our faith." Our faith has to be like that plant whose roots go deep.

A farmer plants corn and prays for a good rain so that the roots will go deep into the ground. That is so in a dry spell, it will survive. If it does not rain sufficiently, then the roots will stay close to the surface, and in a dry period it will wither and die; it will not survive. This Lenten period gives us the opportunity to "water" our faith so that it will not wither and die during times of trial and temptation. Lent will strengthen our relationship with God. Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, the pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels gave us a challenge for Lent:

#1 Pray five minutes each day. Find time for silent prayer (without interruption). "Dust off that pretty bible with gold lettering and pick a reading."

#2 Read about a saint each day. They are our real heroes, not AVATAR or Spiderman.

#3 Pray for the successor to be for our Archdiocese.

#4 Pray for a just solution to the immigrant policy.

#5 Most important, pick a partner and have them call and remind you each day to be sure you are following these Lenten challenges.

**Our Prayer:** Father, help us in this Lenten season to listen frequently to Your word, to celebrate more fervently a greater love for Christ, and may the Holy Spirit be our teacher, that we may encourage those in doubt and error to follow what is true and good. We make this prayer in Your Son's name. Amen.



**Centering Prayer**

March 2, 16 & 30 - 7:00 pm  
In the church

*Rest In Peace*

*Died in Christ:*

**Mary Whitlock  
Loretta Day**



**Get on the Bus:** Olga and I would sincerely like to thank everyone who made last week-end's campaign for Get on the Bus such a success. Due to your generosity, we raised almost \$1300. Thanks to Fr. Will for providing me the opportunity to address the St. Joseph community, and a special thanks to Deacon Don who not only gave us his preaching time slot but who patiently sat by and listened to me speak four times! Hope to see all of you at our Lenten Soup Night on Friday, March 5. - Shane Cuda



**Lenten Small Faith Community** - meeting every Tuesday at 7 pm, in the PAC - all are welcome.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** The temptations of Jesus in the desert, as told by Luke, was not the first time Jesus was tempted, nor the last. But Luke, like Matthew, uses these three temptations in a powerful way to depict the frequent experiences of Jesus. He struggled with the difficult possibilities open to him in carrying out his mission right up to the agony in the garden. As a human being he was always free to choose his path. But Jesus was also conscious of his loyalty and relationship with God. Nothing will deter Jesus from establishing the Kingdom of God. His deepest trust is to follow God's plan and to carry out his mission according to that plan and none other. Jesus rejects Satan and places his trust in the guidance of God, no matter where that might lead.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe a time when you asked for proof of God's care for you. \* Recall an incident when you chose to accept or get out of an everyday hardship in your life. \* Tell of a time when a temptation revealed something to you about God or yourself. \* Relate an experience from your life when you wondered whether God cared for you or not. \* What besides "bread" satisfies the hungers in your life?

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE PROFESSION OF FAITH



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** Today our teachers will be instructing the children in grades Kg. - 5th grade on child abuse prevention. We are mandated by the Archdiocese to include this important information in our curriculum.

**Open House:** Our annual Open House will take place on Sunday, **March 7**, after the **9 am and 10:30 am Masses**. Please come to the hall and enjoy coffee and donuts hosted by our Middle School Program and view the beautiful displays from our Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School Programs. Our Early Childhood children will be singing after the 9 am Mass.

**Sacrament Program:** First Reconciliation Workshop for our 2nd Year children & parents will take place today from **2-4:30 pm**. This workshop is for both school and religious education families. Guest speaker is Sr. Kathleen Burns.

**Early Childhood:** Regular 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 ends this week. All orders must be in by Wednesday, **Feb. 24**. Please support our program and 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**.

**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 I feel tempted to do wrong, how do I remain strong in my faith?

**Child:** When and where do I like to pray?

**Teen:** What tempts me to believe I am not good enough the way I am?

**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** - Please join us in praying for the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to natural death. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, **7:00 pm**, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

First, congratulations Jean Longaberger. She got the word this week that she is cancer free! Again the power of prayer.

**Our retreat** was great, very successful. It could not have been done without all the great people who helped. We were blessed to have Bishop Pevce. Thanks to Betty Maligie for initiating the bishop's attendance. Comments we heard: everything was perfect, food was good, Bishop's lectures were enjoyed. A big thank you to Susan & Jim Klodt who picked up the bishop in San Diego, and Terry Tibor and Harriet Miller who took him back.

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

**March 1** - Next meeting.

**March 5** - Please support our Soup Night!

**March 15** - Our get together and announcements.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

**Parish Soup Dinner & Lenten Reflection Night - Mar. 5**

The evening will begin at **6 pm** with a selection of homemade soups and continue with a time for spiritual enrichment. Our guest speaker for the adults is Sr. Kathleen Burns. Children will have their own session with Lenten activities. The evening will end at **8 pm**.

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be welcomed and proceeds will be given to the "Get on the Bus" organization. For information or to volunteer to help, please call the Religious Education Office, **598-0519**.

**Confirmation Year I** - Regular sessions 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** - We are in the final stages of Confirmation Preparation. Year II Candidates are meeting in their small groups starting Sunday, **Feb. 28 - Mar. 5**. 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 \$3647 towards the \$6,000.



**Parish Directory**

A big *thank you* to all who participated in taking photos for our parish directory. 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 - Feb. 27, 6-11 pm.** \$25 ticket includes dinner, \$100 of chips to be used at gaming tables including slot machines, and a 5X7 photo. Tickets must be purchased in advance & will be sold after all Masses Feb. 20 & 21 or 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 For the Poor** - Rev. David L. Delich, O.P. will be speaking at all Masses, **Feb. 27 & 28**, about providing relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He will share about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please welcome him.

**Lenten Reflection** - by Fr. Stephen Gross OFM Saturday, **Feb. 27**, St. Hedwig Church, 8:30am Mass-12:30pm. Refreshments served after Mass. For info: Diane Halal, 596-3162, or Anne Killian, 714-891-5526.

**Luck of the Irish Benefit Dinner March 7**, 3:30 Mass at the Cathedral, 5:30 dinner at the Center at Cathedral Plaza. Proceeds support the work and repair of the Sacred Heart Retreat House. Info: 626-289-1353 ext. 203.

**Did You Know? Office of Assistance Ministry** deals with allegations of sexual abuse by clergy, religious and any lay person working or volunteering for the archdiocese. The office was charged with creating a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward, while ensuring that authorities are notified and victims are provided counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Directed by Ms. Healy, 213-637-7650, the office also advises Catholic parishes & schools coping with issues of sexual abuse of minors. The hotline number to report sexual abuse is 800-355-2545. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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

**Next Week:** Watch for the "homeless kit envelopes" on the cross in church.

**Next Month:** Feed-A-Baby food drive. **Help!!** We need a family or group to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby collection - only once per year**. Tim Clark will 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. All donors will be entered into a drawing to receive a free dinner at Lucille's Steakhouse. For more information, contact Pat Murach, 909-268-3619.

**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](mailto:gentryrb@aol.com) or Phil Tondreault at [patondre@hotmail.com](mailto: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 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
- MONDAY, February 22**  
 8:00 AM - † Ana
- TUESDAY, February 23**  
 8:00 AM - † Marion Dellavalle
- WEDNESDAY, February 24**  
 8:00 AM - † John Higginson
- THURSDAY, February 25**  
 8:00 AM - † Marc Edwards
- FRIDAY, February 26**  
 8:00 AM - † Bonifacio Chong Bacaltos
- SATURDAY, February 27**  
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, February 28**  
 7:30 AM - † Maria and Domenico Dang  
 9:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living  
 10:30 AM - † Pearl Olivier  
 12:30 PM - † Frank Aimone

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, 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 & Justin Wolsey.

## 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 |

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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