




From the Pastor's Desk:

In the Gospels, it is at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and at his transfiguration that a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my chosen Son." This manifestation of God's glory through a voice from the cloud sets the stage for what

is to follow. Jesus' teaching, miracles, preaching, death, and resurrection are all heralded by the announcement that he is God's chosen Son.

In this Lenten season, as we prepare for the annual renewal of our baptismal vows at Easter, we recognize that we too are God's chosen sons and daughters. In baptism we became one with Christ. Baptism heralded what we are to be: men and women who live and act like Christ each day. We know that we don't always do this, and so we use these forty days before Easter to return to the Lord so that we may faithfully live the life of Christ.




EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, March 4, 6-8 pm

From Deacon Don's Desk:




I'm going to "steal" a mini-homily from a Jesuit priest, John Powell, SJ. He tells of his philosophy student, Tommy (an atheist) at Loyola U. of Chicago who came to him and said, "Do you think I will ever find God?" "No" replied Powell, "but I think God will find you." Years later Tommy returned to John Powell to tell him he had terminal cancer. Tommy said, "I want to find God, or at least to be in the right place at the right time to be found by Him." Powell told him to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them. Within a week Tommy reported to Fr. Powell that in doing what he told him, he had a genuine and deep encounter with God, they found each other. Tommy died three months later. Fr. Powell said that in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God. St. John's letter says, "If you say you love God, yet you hate your brother or sister, you are a liar." The Transfiguration is not meant for Jesus alone. It is meant for us to experience God's love as His children through Jesus. The problem is we have devalued love like our present day currency. Two things to remember: if we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom. God cannot stop loving us. And, God loves us as we are, not as we would like to be. As the saying goes, "You don't have to get good to get God, you have to get God to get good." Listen to God again at Mt. Tabor, "You are my child, I love you. Listen to My Son."

Our Prayer: Father, we pray for a true transformation during this Lenten season and for the ability to get properly oriented so as to live the life You intended for us. We make this our Lenten resolution so that Easter will find us spiritually renewed. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



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

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Anna Williams



Get on the Bus
Hope to see all of you at our
Lenten Soup Night on
Friday, March 5.



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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
IN PRAYER, LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: One of the key themes in Luke's Gospel is glory. As Jesus is transfigured, Moses and Elijah appear "in glory." When the apostles awake, they see only Jesus' "glory." Moses and Elijah reveal that Christ's passage would be through suffering to glory. The voice of God identifies Jesus as God's chosen son, and commands the apostles to listen, to listen to what Jesus has just announced - his approaching death and resurrection. In this passage, the glory of God will be revealed.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when you stopped to listen closely to another person. * Relate an event that enabled you to carry on through a difficult time in your life. * What are some "mountaintop" experiences in your life? * Describe a hardship you experienced that made you a better person. * Share an experience in your life that you wanted to last forever, that you wished would never end. * Tell of a time when you were frustrated trying to share an intense experience with others.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Next week: Open House and singing in the hall after Mass. Remember to wear t-shirts, invite your friends and family, and bring cameras!

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Together In Mission - A big thank you to the families who have made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$37,459** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$53,667**. Thank you for your continued generosity. There are envelopes in the church and in the rectory if you would like to make a pledge for this very worthwhile cause. The people of the archdiocesan schools and parishes who receive the help will very much appreciate it.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: God tells the apostles to listen to Jesus. What helps me to listen more closely to Jesus?

Child: What helps me to listen to Jesus?

Teen: What role does silence play in my Lenten journey?

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

Please note - we are always looking for new members - come join us!

March 1 - Meeting - we are planning a casino day trip some time in March. More info to follow.

March 5 - Friday - soup night - support Shane Cuda, our deacon in training, for his "Get on the Bus." We need your help. Donations are welcomed.

March 15 - Announcements, games, etc.

Note: Heard from Bishop "Lefty" - he said that he arrived in Cleveland in 15 degree weather and that our Senior Group was very organized! Anyone who has photos from our mini retreat, please get copies to Olga.

July 12-14 - Carl's Country Western Party at Riverside, 3 days, 2 nights, more info to follow. Keep dates open!

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Congratulations to Hugo and Miriam Jorda who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary March 10.

SOUP NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Friday, **March 5**, for our **Parish Soup Dinner & Lenten Reflection Night**. 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**.

There will be **NO Stations of the Cross** on **March 5** due to the Lenten Reflection Night and **No Stations of the Cross** on **March 12** due to First Reconciliation.

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.

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.

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.

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? Sign Up for Wireless Amber Alerts - The first three hours after a child is abducted are the most critical to recovery efforts. Wireless Amber Alerts, an initiative of the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children and the wireless industry, have the potential to reach more than 242 million wireless subscribers with information to help bring abducted children home quickly and safely. You can sign up to receive free text message alerts in one of three easy ways: 1. Text AMBER followed by a space and five-digit ZIP code to AMBER (26237); 2. Visit www.wirelessamberalerts.org; or 3. Register on your wireless carrier's website. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

The collection of **children's books** for the Easter delivery was a **huge success** last year! The children were thrilled to receive the books. Again we are asking for new or "**gently used**"



books for the children (ages 3-16). There will be boxes at each door March 6-7 & 13-14. Please bring a book or two to help the children of our gift basket families for Easter.

Please call Patty Brio, **425-5964**, to deliver for Easter on the morning of **March 27**. We are short on drivers.

The "homeless kit envelopes" are on the cross in the back of the church. Instructions are inside. Call with Q's.

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.

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.

YLI Casino Trip to Harrah's Rincon will leave from El Dorado Park **March 26**. Tickets are \$16 with a \$10 gaming coupon back. Proceeds go to our seminary fund and other local charities. Tickets: Mary Brown, 598-0842.

South Coast Interfaith Council 57th Assembly, Mar. 8, 6-8 pm, St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita, \$25/person, dinner included (reservations by Mar. 1, 562-983-1665).

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 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
- MONDAY, March 1**
 8:00 AM - † Richard Parent
- TUESDAY, March 2**
 8:00 AM - † Richard Parent
- WEDNESDAY, March 3**
 8:00 AM - Laverne Kelly, Special Intention
- THURSDAY, March 4**
 8:00 AM - Peggy Montello, Special Intention
- FRIDAY, March 5**
 8:00 AM - Patricia Contreras, living
- SATURDAY, March 6**
 5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter
- SUNDAY, March 7**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Bradley Williams
 10:30 AM - † Bernadette & Fermin Lopez
 12:30 PM - Mickey & Hugo Jorda, 60th Anniversary

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, 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, Jeanne Desmond & Juanita Herrera.

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	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
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	Ava Baldwin

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	Robert Madura	594-4811
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephparishcommunity.com	

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	

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