



From the Pastor's Desk:

God's promise to Moses in this week's first reading from the Book of Exodus was that he would free the people of Israel from slavery in the land of Egypt. Now that we've been thoroughly into Lent for a while, we have each

probably discovered what sins we are slaves to. It is not slavery in the land of Egypt from which we seek liberation. Rather, it is the sin to which we are beholden day after day that needs to be broken by the power of God.

While fasting from food or drink is often in vogue during Lent, it might also be time to fast a bit from some of the noise of our world so that we can have some quiet time for self-reflection. This may be the week to turn off the cell phone or television for a brief period of time and listen to God speak to our hearts.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Have you reflected on the Preface, the prayer just before the Consecration? It is a very meaningful prayer, reflecting the spirit of Penance.

"Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You

thanks. This great season of grace is Your gift to your family to renew us in spirit. You give us strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve You in freedom. You teach us how to live in this passing world, with our hearts set on the world that will not end. Now, with all the saints and angels we praise You for ever.

Moses, in the first reading, experiences God as one who cares. Moses grew in intimacy with God, a good example for us. Reflect on God's closeness and care to us when reading the Responsorial Psalm. He pardons our iniquities, heals our ills, secures justice of all the oppressed. He is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. It doesn't get any better than that! In the Gospel, Jesus says to repent.

How does God fit into our Lenten time? It's time to check our priorities and pay attention to our growth as persons. Am I fulfilling the design that God has planned for me?

Last month in service to Project Achieve we need to thank the "hands that made the work light." Madeline Majick (and Steve who sliced the chicken), Chris Bauss, Darryl & Agnieszka Corpolongo, Celeste and Al Shaheen, and Mary Lou and Tim Clark, and Natalie. It was nice to get an applause for the fine dinner provided. The real hit was the 60 bath towels donated, they were overwhelmed!

Our Prayer: 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, "Do whatever He tells you." May Your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and salvation of souls. Amen. St. John Vianney, pray for us.



Centering Prayer

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Is my Lenten experience bringing me to a new way of thinking and a new way of being?

Child: What are ways Jesus helps me to grow?

Teen: Who among my friends is in most need of a helping hand? What can I do week to show them God's love?

Together In Mission - A big thank you to the families who have made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$46,789** 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.

Chrism Mass March 29 - please call deacon Don & Tina for carpooling to the Cathedral.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The fig tree in the parable in today's Gospel represents Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the center of God's chosen people. He loved and cared, cultivated and fertilized. It is time for Jerusalem to bear fruit, but Jerusalem failed. The coming of Jesus as the "sign" of God's love for people can be seen as an extra time of grace given to Jerusalem. But by the time the Gospel was written, Luke's audience would know that Jerusalem had been destroyed. The parable also carries a caution for us: Unless we reform, we too will perish, just as Jerusalem did.

Life Focus: * Tell how God's calling caused you to look inward and make positive change in your life. * *What are some "fruits" you need to cultivate more carefully in your life?*

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
THE NEED OF ONGOING REFORM



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Open House: Our annual Open House takes place today 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 will be held on Friday, **March 12**, at **7:00 pm** in the church.

Stations of the Cross: Our annual portrayal of the Stations of the Cross will be held on Sunday, **March 14** in the hall at **11:00 am**. Families, friends, and parish community are invited to join us.

No Class on Sunday, **March 21**, due to the Religious Education Congress.

Early Childhood: Today is Religious Education's Open House! Regular class today & singing after Mass. Register for 2010-2011 today. Look for Shannon and Sarah and please sign up for next year. Our program fills quickly and we want you to be a part of it. Thank you to all our teachers for their hard work preparing for 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!



St. Joseph Senior Group

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

March 15 - Collecting for casino trip - checks preferred.

March 23 - Trip to Pechanga Casino. Cost \$16, \$5 returned in cash or toward buffet. Includes bus driver tip. Bus leaves promptly at 8 am. Please bring bottled water.

July 12-14 - Keep dates open! Carl's Country Western Party at Riverside, 3 days, 2 nights, more info to follow. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

There will be **NO Stations of the Cross** on **March 12** due to First Reconciliation.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Sr. Bernadette Murphy

former teacher at St. Joseph School



Lenten Calendar

Sunday	March 7	Third Sunday of Lent	
Friday	March 12	First Reconciliation - School and Religious Education	
		NO STATIONS	
Sunday	March 14	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
		RE Stations of Cross - hall	11 am
Friday	March 19	St. Joseph Feast Day	
		Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
Sunday	March 21	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
		Start of Parish Retreat with Fr. Ken Deasy	
Monday	March 22	Parish Retreat with Fr. Ken	after 8 am Mass & 7 pm
Tuesday	March 23	Parish Retreat	after 8 am Mass & 7 pm
Wednesday	March 24	Parish Retreat	after 8 am Mass & 7 pm
Thursday	March 25	Parish Retreat	after 8 am Mass
		Parish Reconciliation Service	7 pm
Friday	March 26	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
Sunday	March 28	Palm Sunday	
Monday	March 29	Chrim Mass - Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels	
Thursday	April 1	HOLY THURSDAY	
		Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours	8 am
		Mass of the Lord's Supper	8 pm
		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	after Mass until 11 pm
Friday	April 2	GOOD FRIDAY	
		Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours	8 am
		Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	1:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
Saturday	April 3	HOLY SATURDAY	
		Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours	8 am
		Easter Vigil Service	8 pm
Sunday	April 4	EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN! Masses	7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:30

The students of St. Joseph Elementary School will take to the track in the first annual Jog-a-thon to raise money for computers for the classrooms. The 300 students are planning to raise \$15,000 for 20 Apple computers. After raising money through flat-fee sponsorships, the students will run for 20 minutes each (approximately 2 miles) on **March 26**. They will finish up the day with a rally to celebrate their success and award prizes for the students and classes that raise the most money. If you would like to sponsor a student or make a donation for the computers, please contact the school office, 596-6115.

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 Week: Feed-A-Baby food drive. Please bring non perishable food and supplies. **Help!!** We need a family or group to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby collection - only once per year. 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.

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!**

Thank You for your generous donations to the **Hands of Mercy House Building Project**. The Candidates raised \$1918 Feb. 20 & 21. Milli Grazie to all who ate at Dominico's. You raised \$386. Our parish community, the candidates' families and friends have put us within reach of our \$6000 goal. We now stand at \$5952. Wow!

Confirmation Year II - Hands of Mercy house build is quickly approaching. We need 15 teens to come early. We'll begin at 9 am until 1 or 2 pm. Call the RE Office if you would like to come by 7 am. Please let your coaches know ASAP. We can provide written statements for an excused absence. There is no make up for this event.

Confirmation Year I - We are looking for a parent team to head up our rehearsal dinner for the Year II candidates on May 14. The team will need to organize our Year I candidates for set up, serving, and clean up crews. Please contact the RE Office to volunteer, 598-0519.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region March fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children. Please call for an appt:

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

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.

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.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, **March 14**.

Did You Know? CyberTipline - a means of reporting incidents of child sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, and/or distribution of child pornography; online enticement; child prostitution; child sex tourism, etc. Mandated by Congress, CyberTipline allows the public to assist law enforcement by providing one streamlined reporting tool that enhances information sharing and collaborative efforts to combat these crimes. Reports may be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week online at www.cybertipline.com or at 800-843-5678. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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, 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

MONDAY, March 8

8:00 AM - † Mary Whitlock

TUESDAY, March 9

8:00 AM - † Dominico and Maria Dang

WEDNESDAY, March 10

8:00 AM - Deacon Joe Mizerski, living

THURSDAY, March 11

8:00 AM - † Giovina Anselmo

FRIDAY, March 12

8:00 AM - Louise Dang and family, living

SATURDAY, March 13

5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families

SUNDAY, March 14

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Richard Parent

10:30 AM - † James Clinton

12:30 PM - † Thomas McDonough

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 & Robert Maney.

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	

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	310-316-3477
	www.cceofla.org/schedule.htm	

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
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	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE