



From the Pastor's Desk:

It's great to shout praise! Hosanna and hooray for Jesus! We all like to be part of a winning team. The crowds loved him. The apostles had a great time. It was all very exciting. In today's celebration we miss the subsequent chapters of Luke's Gospel between the joyful entrance and the sorrowful passion. We don't hear in sequence the accounts of the building conflict as Jesus taught in the Temple day after day. But the proclamation of the Passion today leaves no doubt about the outcome. Jesus will be crucified.

We know that his death is not the end. If it were, we wouldn't be here today. Even as we hear the tale of his suffering and death, we hold in our hearts the faith that he lives. That promise of life is what makes all the difference. It is our hope that we will be with him in paradise.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Anthony Padovano, in his book "Who is Christ?" writes, "The suffering of the cross is not meant for itself but for something else. Christ does not suffer because suffering is in itself a value but because **love without restraint requires suffering**. (Gee, that sounds like something Fr. Ken Deasy said in last week's retreat.) We are saved not by the physical death of Jesus but by the **absoluteness of a love** which did not count death too high a price."

Fr. Rolheiser once wrote that Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the cross because Jesus was too weak and wearied. Simon was forced to carry the cross. We don't know any details other than he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. It may have been an irritation and humbling, even shameful. Helping a person to carry a cross in front of a jeering crowd isn't exactly like helping Tiger Woods carry his golf clubs! The cross of Jesus comes in many forms: whenever you take care of an aging parent living close by; whenever you are the parent of a handicapped child doing things ordinary parents aren't asked to do; whenever you are the one an emotionally needy person reaches out to; when you are the one with a gentle nature that makes it tough to say no when people take advantage of you; you are Simon of Cyrene helping Jesus carry the cross. Henri Nouwen wrote, "I used to get upset about all the interruptions to my work until one day I realized that the interruptions were my real work."

Our Prayer for Priests: Heavenly Father, 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 follow her words, "Do whatever he tells you." May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love seeking nothing but Your greater glory & salvation of souls. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Lk 24:1-12
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



Centering Prayer

**March 30 - 7:00 pm
In the church**

Chrism Mass March 29 - Please call Deacon Don and Tina for carpooling to the Cathedral.

PALM SUNDAY / DEATH AND LIFE



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The Passion narrative in Luke's Gospel pulls together many of Jesus' teachings. The Last Supper recalls the meals Jesus shared with outcasts and sinners. Jesus uses this meal and the cross as the entry to the fullness of the heavenly banquet where we will eat again with him and with each other. On the way to Calvary, he continues to call the people to repent, to change their hearts. Jesus continues to reach out and forgive, even from the cross. He forgives his killers and offers salvation to the repentant thief. Jesus dies as he lives, the obedient and faithful servant of God. Because of this he is raised up in the kingdom.

Life Focus: * What crosses do you carry in your everyday life - sickness, AIDS, marriage conflicts, backbiting and jealousy in personal relationships, etc.? * *How do you deny Jesus in your everyday life?* * Jesus suffered when he was innocent. What does this say to you? * How could you be Christ-like in your daily persecutions? * *In what way do the people who make you unhappy affect your being a Christian?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: No Class April 4 for Easter and **April 11** for catechist-in-service. The religious education office will be closed April 5-9.

Sacrament Program: The second workshop for our **Year I** families will take place today from 2-3:30 pm in the hall. Child care for siblings will be available.

Middle School: No class April 6 for Easter vacation.

Early Childhood: Easter Celebration today!!! Let us be glad as we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus! No class next week. Happy Easter!

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!

Confirmation Year II - We have met our goal! Thanks to everyone who helped us achieve our commitment to Hands of Mercy with a total of \$6252.

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 organize our Year I candidates for set up, serving, and clean up crews. Please contact Roberta Taylor, 402-6202. This is not optional. You will be scheduled as needed, 5-7 pm or 7-9 pm. We also need parents or sponsors to supervise.

Save the Date

The annual **Vacation Bible Camp** will take place this year at St. Cornelius, **July 12-16** from 9 am to noon. This year's theme is **Galactic Blast!** The Vacation Bible Camp is a cooperative effort of parishes in our area - St. Joseph, St. Cornelius, and St. Maria Goretti.

Adult volunteers are needed: teachers, classroom aides, playground supervisors, nutrition/snack helpers, craft helpers, etc. Please call Virginia or Marianna at the religious education office, 598-0519, for information.

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! Our meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays, from noon to 3:00 pm.

April meetings - April 5 and 19

Keep open fair dates: April 23 - 25.

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.

Grief Support Group - Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss/layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Tuesday, **April 13**, at 7:00 pm in the PAC and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support offered free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information, please call, Olga Cuda 594-4657 (rectory office) or Dave Desmond 429-3316.

Yankee Candle Delivery - Orders may be picked up on Sunday, **March 28**, at the rectory garage between **8:15 am and 12 noon**. If you cannot pick up this day, please call Marianna, **598-0519**, to make arrangements.

Thank you to all who participated in our religious education fundraiser. Our profit of \$900 will support our program and keep our tuition fees the same.

Good Friday Collection - On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

Lenten Calendar

March 28	Palm Sunday	
March 29	Chrism Mass - Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels	
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
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
April 3	HOLY SATURDAY	
	Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours	8 am
	Easter Vigil Service	8 pm
April 4	EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN! Masses	7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:30

Congratulations to **Blane Edwards** who was accepted with honors at Ser-vite High School for the 2010-11 year.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: With which character in the passion story do I most identify? Why?

Child: How can I share my love for each member of my family this week?

Teen: When did I let someone down who trusted me? How did I feel?

Mary's Garden - The Liturgical Environment Committee this year is asking the parishioners of St. Joseph's to help raise money to refurbish Mary's Garden. You can do this by sponsoring an Easter lily for \$15 or any amount. The sponsorship can be made in the name of the family or in memory of a loved one. A member of the Liturgical Environmental Committee will be by the garage after all the Masses on **March 28**. There will be a drawing of what it will look like when completed!

We invite all of you to join us to set up the church for Easter week on Palm Sunday, **March 28**, at 1:30 pm. We are in serious need of a helper with a very tall ladder as we need to cover the crucifix.

April 3, 9 am, we'll be getting the church ready for Easter. We'll need a very tall ladder again. Please contact Alexis Lewis with any questions, 234-7907.

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!**

Together In Mission - A big thank you to the families who have made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$52,816** 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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Apr. 20 - St. Albert the Great, Rancho Dominguez, 310-329-7548

Apr. 23 - St. Linus, Norwalk, 562-921-6649

Apr. 24 - St. John Fisher, Rancho PV, 310-377-5571

Did You Know? Keep Kids Safe During Child Abuse Prevention Month

- During April, Catholic school and religious education students throughout the Archdiocese will wear bright blue ribbon-shaped stickers that say "Keep Kids Safe." The Archdiocese's "Keep Kids Safe" campaign coincides with national Child Abuse Prevention Month. Children will be reviewing important child safety lessons this month. Parishes are also being encouraged to include in their liturgies this month specially-prepared petitions that ask God to heal abuse victims and their families. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Thanks for all of the children's books for Easter, homeless kits returned and the generous Feed-a-Baby drive. We asked a lot this Lent and you delivered! We delivered 71 gift baskets of food for Easter on Saturday - a great way to finish Lent. **Happy, holy Easter to all!!!**



Help!! We need a family or group to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby collection - once per year. Joy is in the giving.**

Diaper-a-Baby will be in June. Our wrap-up meeting for the fiscal year will be Wednesday, **May 19**, 7:30 pm.

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.

Pope John Paul II said, "All Christians must refer always and everywhere to Scripture for all their choices, becoming like children before it. They should seek in it the most effective remedy against all their weaknesses and not dare to take a step without being illumined by the divine rays of those words."

We have been cleaning out the parish database. If you did not receive an Easter mailing (Holy Week schedule and Easter envelope) you are probably not registered or have just recently registered. If you have any questions, would like to register, or need to set us straight, please call the rectory, 594-4657. Thank you!

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, March 27**
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, March 28**
 7:30 AM - † Mary Whitlock
 9:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang
 10:30 AM - † Sara Munoz
 12:30 PM - † Richard Parent
- MONDAY, March 29**
 8:00 AM - † John and Mary Lynch
- TUESDAY, March 30**
 8:00 AM - Patrick Devine, living
- WEDNESDAY, March 31**
 8:00 AM - Elizabeth Goonan and family, living
- THURSDAY, April 1**
 8:00 PM - † Margo Neiswander
- FRIDAY, April 2 - no Masses**
- SATURDAY, April 3**
 8:00 PM - Intention of Priest
- SUNDAY, April 4**
 7:30 AM - Intention of Priest
 9:00 AM - Intention of Priest
 10:30 AM - Intention of Priest
 12:30 PM - Intention of Priest

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, Eljha Carbonell, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Betty Galaz, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Rosemary Doran, Michelle Smith, 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 Christians, 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

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.ceofla.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