



From the Pastor's Desk:

Peter's speech about the risen Lord in today's first reading takes place in the home of Cornelius, who had called together his relatives and close friends to hear the message Peter spoke. On this Easter Day the initiative of Cornelius

can serve as an example for us. We hear the message that Christ is raised from the dead. We believe that through baptism in him we share in eternal life. What good news about the risen Lord are we ready to share with our relatives and friends? Cornelius did not hesitate to invite others to know more about Christ.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Blessed and happy Easter to all!

What a ride we have had this Easter season (mission with Fr. Ken and Chrism Mass), and it continues on. We are filled with so many blessings beginning with Lent when we are called to "conquer our pride," focus on self-examination in light of the Gospel values. Prayer is the key to the dying and rising. Empty ourselves - make room by fasting from self indulgence and create time for silence. It reminds me of the teacher that was explaining to her second grade class about the body and blood flowing through the veins. She asked why don't my feet turn red when I stand up, but when I am upside down the blood seems to rush to my head and it turns red?" "I know," said Tommy, "it's because it's empty!" We have journeyed through Lent and emptied ourselves waiting to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When you read this we will have feasted at the Mass of the Last Supper and then traveled the Way of the Cross (Good Friday) and come to an empty tomb. **He is risen!** Did we roll back that stone of pride? We Catholic Christians must be ready to provide an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your **hope** of eternal life. An answer found in the lector's workbook: "Hope is shorthand for the promise of the resurrection." We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." (Our profession of faith)

Pray for our candidates who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and the young children who will receive First Eucharist and our Confirmation candidates.

Our Prayer: God our Father, You teach us in both the Old and New Testament to celebrate this Passover mystery. Help us to understand Your great love for us. May the goodness You now show us confirm our hope in Your future mercy. We ask this through Your Risen Son, our Lord. Amen.

A blessed and happy Easter to all!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Centering Prayer

**April 6 and 20 - 7:00 pm
In the church**

EASTER / THE LORD HAS INDEED RISEN



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: All the Gospels agree that women were the first to come to the tomb. Mary Magdalene is always mentioned among them. The scene symbolized a new creation brought about by the Resurrection of the light of the world. The darkness suggests the darkness that covered the abyss before light first appeared. When Mary Magdalene sees the stone removed from the entrance, she runs to the disciples with the news that "the Lord has been taken from the tomb!" She saw him die a few days ago, and that prevents her from drawing any other conclusion. The two disciples run side by side to the tomb. Peter sees the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus' head, but he doesn't know how to interpret what he sees. The other disciple, the one Jesus loved and the source of this account, is the first to understand the significance of the empty tomb: "The Lord has risen." For John, all those who came to believe would be loved by Jesus and would love in return.

Life Focus: * Relate a time when you had a stone (barrier) in your faith life removed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Sacrament Program: The **First Communion Workshop** will take place on Sunday, **April 18**, from 2-4:30 pm in the hall. This workshop is for the children and parents from both religious education and the school in preparation for First Eucharist.

Middle School: No class April 6 for Easter vacation.

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

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 I - Happy Easter to all of our Year I Confirmation families. May this Easter Season bring you many blessings and spiritual renewal. We would like to remind all of our families to sign up for the Rehearsal Dinner coming up on April 14. The shifts are 5-7 pm and 7-9 pm. We also need parents to help out. Please call our chairperson Roberta Taylor, 402-6202.

Confirmation Year II - Happy Easter to all of our Year II Confirmation families. May the Easter Season bring you many blessings and spiritual renewal. We have our mini retreat on Sunday, April 18. This is taking place at St. Joseph from 6-9. We will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please make this date a priority. Rehearsal Dinner for Confirmation Sunday will be held on Friday, May 14, from 7-9. This is for sponsors and candidates only. Confirmation is on Sunday, May 16. Our sponsors and candidates will meet here at 12:00 noon.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How has my faith about the Risen Christ been nourished?

Child: What is good and new in my life?

Teen: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire me to make?

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

A happy and glorious Easter! Christ is risen!

Please keep in your prayers our seniors, so many are ill.

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.

A big **Thank You** to Father Ken for his great retreat that so many of our seniors enjoyed - we came to both sessions, morning and evening. What a free spirit he is! Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Anna O'Brien

sister of Elaine Walker

**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.

Parish Library - The parish library will be closed Easter Sunday and during the week of April 5-9.

Divine Mercy Novena of Masses April 5-11, 7pm weekdays and 5pm weekends, at Ss. Peter and Paul, Wilmington. Guest preachers every night. Confessions available. For information, please call the parish office, 310-834-5215 ext. 23 or email at sppc@sbcglobal.net.

Scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu is offering a Women's Retreat **April 9-11**, a Men's Retreat **April 23-25**, and a Married Couples' Retreat **May 14-16**. For information or registration, call 310-456-6631 or see the website: www.serraretreat.com.

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.

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.

Juvenile Detention Ministry - A young person who feels hopeless, confused and lonely needs guidance, love, knowledge and understanding. You can make a difference during this difficult time in their lives. Please join Sr. Teresa at Los Padrinos Juvenile Detention Hall as a volunteer and share yourself and your time with the incarcerated youth. Bilingual persons are especially needed. Special training is offered to help prepare you for this **rewarding** role. All volunteers must be over 21 years of age. You may select from any of the following:

- Conduct religious education instruction based on scriptural readings, Sunday 9-11 am.
 - Conduct small group Bible Study sessions on Wednesday 7-8 pm.
 - Service to youths Monday through Thursday 3-5pm including on eon one visits, preparation for the sacraments, Bible study.
 - Attend 8 am Sunday Mass with the youths.
- For information contact Sr. Teresa, 562-940-8711.

Congratulations to Kellyn Freire who achieved Second Honors for the fall semester at Connelly High School.

Connelly High School's Second annual Couture Fashion Show and Benefit, April 25. Theme: "Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover." For information call 714-776-1717.

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 - 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.

Our Lady of Refuge Religious Education is hosting a **Spring Boutique April 17, 9 am - 4 pm, and April 18, 8 am - 2 pm.** There will be quality items to give as gifts or use in your home. Food items will be for sale as well.

St. Anthony High School class of 1960 reunion Sept. 10. Please contact marydonvantravel@yahoo.com.

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, 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

MONDAY, April 5

8:00 AM - Andrew & Eve Devine & family, living

TUESDAY, April 6

8:00 AM - Cyril and Bernadette Bastable, living

WEDNESDAY, April 7

8:00 AM - † Dick Koccevar

THURSDAY, April 8

8:00 AM - † Mel and Mary Joe Deane

FRIDAY, April 9

8:00 AM - Mary Jane McCormick, living

SATURDAY, April 10

5:00 PM - † Bernadette and Fermin Lopez

SUNDAY, April 4

7:30 AM - † Richard Parent

9:00 AM - † Joseph Eno, Sr.

10:30 AM - † John Murach

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

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:

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, 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 & Joyce Frugoli.

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
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	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
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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

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	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