



From the Pastor's Desk:

For the next few weeks we'll be reading from the Book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Popular preachers on radio and television have often used the symbolism in this book in ways not consistent with a Catholic view of Scripture. Revelation is written in language that is described as "apocalyptic" - highly symbolic and somewhat obscure. What the church presents to us over the next few weeks are selections that remind us of the power of the risen Christ, that he conquers sin and death, and that he abides with us always. This is the ultimate message of the Bible's final words.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

The Resurrection is the central fact of human history. Our Lord has shown that humanity can conquer death. This is the most glorious event known to man. Of course, it is the highest point of the Church's liturgical cycle - everything hinges on it. It is the ultimate proof that He IS God. Easter is the solemnity of solemnities.

A couple of things that come to light for me: John stresses Jesus appears even when the doors are locked which points to Jesus' physical appearance and, note, they were in hiding for fear of the Jews. Next week Jesus appears to the disciples a second time and they are STILL in hiding! They are slow to believe. When did they pass from fear to believing? There appears to be a gradual coming to believe. The point is, Jesus is relentless in leading us to believe in the resurrection. Belief is confidence, faith or trust. Trust leads to hope. Remember, "hope" is shorthand for the promise of our resurrection. Someone once said, "Believing in the resurrection is more than believing in a fact, it is trusting in Jesus."

I have a quiz for you: Which sacrament was instituted in this Sunday's Gospel?

Psalm 118 is placed at most Sunday's Morning Prayer (Liturgy of Hours). It's one of my favorites because my daughter came home from first grade 25 years ago and asked us to include it in the last line at grace before meals. She quoted the last sentence, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; He loves us always, thank you God!" We've been saying it for over 25 years. Thank you St. Joseph School.

Answer to quiz: Reconciliation.

Our Prayer: Jesus, my Redeemer, at each Mass let me thank You for the supreme sacrifice You offered to free me from sin. Help me to be sorry for my sins and to resolve to follow You more closely. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Jerry McCaan



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When has my faith in the living Christ helped me overcome fear?

Child: When have I felt afraid? When do I feel peaceful?

Teen: How can I show Jesus to another person this week by how I act?



Centering Prayer

April 20 - 7:00 pm - In the church

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The appearance of Jesus that we hear about in today's Gospel involves more than a lack of understanding; it is a definite refusal to understand. Jesus agrees to Thomas' wishes concerning the wounds in his "hands" and sides." He commands Thomas to "touch" them. But sight is sufficient, and Thomas puts aside his demands. He hears only the final "command" of the Risen Jesus, to replace his unbelief with belief. John turns to those who "have not seen but who have believed." The things "written in this book" challenge those who never saw Jesus to believe.

Life Focus: * Thomas stands for all believers with reservations. Recall an experience that shows Thomas in you. * *Jesus' peace is a source of spirit, forgiveness and faith.* When did you last pray for forgiveness? * Describe a time in your life when it was difficult to feel the presence of Jesus in a time of need.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Catechist-in-service today - **No Class!**

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: Our middle school students will be instructed in child abuse prevention on Tuesday, **April 12**, in compliance with the requirements from the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Next week is our last class! Have your children wear their Sunday School shirts and join us for singing and certificate presentation in the hall after class. Remember your 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!

Confirmation Year I - 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 - 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.

Scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu is offering 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.

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

We need new members - Please join us!

Meetings are 1st and 3rd Mondays, noon to 3:00 pm.

April 19 - Regular meeting and announcements.

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. Will be collecting soon.

We have some people who signed up for the fair. Olga will get in touch with you.

Keep all our Seniors in your prayers, so many are ill.

Please pray for our new Bishop.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Apr. 13. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Save the Date

The annual **Vacation Bible Camp** will take place this year at St. Cornelius, **July 12** through **July 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.

St. Bernard Church, Bellflower, 3 day mission with Fr. Felix Just, S.J. April 12: The Gospel of Luke. April 13: The Acts of the Apostles. April 14: The Christian Eucharist. Two sessions: 8:00 - 10:00 am or 6:15 - 8:30 pm. For more information, please call 562-867-2337.

Walk for Life - May 1, Veterans Park in Redondo Bch benefiting Pregnancy Help Center. Info: 310-320-8976.

Parish Library

Please visit our parish library in the Parish Activity Center on Sunday mornings and during the week from 10 am to 4 pm. Thanks to those who have donated books and tapes to our library. We have many wonderful topics and resources!

A Mass with a Healing Service April 26, 7:30 pm St. Cornelius Church, 421-8966, with Fr. Bill Delaney. Come and feel the presence of the living Lord that renews our heart to know God's love and to live a holy life, with God's goodness and grace.

Together In Mission - A big thank you to the families who have made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have just barely passed our parish goal of **\$53,667** in pledges. Please be sure to fulfill your pledge. 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.

St. Joseph High School make up placement exam April 21, 3:30-6:30 pm. RSVP at 562-925-5073 x151.

St. Anthony High School 5K pier run/walk April 24. Register online at www.runnersimage.com. For more information, please call 562-435-4496 x 1229.

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

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.

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.

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

May 19 - Holy Family, Artesia, 562-860-5973

May 21 - St. Maria Goretti, Long Beach, 562-420-1321

May 22 - Beatitudes of Our Lord, La Mirada, 562-943-5678

Did You Know? Review the Body Safety Rules

that 'Keep Kids Safe' - April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Archdiocese. This month, parents and guardians should review with their children and teens the "Five Body Safety Rules." These rules will help them to protect themselves from the harm of child sexual abuse. **Rule #1:** It's My Body - God wants me to be safe and happy. I have the right to know the body safety rules. **Rule #2:** If I have the "Uh-oh" feeling like something is wrong, then I am right! I need to ask questions. **Rule #3:** If someone makes me feel uncomfortable, I have the right to say "NO!" and "GET AWAY!" **Rule #4:** I should always tell if someone makes me feel uncomfortable or touches my private areas. I should keep telling until someone believes me. **Rule #5:** If I am abused, it is never my fault. 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. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday - On **May 2** please bring your *usable clothing* and usable household items to the truck by the hall. Please help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in desperate need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of heavy items, 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1.

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!

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 10

5:00 PM - † Bernadette and Fermin Lopez

SUNDAY, April 11

7:30 AM - † Richard Parent

9:00 AM - † Joseph Eno, Sr.

10:30 AM - † John Murach

12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, April 12

8:00 AM - † Dominico and Maria Dang

TUESDAY, April 13

8:00 AM - † Nancy Kelly

WEDNESDAY, April 14

8:00 AM - † Stan Fardula

THURSDAY, April 15

8:00 AM - † Louise Turner

FRIDAY, April 16

8:00 AM - † Bernadette Perleberg

SATURDAY, April 17

5:00 PM - † Zdzislaw Hauser

SUNDAY, April 18

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - † Violetta Nivera

10:30 AM - Ed Merk, living, Happy Birthday!

12:30 PM - † Pearl Olivier

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 | 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 & Betty Adams.

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	
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CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
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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	
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	594-4657
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Michelle Needham	922-5065
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.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