From the Pastor's Desk:

Jesus calls us all. He is the one eternal shepherd of the flock who always cares for his sheep. His followers look to him for guidance and direction. Following Christ's example, the church sometimes speaks of itself as the flock

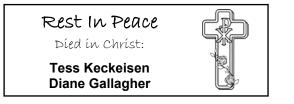
of Christ, and of its leaders as shepherds who stand in for one true shepherd. Each year the Fourth Sunday of Easter is designated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray that the Lord will send more men and women to serve in the church. You can read the Holy Father's message at: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/ messages/vocations/index_en.htm

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

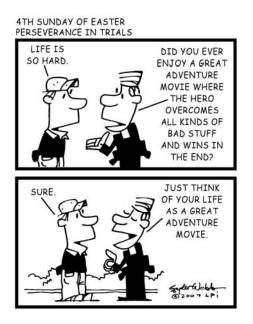
(Based on today's Bible readings) Adult: What distracts me from hearing the voice of Christ?

Child: How is Jesus like a shepherd?

Teen: How does Jesus speak to me? What new path is he asking of me?



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.





From Deacon Don's Desk:

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We kind of glossed over Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11). In 2000 Pope John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy suggests forgiveness. What greater act of forgiveness for our sins than for-

giveness through the cross of Christ. An Ignatian reflection put it this way: "The merciful person sees the pain of other people and feels their pain as his own."

I offer you who grieve the following from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: "Every tear, disappointment and grieved heart is a blank check. If we write our name on it, it is worthless. If we sign it with Christ's name, it is infinite in its value. In prosperity, Christ gives you His gifts; in suffering with faith, He gives you Himself."

"Never be discouraged. You do not have the power to relieve yourself of sorrow or grief or pain...your race is nearly run. Courage! Hope! Joy! Remember that He who has passed through Calvary and Gethsemane is at your side cheering you to victory."

"The Mass is the summit of the spiritual exercises and the center of our religion. It is the heart of devotion and the mystery in which God magnificently communicates His favors." St. Francis de Sales

Our Prayer: God of goodness, teach us to appreciate the great gift that the Mass is. Help us to make the Eucharist the summit toward which all our activities are directed and the fount from which all of our strength flows. Keep our priests ever in your protection. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel initial enthusiasm is followed by growing hostility as Jesus gives evidence of a preferential option for the poor, the outcasts, the sinners. After a violent attempt on his life, he simply walks away. This foreshadows the end of the Gospel when God will raise him from the grip of death. The crowd finds it difficult to accept Jesus as anything but Joseph's son. How could an ordinary human being obtain such wisdom? They reject the very idea that Jesus could be anything other than what they suppose him to be. But Jesus goes on to suggest that even Gentiles will be acceptable to God. At this preaching, many would know a "turning point" in their lives, even as we do whenever we turn to Christ in our own lives.

Life Focus: * Describe the time or times in your life when you had a sense of God calling you. * *Jesus pursues the outcasts. Who do you find easy to exclude? Why?* * Describe how your personal understanding and appreciation of Jesus have changed over the years. * *Relate an experience when you attempted to make Jesus and his values known to your friends, relatives and companions but were contradicted or laughed at or coldly received by them. What were your thoughts and feelings then?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Fair Weekend! Classes will take place as usual. **No Class for the next two weeks:** First Communion and Mother's Day. Last class is Sunday, **May 16**. We will celebrate with our annual May Crowning and Ice Cream Social.

Middle School: Last class is Tuesday, May 11.

Early Childhood: Parish Fair! Please remember to work your assigned shift in the Sweet Tooth Booth and have a great time! To register for Early Childhood Sunday School classes 2010-11, please contact Shannon Carpenter, 430-6840.

<u>Sunday Nursery:</u> 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!

First Communion Weekend

Our children will receive First Eucharist at all the Masses, except 7:30, on the weekend of **May 1** and **2**.

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.

Confirmation Year II - 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.



Parish Library

Please visit our library in the Parish Activity Center Sunday mornings & during the week, 10 am - 4 pm.

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 **really** need some young blood in this group - Join us - we have something for everyone. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from noon to 3:00 pm. **May meetings** - May 3 and 17.

A Day at Descanso Gardens - I will try to get a better price if we bring our own lunch and water.

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.

Remember to keep our Seniors in your prayers, so many are ill.

Our condolences to the Keckeisen family. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus are taking a two day, one night bus trip to State Line, Nevada, where you can gamble at Whiskey Pete's, Primm Valley, or the Buffalo Bill Resort & Casino. The dates are **June 9-10**. Must be 21 or older. Cost \$60, two people per room. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14;
	or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3
	or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a;
	Jn 13:31-33a; 34-35

Separated, Divorced and Widowed Ministry presents "Continuity of Prayer from Temple Times to Christian Times" Saturday, May 1, St. Basil Church, Los Angeles. Cost: \$15. RSVP by April 28, 213-637-7249. Reflect, renew and rebuild inner strength through understanding prayer from Temple Times to Christian Times. God's desire for us to change our mourning into a strong spirit can be strengthened through prayer and meditation.

Are you called to be a monk, nun, or priest? Take a free online test at www.vocationsplacement.org. For more information, please call 800-221-1807.

Mother's Day cards are in the church. They are marked "living" or "deceased." Please honor your mother by having her remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses or by purchasing an azalea plant to be placed in Mary's' Garden. Forms are available at the church doors.

Come enjoy The Parish Fair Games, rides & food! SEE YOU AT THE FIESTA!

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

St. Rose of Lima School's second annual All Alumni Reunion, Saturday, May 22, beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm. Please call Mrs. Salgado, 323-560-3376 or send your contact information to srl_alumni@hotmail.com.

St. Joseph High School, 925-5073 x882

Summer School: June 11 - July 9, morning and afternoon sessions, review, enrichment, elective, athletic. **Middle School Academy**: June 14 - July 8, Math or Language Arts. Sign up for Summer Day Camp and take courses for free.

Summer Day Camp: Five sessions, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday - May 2

Just a reminder! Bundle Sunday is next Sunday in the parking lot 8:00 am - 1:30 pm. We need your support! Remember to bring usable items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture and large appliances, please phone 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1 for home pick up. Thank you.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children. Please call for an appt: **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? Text Messaging: Know the Warning

Signs - During Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Archdiocese's "Keep Kids Safe" campaign, let's remember that monitoring a child's Internet browsing and cell phone use are important and challenging aspects of being a parent. In keeping track of your child's text messaging, with its dizzying array of coded abbreviations and symbols, there are some codes that every parent should keep his/her eyes open for. These are codes that kids use to warn others that their parents are around or that they use to talk about sex, drugs, or to arrange a meeting. A helpful tutorial for parents is located at <u>http://knol.google.com</u>. Type: "How to understand your kids' text messages" in the search box. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650. Our wrap-up meeting will be **May 19** at 7:30 pm. All are invited. What would you like to do? Find out about our activities in the coming year. We also need people to make phone calls for the Gift Basket Program.



Thanks to all the volunteers who collected for babies, donated the homeless kits, donated books for our Easter Gift Baskets, and assembled and delivered those baskets. We delivered **71 gift baskets** of food for Easter.

<u>Help!!</u> We need a family or group to oversee the Feed-A-Baby collection - once per year. Joy is in helping. Diaper-a-Baby will be in June.

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.

Walk for Life - May 1 - It's not too late to sign up for the walk at Veterans Park in Redondo Beach benefiting Pregnancy Help Center, 310-320-8976. Click on the link to the e-Walk site at <u>www.pregnancy-help-center.org</u>.

South Coast Interfaith Council 2010 Interfaith Cafes are small group discussions for laity, youth (9-12 graders) and religious leaders about how faith impacts their daily lives and allows them to relate to & appreciate those from other faith traditions. Each session consists of the same format, but with different participants. You are welcome to attend any and/or all of them! New addition - WeBelieve2, a board game produced by Pastor Duane Moret. Sundays: **May 23, June 13, July 11, August 8, 2-5 pm**. RSVP and for information, please call 562-983-1665. The **May 23** meeting will be here at St. Joseph Church.

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Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Whether you are a long-time resident, newly ar- rived, 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.				

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SATURDAY, April 24 5:00 PM - + Botelho & Salvate families SUNDAY, April 25

7:30 AM - † Tim Gormley

9:00 AM - + Kellee Murchison Bennett

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Jean Tsei

MONDAY, April 26

8:00 AM - + Fr. James Lacoste **TUESDAY, April 27** 8:00 AM - Joyce Frugoli, living WEDNESDAY, April 28 8:00 AM - † Maria & Dominico Dang THURSDAY, April 29 8:00 AM - Maryann Renteria, living FRIDAY, May 1 8:00 AM - Hai Thi Dang family, living

SATURDAY, May 2

5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners SUNDAY, May 3

7:30 AM - + Mary Whitlock 9:00 AM - + Manuel Reyna 10:30 AM - + Richard Parent 12:30 PM - Karen Camacho, living

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 Joseph Comfort Scott Williams **Timothy Ring** Adam Mariano Daniel O'Connell **David Waidelich** William G. Ouimette

Nick Compton Irene Avila Justin Rav Kenneth Mack McDonald Vincent Vezzetti Obinna Ugochukwu Dave Hoyt

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, 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, Joyce Frugoli, Betty Adams & Arlene Morales.

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