



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Jesus is risen from the dead, and today we celebrate his ascension into glory, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. This feast of hope is born out of the Easter Celebration, but also has a resonance with Christmas as well.

At Christmas we celebrated the birth of the eternal Word as one like us. Christ took on our human flesh, and in his death and resurrection forever transformed humanity. Today, as he ascends to heaven, we rejoice that we can be taken up into the kingdom of light where he reigns forever. Where he has gone, we hope to follow.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

So what's the point, Dad? My daughter had missed the gist of my homily. Let me see if I can make sense for those who do not follow baseball! Oops, I mean the Gospel. The first reading in Acts of the Apostles tells of the apostles making great strides among the gentiles. Then the Christian Jews said, Hey! They need to follow what we do - then the dissension/debate began. Holy Spirit intervened and they settled differences: avoid idolatry and incestuous marriage and follow some dietary practices. Throughout history it was not all "peaches and cream." The Church endured and survived many trials. "If anyone loves Me and keeps My word, My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him." Keeping Jesus' word is "Loving one another as He loves." Eliza Doolittle says to Prof. Higgins, "Don't talk about love - show me!" Spend a few minutes with God each day. Even a short while can help us reach out with an agape love (a doing love) that God wants us to share. As the tribal chief said to his successor, "You shall succeed me because you brought back the most precious gift, a vision of a better tomorrow." This is the vision Christians are called by Jesus to bring to the world. He tells us that the Holy Spirit will teach us everything and reminds us of what Jesus told us. His ascension into heaven is our commissioning to "build His church."

**Our Prayer:** God our Father, bless our newly confirmed. Keep them always faithful, confirm their hope in the Spirit you send to guide us. By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen our own witness of Your love. Amen.

**Priests' Appreciation Dinner - June 5**

Please come after the 5:00 pm Mass to show your appreciation for all the priests who have been serving our parish throughout this Year of the Priest. Tickets for the **free** dinner may be picked up at the rectory, or phone to make your reservation, 594-4657, **by May 19**. Thank you and we'll see you there!

Rest In Peace  
Died in Christ:  
**Michael Fahringer**



**Centering Prayer**

May 18 - 7:00 pm - In the church

**Memorial Day Mass** at All Souls Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave., **May 31**, 10 am. Presider: Bishop Oscar Solis. All are welcome!

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** What are the most influential Christian beliefs in my life? In what ways do these beliefs shape who I am and what I do?

**Child:** Why do I think the disciples felt great joy after Jesus ascended into heaven?

**Teen:** In what ways am I a witness of Jesus to the world?

ASCENSION / HEAVEN AND EARTH



**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Jesus' disappearance from sight does not mark an absence, but a new kind of presence. In the "absence" left by his ascension, we his followers are commissioned to "preach in his name to all nations." What is it we preach? That suffering and even death lead to new life and that forgiveness will be granted to all who repent. His very ascension into heaven is our commissioning on earth because, "clothed with power from on high" we are now the visible presence of Jesus.

**Life Focus:** \* What do you think we are celebrating on the feast of the Ascension? \* Does it bother you that in the U.S. we celebrate "Ascension Thursday" on Sunday? Why or why not? \* Do you believe your Baptism has commissioned you to do anything? What are you commissioned to do? \* How do you carry on the mission of Christ? \* How do you "preach" Jesus' dying and rising pattern in your life?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary Program:** Last class is today. We will celebrate with our annual May Crowning and Ice Cream Social in the hall at 11:00 am.

**Thank you** to all our wonderful catechists who share their faith with our children and youth. Their time and commitment are greatly appreciated.

**Early Childhood:** Congratulations to all those being confirmed this weekend! To register for Early Childhood (ages 3 - kindergarten) Sunday School classes 2010-11, please contact Shannon Carpenter, 430-6840.

**Sunday Nursery:** Our nursery is available during 9:00 and 10:30 Masses.

**Vacation Bible Camp**

Registration forms are available for the upcoming Vacation Bible Camp which will take place at St. Cornelius Church the week of **July 12 - 16** from 9 am to noon. This year's theme is **Galactic Blast!** VBC is for students entering Kg. through 8th grade in the fall. High school students may register as teen helpers. The cost is \$25 for one and \$15 for each additional family member **before June 21**.

Please pick up a form in either the church, rectory, school, or religious education office. For additional information, please call the religious ed. office, **598-0519**.

**Today is Confirmation Sunday!** We had 57 teen candidates make their Confirmation Sacrament with Bishop Oscar A. Solis. Four of the newly confirmed served our parish today as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). **Please let our teens know you are happy for them with a note, or prayer card in the Confirmation photo envelopes.** The board will be present until May 23 in the front of church.

**Confirmation Year I** - Great job! Year I candidates, you did a tremendous job hosting the rehearsal dinner for your Year II brothers and sisters in Confirmation. It was a big success and everyone worked so hard. Thanks to all the parents who supported the candidates and lent a helping hand.

**Host families needed** for Chinese foreign exchange students (ages 13-17) **July 11-25**. Students are in class 9-5, Mon.-Fri. Families provide meals, transportation and a bed. For info, please call Erin Kelly, 714-713-2017.

The hall will be closed from **Aug. 3-13** for floor refinishing.

**Parish Library**

The parish library in the Parish Activity Center will be closed on Sundays starting **May 23** throughout summer. You may visit the library during the hours of 10 am - 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please call the religious education office, **598-0519**, for additional information.

**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 17** - we will be collecting for **A Day at Descanso Gardens**, Thursday, **June 24**. Bus leaves 8:30 am, returns 3:30 pm. \$45 includes bus driver tip and tram ride. Bring your own lunch and water. Olga has flyers. June is the perfect time to enjoy a "Walk in the World of Roses." We need 42 people to make this trip a "Go." We can use all their picnic grounds and food can be purchased there. **July 12-14** - Carl's Country Western Party at Riverside, 3 days, 2 nights, includes 2 breakfast buffets, deluxe accommodations, bus driver's tip, baggage and room tax. Big Party - live Western music, line dancing, drawings for prizes. **Remember** - dress in Western clothes, wear your hats & boots. Double occ. \$95, single occ. \$115. Leave promptly at 9 am, return time approximately 6 pm. **One bag per person**. We need 47 people for this trip to make it a "Go." Collecting June 7, checks only please.

Please keep praying for our sick seniors.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, separated), will meet on Sunday, **May 23** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

Please visit our website, [stjosephparishcommunity.com](http://stjosephparishcommunity.com) to read the letters sent to all parishes by our new Archbishop Jose Gomez.

**Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund Collection May 16.** Your gift helps the Archdiocese of Los Angeles care for our retired priests. May God bless you.

**Cushions from Mary's Garden** - Whoever borrowed the cushions from Mary's Garden, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Pregnancy Help Center** seeking part-time nurse practitioner with furnishing license. Send resume to [agross@phctorrance.org](mailto:agross@phctorrance.org) or call 310-320-8976.

**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, at **7:00 pm**, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**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. 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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

- 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
- June 15** - St. Philomena, Carson, 310-830-6180
- June 18** - St. Bartholomew, Long Beach, 562-438-3826
- June 19** - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

**Did You Know? Choosing Safe Toys for Children** -

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Choking is a particular risk for kids ages 3 or younger because they tend to put objects in their mouths. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission closely monitors and regulates toys. For a helpful checklist on how to determine which toys are safest for young children, please visit: [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org) and click on "First Aid & Safety." For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**Help!** We need people to make phone calls for the Gift Basket Program. Please call John/Jan. We need volunteers to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby** collection.



Our wrap-up meeting will be Wednesday, **May 19** at 7:30 pm in the PAC. Come find out about our activities. 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.

**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's Casino & Resorts, **June 9-10.** Must be 21 or older. Cost \$60 per person, two people per room. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

**John Michael Talbot** Live in Concert! Free Admission! Anaheim Convention Center Arena, Saturday, **Sept. 4,** 3:30-5:00 pm. Number one Catholic recording artist in the world! For more info, [www.scr.org](http://www.scr.org), or 818-771-1361.

**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.

**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, May 15

5:00 PM - Mother's Day Novena

## SUNDAY, May 16

7:30 AM - Special Intention

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - † Melchor Atienza

12:30 PM - Mother's Day Novena

## MONDAY, May 17

8:00 AM - Mother's Day Novena

## TUESDAY, May 18

8:00 AM - Peter and Margaret Miles, living

## WEDNESDAY, May 19

8:00 AM - † Henry Chavez

## THURSDAY, May 20

8:00 AM - † Jesus Sagun

## FRIDAY, May 21

8:00 AM - † Tess Keckeisen

## SATURDAY, May 22

5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families

## SUNDAY, May 23

7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 AM - Fr. Edward Broom, living

10:30 AM - † Bernard Connell

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:

Glen Warren	Nick Compton
Joseph Comfort	Irene Avila
Scott Williams	Justin Ray
Timothy Ring	Kenneth Mack McDonald
Adam Mariano	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, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Betty Galaz, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Rosemary Doran, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Marlana 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 Langios, 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, Joe Ainge, Marianne Latham, Jason McCune & William Cervola.

## 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	
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	594-4657
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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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	
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
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.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