



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

When we hear the story of the Good Samaritan in today's Gospel, sometimes I worry that we have heard it so many times before that our ears hear it one more time without really being challenged by it. The man in the parable asks

Jesus, Who is my neighbor? We find out that the only requirement to being a neighbor is need. It is not a question of who or why or when or how, but only a question of need.

Seeing the needs of other people can make us feel a little overwhelmed by God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves. We realize that it's a big job. Mother Teresa was once asked why she continued to serve the needs of the poorest of the poor in India. Her critics reminded her that the work she was doing couldn't make a big difference when so many people were suffering and helpless. Mother Teresa looked down at the sick man she was feeding and simply stated, "It makes a difference to this one."

As we reflect on this gospel story of the Good Samaritan today, I hope that we hear it with new ears and are challenged by it. Challenged enough to show compassion to others by being a neighbor to those who need us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What person or people do I find most difficult to recognize as my neighbor?

Child: How can I love other people as God loves them?

Teen: Would I help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28;
 Mt 10:38-42

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Saturday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
 Sunday: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Christian Rock Concert at the Cathedral July 18

Outside on the Cathedral Plaza, free concert features local Jacob & Matthew Band, 7:15 pm. Info: 213-680-5205 or www.olacathedral.org. Praise God and rock out!

Parish Fair - This year's parish fair raised \$50,000. The school will use their share to replace doors in the school. The parish will put their share toward the renovation of the Parish Activity Center. Thank you to all contributors!



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Catholic relics come in three stages: 1st Class is believed to belong to the saint. 2nd Class is something the saint wore or used, i.e. clothes. 3rd Class is usually a piece of cloth or some material touched by the body of the saint.

This Wednesday, the 14th, we celebrate the feast day of St. Camillus de Lellis (1550-1614). He is the patron saint of the sick and poor, nurses and those caring for the sick. Here is a companion's reflection: "Let me begin with holy charity. It is the root of all the virtues and Camillus' most characteristic virtue....not only toward God but also to his fellow man. When taking care of patients he seemed to have exhausted himself completely. In the sick person he saw Christ. His imagination was so vivid, that while feeding them, he perceived his patients as other Christs. He would even beg them for the gift of forgiveness for his sins. He would like to plant this virtue in every human heart. Great and embracing was Camillus' charity. If there were no poor people in the world, he should have to go below the earth to look for them and rescue them, to show them compassion."

Do you know that in our chapel in the PAC we have a relic of St. Camillus de Lellis imbedded on the altar? What a gift we have that has gone without notice. Stop and pray awhile in that little chapel.

Check out the St. Joseph website then click on the "Saint of the Day."

Prayer for Infirm: All powerful and ever-living God, in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank You for giving us those who need our care. Grant that they may have the loving support of family and friends, that in good health they may be cheerful and in poor health they may not lose hope. Sustained by the help of Your blessing, let them spend their time giving praise to Your name. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel two questions are addressed to Jesus by a legal expert and Jesus answers both by posing a further question. The answer to the second question takes a bit more time. Jesus tells a shocking story. The story is shocking because the Samaritans, who were descended from Jews who had intermarried with pagans, were hated by Jesus. So, the good Samaritan looks after someone who despises him. After the story, Jesus poses a counter question, which really changes the original question from "Who is my neighbor?" to "What is involved in my being a neighbor?" the reluctant answer is "The one who treated him with compassion." And Jesus says, "Then go and do the same."

Life Focus: * In the parable of the Good Samaritan, which of the characters do you identify with? Explain
 * *When has a person you least expected shown you the way?* * *When did you feel second best or excluded? Who was or was not a Good Samaritan to you?* * *When were you a good neighbor to a stranger?* * Describe an occasion when you did *not* help a person who needed you.
 * *Who do you find it easy to pass by? Why?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary & Middle School Programs: Registration paperwork for our Fall classes will be mailed to all returning families and those who have previously contacted our office. Please complete and return by **July 15** so that we may have an accurate account for ordering books and supplies. There is a discount on the fee for returning on time. For additional information, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

Summer Office Hours: Office hours Monday-Friday are 10 am to 3 pm. Our office will be closed from **July 19 - Aug. 15**. However, you may leave a message on the answering machine as we will be checking during this time.

Early Childhood: 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.

An Invitation to Non-Catholics: If you are interested or even curious about our beliefs, we cordially invite you to join us in an exposition of the Catholic faith. You will learn all those things about the Catholic Church you wanted to know but were afraid to ask! Our meeting times are flexible. Please call Peter Baine, 598-4130.

Attention Golfers - You are invited to participate in the *Precious Life Shelter Golf Tournament* on **Sept. 22** at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress. The shelter strives to help our homeless women in crisis. Call Deacon Don, 498-6701 or 598-5202, for a registration form. If you are unable to participate by golfing, you can be a sponsor. There is something for every pocketbook! Deacon Don looks forward to your assistance.

Please visit our website, stjosephparishcommunity.com to read the letters sent to all parishes by our new Archbishop Jose Gomez.

Papal Intentions for July: That in every nation of the world the election of officials may be carried out with justice, transparency and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens. That Christians may strive to offer an effective contribution to the promotion of education, justice, solidarity and peace.

Women's Silent Retreat - Sept. 10-12 in the beautiful and serene grounds of the Sacred Heart Retreat House, Alhambra. Retreat master: Rev. Gregory Wilson, theme: "God Is Love." Reservation and payment deadline, Aug. 10. For more info, please contact Madeline Majick, 596-6219, Marie Newton, 429-7939, or Tina Gath, 598-5202.

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 Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

We are updating our medical records. Please check with Betty to get forms. **Please be sure to include a copy of both sides of your medical card.**

July Meeting: July 19 only

July 12-14 - Bus leaves at 9:00 am.

Oct. 6-13 - We are going to Branson, MO, 8 full days. Two days - Eureka Springs, Arkansas, includes "The Great Passion Play." Five full days in Branson at the Grand Victorian Hotel. We see 10 shows, dinner cruise on Branson Belle, special Noah sight & sound theater evening show. Olga has flyers. More info to follow. We need 19 people to make this a go, but hope to get 38. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

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

Attention Young Adults! Theology On Tap (TOT) a speaker series addressing faith topics relevant to young adults today at St. Cornelius from **7:00 - 9:30 pm**.
July 17 - Navigating Technology: would Jesus be on your Facebook?
July 24 - Charting Your Relationships as a Catholic
For info, contact Guadalupe 562-421-3152.

Marriage Mini Retreat, July 23 - 24, Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, Oceanside - Relationships are under more social & interpersonal pressure & stress than ever before. Jeannie Foss, MFT will be using study material associated with the movie, "Fireproof Your Marriage" with interactive exercises & prayer to help you build and strengthen your marriage. Retreat begins Friday with dinner at 6 pm followed by a showing of the movie and discussion. Come back Saturday at 9:30 am and finish with lunch. Cost: \$90 per couple. Please pre-register: 760-757-3659 or visit our website: www.sanluisrey.org.

Vacation Bible Camp

Vacation Bible Camp is this week, **July 12 - 16**. You may register on the first day. Camp hours are 9 am to 12 noon each day ending with Mass on July 16 with Bishop Solis as the celebrant. Students entering Kg. through 8th grade may register as campers for a fee of \$30.00 for one and \$20.00 for each additional member of the family.

Parish Library

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

Please join the St. Joseph Music Ministry groups for their July concert and potluck dinner. This community event will be Sunday, **July 25 at 3:00 pm** in the church. The music will feature all of the groups within our program along with a few guest performers. We're looking forward to reviving some of our favorite musical highlights of the past year. Following the concert, please join us in the parish hall for a potluck dinner. We'd love to have you join in the festivities and fun. Please visit the music area after Mass and sign up to bring a food item. Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Music Ministry throughout the years!!

Project Achieve is in need of new standard size bed pillows. Please contact Olga at the rectory office to drop off pillows or donations. Thank you once again!

St. Anthony High School Class of 1990 20 Year Reunion - Come join us for a night of memories and catching up with friends at The Grand in Long Beach, **July 17, 6:30-12:30, \$88**. To register go to: stanthony90.com or call Debbie Bondesen, 562-833-4736.

Did You Know? Child Abuse is a National Problem - According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 794,000 reported child abuse victims in 2007 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please visit <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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.

Finishing our 26th year of Movement for a Better World of St. Joseph Parish.



Join us over the summer! Call John/Jan to help the volunteers of St. Joseph Parish. We need people to make phone calls for the Gift Basket Program. Please call John/Jan for details. We also need volunteers to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby collections**.

Spend an hour Monday afternoon helping one of our committees make and deliver dinner to **Project Achieve** once a month, either of two nights in Long Beach. Help the working homeless help themselves!

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.

Meals on Wheels of Long Beach needs volunteers Monday - Friday, once a week, for about 2 hours to deliver nutritious meals to those in need. You can work in the area that you live. If you can help, please call Becky Ramirez, 562-420-9660.

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. **July 11 & August 8, 2-5 pm**. For info call 562-983-1665.




Our Parish Finance Council is looking for parishioners interested in helping with planning the update/remodel/rebuild of our Parish Activity Center. They also would like architects and contractors to bid on the job.

Please call the rectory office, 594-4657, for information.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

- July 20** - St. Raymond, Downey, 923-4509
- July 23** - St. Martha, Huntington Park, 323-585-0386
- July 24** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, 692-3758



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a special way to celebrate and enhance your marriage. There are spaces available for the next weekend, **July 30-Aug. 1**. For more information, please call Jacob and Sarah Flores, 562-923-7335 or go to www.ilovemypouse.org.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, July 10**
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, July 11**
 7:30 AM - † Patricia Reischl
 9:00 AM - Paul A. Lavoie, living
 10:30 AM - † Richard Parent
 12:30 PM - † Stanley Ferdula
- MONDAY, July 12**
 8:00 AM - † Dang family
- TUESDAY, July 13**
 8:00 AM - † Primitivo Chingcvangco
- WEDNESDAY, July 14**
 8:00 AM - † Hugh Campbell
- THURSDAY, July 15**
 8:00 AM - † Vu family
- FRIDAY, July 16**
 8:00 AM - † Lorenzo Acargen
- SATURDAY, July 17**
 5:00 PM - † Julie Uehlin
- SUNDAY, July 18**
 7:30 AM - † Tess Keckeisen
 9:00 AM - † Richard Parent
 10:30 AM - † Manuel Reyna
 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:

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| 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 |
| Timmy Allison | |

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 Langlios, Carlos Franco, Dave Gallagher, John Flaherty, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Justin Wolsey, Jeanne Desmond, Juanita Herrera, Robert Maney, Joyce Frugoli, Betty Adams, Joe Ainge, Marianne Latham, Jason McCune, William Cervola, & Den Goldberg.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION Gene Ensich 421-0147
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 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
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 Teri Traucht
 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Dave Desmond 429-3316
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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tom & Pat Halliwell 799-0921
 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Greg & Beth Gath 377-5877
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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE