



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

On Monday afternoon I had the opportunity to visit with the St. Joseph Senior Group. I shared with them some of my personal story and my journey that has now led me to St. Joseph Parish.

I felt very welcomed and enjoyed listening to the shared experiences of the group. Many of them have been part of the St. Joseph community for many years, having raised their families here within our faith community. We can all benefit from the wisdom of our Senior Group. They were here before us and have welcomed us into this vibrant faith community. They may call themselves seniors but their faith and their commitment is young and full of energy.

Today's gospel reading tells us that if we ask, we will receive; if we seek, we will find; and if we knock, the door will be opened to us. Our Senior Group has certainly opened the door to all of us here.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we continue to welcome new people who come to us, with the same enthusiasm that our seniors have welcomed us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I experience prayer? As conversation? Listening? Confessing? Pleading? Just being with?

Child: What am I most thankful for right now?

Teen: What can I do each day to improve the frequency and the quality of my prayer?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10; 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Suggestion Box - Please feel free to use the suggestion box located in the hallway between the church and school, or the one found on our parish website. If you would like a response, please include a way to reach you.

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - Noon, **Sunday:** 8:30 am - 12:30 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, at **7:00 pm**, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Persistence surpasses genius. ... President Calvin Coolidge. For me that is the essence of the first reading in Genesis 18:20-32, the height of persistence. There is a lesson here. And in the parable that Jesus uses, He stresses the neighbor's persistence. We are called to be persistent in prayer. The 'desert' often happens, but that is part of prayer. Our prayers of petition are answered by God, BUT in God's time. He knows what is best for us. God is never outdone in generosity. There is a story of a Danish peasant who on his deathbed asked his son to promise him one thing, that the son would sit alone daily for 20 minutes in the best room of the house. The son kept the promise and in time became the most respected leader in his village. Have your prayers been answered, but in a way that you least expected?

Home Blessing: Lord, be close to your servants who live in this home and ask for Your blessing. Be their shelter when they are at home, their companion when they are away, and their welcome guest when they return. Receive them into the dwelling place You have prepared for them in Your Father's house, where You live forever and ever. Amen.

Did you know that if you have a prayer request, you may submit it online at la-archdiocese.org? When you get into the website, click on the "participation" button, then go to "office of worship" and then "prayer request." You will then be invited to enter a petition online. The website reads: "Your prayer needs are very important to us, and once a week Cardinal Mahony will celebrate a special Mass for the intentions of all who have submitted a prayer request. In addition, the Cardinal and the priests associated with the Cathedral will keep your intentions in their daily prayers."

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Luke gives us his version of the Lord's Prayer, slightly different in wording from Matthew's version. It would seem that Jesus taught his disciples *how* to pray without giving them a precise formula. The central request is for the coming of God's reign. Physical nourishment is necessary as people await the reign, and Luke suggests that it will be a long wait by adding the significant "each day." One attitude is singled out: mutual forgiveness modeled on God's own forgiveness. One quality of prayer is stressed: perseverance. Eventual success is assured and in the process one stays in touch with God.

Life Focus: * When has there seemed to be no answer to Your prayer? What has been your response? Describe the change in yourself. * *From your experience, what keeps you praying or not praying?* * We all need "daily bread." What does this *bread* include for you? * *How are you affected when you are slow to forgive?* * Who in your life do you need to forgive (include yourself)? * *Reflect on a time when your prayer was answered in a different way than you expected.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary & Middle School Programs: Registration paperwork for our Fall classes have been mailed. Please complete and return as soon as possible so that we may have an accurate account for ordering books and supplies. For additional information, or if you did not receive your registration paperwork, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

Sacrament Program: Preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a **two-year process** which usually starts at the first grade level. Older children may receive the sacraments through our **RCIA for Children Program** which is also a two-year process. Please call our R.E. office, **598-0519**, for further information.

Summer Office Hours: 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 messages 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.

Adult Confirmation Course starting **September 12** through December, 9-11:15 am, at Our Lady of Refuge. Please call our religious education office, **598-0519**, to sign up or for more information.

Adult Faith Formation: RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is for unbaptized adults who seek initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. RCIA is also for baptized adults, Catholic or not, who seek full initiation into the church. All are welcome! Come to learn more about our faith! Meeting times are flexible. Please call Peter Baine, 598-4130.

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.

Mass with Healing Service - July 26, St. Cornelius Church, 7:30 pm. Presider: Fr. Patrick Moses, pastor of St. Irenaeus. Come, bring your friends and receive the Pentecostal healing touch of the Holy Spirit.

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.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

July 19 was very successful. We welcomed Fr. Jim Halley to our parish. He had a super question and answer period, and we were informed about his family and his childhood, and we all loved it!

August Meetings: August 2 & 16

Oct. 6-13 - Branson, MO trip is being altered to get the cost lower. More info at Aug. 2 meeting. Keep dates open.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, separated), will meet on Sunday, **July 25** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes is having their annual special event **July 31** from 6 pm to midnight. Vigil Mass at 5, appetizers, elegant formal dinner, strolling banjo minstrel, then an evening on the "Riverboat" with dancing, silent auction, and gaming. All proceeds to be used to refurbish the retreatant bedrooms. For information or reservations, call Irma, 310-377-4867 ext 234 or email to imanley@maryjoseph.org. Cost is \$100 or \$175 per couple.

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



Meditation/Centering Prayer
First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays
August 3, 17 and 21 - 7:00 pm
In the church
All are welcome!

Travelers Prayer: All-powerful and merciful God, be our companion and our strength on our journey and our refuge in trials. Lead us O Lord so that we will reach our destination in safety and happily return to our homes refreshed and willing to do Your will. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

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!!

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all parish members, 21 years and older, to a bus trip to the Spotlight Casino in Indio on Thursday, **Aug. 19**. Cost \$35 per person. Everyone will get \$35 of free play on arrival. This is a 5 hour stay at casino. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

Pregnancy Help Center seeking part-time nurse practitioner with furnishing license. Send resume to agross@phctorrance.org or call 310-320-8976.

Did You Know? What to know before your child boards the airplane - Every airline has slightly different policies on how they accommodate unaccompanied children. Take special note of their policies for escorting children at connection airports and accommodations in the event that the flight is delayed or diverted. Note that some airlines' policies do not include providing overnight accommodations and the airline may turn over your child to local authorities if the flight is delayed overnight. General information and insights concerning airline policies are available at www.AirSafe.com. Click on "Airline Rules for Unaccompanied Children." 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 Move-ment for a Better World of St. Joseph Parish.



Mark your calendars for the next event - **Aug. 7 & 8** we will be passing out the food coupons for non-perishable food items and **Aug. 14 & 15** will be the collection of these food items. If you would like to help out with the passing out of the coupons or collecting the food, please call John/Jan. The food is donated to Catholic Charities for families in need. 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.

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!

Thank You for your prayers and phone calls. On the Friday before last, I had a TIA (transient ischemic attack), which is like a mild stroke that leaves no brain damage. I spent the weekend in the hospital and was home resting last week. Other than doing some follow up testing, I am resuming my normal activities. Thank you again for your expressions of love and concern. Deacon Tom

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

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children. Please call for an appointment:
Aug. 10 - St. James the Less, La Crescenta, 818-248-3442
Aug. 13 - St. Joseph the Worker, Winnetka, 818-341-6634
Aug. 14 - St. Euphrasia, Granada Hills, 818-363-5515

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 24**
 5:00 PM - † Bernadette & Fermin Lopez
- SUNDAY, July 25**
 7:30 AM - † Richard Parent
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 AM - † Pearl Olivier
 12:30 PM - † Robert Sylvia
- MONDAY, July 26**
 8:00 AM - † Louis Camus
- TUESDAY, July 27**
 8:00 AM - † Fred Whitmore
- WEDNESDAY, July 28**
 8:00 AM - † Maria and Dominico Dang
- THURSDAY, July 29**
 8:00 AM - † Lorena Espinoza
- FRIDAY, July 30**
 8:00 AM - Joe & Fran Wheeler, 49th Anniversary
- SATURDAY, July 31**
 5:00 PM - † Ester & Felix Suelto
- SUNDAY, August 1**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Melinda Gibb
 10:30 AM - Sylvia Dang and sons, living
 12:30 PM - † Richard Parent

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, 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, 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, Cass Warren, Kennedy Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohnen & Jamie Mesa.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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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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 PROJECT ACHIEVE Tina Gath 598-5202
 Olga Cuda 594-4657
 PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER Greg Shea 221-8673
 CUB SCOUTS Moses Bass 420-1877
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE