



**From the Desk of Fr. Jim:**

What is a success? What is a successful life, a successful career, a successful relationship? Is a person's life successful if he or she is making a good salary?

There's a story about a grandmother who pulled out pictures of her three grandchildren, and showed them to a friend saying, "These are my grandchildren. This one's a rich doctor, this one's a rich lawyer and this one's the chairman of the board of a large corporation." The word success for her had to include having a high salary. But is real success predicated on salary? Sometimes that's the way a lot of people calculate success. But are they correct? Many times a faulty view of success is based on money, honors and titles. And this concept of success is a fallacy.

Success isn't predicated on what we have, what honors we receive, what jobs we hold, etc. Success is predicated on how each of us had developed as a person, how each one of us have become all that God created us to be.

St. Paul says in the second reading that our lives are hidden with Christ in God in such a way that when Christ appears, we appear. The personality of a Christina is so entwined with the person of Jesus Christ that Christ and the Christian must be one.

This is a different way of considering success. For the Christian, success isn't a present reality, it is a goal, the goal of our Christian life. We will reach this goal when every aspect of our lives reflect the Person of Jesus Christ that is success. All else is vanity.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

"Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" The first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes leads us to believe life is an absurdity when in actuality the entire passage is a strong statement of what human life is **without** God! The

Responsorial Psalm 90 bolsters us with, "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." The Gospel shows our weakness: that of greed, egotism, "keeping up with the Joneses." The rich man does not relate to others, and especially with God. He shows no gratitude for his bountiful harvest. Fr. Rolheiser a month ago talked about Morris West's autobiography. In it he mentioned that "gratitude wasn't easy to come by." West had many deep hurts, some of which were suffering abuse, rejection, not being valued. "It's no wonder that it is easier to be bitter than grateful, angry than gracious."

Rolheiser closes, "There is only one ultimate imperative in life: Before we die, we need to forgive. We need to forgive those who hurt us, to forgive ourselves for not being better than those who hurt us. To forgive life itself for some of the things dealt us and not least to forgive God for the fact that life is unfair, so as not to die with a bitter and angry heart."

**Our Prayer:** Father God, gifts without measure flow from Your goodness to bring us Your peace. Our life is Your gift. Guide our life's journey, for only Your love makes us whole. Keep us strong in Your love and teach us to recognize Your presence in all people especially in the poor and in those who mourn. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
*(Based on today's Bible readings)*  
**Adult:** How do I stay focused on God while attending to the necessities of life?  
**Child:** Have I ever received a gift I wanted a lot and then found it didn't make me as happy as I thought it would?  
**Teen:** What things do I think matter to God?

*Rest In Peace*  
 Died in Christ:  
**Jamie Mesa**  
**Susan J. Paul**

**Rosary for Susan J. Paul (Czerwinski)** will be **August 2, 7 pm**, here at St. Joseph Church.

**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.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** The "Parable of the Rich Fool," told only be Luke, contrasts those who place their trust in material possessions with those who recognize their complete dependence on God. The parable challenges us to rethink our priorities and our attitudes about wealth. It also calls us to make a decision about possessiveness and then act on our decision. By refusing to decide the case, Jesus forces the two brothers to come to their own decisions. The parable challenges us to "seek first the reign of God."

**Life Focus:** \* Tell about a time when material goods failed to satisfy you. \* *How can you store up "riches in the sight of God" that you can "take with you"?* \* Tell how "avoiding greed in all its forms" can help you shape your everyday life. \* *You know people who spend years planning for their retirement and something goes wrong. What can you do today that will last no matter what happens?*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary & Middle School Programs:** Registration paperwork for our Fall classes have been mailed to all returning families and those who have previously contacted our office. 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 until **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.

**“Jesus is Lord”**

Spirit Alive! Activate the power of the Holy Spirit in your life just as Jesus promised you. Acts 1:8

**Bible Fellowship Classes** start **September 14**, Tuesdays at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. For more information, please call Rita Smith, 714-761-4376.

**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.

**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.

**Adult Confirmation Course** starting **September 12** through December, 9-11:15 am, at Our Lady of Refuge. Confirmation will be 7 pm, December 14 at St. Matthias Church, Huntington Park. Please call our religious education office, **598-0519**, to sign up or for more information.

**Art as Meditation Retreat - Aug. 6-10**  
**“Art - Windows into Your Heart and Soul”**

At Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, Oceanside, come explore the inspiration found in different forms of art through prayer-ritual, lecture, discussion, and hands-on experiences. The spirituality of art and creativity presented by Franciscan Friars Fr. Tom Herbst, Fr. Franklin Fong, and Fr. Philip Garcia. For more information or to register, please call 760-757-3659 or visit the website [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**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.

**“Can I Do Wrong and Get Away With It?”** Rev. Brain Mullady, O.P., a specialist in Moral Theology and on questions of nature and grace, will teach on making moral decisions, **Aug. 10, 7:30 pm**, at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, Alhambra. Free will offering accepted. For more information, please call 626-289-1353 ext. 302.

**Mass With a Healing Service Aug. 23, 7:30 pm**  
St. Cornelius Church, Long Beach. Celebrant: Msgr. Joe Brennan, pastor Holy Trinity Church, San Pedro. Come, bring your family and friends, and experience the Pentecostal healing power of the Holy Spirit.

**SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention**  
**“Stand Firm in the Faith”**

**Sept. 3-5** at the Anaheim Convention Center. Free John Michael Talbot Concert Sept. 4, 3:30 pm in the Arena. Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR will be performing and speaking throughout the weekend. Something for the entire family. Online registration available at [www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org). For more info/brochure, contact SCRC 818-771-1361.



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

**Respect Life** - Monday prayer meetings have been canceled for now. Please continue to pray for the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to natural death.



**St. Joseph Senior Group**  
We always welcome new members.

**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, Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385

**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

**Did You Know? Safety tips for children traveling alone**

- Take time to discuss appropriate behavior with your child before he or she boards an airplane alone. If another passenger acts in an inappropriate way, be sure that your child knows to inform a flight attendant or other airline representative. Inappropriate behavior on the part of other passengers includes rude, offensive, or threatening comments; inappropriate touching; inappropriate conversations; taking food or other items away from the child; or other behavior that makes the child uncomfortable or fearful. In addition, inappropriate behavior would include any attempt to elicit personal information about the child. Make sure that your child understands that no passenger they meet needs to know things such as their full name, their home address, their telephone number, or where they are going. 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.**



**Food From the Heart** - Mark your calendar for **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 at tables by church, please call John/Jan. The food is donated to Catholic Charities to feed the 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.

**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.



**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.

**Benefit Voice Recital Aug. 7, 7:30 pm**, at Madonna Hall in the Santa Teresita Medical Center, Duarte. Help a young man, Nathan Page, pay off school loans in order to enter the Norbertine seminary in August. Nathan, tenor, and Megan Bless, soprano, will be performing works by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Mahler, and others. Both are recent music grads of Ave Maria University. Please call 424-202-2701 or email at [sequoia.e.sierra@gmail.com](mailto:sequoia.e.sierra@gmail.com) for tickets or more details. Cost is \$12.

**St. Joseph/St. John Bosco Class of 1990**

Twenty year reunion, **Oct. 16**. Please send us your current info or the info of any fellow classmates to: [josephbosco90reunion@gmail.com](mailto:josephbosco90reunion@gmail.com).

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

**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**

# Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 2**  
 8:00 AM - † Mary Jane Merk
- TUESDAY, August 3**  
 8:00 AM - Al Shaheen, living
- WEDNESDAY, August 4**  
 8:00 AM - Joseph Dang, living
- THURSDAY, August 5**  
 8:00 AM - † Ed Dondero, Anniversary
- FRIDAY, August 6**  
 8:00 AM - † Angela Lowen-Brown
- SATURDAY, August 7**  
 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, August 8**  
 7:30 AM - † Tess Keckeisen  
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - † Tess Keckeisen  
 12:30 PM - † Juana Centeno

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>          |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>           |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>            |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b> |
| <b>Adam Mariano</b>     | <b>Daniel O'Connell</b>      |
| <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b> | <b>David Waidelich</b>       |
| <b>Dave Hoyt</b>        | <b>William G. Ouimette</b>   |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    |                              |

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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 SUNDAY NURSERY Shannon Carpenter 430-6840  
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- RCIA Peter Baine 598-4130  
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 Teri Traucht  
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 SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES Don & Tina Gath 598-5202

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 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  
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 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