



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

Sometimes there is a part of us that holds back from God, that sets limits. A part of us that says yes to God, but it is an incomplete "yes." Many times it is a "yes, but..." We don't always give ourselves fully to the fullness of life that is offered to us. We build barriers. But God is limitless and sets out to demolish the boundaries we humans set up.

Today we celebrate the solemnity feast of the Assumption of Mary. Through Mary, God lovingly created a woman who would be able to say "Yes" without any ifs, ands or buts, without any boundaries. God created in Mary a human heart that is so open to him that he can enter it without limits. Through Mary, God prepared the world for Jesus. Her "Yes" started the process of the breaking down of the barriers between God and humanity. It marked a new beginning.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that inspired by Mary's complete acceptance of God into her life, and encouraged by the favor that God showed her, that we also are encouraged to give a complete yes to God again and again and again.

Rest In Peace

*Died in Christ:*

**Anne Young**

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Even before the dawn of feminism and rising consciousness about the dignity of women, great women have done great things and history has been kind to their memory. We have, for example, Esther, Ruth and Judith from the Old Testament; pagan societies had goddesses as well as gods; Troy had Helen and France had Joan; Constantine had Helena and Augustine had Monica; Florence Nightingale, Dorothy Day, and Mother Teresa have all left their indelible marks. It is no surprise, then, that we also find a great woman remembered at the very heart of Christianity - Mary, the mother of our Lord.

This solemnity celebrates the "great things" God has done for Mary. God, who has "lifted up" his "lowly servant" Mary, lifts up all the lowly not only because they are faithful but because God is faithful to the promise of divine mercy. Mary's assumption of body and soul into heaven celebrates the mercy of God and the promise to us of a share in that same mercy. It is God who does great things because God has promised mercy. The great thing Mary does is say yes to being an instrument of God's promise. The great thing God does for us is invite us to share in that same promise - everlasting life.

**Life Focus:** \* Mary's blessedness is revealed by her being assumed body and soul into heaven. My blessedness is revealed by..... \* *The "great things" God did for Mary are..... God does for me are.....* \* Mary recognizes the source of her blessedness as "the Almighty." I am reminded that God is the source of my blessedness when..... A way I direct others to God as the source of blessedness is.....

**Catechetical Corner**



Our body postures are full of meaning and say a lot about what is happening at Mass. When we sit, we sit to listen; and when we stand, we stand to praise; and when we kneel, we kneel as a sign of sacred moments or special prayers. Our postures are acts of prayer, prayers of the heart and body.

The GIRM (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal) states that the faithful stand for the Eucharistic Prayer, kneeling at the end of the "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" until the "Great Amen," unless health, lack of space, or some other good reason suggests remaining standing.

Until the 12th century, everyone stood and held both hands in the prayer position like the priest does today - the posture of offering one's self. For the last 800 years we have kneeled in the Roman Catholic Rite. After Vatican II, some pastors began asking the people to stand for the whole Eucharistic prayer. They did this because Vatican II teaches that "the full conscious and active participation of all the faithful in the Mass" was the aim to be considered before all else.

Some pastors felt that while kneeling down, people were watching and adoring Jesus, but not always participating fully and entering deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist. Some priests feel that full participation in the sacrament can count as the "some other good reason" to stand of which the law speaks. As you can see there are differing viewpoints on whether we should kneel or stand.

All of our parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and most Dioceses throughout the U.S. are asked to kneel as requested by the GIRM. One of the characteristics of our Church is that we are all in communion with one another under the guidance of our bishops in communion with the Bishop of Rome. It is in that spirit of communion with the other parishes in our Archdiocese and in that spirit of communion with the Universal Church that we follow the instructions of the GIRM and kneel at the consecration of the Mass, always remembering that those who are unable to kneel may feel free to sit.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** Elizabeth recognized Mary's great trust in God. Where in my life do I need to trust God more?

**Child:** What joys do I receive from God? How do I thank God?

**Teen:** How does my relationship to Mary help my faith?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary & Middle School Programs:** Registration for **Early Childhood, Elementary** and **Middle School** will be taken on Sunday, **August 29**, from **10 am to noon** in the Parish Activity Center for the 2010-11 school year. If you would like information or registration forms prior to that date, please contact our 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.

**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.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

This week's Small Church Community's reflections are worth noting on this feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. When we come to the close of our sessions we ask, how are these readings going to "move" us? We seemed to be of one accord agreeing to: Focus on Our Lady and her humility. Try to develop or increase our relationship with Mary, our mother. Meditate on her and understand her as a role model for us. Live this week with WWMD, What Would Mary Do? Realize the gifts God has given us through Mary.

The Preface beginning the Eucharistic Prayer for Sunday's Mass says: "The virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. You would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to Your Son, the Lord of all life, in the glory of the incarnation. In our joy we sing to Your glory with all the choirs of angels....."

**Our Prayer:** O God, worker of miracles, You made Immaculate Virgin Mary share body and soul in Your Son's glory in heaven. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners and peace to all. Amen.



**"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.



**How Does a Person Become a Catholic?** Are you curious about Catholicism? Or, do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

As a Catholic community, it is our greatest joy as well as our mission, to continually welcome new members. "Inquiry" is the first step in the four step process of faith formation and education known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. We encourage and invite interested individuals to "come and see" what living a life as a committed Catholic Christian can mean for you. Meeting times are flexible. For more information, please call Peter Baine, 598-4130.

**Abortion: Fight, Flight or Listen** - These are the words you may use to describe your reaction to the word, abortion. Many of us have the urge to fight the opposition. Others want to run away from the confrontation. Some would rather just watch from the sidelines. Which are you? How would Jesus talk about abortion? Find out. Audio Girl Ministries invites you to an evening of learning how to dialogue about abortion. Guest speaker, Catherine Wurts with Justice for All, will teach you how to let the Holy Spirit guide your debate into a peaceful and understanding discourse. Tuesday, **Aug. 24**, 7-9 pm, St. Cornelius Church, in the small hall. Admission is free. For more information, please call Sylvia Aimerito, 562-429-1965.

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

**Meditation/Centering Prayer**

**First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays**  
**August 17 and 31 - 7:00 pm**  
**In the church**  
**All are welcome!**



**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.

**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.



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

**August Meeting:** August 16  
**September Meetings:** September 13 & 27. Note: 2nd and 4th Mondays, due to the Labor Day holiday.  
**Branson, MO** trip is canceled. No trips until further notice. Any requests for day trips, contact Betty.  
 Please be sure to complete new medical forms. Forms will be available at the August 16 meeting.  
 Call Betty 596-8287, Mary Lou 431-4385 or Olga 596-6981

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:  
**Sept. 24** - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes, 310-377-5571  
**Sept. 25** - St. Barnabas, Long Beach, 562-988-6855

**Did You Know? The prevalence of abuse in society** - In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of 10 men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the United States today. An estimated 9.6 percent of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34 percent of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16 percent of all males will also be victimized before they are 18. For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, Director of 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.**



**Food From the Heart** - Today, Aug. 14 & 15 will be the collection of non-perishable food items at the rectory garage. If you can't make it, call us and bring the items to our house, or you can deliver the food to Catholic Charities at 14th and Pine in Long Beach.

Our first meeting of the year will be **Sept. 15**, Wednesday evening, 7:30 pm, in the PAC. All are welcome!

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 is seeking a part-time nurse practitioner**

with furnishing license. Send resume to [agross@phctorange.org](mailto:agross@phctorange.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.

**Annual Labor Day Mass - Monday, Sept. 6, 10 am,**

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Archbishop Jose Gomez, principal celebrant. For more information, please call 213-637-7690.

**St. Maria Goretti Texas Hold 'Em Tournament**

**Sept. 11**, doors open 5 pm, dealing starts 6pm, \$30 buy in. For information, please call Louie Moons, 867-7570.

**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).

**Parents:** please bring paper or a book for your kids to use for their entertainment during Mass instead of the offering envelopes in the pews. Thank 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

# Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, August 14**  
 5:00 PM - † Dick Kocevar
- SUNDAY, August 15**  
 7:30 AM - † Richard Parent  
 9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 AM - † Robert Sylvia  
 12:30 PM - † Michael George Manz
- MONDAY, August 16**  
 8:00 AM - Christina Nguyen, living
- TUESDAY, August 17**  
 8:00 AM - Marge Davis, living
- WEDNESDAY, August 18**  
 8:00 AM - † Hugh Campbell
- THURSDAY, August 19**  
 8:00 AM - † Louis Camus
- FRIDAY, August 20**  
 8:00 AM - † Karen Camacho
- SATURDAY, August 21**  
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, August 22**  
 7:30 AM - Florence Blavet, living  
 9:00 AM - † Glen Van Camp  
 10:30 AM - † Paul Gutierrez  
 12:30 PM - † Al Maligie

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, 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 Kohonen, Chuck Greening & Joe Snider.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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 CUB SCOUTS Moses Bass 420-1877  
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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE