



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

Sometimes there can be a tendency for us to measure and judge others according to our own set of standards and values. The way we think and feel are often ways that are used as a yardstick to measure and evaluate others.

In other words, other people are good or right or acceptable only to the extent that they adhere to our way of thinking and our way of acting. Unfortunately this kind of thinking has the ability to promote things like discrimination, individualism and nationalism that is prevalent in the world today.

Superiority over others can be so insidious that it can reach right into the Church, in spite of the fact that Scripture condemns it, wherever it is, as sinful.

The Jews of Jesus' time thought that they were better off and more acceptable to God than the Gentiles. Catholics can think that they are better off and more acceptable to God than Protestants. And Christians in general can think that they are better off and more acceptable to God than non-Christians.

Yet, Scripture tells us the direct opposite; it tells us that God's love and concern is not restricted or more easily accessible to one group over another, but rather that salvation is equally and impartially there for all.

In the gospel, Jesus says: And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. But Jesus also warns us that salvation is like coming through a narrow gate. This doesn't mean that only a few will be saved; but what it does say is that while salvation is indeed open to all, the door isn't automatically open to anyone. Not to Jews because they are Jews, not to Christians because they are Christians, but rather the door is freely opened only by Jesus. And he opens it to all who respond to God's love and grace.

People are called to seek God in any one of the different religious and spiritual ways in which they find themselves in their own specific historical circumstances.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that as we continue our journey toward that narrow gate, that we journey in the sure hope of an all loving God who is always present to us and who will guide us on our journey.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Luke, the Gentile, is very interested in God's all-embracing love, a love not limited to certain ethnic or religious groups. In the Gospel Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. Those with him want to know if those who will be saved are few in number. Jesus was not about to set limits on God's saving power. They are to know that God's generosity must be matched by generosity on their part. Going through "a narrow door" is difficult; one has to work at it. It isn't like slipping through a wide, open passageway in the midst of a large crowd. There is to be a personal, practical response to God's invitation.

Life Focus: * In order to make it through the narrow door, what changes do you need to make in your life that you have been putting off? * *Name a time when you took the easy way out, instead of doing the better course of action.*

Catechetical Corner



Have you ever been at Mass and wondered why a certain color vestment is being worn? Or why the altar is decorated in green, white, red, or purple?

This is not a random choice but is a system to create uniformity, structure, and movement through the liturgical calendar.

Liturgies celebrated during the different seasons of the liturgical year have distinctive music and specific readings, prayers, and rituals. All of these elements work together to reflect the spirit of the particular season. The colors of the vestments that the priest wears during the liturgy also help express the character of the mysteries being celebrated.

These colors may also be used in linens and cloths that cover the altar and ambo. Color communicates emotional and spiritual realities to the worshipping community. Liturgical color is more than decorative; it also helps to express the shifting mood of the assembly gathered together to worship. Liturgical color helps to symbolize the deeper realities we celebrate and help us to worship in the spirit of the season.

White (the color of joy and victory) is a festive color and is used for the seasons of Easter and Christmas. It is also used for the feasts of Our Lord, Mary, All Saints, Chair of Peter, Conversion of Paul, the Nativity of John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, the angels, and for saints who are not martyrs. It is also a reminder of the resurrection and can therefore be used at funerals; purple or black may also be used. Gold may also be used on solemn occasions.

Red (the color of fire and blood) is used on the days when we celebrate the passion of Jesus, Passion (Palm) Sunday and Good Friday. It is also used for the birth feasts of the apostles and evangelists and for the celebrations of martyrs. Red (the color of fire) recalls the Holy Spirit and is used on Pentecost and for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Green (the color of plants and trees) symbolizes life, anticipation, and hope and is used during Ordinary Time. Ordinary does not mean ordinary in the sense of routine or basic. Ordinary means the weeks/months between the special seasons (i.e. Christmas, Lent, Advent and Easter), as in the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It's different from a regular calendar, but not included in the special seasons.

Violet or purple in Advent helps us to remember that we are preparing for the coming of Christ. Lent, the season of penance, repentance, and renewal, also uses the colors violet or purple.

Rose is an optional color that is used only two days a year, the Third Sunday of Advent, and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It expresses the joy of anticipation for Christmas and Easter.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Sunday: Registration for **Early Childhood, Elementary** and **Middle School** will be taken on Sunday, **August 29**, from **10 a.m. 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**.

Classes will begin on Sunday, **September 26**, for Early Childhood and Elementary. Middle School will start on Tuesday, **October 5**.

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:

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary last week left lessons for us in **Faith, Action** and **Trust**. Faith is confidence in God that He has a better plan than what we may have for ourselves. Action is the second lesson. Mary saw the need of her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant in her advanced age. She put aside her needs, fears and concerns (at three months pregnant) and did not sit around for someone else to fulfill that need. Trust is the third lesson from our Blessed Lady. She responded to God's word and welcomed Jesus into her life even though there may have been some doubts. Trust takes persistence, persistence in prayer. One of our Small Church community people once said, "I think I will make up my mind to pray as a **first resort** rather than wait until there is an urgent need for prayer." There is a lesson for all of us.

Our Blessed Mary has appeared more on the cover of Time magazine than any other woman. She has inspired more art, poetry and music than any other woman. She is our mother and worthy of our prayers of intercession.

Our Prayer: For our teachers and students as they prepare for the new school year. "Some people brought children to Jesus for Him to pray for them..." Mt 19:13

Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, You declared that whoever receives a child in Your name receives You, and You promised Your kingdom to those who are like little children. Protect, encourage and bless our teachers and administrators as they prepare to bring our children more spiritually into the world that will test their faith. Guide our teachers with Your love & compassion. 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 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays

August 31 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church

All are welcome!



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 p.m. in the Arena. Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR will be performing & speaking throughout the weekend. Something for the entire family. Online registration available at www.scrc.org. For more info/brochure, contact SCRC 818-771-1361.

Virtus Training - Our next **Virtus** child sexual abuse prevention workshop/training for those who will be working with children in our parish/school is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 14**, from **7 - 10 p.m.** in the hall. This training is required for all parish/school volunteers and staff. Please call the religious education office, **598-0519**, to reserve a spot. Also, anyone wishing to attend must register online at: virtusonline.org.

If you received your three hour training **before 2006** and have not recertified through the Virtus website, you are required to attend "**Keeping the Promise Alive**." This training will be held on Wednesday, **Sept. 15**, from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the hall. Please call **598-0519** to register.

Annual Labor Day Mass - Monday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Archbishop Jose Gomez, principal celebrant. For more information, please call 213-637-7690.

Adult Confirmation Course starting **September 12** through December, 9-11:15 a.m., at Our Lady of Refuge. Confirmation will be 7 p.m., 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.

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.

Special Notice - any information regarding catering and entertainment for Christmas Party, contact Betty.

Call Betty 596-8287, Mary Lou 431-4385 or Olga 596-6981

Calling all boys entering second grade! The Wolf den of St. Joseph Pack 120 invites you to be a part of our great den. We have a very active year planned and would like for you to be a part of it. For information, please call den leader, Pat Murach, 598-3508. Cub Scouts of Pack 120 do **not** need to attend St. Joseph School.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What daily choices am I making that will allow me to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?

Child: How do I show that I am a follower of Jesus?

Teen: What good habits am I practicing in order to be a good Christian?

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

Welcome! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating here with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to become part of our Faith Community, please fill out this form. We will send you a Registration Card; please return it so that you will be fully registered. The Registration Card may be dropped in the collection basket, left at the rectory, or mailed. Thank You!

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

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



Food From the Heart - Thank you for the donations to help our sisters & brothers through Catholic Charities. If you missed us, you can deliver food to Catholic Charities at 14th & Pine in L. B. or bring it to our meeting.

Our first meeting of the year will be **Sept. 15**, Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m., 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.

The Parish Directories are Here!!!

The directories are here at last!! *Many* thanks to all our devoted parishioners who participated in the family as well as the group photos. We believe the directory turned out to be a very nice representation and a valuable resource to our *wonderful* parish community.

If you participated in the family photo section of the directory, you are entitled to a free copy of the directory. If you did NOT participate in the family photo section, but would still like a copy of the directory, we have a limited number of extra copies available to parishioners at no charge, on a first come first served basis. Please stop by tables set up to distribute them at Masses this weekend and next weekend. Afterward, you may pick them up at the rectory. *Thank you to all members of the core committee, leads, consultants, hosts and hostesses!!!*



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.

St. Joseph/St. John Bosco Class of 1990 Twenty year reunion, **Oct. 16**. Please send us your info or that of any classmates to: 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!

Did You Know? The prevalence of abuse - One of five women and one of 10 men reported they were sexually molested before they were 18. Between 13 and 34 percent of females will be victims of sexual assault before they're 18, and 7 to 16 percent of males will be victimized before they're 18. For particular help you may call Suzanne, Director of Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, August 21
 5:00 p.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, August 22
 7:30 a.m. - Florence Blavet, living
 9:00 a.m. - † Glen Van Camp
 10:30 a.m. - † Paul Gutierrez
 12:30 p.m. - † Al Maligie

MONDAY, August 23
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living

TUESDAY, August 24
 8:00 a.m. - Cass Warren, living

WEDNESDAY, August 25
 8:00 a.m. - Tatum Gumps, living

THURSDAY, August 26
 8:00 a.m. - † John Sullivan

FRIDAY, August 27
 8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang

SATURDAY, August 28
 5:00 PM - † Julia Dizon

SUNDAY, August 29
 7:30 a.m. - † Mary Whitlock
 9:00 a.m. - † Ricardo Barrientos
 10:30 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † Jaime Valdez

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
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, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider & Stephen Hutchings.

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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE