



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is astonished to find people at a banquet scrambling to get the places of honor at the table. They want to be perceived as important based on where they sit down at an event. They want this recognition in order to feel good about themselves.

Jesus urges them to take a different path. He suggests that they take the least important seat - to allow the host to move them up to a position of importance if that is what the host desires. Then if they are honored, it will be genuine.

"My child," we're told in today's first reading, "conduct your affairs with humility and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." Humility is how we are to approach our lives. Humility means not insisting that our way is best. Humility means keeping an open mind about other options. Humility means putting ourselves in a position where God can provide for us as God wills. What will we find if we practice humility? Love. More love than we can possibly fathom.

Last year I went on a hike in the mountains with my nephew and his two sons. It was supposed to take two hours. It took almost four hours. We took a wrong turn and ended up on a much longer trail than we had planned to take. My nephew's boys thought we were lost, which they thought was a great adventure.

The boys pretended to be lost and scared. Then they pretended to be rescued. They laughed and played. When we finally ended up back where we had made the wrong turn, we laughed even more. "We took the wrong turn, Daddy," my nephew's son said, "and I'm glad. It was fun." I agreed with them. It was far better than our original plan.

God is everywhere, asking us to open ourselves up to his love. If we can find the humility to accept God's direction rather than insist that our own plans are correct, we just might find that life is more fun.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The setting for today's Gospel passage is another meal. This setting provides the material for Jesus' teaching. The lessons from both parables look to what should be done in order to be at the heavenly banquet in the Father's house. We must be willing to accept our strengths and weaknesses. The weaknesses are the way we come to depend on God and one another. Those who are truly humble will also be willing to come to the aid of the poor because they know that they, too, are poor. This parable prepares us for eternal happiness, as opposed to immediate self-gratification and repayment for favors done.

Life Focus: * Recall a situation when you put someone else first and when someone put you first. * *Relate an experience when you felt obligated to pay back a gesture of goodwill. What was the outcome?* * How can you practice giving yourself or your possessions without expecting anything in return? * *How do you deal with the "beggars, crippled, lame and blind" in this world? Who are they for you?*

Catechetical Corner



Have you ever been to Communion and when you returned to your pew were confused as to whether you should be standing or sitting or kneeling? You look around and see your fellow parishioners doing all three. Out of respect for those who are still standing, you decide to stand. Then all of a sudden, everyone who was standing takes their seats as if on cue. What happened that they all sat down together? Did the priest just sit down? Or did the communion hosts just get put back in the tabernacle? If you've ever had this thought, you're not alone. This happens in many parishes. So what is the right posture during Communion? Should we sit?...or kneel?...or stand?

The GIRM (General Instruction on the Roman Missal) tells us that, "*The uniformity in standing, kneeling, or sitting to be observed by all taking part is a sign of the community and the unity of the assembly.*" Then it goes on to say, "*For the sake of uniformity in movement and posture, the people should follow the directions given during the celebration by the deacon, the priest, or another minister.*"^{GIRM #20-21} In other words, we can usually look to the priest as our role model for what posture we should assume. If we look closely at the priest, **what we are likely to see is that he will sit down as soon as everyone has received communion.**

In describing his vision for Eucharistic liturgy in *Gather Faithfully Together*, Cardinal Mahony wrote, "*Sunday's single Communion song continues until presider and assembly sit down after all have taken Holy Communion.*" What better sign of the unity of the assembly than to stand in solidarity as all partake from the Lord's table? After all have communicated is the appropriate time to sit down (or kneel) and reflect in silence on the profound meaning of what we have just received.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what ways do I practice the virtue of humility? How might I be more humble in the coming week?

Child: Does it make me a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?

Teen: How have I been able to include newcomers or others who may feel left out?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Sunday: Registration for **Early Childhood, Elementary** and **Middle School** will be taken today 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, please contact our office, **598-0519**.

Classes will begin **Sept. 26**, for Early Childhood and Elementary. Middle School will start on Tuesday, **Oct. 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.

Confirmation: Year I - Welcome to the Discernment Process. Please call the RE office, 598-0519, to have a registration pack sent. Registration closes Sept. 20.

Year II - Welcome. Please check schedules and think about what night will be best for meetings in your Catechist's home, 7-9 p.m. Retreat **Nov. 6 & 7**. Orientation for sponsors and parents **Sept. 13**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

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 Sunday's Gospel is about humility. Another word for humility is truth. Today's Gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet it's not the "perfect" who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? Here is part of the song "We Come To Your Feast." *We come to Your feast, the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least. We place upon Your table a humble loaf of bread, the grain by which we're fed. We come to taste the presence of Him on whom we feed, to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in work and deed. We come to taste the presence of Him we claim as Lord, His dying and His living, His leading and His giving, His love in cup outpoured. The feast is spread before us. You bid us come and dine, in blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover Your substance and Your sign.*

Words we can meditate on and help us re-discover the Eucharist, our source and summit of our lives.

May the Eucharist, the taste of heaven's justice, give us renewed courage to think beyond our self interest, even our national interest and reach out to those in need as was the plea at last Sunday's Mass for relief in Tanzania. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have given us the mother of Your Son to be our queen and mother. With the support of her prayers may we come to share the glory of Your children in heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. 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 **Sept. 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? Do you know someone who is interested in the 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.

Adult Confirmation Course starts **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.

SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention - "Stand Firm in the Faith" **Sept. 3-5** at the Anaheim Convention Center. Something for the entire family. Online registration available at www.scrc.org. For more info/brochure, contact SCRC 818-771-1361.

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Music Ministry Update

10:30 Choir: Do you sing? Come and try out the choir! You may be amazed at how fulfilling this experience is! I am seeking new members to complement existing group. Must be able to sing on pitch. All other skills are taught. All are welcome (teens and adults). Rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning 9/1, 7-8:30 p.m. in the church.

Children's Choir: Attention all children entering grades two through five, it's time to prepare for choir/drama rehearsals. Following some of the teachings of Hildegard de Bingen, this group's mission is to mix music, drama, visual art, and dance for an enriched liturgical experience. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Rehearsals will resume Sat. morns, 8-9:15 a.m. Parent meeting/Registration/Voice Placement September 18, first rehearsal September 25.

Youth Ensemble: Youth entering grades six through 12 are welcome to enjoy their skills to provide music at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Practice at 4:00 p.m. of the same day for the same Mass.

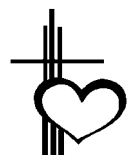
Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays

August 31 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church

All are welcome!





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. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385

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

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.

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 Form; please return it so that you will be fully registered. The Registration Form 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 at St. Joseph Church - Thanks to our generous parishioners, August 14 and 15, for all of the food donated to help our sisters and brothers through Catholic Charities. Next collection will be in October. We covered a 12' x 8' floor area of their truck, and yet the need is greater.

Our First meeting of the year will be September 15, in the PAC, Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to our meetings.

Thank you again for all that you do and share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! John/Jan Minter 562-430-5839.

The Parish Directories are Here!!!

If you participated in the family photo section of the directory, you are entitled to a free copy. 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. After the participants have received their directories, we will hand out the extras. Please stop by tables set up to distribute them at Masses this weekend, or you may pick them up at the rectory.

GOLF **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.

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.

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.

Save the Date: October 15 for St. Joseph Elementary School's Annual Golf Classic & Oktoberfest. Registration and sponsorship opportunities now available! Contact Tera Kaufmann, 627-9264, or StJosephGolfOktoberfest@yahoo.com.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, August 30
 8:00 a.m. - Nhan Huv, living

TUESDAY, August 31
 8:00 a.m. - † Henry Wiegand

WEDNESDAY, September 1
 8:00 a.m. - † Tim Houts

THURSDAY, September 2
 8:00 a.m. - † Camilo Cuevas

FRIDAY, September 3
 8:00 a.m. - † Susan J. Paul

SATURDAY, September 4
 5:00 PM - † Botelho and Salvate families

SUNDAY, September 5
 7:30 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen
 9:00 a.m. - † Richard Parent
 10:30 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

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 Kohonen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings & Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon.

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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
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 CUB SCOUTS Moses Bass 420-1877
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