



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples "whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." This doesn't seem like the greatest of invitations. I mean, how many of us want to carry a cross like

Jesus did? It is a journey of sacrifice and suffering.

Sometimes we have a hard time conceiving of how God wants to fulfill our deepest desires, and we may just have to be open to the fact that maybe the way of the cross is not a way to endless suffering but the way to endless joy.

The problem is, if we cannot "know God's counsel," as the Book of Wisdom tells us today, then how can we experience the infinite joy that God offers?

Maybe we need to use our imaginations so that we will be satisfied with nothing less than infinite joy. Why settle for mere success and financial security when the redemption of the cross is offered to us?

Jesus calls us to dream big - to dare to imagine that we can follow him and find a happiness that transcends all pain and suffering. If we follow Jesus, and even if we don't, we will still experience hardship and difficulty. The good news of the Gospel is that we will carry heavy burdens and heavy hearts much easier if we dare to love others as Christ loves us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What could I let go of to follow Jesus more closely?

Child: When do I feel closest to Jesus?

Teen: When is it hard for me to know the right thing to do? Who helps me know?

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.

Bundle Sunday for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sept. 19 the truck will be in our parking lot from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bring **usable** clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc. They are in great need of all types of furniture & large appliances. For large items, please call 3223-224-6280 for a special free pickup at your home. Remember you will be helping the needy.

Catechetical Sunday - The weekend of **September 18 & 19** is designated as **Catechetical Sunday**. This is a time dedicated to affirming the catechists in our parish and school. It is also a time to consider how each of us plays a role in spreading the Gospel message through words & actions.

We will formally celebrate and commission our catechists at the **9:00 a.m. Mass** on **September 19**. Please keep these men and women in your prayers as they serve the catechetical needs of our parish community.

Catechetical Corner

Do you know the difference between a "homily" and a "sermon"? Did you even know there is a difference?



When I put the question to my nieces and nephews, one said "I know the difference: a homily is shorter!" Another tried a more serious answer: "Catholics do homilies, while Protestants do sermons."

We may want to use the terms interchangeably; but there are nuances that make them different. "Homily" is rooted in the Greek "homiletikos" which means "conversation", while "sermon" comes from the Latin "sermo" or "speech".

Some people think of a sermon as a kind of annoying lecture (you know, the "hellfire and brimstone" kind of thing). In reality a sermon is a lecture type of teaching. A sermon, while it may be a holy speech, doesn't need to have any connection to the Scriptures at all, but usually calls us to consider certain topics and calls us to take action or to adhere to a teaching or principle.

Some people like speeches, but I love a good conversation. A good homily feels like a conversation, a breaking open of God's Word and how we apply it to the concrete situations in our lives. Hopefully we listen to the priest or deacon, and then continue the conversation in our mind, responding with how God's Word is alive in our lives. The homily attempts to do what the Scriptures themselves do: proclaim the wonderful things that God has done and continues to do for us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17;
 Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus tells "a great crowd" the cost of discipleship. To be asked to turn their backs on their nearest and dearest certainly got their attention. Jesus was not asking people to be cold and to turn away from family. He was saying that when even loved ones turn hostile, disciples have to make a choice. Jesus insists that following him means taking up one's cross. The cross will mean different things in people's lives. Whatever the suffering, it should be accepted bravely. To follow him means to follow all the way. Jesus is asking, "Can you afford to follow me?"

Life Focus: * Name a way that a commitment to follow Christ has affected your decisions. * *Who has been faithful to you at a real personal cost.* * Name some aspect of your life that might get in the way of following God. * *Relate an experience when it was difficult to be a Catholic/Christian in today's world.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Sunday: Classes will begin **Sept. 26** for Early Childhood and Elementary. Middle School will start on Tuesday, **Oct. 5**. There will be an Orientation Meeting for our Early Childhood and Elementary parents during the regular class session on the first day. For further information, please contact the religious ed 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.

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

Year II - Welcome back. 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. We look forward to begin this blessed process with you.

Early Childhood: To register for Early Childhood (ages 3 - kindergarten) Sunday School classes 2010-11, please contact Shannon Carpenter, 430-6840.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

August, and maybe September, could be counted as "Mary's month." Three weeks ago we had the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Two weeks ago was the Queenship of the blessed Virgin Mary. Aug. 5 was the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the oldest church in the West dedicated in 431 AD to the Blessed Mother. Sept 8 is the Nativity of the Blessed Mother - Happy Birthday, Mary! Sept. 15 is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

St. Amadeus of Lausanne (1159 AD) said, "Observe how fitting it was that even before her assumption the name of Mary shone forth wondrously throughout the world. Her fame spread everywhere even before she was raised above the heavens in her magnificence. So it was that she began to taste the fruits of her future reign while still in the flesh. The angels rejoiced to see their queen, the apostles rejoiced to see their lady, and both obeyed her with loving devotion. Has anyone ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life glad-dened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?"

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 forever and ever. Amen.



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.

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



"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.

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 **Sept 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
September 7 & 21 - 7:00 p.m.
In the church
All are welcome!



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.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

Aug. 30: Newly formed Seniors Board meeting. Members will be introduced at next meeting.
September Meetings: **September 13** and **27**. Note: 2nd and 4th Mondays, due to the Labor Day holiday.
October Meetings: **October 4** and **18**. Regular meetings. Day trip to be announced.
 Please be sure to complete new medical forms.
 Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Attention Please! One of our donated automatic external defibrillators is missing. If anyone has any information on its whereabouts, please contact the rectory, 594-4657.

Virtus Training - Our **Virtus** child sexual abuse prevention workshop/training for those who will be working with children in our parish/school is scheduled for Tuesday, **Sept. 14, 7 - 10 p.m.** in the hall. This is required for all parish/school volunteers & staff. Please call the religious ed 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

Starting our 27th year at St. Joseph Parish

Can you help a little?? Many "littles" is one "BIG"! Come find out....

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 & share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! John/Jan Minter 430-5839.



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.

Save the date! **Sept. 21, 7 p.m.** at St. Maria Goretti. Unsure about where to put your money? Don't have an estate plan? Free seminar provided by the Knights for all parishioners. Life insurance, annuities, trust/estate planning and more. For more details, call 714-271-8642.

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? How is compliance with child abuse prevention efforts verified? While background checks and fingerprinting of all those who work with children in the Archdiocese of L.A. are important, they are used in conjunction with abuse awareness and prevention training programs to help ensure the safest possible parish and school environments for our children. An archdiocesan background-tracking information system, Volunteer and Personnel Information Network (VPIN), tracks assignment histories and compliance by employees and volunteers of fingerprinting, background checks and mandatory VIR-TUS sexual abuse prevention training. VPIN allows parishes and schools to adapt features of the system to fit their local needs and it assists the archdiocese to complete its audit reports. 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, 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

MONDAY, September 6
 8:00 a.m. - † Susan J. Paul

TUESDAY, September 7
 8:00 a.m. - † Irene Close

WEDNESDAY, September 8
 8:00 a.m. - † Loretta Amrhein

THURSDAY, September 9
 8:00 a.m. - Vinco Albajeg, living

FRIDAY, September 10
 8:00 a.m. - Hai Thi Dang Family, living

SATURDAY, September 11
 5:00 PM - † Florence Boyd

SUNDAY, September 12
 7:30 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen
 9:00 a.m. - Eleanor Connell
 10:30 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † Glen Van Camp

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

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