



### From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

Have you ever watched kids alone with other kids? A nine-year-old will use great authority over a five-year-old, trying to show how much wiser he is than the younger child. That same nine-year-old in the presence of adults will act quite differently.

It's all a matter of perspective! When we read today's Scriptures, we realize just how much like children we are. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us how unsure we are in our plans and judgments. And when we listen to the Gospel, we feel even more powerless, as Jesus asks His disciples if they really know the cost of following Him.

Most of us know that our Christian journey is a daily struggle. There are so many days when we take one step forward and two steps backward! So yes in many ways, we are like children, but remember, we are God's children. Jesus asks us today in the Gospel, how good of a planner we are. He mentions that no person of common sense would ever build a tower without first sitting down and checking to see if he can afford it, or if he has materials enough to finish it before he begins!

In terms of our spiritual life, the question is, do we have enough love, enough courage and enough grace to keep us faithful to the end? I know that many times I don't, and at other times I do. But God only asks that we live our lives "one day at a time" and that we just keep trying. A little prayer that I learned long ago helps me. I share it with you now in the hope that it might also help you. "Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray; keep me, guide me, love me, Lord, just for today!"

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

**Adult:** When I wander away from being true to my faith, how do I know God will be waiting when I return?

**Child:** How did I feel when I lost something for a time and then found it later?

**Teen:** Was there a time when I was left out or felt alienated & then welcomed back? What was that like for me?

### Bundle Sunday for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Just a reminder! The truck will be in our parking lot from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. next Sunday, **Sept. 19**. Remember to bring any **usable** items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture & large appliances, please call 323-224-6280 for home pickups.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

### Catechetical Corner



Our Tabernacle is a replica of the Jewish Ark of the Covenant. In many ways the Ark of the Covenant was prophetic of the Messiah who was to come. It was made of wood, indicating the humanity of the Messiah. It was overlaid with gold, signifying the divinity of the Messiah. The lid of the Ark was called the Mercy Seat. It was considered the footstool of God's throne and it was surrounded on each side by two cherubim. Once a year on Yom Kippur, "the day of atonement," the High Priest sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat to atone for the sins of Israel.

The Ark was built to contain three objects - the tablets of stone, a pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded. On the tablets were the written words of God, the Ten Commandments given to Moses. The manna in the Ark was a reminder to the Jewish people of the nourishment that God provided to his people in the desert after their exodus from Egypt. Aaron's Rod was the third object in the Ark. When Aaron became the leader of the Jews after Moses had died, he was challenged by the leaders of the other 11 tribes of Israel to be the High Priest. All of these men placed their rods in front of the Holy of Holies and only Aaron's rod had budded and flowered. This is a reminder to the Jewish people that Aaron was chosen to be the High Priest.

Our tabernacle here at St. Joseph's contains only one thing, the Body of Christ. Jesus is the Word of God, foreshadowed by the two stone tablets. Jesus is the Bread of Life who came down from heaven, foreshadowed by the bowl of manna. Jesus is our High Priest who is risen from the dead, and foreshadowed by the rod with blossoms. Jesus is our Messiah who shed his blood for the atonement of our sins, foreshadowed by the blood sprinkled on the Mercy Seat. Next time you come to pray in our Eucharistic chapel, come up to the tabernacle and take a look at its beauty and its significance.

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

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** Luke keeps assuring his readers of God's amazing acceptance of sinners. This conviction is central, of course, to all New Testament writings. God makes the first move, even before the sinner is ready to return. Luke recounts three parables to respond to the snobbery of some of the Pharisees & scribes. Jesus directs these three parables at the self-righteous people, the people who think God must follow their rules. Such people think they determine whom & how God will forgive. But Jesus says God follows God's own rules. Christians are being told not to imitate the religious "snobs" of Jesus' day. They must let God be God and not presume to tell God who can be saved and how people must be saved.

**Life Focus:** \* Speak of an experience of forgiveness you never thought possible. \* *Relate a time when you felt lost and someone reached out or did not reach out to you.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Elementary and Middle School:** 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.

**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.



**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.

**Meditation/Centering Prayer**  
**First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays**  
**September 21 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**In the church**  
**All are welcome!**



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Part of an "Ignatian Reflection:" A man came up to Jesus, knelt down before him, and said, "Lord, have pity on my son, he suffers severely." Mt 17:14 Let us put ourselves in the place of the parent of the suffering child. When we examine the

faith of the parent kneeling before Jesus, we see that this is out of more than simple respect or common social interaction; this kneeling is rooted in great need and utter humility. Is our faith in Christ's healing power as strong as the parent's in Matthew's gospel? This total surrender to God, to be on our knees begging as a subject to our Divine and Benevolent King, is central to our lived faith. Let us pray that God gives us the grace to be so humble, to be so aware of our need that our knees bend as we address Jesus as Lord. From Fr. J. Brown, S.J.

**Our Prayer:** Lord Jesus through the intercession of Your holy Mother Mary, help us to receive You in Communion with ever more faith and love. Let us strive to obtain the greatest spiritual benefits possible from each reception of this Blessed Sacrament. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

**Grief Support Group** - Are you grieving the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation? A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Tuesday, **Sept. 21**, at 7 p.m. in the PAC and will run for nine weeks - practical, emotional, spiritual and social support. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information, please call: Olga Cuda 594-4654 (Rectory Office) or Dave Desmond 429-3316.



**"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.

**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.

**Music Ministry Update**

**10:30 Choir:** Come try out the choir! I am seeking members to complement existing group. Must sing on pitch. All other skills taught. All are welcome (teens and adults).

**Children's Choir:** Children in grades two - five, it's time for choir/drama rehearsals. 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 be Sat. morns, 8-9:15 a.m. Parent meeting/Registration/Voice Placement **Sept. 18**, first rehearsal **Sept. 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.



**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 & 18.** Regular meetings.

**October 7:** Thursday casino trip to Harrahs. Cost \$6 includes driver's tip. Bus departs parking lot 8 a.m. sharp; return approx. 6 p.m. Reservations at Sept. 13 meeting.

Please be sure to complete new medical forms. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

**Starting our 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.**

**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

**Oct. 6** - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A., 323-585-4485

**Oct. 15** - Sagrado Corazon, Compton, 310-635-5436

**Oct. 29** - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-548-6535

**Oct. 30** - St. Athanasius, Long Beach, 562-423-7986

**Knights of Columbus Financial Planning Seminar**

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.

**Did You Know? Ensuring Your Child's School is Safe?**

Every teacher, coach, and volunteer who works with children in the archdiocese's parishes and schools must have a background check before he or she is permitted to work in any school- or parish- related job or activity that involves contact with children. But what about the children who attend non-Catholic private or public schools? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm. Suggest that they review other abuse prevention programs to ensure that their policies and practices are up to date. And demand that all employees and volunteers who work in the school be properly screened, including background checks, before they are allowed to be near your children. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office, 213-637-7227. For particular help you may call Suzanne, Director of Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**YLI St. Pius X** - #211 is a Catholic Women's charitable organization with members from the parishes of Long Beach and Lakewood. Our purpose is to help our church and our community, and support our seminarians through prayer, volunteer work, fundraising and social events. *Come join the fun and see what we are all about.* We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Please call Ann, 425-5387, or Elizabeth, 421-0870 with questions.

**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.

**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

# Mass Intentions



**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

**MONDAY, September 13**  
 8:00 a.m. - † All Souls

**TUESDAY, September 14**  
 8:00 a.m. - Jeniffer Panunzio, living

**WEDNESDAY, September 15**  
 8:00 a.m. - † John Fortier

**THURSDAY, September 16**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Edgar Toledo

**FRIDAY, September 17**  
 8:00 a.m. - Kevin Jane, Thanksgiving

**SATURDAY, September 18**  
 5:00 PM - † Cote and Amrhein family

**SUNDAY, September 19**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen  
 9:00 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. - † Glen Van Camp  
 12:30 p.m. - † Hector Hinojosa

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:

<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, 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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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE