



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

In the movie "Multiplicity," Michael Keaton plays a man who is completely overwhelmed with his responsibilities as a husband, father and business owner. He finds a way to clone himself in order to better handle all his tasks. It turns out that one clone isn't enough, so he ends up making several clones and still he can't seem to keep up with his busy life.

We all have busy lives and we have so many roles to play. We have children, parents, employers, coaches, teachers, ministries and more to answer to in our lives. Handling all these roles and responsibilities, and handling them well, can seem overwhelming.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his followers, "No servant can serve two masters." When I read this, my first response is that it would be great to only have two masters. Most of the time, I feel like I have half a dozen. Jesus tells us, "You cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon means money, but it seems to me that there are also other masters that compete for our loyalty such as popularity and social standing, to name a couple.

Jesus' point, of course, is that we ought only serve one master - God. We are encouraged to turn to God with all the desires that cause us to look to these other masters, our desire for success, security, and admiration.

Maybe our challenge is not to find more time and more energy for our responsibilities, but to prioritize and perhaps eliminate some of the commitments that distract us and frustrate us and make us anxious.

For my part, I have been trying to spend time each morning asking God to direct my day, and I try to pay attention to the events of each day to discern just how God might be answering that prayer. I still get distracted, anxious and frustrated at times but I also find that it gets a little easier to see and choose God's will rather than force my own agenda. I am still far from having just one master, but I find it is a very satisfying goal to aspire to.

2010 Hunger Walk

Come support our parish and the Confirmation candidates at the 35th annual Hunger Walk on Sunday, **October 24**. The walk starts and finishes at Los Altos United Methodist Church at Woodruff and Willow. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., walk begins at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mariana, 598-0519.

Bundle Sunday for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bring **usable** items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture and large appliances, please call 323-224-6280 for pickup.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Webster says a 'metaphor' is; an application of a word or phrase to an object or concept it does not literally denote in order to suggest comparison, as in "a mighty fortress is our God." Fr. Rolheiser, IMI said, "An atheist, someone quipped, is just another name for someone who doesn't grasp metaphor." He says, "We cheat ourselves of meaning whenever we treat Scripture, the creeds, and the dogmas of our faith as simple statements of history, newspaper accounts in literal language. They have historicity and they are true but the language surrounding them is not the language of the newspaper. Their language is meant to be contemplated, knelt before and absorbed in the heart as we experience more and more of life's mysteries. Read and re-read the Gospel and ask, 'What is God trying to tell me today?'"

Henri Nouwen, on the "Return of the Prodigal Son" he says of Jesus: The most radical statement He ever made is "be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." It invites us to become like God, the Father, and show the same compassion to others as He shows to us. What we are called to make true is that whether I am the younger (wasteful and selfish) or the elder (bitter, unforgiving, hateful) we are the son of the compassionate Father. We are called, we are destined, to step into my Father's place and offer to others the same compassion and forgiveness that He offers to us."

Our Prayer: (Found on Fr. Mychal Judge, Franciscan Chaplain to the NY Fire Dept., who died on 9/11) Lord, take me where You want me to go. Let me meet who You want me to meet. Tell me what You want me to say, and keep me out of Your way. Amen.

Catechetical Sunday - This weekend 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 thorough words & actions.

We will celebrate and commission our catechists at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve the catechetical needs of our parish.

Congratulations to Peter Baine and Mary Anne Silvestri-Ciesielski who completed the catechist training and are now certified catechists.

Altar Servers Needed

Any boy or girl, 4th grade and above, please come to Altar Server Training: Wednesday, September 29, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 30, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the church. Please RSVP to Ann Crowley, 594-7575, or call if you have any questions.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How often do I speak for justice or act with generosity?

Child: When have I shared my belongings with someone who did not have all that I have?

Teen: If someone treats me unfairly, do I have the right to do the same to them?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary and Middle School: Classes will begin **Sept. 26** for Early Childhood and Elementary. Middle School will start on Tuesday, **Oct. 5**. Due to insurance requirements, **only those registered will be allowed to attend class.** Please call to register prior to next Sunday.

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: Attention Parents! Classes start next week! If you have not yet registered your 3 & 4 year olds or your kindergartner for Sunday School, come to the PAC after all Masses or call Shannon today, 430-6840.

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

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 Tuesdays, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Rita Smith, 714-761-4376.

Faith and Hope: Beyond Prison Walls Benefit Art Fair - The Office of Restorative Justice of the Archdiocese of L.A. invites you on Saturday, **Oct. 9**, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to **Homeboy Industries**, 130 W. Bruno St., L.A. 90012. The Office of Restorative Justice offers pastoral care to the victims of violent crime, assists the families of the incarcerated and provides re-entry services for inmates and parolees. The art fair will exhibit works for sale from various artists who are currently in prisons and jails throughout California. Proceeds will go to benefit our ministries. Please contact Dustin Halliwell, 221-0712, for donations, or make checks payable to: Office of Restorative Justice, 2049 S. Santa Fe Ave., L.A., 90021. Thank you for your generosity.

Have you been challenged about being Catholic? Have you been asked, have you been saved? Or, why do you pray to Mary, call priests “Father,” or believe you need to confess your sins to a priest? A **Catholic apologetics Class** will be starting to help answer those and other challenges using Scripture and the Fathers of the Church. We will meet in the PAC starting Wednesday, **Oct. 13**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Thursday, **Oct. 14**, 7-9 p.m. For information, contact Richard Dana, 420-9976.

Did You Know? Always Keep an Up-to-Date Photo of Your Child One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months) photograph, a head-and-shoulders color photograph in which the face is clear, of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid. The photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD). This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child. For more information, please visit: www.missingkids.com. For particular help you may call Suzanne, Director of Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.



How Does a Person Become a Catholic?

Are you or someone you know curious about Catholicism? 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.

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

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
 October 5 and 19 - 7:00 p.m.
 In the church. All are welcome!





St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

September 27: Regular meeting.
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: call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.
Please be sure to complete new medical forms.
Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, separated), will meet on Sunday, **Sept. 26 at 2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

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.

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.

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 Meeting...thanks for coming!
Can you help a little?? Many "littles" is one "BIG"! Call about the food baskets.
Thank you again for all that you do & share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! John/Jan Minter 430-5839.



School Student Non-discriminatory Policy
The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation, and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.



Attention Golfers: St. Joseph's Annual Golf Classic, Friday, Oct. 15, Recreation Golf Course, \$175 includes registration, lunch, putting contest, mulligans, Oktoberfest dinner, & raffle tickets. Contact Dave Stankavich, 795-5767, or StJosephGolfOktoberfest@yahoo.com.

Oktoberfest at St. JosephSchool, Friday, Oct. 15, 6-11 p.m. German diner, Knights of Columbus beer garden, music, auctions, & opportunity drawings. Tickets \$25. Contact Tera Kaufamann, 627-9264 or StJosephGolfOktoberfest@yahoo.com.

Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Javier Munoz, 310-993-9618 or StJosephGolfOktoberfest@yahoo.com.



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.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, September 20
 8:00 a.m. - Evelyn Waugh, living

TUESDAY, September 21
 8:00 a.m. - Francis & Nora Devine & family, living

WEDNESDAY, September 22
 8:00 a.m. - † Jaime Valdez

THURSDAY, September 23
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

FRIDAY, September 24
 8:00 a.m. - † Salud Garcia

SATURDAY, September 25
 5:00 PM - † Bernard McCune

SUNDAY, September 26
 7:30 a.m. - † Mary Ann Smuda
 9:00 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Bill Bradshaw
 12:30 p.m. - † Susan J. Paul

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, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Marlana 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 Kohnen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon & Grace Griffin.

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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE