



From the Pastor's Desk:

Christ is made manifest in these winter days. The Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, and now the sign of changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee all reveal aspects of Christ. These feasts are manifestations of God's glory, a glory in which we have a share because of our baptism.

With all the joyous feasting of the past few weeks, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that the mystery of the Incarnation means not only that God became human in Christ, but also that humanity can now share in the divine life promised to us from the beginning.

Jesus' first sign at Cana in Galilee reminds us that God acts in this world. It may not always be as dramatic as a miracle. But God is forever joined to us, and we to God!

Father William

**Our Parish Feast Day of St. Joseph
A Parish Family Day
Please save the date - March 18.
More information to follow.**

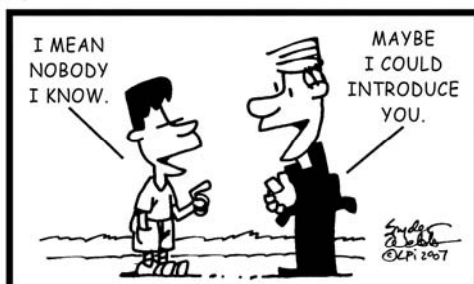
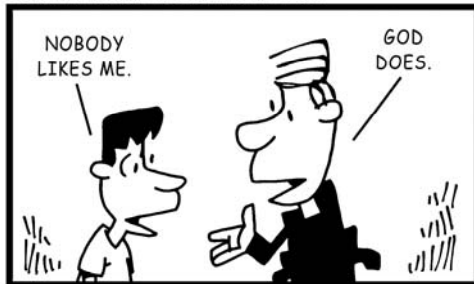
Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:

June Jendrusch



One Day Retreat to Deepen Your Prayer Life - Silent retreat open to Catholics searching for deeper spirituality. Retreat master Fr. Datus OCD covers beginning steps that lead to contemplative prayer. **Jan. 20, 9-4**, Sacred Heart Retreat House, Alhambra. Free, bring own lunch to avoid breaking silence. More info: Eric, 562-867-8164.

2ND ORDINARY SUNDAY
FOR THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU



From the Deacon's Desk:

I ran across an article in a Readers Digest of two years ago entitled: "Happiness, How to Have it NOW." It's about workaholic Carl Honore. He was trying to fit more bedtime stories into ten minutes so he could get to his e-mail and work. But he found out that, "it's all about slowing down." He said, "It's balance and staying calm and unflustered even when circumstances force us to speed up". The article says one "simple way is to anchor ourselves in the present and discover an activity that defies acceleration - something like meditation, gardening or reading." Then up popped this reflection in the "Living Faith" for Wednesday the 10th. It began, "If I'm too busy to pray, I'm too busy." That pretty well sums up the past three weeks with Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and all, and sprinkled in with New Years and family get-togethers. Sister Svoboda S.N.D. says, "It's good to recall what Jesus did amid the busyness of his daily life, "He went off to a deserted place, where He prayed."

Are you still too busy? Stop! Take time to catch your breath. Breathe in deeply, let it out slowly. Repeat this three times. Now, reflect on today's Gospel: Jesus and Mary and His disciples at the wedding feast of Cana. Recall the incident where Mary says to the stewards, "Do whatever He tells you." Take time to meditate on these five words. What is He telling you?

Our Prayer: (For the Gift of Peace) Almighty and ever-present Father, Your watchful care reaches from end to end and orders all things in such power that even the tensions and tragedies of sin cannot frustrate Your loving plans. Help us to embrace Your will, give us the strength to follow Your call so that Your truth may live in our hearts and reflect peace to those who believe in Your love. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

World Marriage Day Celebration with Cardinal Mahony at the Cathedral, **February 11, 3:30 pm.** Couples celebrating their silver (25), 30, 40, or golden (50) or more wedding anniversary are invited to a special Anniversary Mass. Registration fee: \$35 per couple. For more information and registration, please call Annette Vichot in the Office of Family Life, 213-637-7228.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Married couples...Have you made the resolution to start the new year right? New romance, deeper communication, feeling even closer to your spouse? We can help you keep this resolution. Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend

Feb. 9-11! For more info: Jacob & Sarah, 923-7335.

Monday Nights....Take a Stress-free Prayer Break....
Rosary PRO-LIFE SERVICE - Join us for **just an hour** to pray and say a rosary with the PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT. MONDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 pm in the CHURCH. JOIN US to pray for all human rights, from conception to natural death, in a lay rosary and prayer service. Bring your special intentions. CALL John, 430-5839, for a ride.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Program: Our Elementary and Early Childhood families will be attending the **9:00 am Mass** together on Sunday, **January 28**, with a Potluck Brunch to follow in the hall.

Sacrament Program: Workshop Session #2, "Our Church and Our Community," for our **First Year** Sacrament Program will take place today from **2:00 to 3:30 pm** in the hall. This workshop is for parents and children.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Gospel: John 2:1-11)

Adults: What is one grace (miracle) or gift that I have shared with my family?

Children/Teens: What is one gift (grace) that God has given to me that I can share with my friends or classmates?

Early Childhood: No class today. Staff meeting next week after class.

Sunday Nursery: We have caretakers for the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, holidays included!

Jesus is Lord!! *St. Joseph Bible Study - The Gospel of John* begins with an amazing truth: the Word of God, God the Son, who existed before creation and by which everything was created, became human and lived with us. Come & stay awhile as we dwell in the mystery of our faith. Be transformed by the WORD. Christ in you, the hope of glory. Call Rita 714-761-4376 or the Religion Ed. Office for info.

ATTENTION FAMILIES WHO ATTEND THE 9 AM MASS

We are in great need for more help with our **Liturgy of the Word with Children** at the **9:00 am Mass!!** This is a wonderful ministry and requires little training or time. Please feel free to observe when the children are dismissed. The catechists love extra help. We want this ministry to continue on an every week basis, but need more volunteers to make this happen! For information, please contact the Religious Education Office at **598-0519**.

Safeguard the Children FINGERPRINTING

All parish staff, catechists, and volunteers who work with our children are required by the Archdiocese to be fingerprinted. There will be another opportunity to be fingerprinted on Friday, **Jan. 26**, at St. Dominic Savio in Bellflower. Please call for an appointment, 562-920-7796.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women - Jan. 14, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Nazareth House, Los Angeles, call Sr. Fintan, 310-839-2361, for more information.

"Healing of Memories" seminar by Fr. John Hampsch, CMF, an internationally known missionary priest, on Saturday, **Jan. 20, 9-4** at St. Margaret Mary parish hall, Lomita. For more information, call Mary Ann Sanders, 310-530-3094 or Cathy Russell, 310-325-5699.

**New Members are always Welcome - No Age limits.**

Hope you all had a Blessed Christmas Holiday - our Christmas party was a huge success. Food was great, entertainment was super. Our Project Achieve was a big success. Thanks to all our seniors for all the work. Deacon Don and Tina were very grateful.

A special big THANKS to our group for the very generous gift to Olga and Betty.

Jan. 15 - First meeting of the new year. Dues will be collected - \$5 a year.

Feb. meetings are as follows: **Feb. 5 and Feb. 19.**

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Attention: The 50+ Singles of St. Pancratius (divorced, single, widowed Catholics), 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lkwd, will meet on Sunday, **Jan. 21** at **2 pm** in the conference room (behind the parish hall). Info: Mary, 596-9449.

Small Church Community

Invitation to Reflect - In the wedding feast of Cana we see Jesus pressed by his mother's compassion to respond to a social dilemma. It was a wedding feast, a primal social event within the local community. Marriage bound the community together by linking families through relationships of longevity. The social fabric of the community was strengthened by the celebrations of these unions. It was proper and fitting to celebrate with everyone present.

How embarrassing to miscalculate the needed amount of wine or to be unable to afford the quantity that would allow people to celebrate this major covenantal event! Whatever the circumstances, Mary noted the problem and approached the one person whom she knew could alleviate the discomfort. We have no idea what she thought Jesus would do, but we do know that she felt confident in asking him for help. While Jesus resists the appeal initially, like the good son who relents and responds fully in the parable of the two sons (Matthew 21:28ff), he proceeds to respectfully honor her request.

This is not a statement about familial control or God being subject to any human preference. It is a story that depicts Jesus as a man who cared about the needs of those around him. In everyday life, Jesus could be moved to respond in order to meet people where they were. Mary knew this capacity in her Son. She trusted him to reach out and alleviate the struggle in some way. Of course, he made this miracle a sign of his "hour," giving it a profound meaning that Mary would come to understand.

God is concerned about human dilemmas and limitations and chooses to respond. Our petitions, spoken from the depths of surrendered hearts, aware of their dependency upon a generous God, fall upon God's ears and receive a hearing. While we may not know the precise way in which God will respond, we can be assured the voices that cry out are heard.

Life Focus - * Who helped bring your faith to life? How do you do this for others? * What blessings have come to you beyond what you asked or expected? * When were you able to talk to those close to you about who you are and what you believe? * Where has the wine run out in your life? * Describe a recent "ordinary" event that ended up having extraordinary meaning.

School News

St. Joseph School would like you to join us Sunday, **January 28 from 2-5pm** for the dedication of our football field to Coach Fitz. Come and help us honor this St. Matthew boy who made it to the top at St. Joseph School.

St. Joseph School is accepting applications for the Kindergarten class of 2007-2008. Please call Bridget in the school office, 596-6115, for an application. There will be a general information meeting for all new perspective parents only on Tuesday, **February 20 at 7:00 pm**. Applications must be received by this date.

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, St. Joseph School is having an Open House on Wednesday, **January 31 at 6:00 pm**. Please call Bridget in the school office, 596-6115, if you plan to attend. There will be a special tour for all new applicants to St. Joseph School.

St. Joseph parish school "**Casino Night**" **Feb. 3, 6:30 - 11:00 pm**. Proceeds will be used to purchase books. Tickets \$25 - includes dinner & \$100 funny money chip to each guest to play blackjack, roulette & craps. Winnings can be turned in for a chance to win prizes. We are looking for table sponsors and donations for the event. Tickets can be purchased at the school office or the rectory.

Knights of Columbus Free-throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus invite all parish boys and girls ages 10 to 14 to take part in the annual free-throw competition. Trophies will be awarded to winners in their age group. Boys will compete against boys and girls against girls. Each winner will advance to a higher level for more awards and get a chance to become a California state champion. Check the school bulletin board for date and times of the free-throw competition.

St. Joseph T-Ball - sign up your son or daughter for another fun-filled season. Registration will be held on Saturday, **Jan. 20, 9 - 11 am**, in front of Fr. Walter Martin hall. All children pre-K to 1st grade are welcome. Cost is \$65 per player. The 2007 season runs from March 3 - May 19. All games and practices will be at St. Joseph's on Saturdays at 9 am and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for coaches, team parents, or snack shack helpers. For information, call Dave Bierman 430-4493 or Bob Bond 412-1193.

St. Anthony High School Open House - Jan. 24, 5-8pm

for students and families interested in a co-ed, college preparatory Catholic high school experience, small class size, and a student-teacher ratio of 15-1. Tours provided, meet with teachers, staff, alumni and current students. St. Anthony's is a small school that offers a big opportunity for students fortunate enough to gain admission. For more information, please call 435-4496 x214.

"Youth Building the Dream" - 15th annual community-wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Celebration, Sunday **Jan. 14, 3:00 pm**, Gospel Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1480 Atlantic Ave. Questions: 983-1665.



*21st year for Movement For a Better World - Your parish organization!!
Next meeting Thursday Jan. 25, at 7:30 pm in the PAC. Find out what is coming up on our schedule.*

Again we want to thank all the parishioners who helped with our Christmas project this year. Your generous donations with the gifts and help with the deliveries was overwhelming. **So many volunteers made this huge Christmas Gift Basket delivery a beautifully smooth event.**

L. B. Project Achieve... Our newest mission. Call us or Tina Gath. Many of our parishioners have helped already. We, as a parish, are trying to provide three meals each month. Can you help us once a month?

Please keep using the BLUE "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes to help us. Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal. Your **blue envelope donations** are sooo appreciated! Thank you for helping so many neighbors in Long Beach.

Blood Drive

Date: February 18

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Place: St. Joseph Parish Hall

Sponsor: St. Joseph Church & Knights of Columbus Council #3629

Contact: Mark Smith @ msmith@uces.csulb.edu or Shauna Gwin @ sgwin@socalblood.com or 818-917-4294.

Hospice Touch is looking for volunteers over 18 to provide social and emotional support for patients and their families. Listening, holding a hand, reading or providing relief for caregivers are just a few of the ways volunteers help. Pet therapy, music, making lap blankets, shawls or slippers, helping in the office, or making phone calls to loved ones are additional ways to get involved. Free training is offered. For more information please contact Ginger Askew, 866-553-5553.

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Whether you are a long-time resident, newly arrived, or a visitor, we wish you the Peace, Joy and Love of Christ.

Everyone 18 years and older is invited to register and become a member of our parish community. If we can help you in any way, please call us at **562-594-4657**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

- I would like to register
- This is a change of address and/or phone
- I am moving out of the parish

Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, January 13**
 5:00 PM - † Vincent Wanzek
- SUNDAY, January 14**
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Barbara Semansen
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Taytro, Jr.
 12:30 PM - † Henri Coultas
- MONDAY, January 15**
 8:00 AM - † Jane Mais
- TUESDAY, January 16**
 8:00 AM - Philip Loggio & family, Thanksgiving
- WEDNESDAY, January 17**
 8:00 AM - † Jane Mais
- THURSDAY, January 18**
 8:00 AM - Helen & Earl Smith, 60th Anniversary
- FRIDAY, January 19**
 8:00 AM - † Michael Lowen
- SATURDAY, January 20**
 5:00 PM - † Rosario Shoudt
- SUNDAY, January 21**
 7:30 AM - Thanksgiving Mass
 9:00 AM - † Barbara Semansen
 10:30 AM - † Zenon Popinski
 12:30 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

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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| Vincent Vezzetti | Christopher Ward |
| William T. Worthy, Jr. | Amy Mann |
| Glen Warren | Nick Compton |
| Joseph LaRiccica | Joseph Comfort |
| Irene Avila | Peter LuPiba |
| Kevin Roberts | Scott Williams |
| Justin Ray | Rob Black |

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.



Last week: \$15,952
 Last year: \$16,462

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Toni Morrison, Irene Risko, Stacey Cormier, Dorthea Bradley, Mary Lovelace, Jeanne Sexton, Christina Knight, Benjamin Gentry, Vicky Munda, Bernard & Jan Carpenter, Bert Willis, John Barycki, Alexander Crook, Becky Fremgen, Phil McCafferty, Honey Weinstein, Mary Mariano, Anna Sharples, Paul Halliburton, Heather Choppin, Lydia Simpson, Susan Meicht, Elizabeth Rouse, David Sudakou, Jesse Torres, Helen Belli, Dick Ingalls, Cletus Schmidt, Tony Bernardo, David Dresnick, Dorothy Custer, Margaret DeRuyter, Christopher Moore, Lala Rocha, Diane Stowers, Hugo Jorda, John Anselmo, Bobby Lovett, Katie Hofkenschaid & Jim Carrera.

LITURGY

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| DIRECTOR of LITURGY | Fr. William | 594-4657 |
| ALTAR CARE | Mary Jelnick | 429-2529 |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION | Gene Ensch | 421-0147 |
| LECTORS | Bill Smith | 431-2495 |
| USHERS | Ron Steiner | 431-7703 |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Craig Lawrence | 430-0913 |
| | craigslawrence@yahoo.com | |
| DIRECTOR of MUSIC | Vivian Doughty | 422-5430 |
| CHURCH SACRISTANS | Lily & Joe Dang | 493-2198 |

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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| PRINCIPAL | Brid Considine |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Carole Dellavalle |
| SECRETARIES | Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska |
| PTO PRESIDENT | Linda Smith |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY | Veronica Gibb |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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| ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| CONFIRMATION | Cindy Rodriguez | 598-0519 |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD | Shannon Carpenter | 430-6840 |
| LITURGY/CHILDREN | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| RCIC (Children) | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| SUNDAY NURSERY | Shannon Carpenter | 430-6840 |
| BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN | Mimi Bloeser | 597-0785 |

ADULT MINISTRY

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| RCIA INQUIRY | Shane & Olga Cuda | 594-4657 |
| RCIA | Peter Baine | 598-4130 |
| BIBLE STUDY | Rita Smith | 714-761-4376 |
| BAPTISM PREPARATION | Roman & Julia Escoto | 425-4834 |
| | Terri Traucht | |
| SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES | Don & Tina Gath | 598-5202 |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

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| Nancy Miller | 429-2546 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Peter Baine | 598-4130 |
| FINANCE COUNCIL | Randall Ely | 430-0143 |
| | rely5@verizon.net | |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR | Mike Santy | 799-0660 |
| | msanty@verizon.net | |
| FAMILY ROUND TABLE | Marianne Schaeffer | 594-8678 |
| MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD | John & Jan Minter | 430-5839 |
| BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY | Nancy Miller | 429-2546 |
| RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL | Michelle Parize | 477-3647 |
| SENIOR GROUP | Betty Maligie | 596-8287 |
| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | Ron Steiner | 431-7703 |
| ENGAGED ENCOUNTER | Jim & Theresa Murphy | 431-5025 |
| MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER | Tom & Pat Halliwell | 799-0921 |
| NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING | Greg & Beth Gath | 377-5877 |
| SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN | Shannon Carpenter | 430-6840 |
| GIRL SCOUTS | Cynthia Stabelfeldt | 421-8492 |
| CAMP FIRE GIRLS | Cyndy Diaz | 421-2006 |
| CUB SCOUTS | Douglas Alchorn | 594-9407 |
| BOY SCOUTS | Tom Zofrea | 493-2940 |

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE