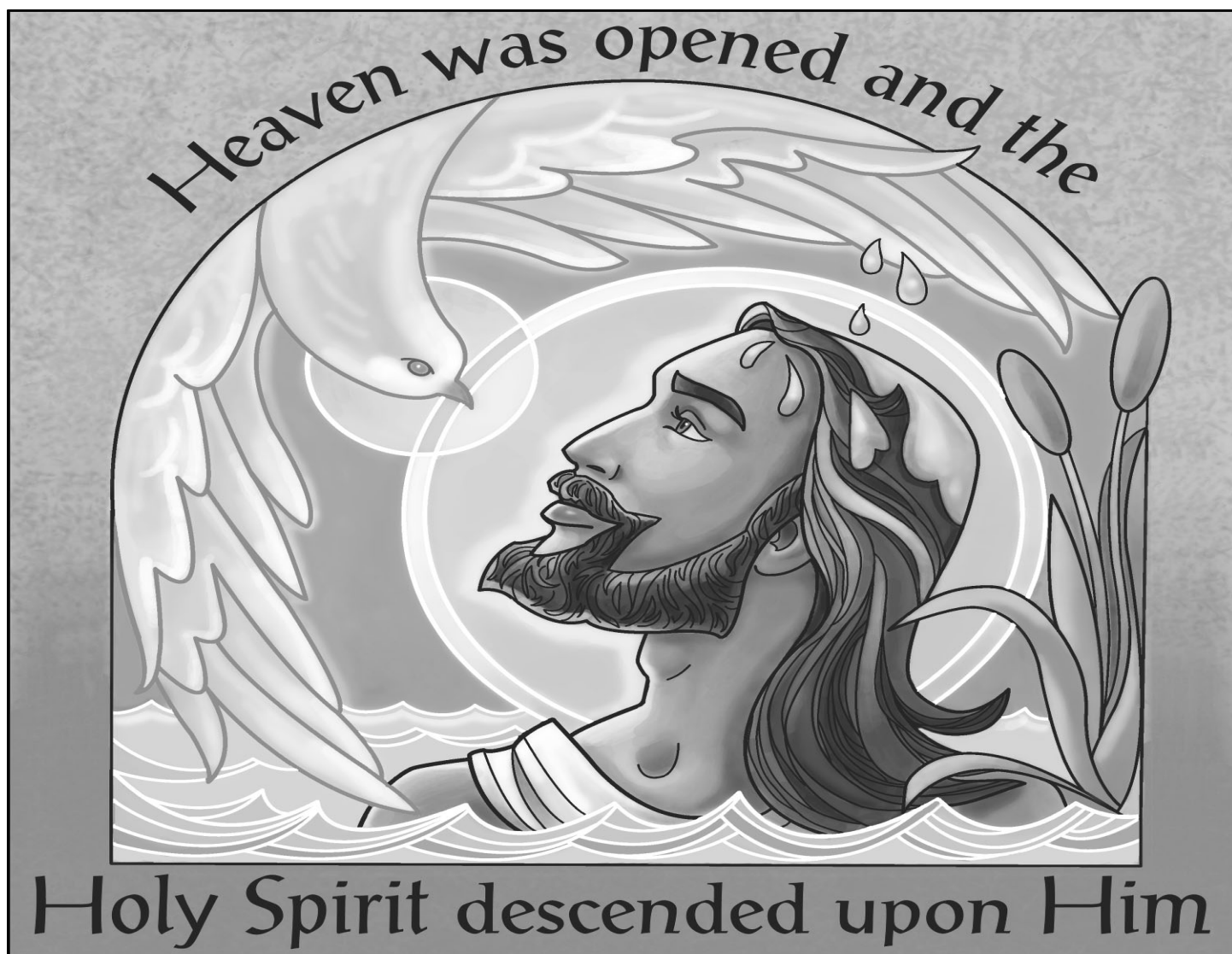


BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2010



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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, after Daily Mass.—11:45 a.m.

Benediction at Noon

Holy Days: Please contact Parish Office

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Please contact the Parish Office

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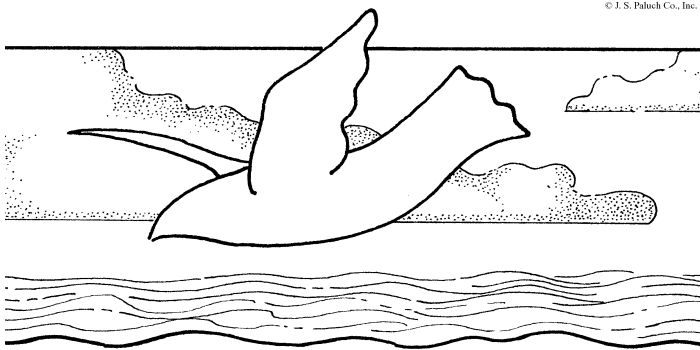
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays: T, Th, Sat. at 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays -- 5:00—7:00 p.m.

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He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit
— *Titus 3:5*

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5,6).

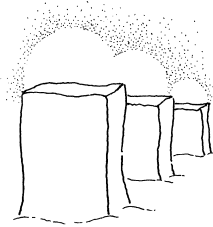
PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**LIFE AND DIGNITY SUNDAY SET FOR
JANUARY 23/24, 2010**

At the request of Bishop Wilkerson, all parishes in the San Fernando Region will be focusing attention on our civic responsibilities by inviting interested parishioners to register for a newly created Catholic Legislative Network. It has been described as a "Voice for Life and Dignity in California." Next weekend there will be a one-page explanation of the Network and Life & Dignity Sunday in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then carefully and prayerfully consider registering for the Catholic Legislative Network on January 23/24.

Note: To help with this historic effort, please contact our parish coordinators, Jim and Carol Lewis at **(818) 957-5264**. Thank you!



Luminaria
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cation into this effort, including:

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

We hope everyone has enjoyed the poinsettia plants, pine garlands, wreaths and bows (each one handmade!) used to decorate our church for Christmas Masses. We wish to thank the following men, women, and children of all ages who arrived on a cold, but very bright December 23 morning to put their hearts, creativity and dedication into this effort, including:

Larry Gilhooly
Ann Calabrese
Amanda Metz and her Grandfather
Marty & Ginny McGowan
Kathy Morreale and Julia Morreale
Bon Olano
Guy Fish
Laura and Christian Hipke
The Hovanessian Family, including Shannon, Stevie,
Wesley, Joanne & Shelby
Gerard McLiam
Fr. George Brincat
Holy Redeemer Staff

We also thank:

- Our local Ralph's Market, and Lordz Flowers for donating all the fresh Baby's Breath flowers for the Christmas Trees.
- Our Boy Scouts and their leaders for providing the beautiful Luminaria (what an effort!) for the Christmas Eve Masses.
- Last but not least, we thank all of you who made Christmas Flower Fund donations. We couldn't have done it without you!

If we missed anyone we are truly sorry, and don't worry, God knows you were there and He will remember!

DETENTION MINISTRY "THANK YOU"

The Catholic chaplains at Barry Nidorf Juvenile Hall send their thanks and deepest gratitude for Holy Redeemer's generous monetary donation for Christmas gifts. The donation helped buy shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, healthy snacks, Bibles and other spiritual reading, and shower sandals for the youth. The chaplains feel very blessed to have your support, assistance and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering at the Hall in Sylmar, call our Parish Detention Ministry representative, Ellie Martin **(818) 248-1326** or Chaplain Janne Shirley, **(818) 364-2021**.

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS

On February 17th, Ash Wednesday we will begin our Lenten Journey. Our Lenten Soup Nights will be offered throughout the Friday's of Lent beginning February 19th. If your group or Ministry would like to sponsor one of the nights, please call Victoria in the Rectory **(818) 249-2008, ext. 221**. Thank you!

HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL NEWS

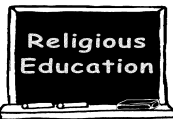
The faculty and staff of Holy Redeemer School wishes a blessed, healthy and happy New Year to all!

School Science Fair: Students in grades 5-8 will be participating in the upcoming Science Fair. Project Deadline is Wed., Jan. 20th. If there are any parish members who would be willing to volunteer as a Science Fair Judge on Thursday, Jan. 21, please contact Mrs. Cathi Garcia through the school office @ **(818) 541-9005**.

NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 18th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As **Catholic Schools Week** soon approaches, let us contemplate on the value of Catholic Schools to our children and the community. Please continue to pray for and support the community of Holy Redeemer School.

— Cathi Garcia



Anyone interested in attending the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim in March, please contact Trish at **818-249-2008 ext 443**. There are many workshops offered for faith development, parenting, and current topics pertinent to our lives as active Catholics.

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NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING SOON

You are invited to join us at the new Bible study, **“Women in the Old Testament”**, beginning Monday February 1st, 10:00 a.m. in Healy Hall. The study will consist of 11 sessions and there is a \$15 fee for materials. For additional information please call Elgie Lalley **(818) 249-5770**, or Diane Wyman **(818) 730-4684**.

JANUARY 15-17, 2010

A “Beginning Experience” workshop will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, in Encino, for those who’ve experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This weekend program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. The Beginning Experience ministry is endorsed by the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Office of Family Life. Website is www.beginningexperience.org For more information or registration, please call Brenda Mikhail **(818) 352-5265** or email brendamikhail@msn.com.

Hurtful Sin

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

—Benjamin Franklin

Verdugo Hills Council Boy Scouts of America invite you to join us to the 2nd Annual TEN COMMANDMENTS HIKE

A Neighborhood Family Walk

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th 2010

7:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the La Crescenta Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

4550 Raymond Avenue in La Crescenta-Montrose, CA (above Foothill Blvd., behind the Ralphs Supermarket)

The event will be held rain or shine...**BE PREPARED** and Bring Your Own **SACK LUNCH** and **WATER Bottle!!**

Clergy from the following faiths and churches will give presentations:

- * **Montrose Community Church** * **CV Community Church** * **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** * **Holy Redeemer Catholic Church** * **CV United Methodist Church** * **La Crescenta Presbyterian Church** * **Antioch Presbyterian Church** * **La Crescenta 1st Baptist Church** * **St. Lukes Anglican Church of CV** * **Montrose Church**

Purpose: To get to know and understand the Ten Commandments and meet the religious leaders in the La Crescenta-Montrose Community.

This event is open to all boys and girls of all ages/ranks of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and all members of the scouting family. *All Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to proudly wear their Full Class A Uniform.*

For more information, call David Davis, **(818) 567-2198** or e-mail at GodsOwnHeartDavis@sbcglobal.net
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! COME JOIN US!

SAINT HILARY

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus was the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so much the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Jacob (age 3), Carol Friesen, Kathryn Ausburn, Larry Lewis, Albert Guthrie, Edward Pilgrim, Rebecca Cole, Rosemary Hegenbart, Carmel Richardson, Anne McPherson, Janice Klein, Colleen MacIntosh, Maria Bonino-Britsch, Sela Patterson, Bill McNerny, Kay Kates, Michael Franco, Angie Escobal, Robert Delaney, Tom Passafiume, Margaret Sinatra, Jolene Neal, Kathleen Robertson, Virginia Brennan, Eleanor Birney, Stacy Toyon, Judy Silva, Wendy Wayne, John Paluka, Jeanie Fjelstad, Teresa Rocha, Ed Gillin, Kerrigan Madden, Betty Myers, Mamata Pramanik, Bernadeen Sullivan, Katie Heydorff, Gil Bernal, Adam Voelker, Gregory Voelker, Teresita V. Bautista, Letty Gutierrez, Calixto Gutierrez, Ana Velez, Remedios Stanlee, Arcenia Go, Sarah Novak, Paula Sullit, Victoria Robman, Will Romo, Brian Cole, Rev. Magee, O.S.A., Joanie Walsh, James Pope, Esther Mimiaga, Pat Miller, Albert Mellican, Marion Marvin, Marie Castle, Robin Klesges, Ken Lau, Nancy Wheeler, Baby Ian Palamattam, Vincent McElwee, Evelyn McElwee, Florence Cannella, Teresa Zuniga Lau, Teresa Newlin, Eleana Zuniga, Mary Louisa Zuniga, Francis O'Neil, Marge & Tom Gilroy, Carol Mutchnik, Patricia Hausmann, Tom English, Millie Urso, Eithne Foley, Cora McConnell, Louise Lewis, Nikolas Haas, Jane O'Neil, and all others.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Dan Cortes, USMC Gunnery Sergeant, Jeffrey Salvador, U.S. Army National Guard, Christopher Falzone USMC, Brendon Terry USMC, Michael Richards, USMC, preparing for deployment to Afghanistan, Jessica Pena, serving in Iraq, Lance Corporal Zac Garcia, USMC, Brian Henderson, Capt. Michelle Sharp U.S. Army, serving in Korea, Staff Sgt. Louis Figueroa, Staff Sgt. Erica Thill, Staff Sgt. John Stedman, Kyle Jesse Marquez, Cesar Nader, Justin Hughes, Capt. Bryan Bogardus, Christopher Villagrancia, Brian Joseph Joo, Specialist, Brandon Buys, Carlos Brown, Christopher Skeeahan, Abraham Miranda, Mike McDonald, Michael & Kim Rufner, Raul Acevedo, Doug Zembeic, Byron Pangburn, Grant Gregory, Capt. Brian McDermott, U.S. Army. *To add a name please call 249-2008, ext. 441.*

BEREAVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM BEGINS TOMORROW, JANUARY 11TH

Holy Redeemer Church is sponsoring a Bereavement Training Program to be held in the Parish Hall, on Monday evenings, beginning TOMORROW, Jan. 11, 2010—Feb. 22, 2010, 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. including one Saturday on January 30th, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. This program is offered by the Catholic Cemeteries Department, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. If you are currently serving on our Bereavement team, or if you are considering becoming more involved, and would like to attend, this is a great opportunity to do so—*right in our own parish!* To find out more information, please contact Roxane Cornelius, Bereavement Ministry Coordinator at (818) 249-5017, (818) 398-7673, or email johnrox@charter.net, and watch the bulletin.

**APOSTLES OF THE GOOD NEWS**

The baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John, may seem odd to us. Here are all the people lining up who have responded to John's call to repent and be baptized and who are then urged by him to go and live good lives. Here also is Jesus, quietly waiting his turn, and we wonder: Why does the Savior of the world need baptism? This, as we might expect, is not to be a simple baptism of water. As John the Baptist had foretold, the heavens open and power pours down upon Jesus from the Holy Spirit. He is revealed as the Beloved Son, the one Saint Paul later described as the one "who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). After he was raised from the dead and before his ascension into heaven, Jesus appeared to his *disciples*, or followers. He reminded them that John had baptized with water, but that they "in a few days . . . will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). At Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit fills his followers. They become his *apostles*, the ones sent forth, and begin to take the Good News of the Savior out into the world—healing, forgiving, binding up wounds, teaching, and preaching—all in his name. We too are disciples, always learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but we are also his apostles in the world today. In the words of the great Saint Teresa of Ávila:

*Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion
on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
yours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world.*

Living Stewardship Now

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is." —*Saint Athanasius*

TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Jan. 10 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
8:00 a.m. **Ian Lynch (I)** The Silva Family
Connie Lynch (I) The Silva Family
Billy Madden (d) Margaret Stenken
Kiran McCarthy (d) Margaret Stenken
10:00 a.m. **People’s Mass**
5:30 p.m. **Tess Villaruz (I)** The Dario Family
Special Intentions / Sheila Fernandez

Mon., Jan. 11 **Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **Virginia Asuncion (I)** Tess & Dina
Doris Spiegel (d) The Staffords
Benjamin Abat (d) Tess & Dina
Imelda Lustre Tinana (d) Ludy Speth

Tue., Jan. 12 **Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **(Mass at St. James the Less)**

Wed., Jan. 13 **Weekday Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor**
8:00 a.m. **of the Church**
Radovich Family (I) The Stone Family
Susan Galera (I) Tess & Dina
Claudia, Louis, Edward & Shelley (d) Dad

Thur., Jan. 14 **Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **(Mass at St. James the Less)**

Fri., Jan. 15 **Weekday**
8:00 a.m. **Joanne & Chester Zalewski Sr. (d)** Chet Zalewski
Billy Madden (d) Margaret Stenken
Kiran McCarthy (d) Margaret Stenken

Sat., Jan. 16 **Weekday BVM**
5:30 p.m. **Leonida Laxina Vega (I)** The Dario Family

I have to be honest in asking myself: Do I really want to know and do God’s will? Or is it rather that I want God to do my will? Do I go to God with the assurance that I want only to know and do his will? Or do I rather first make my own plans and then insist that God make my dreams come true?

It seems to me that I will not seek and do God’s will unless I am convinced of two other things: (1) that God wants my happiness even more than I want it; (2) that God knows much better than I what will make me truly happy.

I must ask in the marrow of my bones if I really believe these two truths. Really wanting God’s will as my only delight will depend on my belief in these two truths.

- from *The Growing Edge Of Life*, by John Powell, S.J.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 16 5:30p.m. B. McAndrew #1; M. Robman #2; L. McKim #3; T. Gaetos #4; M. Page #5; A. Calabrese #6; J. Harrow #7

Sun., Jan. 17 8:00 a.m. Jen. C.W. #1; J. Espe #2; Don K. #3; K. Judson #4; A. Mann #5; M. Blackmun #6; L. Walsh #7
 10:00 a.m. F. & S. Cantos #1/2; C. Redfern #3; J. Nelson #4; J. Redfern #5; M. Villasenor #6; E. Urrutia #7
 5:30 p.m. T. & J. LeBon #1/2; L. Sovich #3; A. Frazee E #4; L. Chua #5; J. Grimaldi #6; E. Martin #7

LECTORS

Sat., Jan. 16 5:30 p.m. M. & M. Walsh
 Sun., Jan. 17 8:00 a.m. D. Nuanes, M. Sovich
 10:00 a.m. Religious Ed
 5:30 p.m. C. Franklin, L. Madden

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 16 5:30 p.m. A. Reyes, E. Ramirez, A. & P. Mouradkhanian
 Sun., Jan. 17 8:00 a.m. G. & M. Dulcich, A. Metz, H. Gunski
 10:00 a.m. M. & S. Reif, E. Tan, J. Almeida
 5:30 p.m. G. Tush, A. & A. Sy, S. Fitzgerald

TAKE A YEAR-END INVENTORY!

It’s a wise custom to end an old year and begin a new one with serious self-reflection. What did you learn in 2009 that could improve your life and make you a better person?

Start by examining the way you think and feel about your job, your relationships, and yourself. After all, the single most important factor in personal happiness and your impact on others is your attitude.

In the geometry of life, the axiom is “positive attitudes produce positive results.” They make success more likely, failures less harmful, pleasures more frequent, and pain more bearable. Some people tend to bring warm sunshine wherever they go; others bring cold chills. What do you bring? To find out where you can improve, take an inventory of your predispositions, that attitude you are most likely to start with:

- Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic?
- Do you tend to assume the best or expect the worst of people?
- Is your first instinct to be empathetic or judgmental?
- Is your first instinct to be supportive or critical?
- Do you send the message that you enjoy life or that you’re barely enduring it?
- Do you come across as the captain of your ship or simply a passenger?

Wherever you are on the positive-attitude spectrum, think how much better things could be if you were more consistently and self-consciously optimistic, empathetic, supportive, grateful, enthusiastic, hopeful, and cheerful?

Why not resolve to think, act, and speak more positively about yourself, your family, your coworkers and everyone else in your live?

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.
 - Josephson Institute of Ethics