




From the Pastor's Desk:

In the experience of the church the Epiphany mystery includes the manifestations of Christ as he was revealed to the nations. Three mysteries are celebrated, something that we will do over three Sundays this year. The first is the manifestation of the newborn king to the Magi from the East, today's celebration. The next is the baptism of the Lord, celebrated next weekend, when Jesus began his public ministry. And finally, this year we will hear the Gospel of the wedding feast at Cana, the first miracle in which Jesus revealed himself to his disciples, and they came to believe in him. All these mysteries are celebrated in the Epiphany. Christ is revealed. He is made known. For us, the Epiphany, like all of Christmas, is not to be left in the past. The revelation of Christ is to be made known today. And we are the ones called to reveal him to others.



God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the 12th General Assembly of the Pontifical academy for Life, Feb. 27, 2006.



Centering Prayer
First, Third & Fifth Tuesdays
Jan. 5 & 19 - 7:00 pm
In the church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday
 Sunday, **January 17** is Bundle Sunday for our parish. The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm to receive your donations. Bring **usable** clothing, shoes, appliances, household items, linens, books, jewelry, etc. They are in need of all furniture and large appliances. For large items, including furniture and large appliances, please phone 323-224-6280 for a special pick up at your home. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.



Parish Directory appointments are coming to an end!
*Please show your pride and membership in our wonderful parish community, and help us to create a valuable resource to recognize and to minister to each other. Appointments are still available **January 5-9; weekdays 1 - 9 pm, Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm.** You will receive a copy of the parish directory and an 8X10 photograph, both free to yourself and to the parish. Additional copies and poses may be purchased as well.*
NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PRINTED WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. If you wish just to include your family photo and names, or address without phone number, etc., no problem. We'll ask you this at your photo session. Sign-ups can be made from our parish website, www.StJosephParishCommunity.com by clicking on the camera, or by calling the rectory, 594-4657.

EPIPHANY / JESUS' ROYAL MESSIAHSHIP OF BOTH GENTILES & JEWS



Small Church Community
Scripture Focus: Epiphany means "manifestation," a revelation of Jesus as truly God. Matthew and Luke show this child to be divine through stories of "signs and wonders" when Jesus was an infant. Matthew's account of the visit of the three magi also shows the Church's mission to the Gentiles. Matthew's audience, largely Jewish Christians, was struggling to accept the presence of Gentile Christians in their community. Matthew shows in this Gospel passage that the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews was indeed God's plan.
Life Focus: * What helps you stay focused on God's presence in everyday situations where God is usually not mentioned? * *From your experience, when have you come to appreciate people you used to pass by or not notice?* * Who and what on your journey has helped you to know and understand Jesus and his message better? * *How do we reconcile the material gifts we have in our lives with the simple life-style of Jesus?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**Elementary Program:** Classes resume today.**Middle School:** Classes will resume on **January 5.****Early Childhood:** Regular class today.**Sunday Nursery:** The nursery is open during 9:00 and 10:30 Masses every Sunday. Drop in children of all ages, first come - first served. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Shannon, 598-0519.**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or
 Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Confirmation Year I - Just a reminder that our Track II will begin on **January 3.** Classes will be held the weeks of **Jan. 10, 17, and 24.** We will meet at the front of the church to pick up name badges. Please try and come no later than 12:20. The Track II phase of our program is very special and important. Please adjust your schedules accordingly. We will be having a series of guest speakers; attendance is important. Please remember to pick up your Candidates at 3:30 in the inner parking lot.

Confirmation Year II - Just a reminder that our Winter Track will begin the week of **Jan. 10-14** and go for 3 consecutive weeks ending with the Sponsor and Candidate Rite of Affirmation and guest speaker luncheon. Your candidate will be going to the same home for all three tracks. My compliments to our fine candidates for such a wonderful retreat experience.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation course will be on Mondays starting **January 11** through May, 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Margaret Mary Church, Good Shepherd room, 25511 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, 90717. For information or to register, please call our religious education office, 598-0519.

Parish Library

The parish library will reopen today, January 3. Please stop by the PAC and see the variety we have to offer!

Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more **March 18-21.** More than 315 workshops available covering topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. The theme is **Incredible Abundance.** Enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies, a variety of prayer experiences, and concerts. For more information or to register stop by our religious education office for a guidebook, call the Congress info line, 213-637-7348, or go online at www.RECongress.org

**St. Joseph Senior Group**

Have a healthy and happy new year.

Jan. 4 - regular meeting & remember dues are due, still only \$5 per year.

Jan. 10-12 - Laughlin Trip is full, stand bys only. Bus leaves promptly at **9:00 am.**

Jan. 18 - We will be back from Laughlin, some of us a little richer, some better luck next time.

Remember Pearl Olivier in your prayers.

Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parish members, 21 years and older, to 5 hours at Pala Resort and Casino, Wednesday, **Jan. 13.** Only \$15 per person. The Casino will return \$5 on arrival. Please call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811 for more information.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Beginning Experience Weekend, Jan. 15-17, at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino, for those who've experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. This ministry is endorsed by the L.A. Archdiocese Office of Family Life. The website is www.beginningexperience.org For more information or registration, please call Brenda Mikhail, 818-352-5265 or email brendamikhail@msn.com.

Four Day "Come and See" Vocations Retreat January 6-9, Salesian Sisters, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, at St. Dominic Savio School/Convent, Bellflower. A prayerful environment to discover Christ and discern one's vocation. Activities include: daily Mass, community prayer moments, sharing in our apostolate with the young, faith sharing, personal reflection and silence, Q&A with the young women in formation, and recreation. Space is limited. For information, to make a reservation, or to schedule an alternate date, please contact Sr. Bernadette at sr.bmota@hotmail.com or 323-268-0465.

Respect Life means protecting life from conception to a natural death. It also includes the right to health care as called for by our bishops, minus abortion and euthanasia. Please join us to pray for reverence and respect for life on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, 7:30 pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church.

Rosary High School Information Night January 6 at 7:00 pm, for prospective students and their parents. On this evening students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about Rosary's academic and extracurricular programs. For further information, contact Rosary at 714-879-6302.

St. Anthony High School - Open House - Jan. 10

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend from 1-3pm. Tour our renovated campus, meet our teachers/staff, participate in activities, meet our college counselor and coaches, and get admissions information. For more info, please call 562-435-4496 x1217 or visit www.longbeachsaints.org. Placement exam Jan. 30.

Cornelia Connelly School - All girls Catholic, college preparatory high school, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717 ext. 234.

Winter Open House: Thursday, **January 14**, 7:00 pm.
Entrance Exam: Saturday, **January 23**, 8:30 am - 1 pm.

A Good Disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end. — Ovid

Safeguard the Children - Fingerprinting Schedule

The following dates are for the July fingerprinting schedule in the San Pedro Region for those who volunteer with our parish children. Please call for an appointment:

Jan. 19 - St. Cornelius School, Long Beach, 425-7813

Jan. 22 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, 562-692-3758

Jan. 23 - St. Athanasius, Long Beach, 562-423-7986

Did You Know? Always Keep an Up-to-Date Photo of Your Child - Picture this: A good photo could save a child's life. 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), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD) as opposed to just a hard copy. 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, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, please visit: www.missingkids.com. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

HELP - Gift Basket family would like a baby walker and/or swing.

Also, we have two families who are looking for help. First family of five, dad died while working. Second family of five needs food. Please call us.



Thanks to ALL who bought and wrapped those beautiful packages that MFBW delivered. St. Joseph Parish has given 65 families a wonderful Christmas!

Help!! We need a family or group to oversee the **Feed-A-Baby collection** - only once per year. We help with the planning! **Joy is in the giving.**

Next meeting is Jan. 20, 7:30 in the PAC. All invited!
YOUR SKIP-A-MEAL BLUE ENVELOPE donations are so appreciated!! Please **make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: SKIP-A-MEAL**. Thank you for your generosity and all you do and share! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

Late Night Catechism - February 20 - YLI is sponsoring the newest production - "Til Death Do Us Part" - as a fund raiser for the Education of Seminarians and for local charities. For information and reservations, please call Tricia, 562-413-0295.

Have You Marked Your Calendar? The Parish Fair is scheduled for **April 23, 24, and 25**. We are looking for volunteers interested in joining the Fair Committee. There are many opportunities, big and small. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7pm in the PAC. Please come and find out how you can get involved to help plan this year's event. All are welcome! Any questions can be addressed to Wendy Gentry, 754-8546, or Phil Tondreault, 822-4242.

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
 I would like to learn about becoming a Catholic
 I would like information about Religious Education

Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 2

5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, January 3

7:30 AM - † Dominico Dang

9:00 AM - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

10:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 PM - † Kristi Marie Ramstead

MONDAY, January 4

8:00 AM - Anne Dang, living

TUESDAY, January 5

8:00 AM - Anne Dang, living

WEDNESDAY, January 6

8:00 AM - Anne Dang, living

THURSDAY, January 7

8:00 AM - Mary Janette Hervers, living

FRIDAY, January 8

8:00 AM - † Charles Kepper

SATURDAY, January 9

5:00 PM - † Dan Maher

SUNDAY, January 10

7:30 AM - † Stanley Horn

9:00 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 AM - Anne Dang, living

12:30 PM - † Patricia Reischl

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	SSg. Rob Beckwell
Vincent Vezzetti	Daniel O'Connell
Obinna Ugochukwu	David Waidelich
Dave Hoyt	

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, Stormy Leiva, Bobby Rubly, Betty Chappell, Elizabeth Jackson, Betty Galaz, Patricia Morand, Gayle Buol, Rosemary Doran, Michelle Smith, Barbara Hook, Merinda Bradshaw, Melody Schatz, Marlena Sargeant, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, Tess Keckeisen, 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, James Amrhein, & John Fortier.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Marianna Wescott

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Marianna Wescott	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

RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto	425-4834
	Teri Traucht	

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Tim Clark	431-4385
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephparishcommunity.com	

MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Michelle Needham	922-5065
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
TOGETHER IN MISSION	Victoria Higgins	597-6979
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	310-316-4857
	www.ceofla.org/schedule.htm	

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	221-8673
CUB SCOUTS	Tom Neton	429-2030
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

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