

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2010

If we have died with Christ Jesus we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Website: www.stjosephparishcommunity.com

St. Joseph School: 596-6115

Religious Education: 598-0519

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSION: Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISM: By appointment, preparation class is required.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of six months notice is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: In the event of a serious illness, please contact Fr. James Halley.

St. Joseph Parish is a community of believers who uphold the teachings of the Gospel and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, foster the formation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship and education, providing a welcoming environment to all.

We live Christian lives by praying together, caring for our diverse community, encouraging and sharing of ourselves in service to others.



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples "whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." This doesn't seem like the greatest of invitations. I mean, how many of us want to carry a cross like Jesus did? It is a journey of sacrifice and suffering.

Sometimes we have a hard time conceiving of how God wants to fulfill our deepest desires, and we may just have to be open to the fact that maybe the way of the cross is not a way to endless suffering but the way to endless joy.

The problem is, if we cannot "know God's counsel," as the Book of Wisdom tells us today then how can we experience the infinite joy that God offers?

Maybe we need to use our imaginations so that we will be satisfied with nothing less than infinite joy. Why settle for mere success and financial security when the redemption of the cross is offered to us?

Jesus calls us to dream big - to dare to imagine that we can follow him and find a happiness that transcends all pain and suffering. If we follow Jesus, and even if we don't, we will still experience hardship and difficulty. The good news of the Gospel is that we will carry heavy burdens and heavy hearts much easier if we dare to love others as Christ loves us.

Come celebrate the rededicating of Mary's Garden that was refurbished this spring! Join us for an informal blessing and gathering after the 9 a.m. Mass on **Oct. 10**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Liturgy of the Word With Children

Just a reminder that children in grades 1 through 6 are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. The children are dismissed prior to the readings to listen and discuss the Sunday readings on their level of understanding. The children return to Mass at the presentation of the gifts.

In the next few weeks we will be including the children in the entrance procession with the celebrant. Be listening for more information about this new addition to our 9:00 a.m. Mass.

If you would like to volunteer for this rewarding ministry, please call our religious education office, **598-0519**. It only requires that you attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass and prepare for the Sunday readings. All materials and lessons are provided.

14th Annual Memorial Mass

The month of November has always been a special time for remembering in prayer our loved ones who have died. As this time approaches, we would like to support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We invite you, your family and friends to join with the St. Joseph community for our fourteenth annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated in our church on Sunday, **November 7 at 4:00 pm**.

The name of your loved one will be inscribed on our Scroll and in our Parish "Book of Life" and each will remain on display in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the month of November.

Following the Mass, there will be a "Potluck" in our parish hall. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately 6 people. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 7.

For further information, please call Nancy 429-2546, or Dave 429-3316.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The readings for Sunday deal with leprosy. In biblical times there was one way to control the disease: isolate the person with leprosy from *all* aspects of society. Those with leprosy were cut off from everything: family, friends, employment and worship. No one would dare to approach them and they dared approach no one. Both readings use this dreaded disease to point up the power of God to work wonders through ordinary means. Only one of the men cured by Jesus had the decency to go back & thank him. Only one of them fully realized what had taken place. His is the complete healing, his is the deepest faith. This man, a Samaritan, was an outcast due to both his leprosy & his ethnic background. Luke uses this story to point out the ingratitude of Jesus' own people in contrast to the gratitude & faith of Gentiles.

Life Focus: * How do you best show your gratitude to God? To others? * *Share a time when you were aware that you did not show gratitude to God or to others.*

* What are the "leprosy" in your life that need to be healed? Zero in on one in particular. * *Recall an experience of being accepted when you were feeling rejected.*

* Relate an experience when you felt like a stranger and someone welcomed you. * *Speak of a person you know who is truly grateful.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: For which of God's gifts am I especially grateful today?

Child: How can I thank God for what I have received?

Teen: Who do I take for granted and need to thank?

Pro Life Corner - What is the Life at Conception Act? A federal act that would stop the slaughter of 1.6 million babies every year by using Congress' power to define life as beginning at the moment of conception.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Classes have started. Registration is still being accepted. Please call the religious education office during the week for registration materials. Forms need to be completed and returned prior to the Sunday class.

Middle School: Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. Please call our office to register.

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 for further information.

Sacrament Workshop: The first workshop for our **Year 2** families will take place today from **2:00-3:30 p.m.** in the hall. This workshop is for both school and religious education parents and children. Our guest speaker is Sr. Kathleen Burns.

Early Childhood: If you have not yet registered your 3 & 4 year olds or your kindergartner for Sunday School, call Shannon today, 430-6840.

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



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.

Parish Directories - Many have not picked up their parish directory. If you took a picture for the family photo section, please stop by the rectory to pick up your copy. We also have extra copies for those who have asked to be put on our waiting list. Please stop by the rectory to pick it up. These are free to St. Joseph parishioners.

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.



"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.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

October is the month of the **Holy Rosary**. If you can't say a rosary every day, then come join us each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Gabe and Jesse Tostado's home, corner of Vuelta Grande and Palo Verde. The deacon will

be there to invite you in.

A Jesuit posed the question, "How creatively do you try to champion the cause of the needy in our midst?" I think of a "champion" in the sense of one who comes in first place or as a holder of the title when one wins a contest. There is one other definition, "One who defends another person or fights for a cause." Maurice Nassan, SJ tells the story of Mayor La Guardia of New York during the depression. The mayor presided at court and an unemployed man accused of stealing bread for his family was brought before him. The mayor said, "Sir, I'm sorry! The law excuses no one. I sentence you to a \$10 fine." He then levied a 50 cent fine on everyone in the courtroom for living in a city where a person has to steal to feed his family. The man walked out of the courtroom with tears in his eyes and \$47.50 in his pocket. Question rephrased: How do our lives have a positive effect on the poor?

Proverbs 19:17 When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord.

Our Prayer: Lord Jesus, let me realize that the rosary is nothing more than a meditation on Your Holy Mysteries in company with Your mother. Help us to recite the Rosary daily, if possible. Amen.

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

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



Did You Know? Archdiocesan Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies

"The Archdiocese of L. A. has implemented policies & procedures to provide safe environments in our parishes & parish schools for all children & young people. These include: 'Zero Tolerance'; Guidelines for Adults Working or Volunteering with Minors; Boundary Guidelines for Junior High and High School Youth Working or Volunteering with Children or Youth; Megan's Law Compliance Procedures. These and other policies are available online at: www.archdiocese.la/protecting." From the pamphlet, "Working Together to prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy," published annually by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The 2010 pamphlet is available at: www.archdiocese.la/protecting. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

October 18: Regular meeting.
November 1 & 15: Regular meetings. Catered Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 15. Reservations at Nov. 1 meeting. Further information to be announced.
Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12. 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:
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
Nov. 9 - Maria Regina School, Gardena, 310-323-0030
Nov. 17 - St. Helen, South Gate, 323-563-3522

Calling all Saints and friends of St. Anthony High School - celebrating 90 years of service **Oct. 23** with a gala evening in our historic campus courtyard. Please contact SAHS, 562-435-4496 x1222 or x1229.

St. John Bosco High School's annual gala, New Legends, will be **Nov. 20** honoring Fr. Austin Conterno, SDB, Fr. Salvatore Giacomini, SDB, Tim McIntosh '79, David Lira '79, and Ed and Kay Felix. Registration and information at www.bosco.org. Please support our fund-raising efforts by visiting our online auction at <http://www.cmarket.com/stjohnbosco>.

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
Feed-a-Baby Weekend...thanks for your donations - 14 thirteen gallon bags of baby food & baby products, & \$1166 split between Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings in Long Beach.



Homeless Kit Envelopes will be on the cross in the back of church Oct. 23/24 & 30/31. Take one home, read the instructions, put the items in the bag, and return to church. White socks are the greatest help.
Can you help a little?? Many "littles" is one "BIG"! Call!
New blanket drive in November.
Thank you again for all that you do & share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! John/Jan Minter 430-5839.

Mark Your Calendars! The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual October blood drive **Oct. 17**, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code is: JOSEPHLB. For more info contact Pat Murach, 596-9835. Two complimentary VIP tickets to the Laugh Factory to all donors.

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.



Last Chance to sign up for St. Joseph's 18th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, **October 15.**
Lower registration price \$150 includes lunch, putting contest, mulligans, Oktoberfest dinner, & raffle tickets. Contact Dave Stankavich, 795-5767.

Oktoberfest at the school from 6-11 p.m. German dinner, Knights of Columbus beer garden, music, auctions, and opportunity drawings. Tickets \$25. Contact Tera Kaufmann, 627-9264.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. **Promote your business on the course and at the Oktoberfest.** Contact Javier Munoz, 310-993-9618.
All inquires can be directed to StJosephGolfOktoberfest@yahoo.com as well.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, October 9**
 5:00 PM - † Tess Keckeisen
- SUNDAY, October 10**
 7:30 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Sara Sanford
 10:30 a.m. - † Sara Sanford
 12:30 p.m. - † Judith Calaycay Sison
- MONDAY, October 11**
 8:00 a.m. - † Consuela Zacarias
- TUESDAY, October 12**
 8:00 a.m. - Barbara Christie, living
- WEDNESDAY, October 13**
 8:00 a.m. - † Lorraine Bockstahler
- THURSDAY, October 14**
 8:00 a.m. - Mary Jane Mulick, living
- FRIDAY, October 15**
 8:00 a.m. - † Mr. & Mrs. Dominico Duy Vu
- SATURDAY, October 16**
 5:00 PM - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, October 17**
 7:30 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen
 9:00 a.m. - Chuck Greening, living
 10:30 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - Peggy Montello, living

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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| 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 |
| 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, Jeanne Desmond, Juanita Herrera, Robert Maney, Joyce Frugoli, Betty Adams, Joe Ainge, Marianne Latham, Jason McCune, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, Cass Warren, Kennedy Wiley, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohlen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon & Grace Griffin.

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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE