

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2010

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

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

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

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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:

It is easy to know the meaning of the parable in today's gospel because Luke himself explains it to us right at the very beginning. He clearly tells us that it is a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart. And while these Scripture teachings are set in simple and quaint stories, prayer in reality is a tricky thing.

The important point for us to understand, is that prayer is not so much something we do to bring about an affect on God, or to change God, because God is already and always on our side. In this way, then, we pray not to move God, but to move ourselves, to move ourselves to be always persistent and always persevering in our action. Our action is God's response to our prayer.

Prayer without action is, in reality, not prayer at all. We cannot pray for forgiveness without actually forgiving. We cannot pray for peace without actually being peacemakers. In the final analysis, this is the only way that prayer works; this is the only way in which prayer is answered by God. It might all be best summed up in the old saying: pray as if it all depends on God, and then act as if it all depends on us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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.

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.

Pro Life Corner - Let us join "40 Days of Life" campaign to bring an end to abortion. It is sponsored worldwide and ends October 31.

Euthanasia - Surveys show about 79% of Québec residents "think euthanasia is a good idea."

-- Tidings, Oct. 8, page 17

Catechetical Corner



Why does the priest drop a small piece of the consecrated host into the cup? What is its significance? It may come as a surprise at first but the principal reason why part of the consecrated bread is dropped into the chalice has to do with Church unity! Every act of liturgy is done for the sake of those present and for the Church throughout the world.

That's why, for example, the General Intercessions always exhort us to pray for the concerns of the whole Church and the wider world. Another way that the liturgy signifies the universality of what we celebrate is through what was originally called the rite of the fermentum (meaning a particle of consecrated bread).

Pope Innocent I in the fifth century wrote that because of the large numbers of Christians in Rome they all could not gather together for the pope's Eucharist on a given Sunday. Hence the pope would send acolytes from the papal Sunday Mass with parts of the Eucharistic bread that he had consecrated. The pastors of Rome's parish churches would place this Eucharistic bread in the chalice at the Masses they were celebrating as a sign of unity and communion with the pope's Eucharist and with all of the Masses celebrated in the city. So this seemingly insignificant gesture symbolically confirmed the concept of Church unity, solidarity with the pope, and the theological rationale supporting the observance of Sunday as the day to gather for Mass. Distance, however, prevented the fermentum from being sent to the rural parishes.

Many other parishes of the Christian world began to adopt another custom that somewhat replicated this rite. This was called the sancta, and it more closely resembles what you see at Mass now, but not exactly. What began happening was priests, on their own, would take a particle of the consecrated bread and place it on the altar at the time of the breaking of the bread. It would remain there until the next Mass was celebrated at that altar. At that time, the priest would drop this particle of bread into the chalice and alternatively leave a fragment for the next Mass, and so forth. The theology of Church unity is reflected in this rite, but also it emphasizes how one Mass leads to the next Mass, until the Kingdom comes. The principal theological reason is that the Mass is never solely for those who gather for it, as though it were a closed club. The Mass is always for believers in the whole Church, and at every Mass those who gather intercede for the Church throughout the world and the needs of all humanity.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When and how has my practice of prayer led me to work for justice or seek people's human rights?

Child: In what way can I help my family to pray regularly?

Teen: How do I pray when I need the help of God at home or in school?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Pizza Community Night at Ave. 3 on Palo Verde and Stearns from **5 - 8 p.m.** tonight!! Please join us for a fun evening.

Middle School: Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. Please call our office to register. Join us for our **Pizza Night** at Ave. 3 tonight.

Confirmation Year I: Reminder to all Year I Candidates. We start today after the 12:30 Mass with a pizza party. We will be making banners for "Walk for Hunger." Please join your team in the hall 1:30-2:30. Remember, Oct. 24 starts our program at **11:45** in the hall. We will attend Mass and the Hunger Walk. Invite your family to join us. Wear walking shoes and don't forget your sunscreen.

Confirmation Year II: We had a successful start. Thank you catechists for welcoming our candidates into your homes. You will meet Oct. 24 in the evening classes as well as at the 12:30 Mass with your sponsor followed by the Hunger Walk.

Sponsors Year I and Year II: Sponsor workshop Oct. 18 in the hall.

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.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Parents & Teachers - "It's Time to Teach Religion in Schools" We need this "wake up call." Pull up religion.usatoday.com. October 4, 2010. You will find an article by Stephen Protheo, religion professor at Boston University.

In it he noted how we Catholics were "outperformed" by Mormons, Jews and were just behind atheists and agnostics in a survey - even outperforming evangelical Protestants. Catholics got 15 questions. The most important finding was relationship between religion and public education. Eighty-nine percent of adults surveyed know that the Supreme Court forbids public school teachers from leading students in prayer, but fewer than 23% know that the Supreme Court allows teachers to read from the Bible as literature, and about 36% know that public schools can lawfully teach comparative religion courses. If you cannot find it, let me know.

In another article in Our Sunday Visitor "Beefing up teens' Christian faith" three points are made: 1. Teach them that practicing faith and going to Mass is not about feelings, it's about giving ourselves to God and finding purpose in our lives. 2. Most teens will question what they believe. Parents don't be defensive. 3. Best way to help teens is by witness of your own faith. They will see that your faith gives meaning to your life.

Our Prayer: Lord, our help and guide, make Your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for You express itself in our eagerness to do good for others. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Virtus Training

Our next Virtus child sexual abuse prevention workshop/training for those who will be working with children in our parish/school is scheduled for Wednesday, **Nov. 3**, from **7-10 p.m.** in the hall. This training is required for all parish/school volunteers and staff. Please call the religious education office to reserve a spot. Also, anyone wishing to attend must register online at virtusonline.org.

If you received your three hour training **before 2006** and have not recertified through the Virtus website, you are required to attend "**Keeping the Promise Alive**." This training will be held on Tuesday, **Nov. 2**, from **7-8:30p.m.** in the hall. Please call **598-0519** to register.



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.



"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.

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

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



Did You Know? Tips for a Happy & Safe Halloween

To help ensure that Halloween is a fun and exciting time for children, it is good to review a few common sense safety tips: 1. Parents shouldn't allow their children to eat or sample any candy before it's checked. Throw away all unwrapped candy, popcorn and caramel apples unless they come from a trusted source. 2. Parents should accompany young children or groups of children when trick-or-treating. 3. Walk with friends and stay together. 4. Stay within your own neighborhood or areas with which you are familiar, and only visit homes with lit porch lights. For more tips, please visit: <http://www.cvshealthresources.com/topic/halloween>. 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 starting Oct. 18 meeting. \$10 per person.
Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

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.

Blood Drive! The Knights of Columbus are having their annual October blood drive today, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. Please sign up 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.

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, a shelter for pregnant girls and new moms, 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 for our 665 families.

Thank you again for all that you do & share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! John/Jan Minter 430-5839.

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Luke's Gospel is noted for his preaching on prayer. He also pays great attention to women, especially poor women. Widows were dependent on other men in the family. A widow had no state aid, nor could she work. If she had no one to help her, she had to beg. The widow in this story comes to the judge to help her get her rights. Since she was too poor to offer a bribe, he at first ignores her. But she kept insisting on her rights. The judge was afraid of her. He eventually gave in. If such a worthless judge would answer such pleas, would the loving God do any less? On the contrary, says Jesus, God will respond to people. God will bring them swift justice. Will God find people with the same unconquerable trust as this widow?

Life Focus: * In what ways has your parish community imitated God's compassion by responding to the cries for justice in neighborhood, country and world? * *Reflect on an instance when ongoing prayer in your life carried you through a difficult time.*

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, October 18**
 8:00 a.m. - † Marwin Pangan
- TUESDAY, October 19**
 8:00 a.m. - † Duc and Sen Vu
- WEDNESDAY, October 20**
 8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Baldwin
- THURSDAY, October 21**
 8:00 a.m. - Mass of Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY, October 22**
 8:00 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen
- SATURDAY, October 23**
 5:00 PM - Fr. Edward Broom, living, & all priests
- SUNDAY, October 24**
 7:30 a.m. - † Alexander Shinar
 9:00 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Mary Jane Merk
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

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 Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohonen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon & Grace Griffin.

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