

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2010

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

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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 12:00 p.m.

**Website: [www.stjosephparishcommunity.com](http://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:** 8:00 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 the gospel today we hear about two men in the Temple, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee was filled with self-deception and self-conceit. His self-deception was built on comparing himself with the other man in the Temple who was a tax collector. Comparing ourselves with others can be self-deceiving and is a form of avoidance and denial. When we're totally concerned with other people's faults then we're not paying attention to our own. The tax collector probably didn't even notice the Pharisee. He was simply paying attention to the state of his own soul and the fact that he needed God's forgiveness.

Hopefully, our Church is all about forgiveness, about God's tender and loving mercies. Sure, we've all sinned. Who hasn't? But it's what we do about sin that matters. In our relationship with God each one of us has been gifted with God's love, a love that flows through our family of faith, the Church. We are all God's children. Yet God sees us and loves us individually. He doesn't judge us as better or worse than another person. He gives all of His love to each one of us.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Wis 11:22 - 12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11 - 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

### 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 to and discuss the Sunday readings on their level of understanding. The children return to Mass at the presentation of the gifts.

**Starting October 31**, we will ask the children to meet in the back of the church to process in with the celebrant. The catechists will be assisting and an announcement will be made. The children will stand around the altar until dismissed to the classrooms.

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. Please feel free to observe any Sunday.

**World Mission Sunday** - Today is the archdiocesan collection for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, "Reaching out to ease the misery of the poor." Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Help Wanted:

Do you have a profound love for the Eucharist? Do you have a passion for God's Word, and a good speaking voice? Do you have a deep reverence for the sacrifice of the Mass? If you have any of these gifts and are willing to share them with our parish community...**WE NEED YOU**. St. Joseph Parish is in need of men and women to serve in the following liturgical ministries: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Adult Altar Servers. (That's right - Fr. Jim is requesting adult altar servers for the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.) Don't think you are not worthy of the task - the only requirement is a love for God.

There will be training provided in all three ministries during November and your ministry would begin around Thanksgiving. Please contact the rectory office for more information.



**The St. Joseph Pastoral Council** invites parishioners to consider serving as a 2011 member of the pastoral council in support of Fr. Jim and the parish community. Contact Robert Madura, 594-4811, or the rectory for further details.

### Holy Days of Obligation

Our Mass schedule for holy days is changing. The new schedule will be: **Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m., feast day Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** These times can be found on the cover of our bulletin as well. Our next Holy Day of Obligation will be December 8.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** Why do I think pride harms our spiritual life? What effects of pride have I observed?

**Child:** How do I want God to see me?

**Teen:** Have I ever thought I was better than someone else? What is the problem with such thoughts?

### Eucharistic Adoration Taize Prayer Service

Come join us for an hour of meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a time of quiet, reflective prayer in an atmosphere of peace and calm. St. Cornelius Church, Tuesday, **Oct. 26, 7-8 p.m.** For more info please contact Sr. Kathleen, 496-3224.

**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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary:** Classes will take place as usual on Halloween, October 31. Please check the parish website for other important dates.

**Sacrament Program:** The first workshop for our **Year 1** families will take place on Sunday, **November 14**, from **2-3:30 p.m.** This workshop is for parents and children.

**Middle School:** A fun night is planned for Tuesday, **October 26**. We will celebrate Halloween by participating in a Dia de los Muertos celebration.

**Confirmation Year I:** 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 will meet Oct. 24 in the evening classes as well as at the 12:30 Mass with your sponsor followed by the Hunger Walk.

**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.

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**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.

**Virtus Training** - Our next Virtus child sexual abuse prevention workshop/training for those who will be working with children in our parish/school will be **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](http://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.

**Meditation/Centering Prayer**

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays  
November 2, 16 and 30 - 7:00 p.m.  
In the church. All are welcome!

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

It was a great day for the St. Joseph Golf Classic. The weatherman treated us gently, but somehow my golf game has a way of making **humility** get in my way. Prayer certainly didn't help my game. Then "anonymous" reared its

head: "It's impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees." The real joy was playing with the likes of Eric and Tom. These two kept us a little under par. Even my son, Greg, is starting to out hit me!! Humility reigns. The fellowship was awesome. The Knights again flexed their **charity**. There's one word that keeps bugging me: why do they call a golf game a "classic." Webster's says: classic means traditional, enduring, first rank, highest class. Synonym: quintessential, textbook. They haven't seen my game!! Thanks to all those who made this day a success, and best of all the school will benefit.

This Sunday's readings help us focus on **humility** and **prayer**. Our Catechism says, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or 'out of the depths' of a humble and contrite heart?

**Point to Ponder:** C.S. Lewis once wrote: "A proud man is always looking down on things and people; of course, as long as you are looking down, you can't see something that's above you." When we focus on ourselves and our attitude, then we are separating ourselves from others and we can't be lifted up by God. True humility is a gift that needs nurturing through prayer.

**Our Prayer:** God of mercy, guide us toward spiritual growth, fill our minds with thoughts of true justice and love. Accept us, for our hearts are humble and our spirits contrite. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**The Upper Room**, an adult faith formation series, *The Way of the Mystics* presented by Sr. Kathleen Burns, SND, Thursdays, **October 28 - May 26, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**, 496-3324. Oct. 28 topic: St. Teresa of Avila.

**Fifth Annual "Pray for a Cure for Cancer Mass"** and Anointing of the Sick, **Oct. 31, 3:15 p.m.**, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. For information, contact Deacon Mark or Vickie Race, 323-293-4877.

**Did You Know? Tips for a Happy & Safe Halloween**

To help ensure that Halloween is fun & exciting for children, it is good to review a few common sense safety tips: 1. Parents shouldn't allow their children to eat any candy before it's checked. Throw away unwrapped candy, popcorn and caramel apples unless they come from a trusted source. 2. Parents should accompany young children when trick-or-treating. 3. Walk with friends and stay together. 4. Stay within 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.

**November 1 & 15:** Regular meetings. Catered Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 15. Reservations \$10/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.

**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

**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 27<sup>th</sup> Year 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 gallon zip lock 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 65 families. Thank you again for all that you do & share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! John/Jan Minter 430-5839.

**Fall Boutique and Family Festival, Nov. 6, 9 - 4**

The Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart Retreat House (920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra, 626-289-1353) invite you to a day of fun for the whole family. There will be handmade gifts, religious gift shop, garden shop, Carmel Kitchen, Santa's Workshop, food booths, silent auction, live entertainment and more. Join the Sisters and help support the many works of the Sisters.

**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 up your copy. These are free to parishioners.

**Blood Drive!** The Knights of Columbus thank all 26 parishioners who supported the blood drive last Sunday. Please makes plans to participate in our next blood drive in January. More information to follow.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** God is attentive to the prayers of those who have no one else to turn to. These outcasts of society realize that God is their only hope and so, when they pray, they really *pray*. Their prayer comes truly from the heart that acknowledges God's goodness and kindness. The prayer of the tax collector in the Gospel is an example of such prayer. The tax collector simply asks God's mercy for his sinfulness. Jesus heartily approves this form of prayer, the prayer of the lowly which "pierces the clouds." The Pharisee is trapped in this own self-righteousness toward prayer, toward God, toward his fellow Jews and toward himself.

**Life Focus:** \* When do you identify with characteristics of the Pharisee? When do you identify with characteristics of the tax collector? \* *Relate an experience when you reached out to someone very different from you.* \* When has a simple person, perhaps an outcast, been able to teach you something important? \* *Where are you working too hard at something? Where aren't you working hard enough? What will you do about that soon?* \* When have you done the right things for the wrong reasons? \* *Recall an experience when admitting a wrong was one of the best things you ever did.*

# Mass Intentions



**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

**MONDAY, October 25**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Alicia Attardo

**TUESDAY, October 26**  
 8:00 a.m. - Mary Powell, living

**WEDNESDAY, October 27**  
 8:00 a.m. - Pam Koskie, living

**THURSDAY, October 28**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang

**FRIDAY, October 29**  
 8:00 a.m. - Alice Gibilterra, living

**SATURDAY, October 30**  
 5:00 PM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

**SUNDAY, October 31**  
 7:30 a.m. - Mary Powell, living  
 9:00 a.m. - Pam Koskie, living  
 10:30 a.m. - † Jean Bulicz  
 12:30 p.m. - † Dominico and Maria Dang

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:

<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Irene Avila</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Justin Ray</b>
<b>Timothy Ring</b>	<b>Kenneth Mack McDonald</b>
<b>Adam Mariano</b>	<b>Daniel O'Connell</b>
<b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>	<b>David Waidelich</b>
<b>William G. Ouimette</b>	<b>Timmy Allison</b>

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 Kohlen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Grace Griffin & Ginny Kennebeck.

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 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tom & Pat Halliwell 799-0921  
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**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE