

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2010

The Lord lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

— Psalm 145:14

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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 reading today Jesus calls Zacchaeus, the tax collector, and stays at his house. But Jesus doesn't see him as hated and despised. Instead he sees a flawed and needy human being.

The outcome of this unexpected personal encounter with Jesus is profound for Zacchaeus. In his relationship with Jesus and in the ordinary hospitality that they showed each other, Zacchaeus was able to find the God who loved him.

Over and over again, we find in Scripture, that Jesus eats and socializes with sinners and outcasts. In doing this Jesus is showing us that it is in our ordinary human relationships with others where we most especially encounter the loving God who created the Universe.

I think that today's readings show us two essential aspects of our Christian tradition. First, our tradition proclaims a Gospel of love and care for all. And secondly, we need to continue to develop a healthy appreciation for the dignity of each and every human person. Without both of these we cannot truly fulfill our Christian heritage.

**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. Please contact Robert Madura, 594-4811, or the rectory for further details.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday:	Suggested: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

### 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 today**, 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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday, November 4, 6-8 pm

### 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, especially 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.



### 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. All Saints Day, November 1, is **not** a holy day of obligation this year, since it falls on a Monday.

### 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.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** Zacchaeus was changed by his meeting with Jesus. How has Jesus changed the way I live?

**Child:** What would I say to Jesus if he came to my house for dinner?

**Teen:** What can I do to include someone who is left out of games and activities?

**Pro Life Corner** - "40 Days of Life" campaign to bring an end to abortion 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 in session today. Happy Halloween. 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 **2:00-3:30 p.m.** This workshop is for parents and children.

**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.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Luke is the only evangelist who records the incident about the tax collector, Zacchaeus. Last Sunday's Gospel showed God's acceptance of the sinful tax collector. Today's Gospel provides a concrete example of how repentance is worked out in reality. With total, unconditional acceptance of Zacchaeus, Jesus actually goes into the sinner's house to eat with him. The tax collector is touched by Jesus' love and is willing to rid himself of the worldly possessions that displace God's love. Jesus responds by calling him a "son of Abraham." And Zacchaeus opens his heart to God's invitation and responds with grateful love.

**Life Focus:** \* What would you do if Jesus came to your house unexpectedly? \* *Who has taken notice of you and taken time for you when you were little noticed or cared for?* \* Tell about a time when you accepted someone as is and thereby brought about a change in them. Or vice-versa! \* *Zacchaeus did all he could to get a better look at Jesus. What do you do in your life to get to know Jesus better?* \* Relate an experience when someone made a difference in your life simply by accepting you just the way you are. \* *Recall a time in your life when you were given a second chance.*

**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.



**"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:**

Do I go to the - fill in the blank (ball game?) - and miss Mass? Having trouble deciding? St. Ignatius has the following three step exercise for decision making: #1 We should consider what advice we would give to another person faced with the same situation. It's interesting to see how clear our situation becomes when we picture someone else facing the decision. #2 We can imagine being on our deathbed and asking what we would then wish we had chosen. #3 We should picture ourselves standing before God on the last day and then consider what decision in the present matter we would wish to have made.

God doesn't ask that we always be right; He asks only that we try to be honest and to act out of the best understanding we have of a particular situation. "We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His desires." Romans 8:28

**Our Prayer:** God of power and mercy, only with Your help can we offer You fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust in Your promise of eternal life. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates. St. Joseph Parish brought in close to \$4,000 and had the largest group of participants for the Hunger Walk. A special thank you to all our sponsors, parents and parishioners for coming out and walking with our group.

**Year II Confirmation** - Parents, please read your retreat packet carefully and review the information with your teen. All candidates will need to bring their **signed** Behavior Contract to get on the bus. Departure from St. Joseph Church, 7:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, and return on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3:30 p.m.

**Year I Confirmation** - We have Oct. 31 off. Have a safe and happy Halloween. Sessions now begin at 12:00 noon in the hall, ending at 3:00 p.m. Next session Nov. 7. Have a hearty breakfast. We will have snacks after Mass.



**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.

**Meditation/Centering Prayer**

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





**St. Joseph Senior Group**  
We always welcome new members.

**November 1 & 15:** Regular meetings. Catered Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 15. Reservations \$10/person.  
**Dec. 11** - Christmas Program by the Young Americans at La Mirada Playhouse. Reservations full, standby sign up only. Please bring \$29 per person at the Nov. 1 meeting. Carpool will be provided.  
 Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

**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.

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:  
**Nov. 9** - Maria Regina School, Gardena, 310-323-0030  
**Nov. 17** - St. Helen, South Gate, 323-563-3522  
**Dec. 8** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Downey, 562-862-7268  
**Dec. 11** - Beatitudes of Our Lord, La Mirada, 562-943-3218

**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** are on the cross in the back of church. 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.

**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.

**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. Maria Goretti Spanish Mass** - Beginning Nov. 7, the 12 noon Mass at St. Maria Goretti (3954 Palo Verde Ave., one block south of Carson), which has been a bilingual Mass for the last few years, will be celebrated completely in Spanish. Kindly pass the work on to your Spanish speaking family, friends and neighbors.

**Women's Retreat November 5-7** at the scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu. For further information or registration call 310-456-6631 or visit the website: [www.serraretreat.com](http://www.serraretreat.com).

# Mass Intentions



- 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**
- MONDAY, November 1**  
**8:00 a.m. - † John Christie**
- TUESDAY, November 2**  
**8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena**
- WEDNESDAY, November 3**  
**8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena**
- THURSDAY, November 4**  
**8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena**
- FRIDAY, November 5**  
**8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena**
- SATURDAY, November 6**  
**5:00 PM - All Souls Novena**
- SUNDAY, November 7**  
**7:30 a.m. - All Souls Novena**  
**9:00 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners**  
**10:30 a.m. - † Richard Parent**  
**12:30 p.m. - Pam Koskie, living**  
**4:00 p.m. - Memorial Mass**

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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| <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 & Evelyn Sylvia.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
of HOLY COMMUNION Gene Ensch **421-0147**  
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- DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Virginia Young  
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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL Virginia Young **598-0519**  
CONFIRMATION Marianna Wescott **598-0519**  
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LITURGY/CHILDREN Virginia Young **598-0519**  
RCIC (Children) Virginia Young **598-0519**  
SUNDAY NURSERY Shannon Carpenter **430-6840**  
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- RCIA Peter Baine **598-4130**  
BIBLE STUDY Rita Smith **714-761-4376**  
BAPTISM PREPARATION Roman & Julia Escoto **425-4834**  
Teri Traucht  
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Dave Desmond **429-3316**  
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SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES Don & Tina Gath **598-5202**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Ron Steiner **431-7703**  
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER Tom & Diane Krause **310-316-3477**  
www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm  
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tom & Pat Halliwell **799-0921**  
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Greg & Beth Gath **377-5877**  
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN Monica Munoz & Julie Gray **598-0519**  
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CUB SCOUTS Moses Bass **420-1877**  
BOY SCOUTS Tom Lane **496-4223**

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