

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2010

My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

— Psalm 17:5-6a

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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.

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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 many soap operas we see an interesting take on marriage. Sometimes a character loves one person but marries someone else because of pressures, convenience or deceit. Who is the true spouse? It is similar to the question asked in the

Gospel today.

According to the customs and laws that existed at the time of Jesus, if a woman became a widow, her husband's brother was obligated to marry her so that she wouldn't end up being destitute. In the end, who would be her true spouse?

In our culture we always say that family is important and that we value family above all else. But, when we watch the soap operas or hear the statistics, we see that the concept of marriage as something sacred is gradually being lost.

In the soap operas it seems almost normal to have all these problems and of course there is an easy fix. If things don't work out in the soaps we're encouraged to divorce or separate and find someone new. Sometimes things may not work out, and marriages were not entered into consciously and freely and as such they are not life giving.

Our God is a God of the living. Marriage should be life giving. Marriages that are not based on truth, or only exist for convenience, aren't life giving and are not in accord with God's command to love one another.

Our calling today is to seek the things that give us life and to reject those things that aren't life giving. Who will be the true spouse in the other life? Jesus says, don't worry about those things for now. My hope is that we are concerned with being life giving in our relationships today and enjoy these relationships in the here and now.

As we prepare for the new liturgical year, we will be meeting with the various ministries. We recently finished meeting with all of our lectors. Some good suggestions came forward during this meeting and will be implemented soon. The next series of ministry meetings that will take place are the following:

- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. in the Church - Altar Servers
- Monday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. in the Church - Music Ministers
- with John Flaherty
- Monday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m. in the Church - Eucharistic Ministers
- Tuesday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. in the Church - Ushers

If you are involved in these ministries, I would strongly urge you to attend the meeting that represents your ministry.

Thank you, Fr. Jim

On behalf of myself, my mother and the rest of my family, I would like to thank all of you who have sent cards and/or expressed your condolences to me on the passing of my father. I appreciate all your prayers and support at this difficult time. May God bless all of you.

Once again, thank you very much.

Fr. Jim

Catechetical Corner



Many of you are familiar with seeing the deacon assisting at Mass. The deacon's ministry during the Mass is very important. The deacon proclaims the Gospel at Mass. He also has the faulty to preach the homily. He instructs the people and leads them in prayer and reads the petitions. He prepares the altar at the time of the Offertory and he also prepares the Cup.

During the Mass you are familiar with seeing the deacon standing slightly behind and at the priest's right side. This is the way in which deacons have served at the altar in our Archdiocese for many years. In other dioceses throughout the United States the deacon has served in the same way, with one exception.

In other dioceses the deacons kneel from the beginning of the epiclesis, (the time when the priest extends his hands over the gifts and makes the sign of the cross over them) until the priest elevates the chalice for the people to see. This is the normal posture for the deacon according to the GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal).

Cardinal Mahony and our new coadjutor Archbishop Gomez have asked our deacons to comply with these specific instructions regarding the deacons found in the GIRM beginning November 1. Beginning this week the deacons in our Archdiocese will kneel at the appropriate time. There are exceptions to this rule. If a deacon has knee problems or has trouble kneeling, then he is exempt from these instructions. Nothing changes for the congregation who will continue to kneel in the usual manner during the consecration.

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class on **November 21** for teacher inservice and **November 28** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Assignments to be completed at home for these missed sessions will be given on November 14. 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.

Confirmation Year I meets today, noon - 3 p.m., in the hall. Next two Sundays, same time, same place. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast!

Confirmation Year II are on an overnight retreat this weekend. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. Parents, please be at the parking lot by 3:30 today.

Notice to the Parish: Confirmation Year II will have a religious items and jewelry sale after Masses **Nov. 28** through **Dec. 12** to benefit Holy Childhood Assoc., the Daughters of Wisdom in Haiti as well as assisting in the funds for an orphanage for blind and deaf children.

An Evening with Fr. Gregory Boyle, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries. Fr. Boyle will celebrate the 5:30 evening Mass at Our Lady of Refuge, 5195 Stearns, then move to the auditorium for dinner and his presentation. Homegirl catering will provide dinner hors d'oeuvres (\$15 suggested donation - no one turned away). Don't miss the rare opportunity to hear this phenomenal man of our time as he shares his insights into gang intervention, rehabilitation, and social justice. For more info, call Steve Shanklin, 494-5117, Tom Silva, 277-4321, or Our Lady of Refuge Church, 498-6641.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In this passage we find Jesus teaching in the temple. The Sadducees, who believed in the absolute authority of the law, approached Jesus with a question about the law. These Sadducees belonged to a group who did not accept the Jewish tradition that believed in the resurrection of the dead. They objected to those who believed that any afterlife was merely a continuation of earthly life. None of us know exactly what to expect after death, but we do have the promise of eternal life and we believe in the fullness of that life.

Life Focus: * How do you feel about meeting your spouse, mother or father after you all have died? * *Tell of a time you tried to convince a person of something you believed, but he or she did not. Were you successful? Why or why not?* * Tell of your first experience with death. * *Write down three things that you believe about life after death. What is the strongest feeling you have about these?*

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

The liturgical year is almost at an end. November 1 was the feast of all Saints. When it falls on Saturday or Monday, L.A. Archdiocese abrogates (officially annuls) this holyday of obligation. On November 2, many attended All Souls

Cemetery on that feast day. St. Luke will be with us for the next three Sundays, then Advent begins Year A on November 28.

This Sunday Luke has Jesus tested by some Sadducees with a ridiculous scenario, trying to deride Him regarding the resurrection and life eternal. God is **not** a God of the dead but of the **living**. God cares for **you!** Benjamin Franklin wrote this inscription for his gravestone: "The body of B. Franklin, printer; like the cover of an old book, its contents worn out and script of the lettering and gilding lies here, food for worms. But the work shall not be wholly lost, for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more perfect edition, corrected and amended by the **Author.**" Ben's words refer to a "new creation" which Jesus began and He wants our help to bring it to completion. How are we doing in this regard? How are we strengthening our relationship with God? St. Augustine says, "Before God can do 'His thing,' we must do 'our thing.'"

Our Prayer: Lord, thank You for the nourishment You give us at Eucharist, it is our food for everlasting life. Help us to live by Your Gospel and so bring us to Your kingdom. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 or any readings from the Common of the Dedication of a Church, nos. 701-706
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

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





St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

November 15: Regular meeting. 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. \$29 per person. Carpool will be provided.
 Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Starting our 27th 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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

PARENTS: Please be sure to accompany your children to the restroom when out in public, even during Mass.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what ways does my belief in life after death influence the way I live?

Child: Who are all the people I know who are alive with God?

Teen: What experiences in my life affirm God is living?

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:

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

Did You Know? Abuse Prevention Training Nears 2 Million

- Did you know that every person working with children & youth in the Archdiocese of L. A. is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? The Archdiocese of L. A. has trained more than 100,000 adults in the program. Nationwide, more than 1.7 million clergy, educators, employees and volunteers have been trained in how to create safe environments and prevent child sexual abuse. For more information on how you can help keep children safe, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners, 21 years or older to a bus trip to Spotlight Casino on **Dec. 15**. Cost: \$35, receive \$35 free casino play on arrival. This is a 5 hour casino stop. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 562-425-8811.

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.

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

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 8**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- TUESDAY, November 9**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- WEDNESDAY, November 10**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- THURSDAY, November 11**
 8:00 a.m. - † Amanda Attardo
- FRIDAY, November 12**
 8:00 a.m. - Mary Powell, living
- SATURDAY, November 13**
 5:00 PM - † John DeRuyter
- SUNDAY, November 14**
 7:30 a.m. - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Richard Parent
 10:30 a.m. - † Gloria Quiambao
 12:30 p.m. - Mary Jane Mulick, 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 Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohlen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Grace Griffin, Ginny Kennebeck & Evelyn Sylvia.

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