

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2010

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

— *Psalm 98:5*

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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.

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: 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:

When we try to understand the gospel passages concerning the end of the world, it may be helpful to compare it with being born. For the baby being born, it is probably a very traumatic experience. In fact, if a baby were able to choose, I suspect that it

would want to stay in the warm, safe womb of its mother. The baby doesn't understand yet how tragic it would be to miss all the possibilities of independent human life.

Living in the world is like a womb that is meant to prepare us for birth into a new and better existence. But, being afraid of the unknown it can be natural for us to resist this new birth and see it only as a tragedy. If our faith were a little stronger, we would be able to embrace our present life with gratitude and still be ready to leave it with grace and peace, as we welcome the homecoming that God has prepared for all of us.

In our lives there are little worlds ending all the time--the end of childhood, the end of education, the end of a career, the end of relationships, etc. The courage and generosity and trust with which we deal with these endings help to prepare us for the final ending. Every time we love unselfishly we die a little bit to our own precious plans and preferences. When we die daily in these small ways, we will have less difficulty with our final dying as our plans are once again revised and we go to a loving God who offers us a share in his own divine life.

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



Campaign for Human Development - Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change.

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:

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What changes have occurred in my life over the last year? Do I believe that God is with me as I deal with these things?

Child: How does Jesus help me with my worries?

Teen: When has my faith helped me endure troubles? What gives me hope?

Concern America - This Sunday, **Nov. 14**, volunteers from Concern America will return with unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. The gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. This year we have new crafts from El Salvador and Guatemala. Inspired by nature, these beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions, and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions.

Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, 714-953-8575. You may view a selection of crafts on their website: www.concernamerica.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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 today.

Sacrament Program: The first workshop for our **Year 1** families will take place today from **2:00-3:30 p.m.** This workshop is for parents and children. Child care will be provided for siblings.

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.

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: As we approach the end of the church year, the liturgy directs our thoughts to the end of time itself. For Jews and Christians this implies victory over all forces of evil, even death itself. A common theme in the writings about this end time is that it will be a time of crisis, a time of decision. Luke's main theme is that it will do no good to try to predict the end time. For followers of Jesus, the important thing is go believe that God will be with them no matter what happens: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Life Focus: * Describe a time when you had to persevere in order to stand up for what you believed to be right. * *With wars, famine, suffering, etc., how do you find God's love and trust in your life?* * Speak of a time in your life when a crisis occurred and you were fearful. How did you get the courage to bounce back? * *Name an experience when you realized God was in control of your life.* * Think of a time when you felt everything falling apart. Where did you find support? * *Describe an experience when others put you down for one of your beliefs.*

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Through the month of November (the month of remembrance) we pray for the dead. We visit cemeteries and have Masses for "souls in Purgatory." Why pray for the dead? Ever notice how saintly the eulogies make our deceased appear? Well, listen to this excerpt taken from Dante's Second book of the Divine Comedy: Dante comes upon a mountain after touring hell (the Inferno) where souls were being prepared for heaven. They were not ready for heaven and were actually holding themselves back. They knew they were not ready for heaven. They were not capable of accepting the fire of God's love into their lives. They were suffering the wounds of their sins. Though their sins had been forgiven, the sins had left their mark. It was too late for them to find healing for themselves. Their earthly lives were over. Too late to find healing through their own works of charity, fasting and prayer, but it was not too late for them to be healed. The people on earth could heal them by earthly prayers.

The greatest prayer we can offer for the dead is the Sacrifice of the Mass. We can offer the graces received at Holy Communion for them. I know of a couple of parishioners that are counting on Purgatory. We still have time in this month of remembrance to pray for the dead. Pray as if their lives depended on it!!

Our Prayer: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center

For Those Who Mourn - Breathe a Prayer, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For those who have experienced deep personal loss, deepen awareness of the Spirit's whispered word in a contemplative retreat. Cost \$20.

Understanding Our Different Energies as Men and Women - Nov. 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with Fr. Jim Clarke and Kathleen Bryant, RCS. Discuss masculine and feminine spiritual development and our expectations of each other. Includes lunch and concludes with Mass. Cost: \$60.

For information about events at the retreat center, visit their website: www.maryjoseph.org. Registration forms and directions are available there as well.

Lay Carmelite Group - If you are interested in learning about lay membership in the Discalced Carmelites, the order of the Little Flower St. Therese of Lisieux, you are invited to attend one of our meetings at St. Joseph High School. Introductory classes begin **Nov. 21** at 1 p.m. For information please call Becky Todorovic, 714-890-0905.

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. Reservations \$10/person.

Dec. 6: Regular meeting.

Dec. 11: Christmas Program by the Young Americans at La Mirada Playhouse. Reservations full, standby sign ups only. Please bring \$29 per person to the Nov. 15 meeting. Carpool will be provided.

Dec. 20: - Christmas Luncheon Party. Sign ups starting at the Nov. 20 meeting. \$10/per person.

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Starting our 27th Year

Homeless Kits can be returned to church anytime, as soon as possible.

New blanket drive is NOW. Movement delivers the new blankets to our Gift Basket families before Thanksgiving. Bring to the rectory or call John/Jan Minter before Nov. 20.

Drivers for Thanksgiving – if you did not drive at Easter – call John/Jan.

NEXT meeting: Wednesday, **Nov. 17**, 7:30 p.m. PAC. All welcome.

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



Our Lady of Refuge Office of Religious Education is hosting a Harvest Festival Boutique **Nov. 20**, 10a.m.-5p.m., and **Nov. 21**, 8a.m.-2p.m. with a variety of vendors offering quality items as well as food items for sale.

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.

Avila Gardens Open House Bluegrass and Irish Family Band, **Nov. 14**, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary lunch, tours, delightful bluegrass and Irish hymns, door prizes and more. RSVP 626-599-2214, 1171 Encanto Parkway, Duarte.

St. Joseph High School

A Day in the Life of a Jester - Friday, Nov. 19, 8-noon.

Open House - All are welcome. Friday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m. 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, 925-5073 ext 151.

Thank You

Thank you to all who made the Memorial Mass such a beautiful experience. May God bless each of you.

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

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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? Office of Assistance Ministry Helps Victims

- The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles deals with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious and any lay person working or volunteering for the archdiocese. The office was charged with creating a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward, while enduring that civil authorities are notified and victims are provided counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Directed by Suzanne Healy, the office also advises Catholic parishes and schools coping with issues of sexual abuse of minors. Ms. Healy may be reached by calling 213-637-7650. The hotline number to report sexual abuse is 800-355-2545.

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 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

MONDAY, November 15
 8:00 a.m. - † John Christie

TUESDAY, November 16
 8:00 a.m. - † Francis Mulick

WEDNESDAY, November 17
 8:00 a.m. - † Dick Koccevar

THURSDAY, November 18
 8:00 a.m. - † Senator Jenny Oropeza

FRIDAY, November 19
 8:00 a.m. - † James Fitzpatrick

SATURDAY, November 20
 5:00 PM - † Stan Ferdula

SUNDAY, November 21
 7:30 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen
 9:00 a.m. - † Catherine Beckstead
 10:30 a.m. - † Bob Sylvia
 12:30 p.m. - Pat McGovern, 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:

Glen Warren	Nick Compton
Joseph Comfort	Irene Avila
Scott Williams	Justin Ray
Timothy Ring	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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