

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 21, 2010

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the Lord.”

— Psalm 122:1

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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

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 hear about the martyrs, we often think about the early days of Christianity. But there have been and continue to be martyrs in many parts of the world today and in places that are much closer to us.

During the early part of the 20th Century, Christians were persecuted in many parts of our western hemisphere. We see a good example of this in Mexico and other parts of Central and South America.

These people were invariably faced with a choice, either abandon their faith or lose their life. They always responded, ¡Viva Cristo Rey!, "Christ the King Lives." For those who heard them it probably seemed crazy to serve a king who died a death that was reserved for a common criminal.

The kingdom of Christ is very strange. Because it proclaims a king who came to serve others, a king who came to heal, a king who came to console the afflicted and to take care of the poorest of the poor. This kind of king may seem very contradictory to what we think kings are all about.

Is it worth living this kind of a life? For those who died saying Christ the King lives, the answer appears to be yes. My hope for each of us is that we come to a greater awareness that Christ the King continues to reign in our hearts and that our faith in him leads us to serve others in his name.

As we prepare for the new liturgical year, we will be meeting with the various ministries. The next series of ministry meetings that will take place are the following:

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

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.



Thanksgiving Day Mass Plan Ahead and Invite Friends

Come first to the Table of the Lord to give Him thanks and praise. Remember that the very best way of giving thanks for our many blessings is through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Be sure to come to the special 9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, **November 25**. Bring some canned food items for the needy to fill the baskets outside the church. The food will be donated to the St. Francis Center. Additionally, you may want to bring the bread your family will be using at your own Thanksgiving meal to have it blessed.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
	<u>Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:</u>
	Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Office Hours - The rectory office will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 24, from 9 - noon. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 & 26. A very happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all of you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How would I describe the kind of king Jesus is? How does he rule my life?

Child: How does Jesus lead us?

Teen: How do I allow Jesus to have authority over me?

Concern America - Thank you to all who purchased crafts last Sunday from Concern America, an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, 714-953-8575. Your purchases will help provide a source of income to materially poor communities, and promote eco-friendly work patterns and fair working conditions.

Campaign for Human Development - Today we take up a collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. For 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and lift up the poor in the United States. The collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, legal advocacy to enforce fair wages, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class today for teacher in-service and **November 28** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our annual **Advent Celebration** will take place on Sunday, **December 5**, from **10:15 to 11:45** in the hall. This event is for **parents and children**. Please come directly to the hall at 10:15 for crafts, music, and prayer.

Middle School: No class on Tuesday, **Nov. 23**, for Thanksgiving.

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.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center

Advent Retreat: Interrupt Us with the Gospel of Jesus that our days may be filled with the work of faithfulness, **Dec. 4, 9:30-1:30**. Cost: \$40 (\$35 by Nov. 22).

A Renaissance Christmas - Dec. 5, 3:00 p.m. tea, 4:00 p.m. concert. Cost: \$20 (\$16 by Nov. 29).

Fourth Annual Nativity Exhibit - Dec. 5-19. Free. Call for times. Special exhibit of nativities from Latin America.

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

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

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: During his adult life Jesus was often put down because he “welcomed sinners and ate with them.” Now he is condemned to die with criminals. The man we have come to know as the good thief turns to Jesus and calls him simply by name, “Jesus,” and begs only to be “remembered.” By doing so he simply acknowledges the inscription on the cross and that Jesus has a kingdom to enter. The thief gets more than he ever asked for: He will enter paradise on that very day. In a word, the criminal was *saved* by Jesus the “savior.” The good thief’s plea becomes a ray of hope for all, by turning in faith to him who came as a “savior.”

Life Focus: * What helps you believe that Jesus remembers you? * *How does this Gospel give you hope of being saved?* * What is lacking in you when you are unable to respond to those suffering unjustly? * *Relate an experience when you received a gift you didn’t deserve.*

* Speak of a time when you stood silently witnessing the pain of another. * *Describe a time when you failed to respond to someone being unjustly treated.*

**From Deacon Don’s Desk:**

Our blessings go out to all of you this Thanksgiving season who have made our parish family such a joy to be part of.

We should all take this time to reflect on the goodness of the Lord. St. Augustine is quoted: “Rather, if you wish to receive mercy, be merciful before He comes; forgive whatever has been done against you; give of your abundance. **Of whose possessions do you give, if not of His?** If you were to give of your own, it would be largess; but since you give of His, it is restitution. For what have you that you have not received? These are the sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, charity. Such as these, then let us bring and, free from fear, we shall await the coming of the Judge who will judge the world in equity and the peoples in His truth.”

This is the time to return thanks to our God for all He has given to us. Remember in your charity, those who are most in need.

Some of you have noticed the deacons are now kneeling at the consecration. Fr. Jim told me: “A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.”

A Thanksgiving Prayer: God most provident, we join all creation in raising to You a hymn of thanksgiving. For generations upon generations peoples of this land have sung of Your bounty; we too offer You praise for the rich harvest we have received at Your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for You be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice **and** in our generous response to those in need. We make this prayer through Your Son. Amen.

A Mass with Healing Service - Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. Cornelius Church. Celebrant: Fr. Bill Adams. His special love is the teaching and preaching of the faith and God’s love through the Scriptures. Come and bring your family and friends to experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit.



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 30 - 7:00 p.m.
In the church. All are welcome!





St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

Dec. 6 - Regular meeting.
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.
Dec. 20 - Christmas Luncheon Party. Sign - up available Dec. 6th meeting. \$10/per person. Please remember to bring gift for Precious Life Shelter to the luncheon.
 Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Our 27th year at St. Joseph Parish
Thanks for the Homeless Kits.

Thanks for the new blankets for our 69 families. Movement delivered the new blankets to our Gift Basket families on 11/20.



Call for Gift Basket drivers for Christmas – if you did not drive at Thanksgiving – call John/Jan.

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

Precious Life Shelter - A Precious Christmas

Annual open house **December 5, 3:30-6:30 p.m.**, 10881 Reagan St., Los Alamitos. Bring your children to visit with Santa, visit our "Giving Tree" to share Christmas with a mother and child, opportunity drawings (can be purchased in advance and you don't have to be present to win), thrift shop will be open. There will be one of a kind resident artwork and gift cards available plus "Cookies for a Cause" from PLS residents. For more information, please call 562-431-5025.

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

Sean Wright, *Tidings* columnist, explains how Christmas carols have little meaning without linking the manger to the altar and to the cross, the entire Paschal Event that forms the heart of Catholic belief. **Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m. at** St. Matthew Church, 672 Temple Ave., Long Beach.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, separated), will meet on Sunday, **Nov. 28 at 2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

Day After Thanksgiving Dance - The L.A. Catholic Alumni club singles (35+) Friday, **Nov. 26** at the Days Inn, 450 W. Pioneer Dr., Glendale, 8 p.m. to midnight, dressy attire, \$18 admission. Please call 818-759-1545 for info and a free event calendar.

Wolf Den - Pack 120

Calling all second grade boys. The St. Joseph Wolf Den still has a few openings for new wolf members. We are a very active den and pack. Pack 120 also is open to boys who do not attend St. Joseph School. For information on how your son can be on our team, contact the den leader, Pat Murach at 562-343-2567.

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

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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 of Kids Nears 6 Million Mark

- The Catholic church in the U.S. has prepared more than 5.7 million children to recognize abuse and protect themselves. Age appropriate child safety programs are mandatory throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213-637-7227, for more information about the safe environment training programs for children. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, November 20**
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Parishioners
- 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
- MONDAY, November 22**
 8:00 a.m. - Emerson Tran and family, living
- TUESDAY, November 23**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests
- WEDNESDAY, November 24**
 8:00 a.m. - Sr. Mary Glennon, living
- THURSDAY, November 25**
 9:00 a.m. - Pat McGovern, living
- FRIDAY, November 26**
 8:00 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen
- SATURDAY, November 27**
 5:00 PM - Botelho and Salvate families
- SUNDAY, November 28**
 7:30 a.m. - † Richard Parent
 9:00 a.m. - † John Christie
 10:30 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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 | 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 & Alma Griffin, Ginny Kennebeck & Evelyn Sylvia.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**
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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tom & Pat Halliwell 799-0921
 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Greg & Beth Gath 377-5877
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 PROJECT ACHIEVE Tina Gath 598-5202
 Olga Cuda 594-4657
 PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER Greg Shea 221-8673
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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE