

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010

“You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

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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:

Why does the second reading tell us today that we need to wake up? What kind of sleep is God talking about? Sometimes people appear to be sleeping when it comes to their relationships with others. They can pass people by, never realizing what a person needs. And sometimes even when they see the needs of others within their community they prefer to let others do all the work.

At times it is easier to keep on dreaming and not be aware of the things that are happening around us, so we remain asleep and we don't take any action.

The time of Advent is here. It is a time of waiting and being alert. Unfortunately in our society this time of waiting and preparation can be synonymous with shopping and frenzied activities that lulls us into a sleep that stops us from being alert. What is really important is to remain awake and to see what's going on around us and to pay attention to the people that are close to us and to recognize their needs.

In falling asleep we could miss out on the greatest thing that could happen to us: the opportunity to have a real and personal encounter with the God who made us and loves us. Remember, it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What am I doing to "stay awake" in anticipation of the Lord's coming?

Child: In what ways can I be ready for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

Teen: What will I do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in me?

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

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.



Advent Wreath Blessing

Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Project Achieve - We would like to thank all the volunteers who cook and serve for this wonderful ministry on the third and fourth Mondays of the month. We are still in need of more volunteers. If you would like to get involved once a month or once a year, please contact Olga Cuda at the rectory office.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: During Advent we celebrate the coming of Christ not only two thousand years ago, but also at the end of time. Today's readings emphasize that end time. The Gospel reading is part of Matthew's great discourse on the establishment of the Reign of God at the end of time. Jesus tells his followers that they must live their lives in such a way that they are ready to enter into this reign at any time.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience that made you stop and reflect on your priorities and on the way you live your life. * *What are some of the difficulties in staying alert to God in your everyday life?* * If tomorrow were to be the last day of your life, what might you change? * *Recall a disruptive experience in your life in the past few weeks. How did it affect you?* * Share a time when you were caught unprepared. How do you see God being a part of that experience?

Campaign for Human Development - Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important systemic changes in low-income communities all over the U. S. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor. /...to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind / to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class today for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our annual **Advent Celebration** will take place on Sunday, **December 5**, from **10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** in the hall. This event is for **parents and children**. Please come directly to the hall at 10:15 for crafts, music, and prayer.

Early Childhood: No Sunday School today. Regular class next week. Practice your songs. It's not too late to sign up. Call Shannon 430-6840.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

Informational Day for Men Interested in the Permanent Diaconate, December 5, 2-4 p.m. at St. John Chrysostom Parish, Inglewood. Members of the Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the diaconate formation program, and to answer questions. Men must be between 30 and 60 years of age. Wives and pastors are also encouraged to attend. For questions or registration, please contact Ms. Silvia Esperanza Hernandez, 213-637-7383.

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.

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.

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.

**How Does a Person Become a**

Catholic? Are you or someone you know curious about Catholicism? It is our greatest joy and our mission, to 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 individuals to "come and see" what living a life as a committed Catholic Christian can mean. Meeting times are flexible. For more info, 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!

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Looking back at Christ the King we see that the fullness of life Jesus offers can't be provided by money but by giving of ourselves for the good of others. Keep your faith active for survival. The good thief had faith and said, "Jesus remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Christ the King, celebrated last Sunday, causes us to reflect on the end and His coming when He hands over the kingdom to His Father. Speaking of survival, Pope John XXIII had this to say: "The 10 commandments are completed by the Evangelical Precepts of justice and love. Together these constitute the framework for individual and collective survival."

We begin Advent and look forward to Christmas. Bishop Sheen said, "Christmas, then, is not something that has happened, it is something that is happening. The message of Bethlehem is: 'I want to introduce you to Jesus.' My prayer for all is to 'Let this season of Advent be a time for spiritual renewal.'"

Our Prayer: Father, increase our will for doing good that Your Son may find an eager welcome at His coming. Give us strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Year I Confirmation - Track 2 will begin on **January 9** at 12:00 noon in the hall. The session goes until 3:00 p.m.

Year II Confirmation - Our retreat at San Luis Rey was a wonderful event. Thank you for your prayers and support. A special **thank you** to all our chaperones, we greatly appreciate your help. We are gearing up for the Haiti Orphanage Fundraiser. Come on by the tables and support our young teens as they raise monies for Holy Childhood Association and our dear Fr. Ken, **November 28, December 5, December 12**.

Did You Know? Always Keep an Up-to-Date Photo of Your Child - Picture this: A good photo could save a child's life. One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, please visit: www.missingkids.com. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.



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. Two tickets are available, \$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.



Thanks to the drivers and the families that donated food. Went great!
 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.

Journey to the Holy Land with Fr. Raymond Mallett, OFM. See Haifa, Mr. Carmel, Tiberius, Nazareth, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and more. Stay in the Old City of Jerusalem. **February 14-25**, \$2,999. Mass daily. For more information, contact Fr. Ray, 310-372,7077 ex. 25.

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.

St. John Bosco High School Open House December 5, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower. For more information, visit our website at www.bosco.org.

Connelly High School Open House December 5, 1 - 4 p.m. 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim. For more information, please call 714-776-1717 ext. 234. Learn about academics and student life; meet students, teachers, administrators; campus tours; vocal and handbell ensembles perform; refreshments.

St. Paul High School Open House December 8, 7:00 p.m. 9635 Greenleaf Ave., Santa Fe Springs. Welcome all future Swordsmen! Please join us in the gym for tours of the school, department presentations, and a desert reception. Applications and information available. Mass will be held in the chapel at 6 p.m. for the holy day.

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.

Christmas Dinner at St. Hedwig's, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd., Saturday, December 25, 1 p.m. in Quinn Hall. If you are alone this Christmas, we invite you to join us. There will be families to share their love and prayers with you, a bounty of food, singing, and much, much more! Reservations are required. Please contact Ed or Dewey Foster, 562-598-7060, by December 21. There is no charge.

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

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 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
- MONDAY, November 29**
 8:00 a.m. - † Pat Seckington
- TUESDAY, November 30**
 8:00 a.m. - † Cu and Huc Dang
- WEDNESDAY, December 1**
 8:00 a.m. - † Meliza Abueg
- THURSDAY, December 2**
 8:00 a.m. - † Hugh Campbell
- FRIDAY, December 3**
 8:00 a.m. - Greening family, Thanksgiving
- SATURDAY, December 4**
 5:00 PM - † Zdzislaw Hauser
- SUNDAY, December 5**
 7:30 a.m. - Lisa Dang and family, living
 9:00 a.m. - † Richard Parent
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

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 Kohnen, Chuck Greening, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Grace & Alma Griffin, Ginny Kennebeck & Evelyn Sylvia.

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 PROJECT ACHIEVE Tina Gath 598-5202
 Olga Cuda 594-4657
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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE