

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*

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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:

Sometimes things occur in our life that leave us puzzled and troubled. How are we supposed to be able to do things that don't make sense and seem impossible?

How can we believe in the words of those who are close to us, when their words seem to be impossible. How can we be trusting when the world we live in is so complicated and human relationships are so fragile?

We all have moments of doubt in our lives, especially when we have to make difficult decisions, such as moving away from home or taking on certain responsibilities or actions.

Today's gospel brings us a similar story during the moments when Joseph had his doubts about Mary. I'm sure that we can sympathize with Joseph's situation of pure uncertainty. However, the word given to him is: have no fear ... God is with us.

On many occasions we have to have faith and trust, believing that in our doubt and lack of understanding, our God is there with us. This is the God we await for this Christmas, a God who arrives in the midst of our world and gives us hope.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Friday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Midnight:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays  
December 21 - 7:00 p.m.  
In the church. All are welcome!



### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

#### Christmas Vigil

Friday, December 24  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass  
4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

#### Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.  
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

#### New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31  
8:00 a.m.

#### New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1  
5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Mailing:** If you did not receive the Christmas mailing with the Christmas liturgy schedule, you may not be registered. Please call the rectory with questions.

**The Rectory Office** will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26, as well as Jan. 1 and 2. The week of Dec. 27-31, the office will be open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only.

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew's version of Jesus' conception is a statement of Christian faith in Jesus as the Son of God. It begins with Joseph's confusion over Mary's pregnancy. They were engaged to be married but had not yet lived together. Sexual relations with anyone except the engaged person were considered adultery, and punishment was severe. God reassures Joseph in a dream that the child has been conceived by "the power of the Holy Spirit." Matthew sees Joseph as a model of faith. He recognizes the power of God working in ways he cannot understand. The child's destiny is indicated by his name: the name *Jesus* means "Yahweh helps" or "Yahweh saves." Matthew stresses the meaning of *Emmanuel*, "God-With-Us," to emphasize Jesus' divine Sonship.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe a time when you felt your trust had been betrayed by someone you loved. \* *Describe a time when you had to struggle to trust God in a difficult situation.* \* When did you change a decision of yours after prayer and reflection?

**Pro Life Corner** - In our nation about 4 million babies are born every year, but 1.2 million more are killed.

-- Life Issues, Oct. 10, 2010

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary: Christmas blessings to all!!** There will be no class today and **Dec. 26** for Christmas vacation. Classes resume on Sunday, **Jan. 2**.

**Middle School:** There will be no class on Tuesdays, **Dec. 21 and 28** for Christmas vacation. Classes resume on Tuesday, **Jan. 4**.

**Early Childhood:** No class today! Have the merriest of Christmas celebrations secure in the love of our Lord. Thank you for bringing your item for our baskets. Great job, Community Helpers! Thinking of joining our group? It's never too late! Call Shannon 430-6840.

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

**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.

**Adult Confirmation** classes begin Jan. 10 at St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita. If you would like to be confirmed, please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519 for registration forms and information.

**Beginning Experience Grief Recovery Workshop**  
**Feb. 4 - 6** - Widowed/divorced/separated people are invited to move beyond their grief through this guided healing and growth process at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino. Registration and cost: (\$250, \$225 in advance) [bel2011-30@hotmail.com](mailto:bel2011-30@hotmail.com). Call Maria, 310-365-0186. Website: [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org).

**Mary and Joseph Retreat Center**

**Epiphany Concert - Jan. 2, 4 - 6 p.m.** Celebrate the Epiphany with music, prayer, friends and family. Come enjoy the concert featuring Msgr. Joseph Brennan of Holy Trinity in San Pedro and Anna Betancourt of St. Linus in Norwalk. They will be accompanied by Michael Betancourt and Chris de Silva. We will bless the retreat center and provide chalk and holy water for you to bless your own home. Festive refreshments will be served. Cost: \$25 per person.

**Create Your Own Icon** with Annette Lawrence, DMJ, a week long studio art retreat, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Icons are more than pictures, they are windows on the Sacred. Writing an icon is a spiritual journey. This workshop takes us from a bare board to a finished Icon; painting with prayer, reflections on Icons and practical instructions. All materials included. Cost: per person/shared \$1,075 (\$1,025 if paid in full before Jan. 7) single room \$1,250 (\$1,200 before Jan. 7).

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

**Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2011**

The annual Congress in Anaheim is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this 4-day event. The annual Youth Day draws over 15,000 youth from all over Southern California and beyond. Congress' international presence continues to grow, with participants attending from many different countries. This year there will be 308 workshops available to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. This year the Congress is scheduled for **March 17 - 20** and focuses on the theme **Hold firm...Trust!** Over the weekend participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of worship. Concerts at noon and evening offer additional opportunities for praise and worship - delightful experiences which engage and renew participants! Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more information or to register call our parish religious ed office, 598-0519, for a guide book, or call the RECongress info line, 213-637-7348. To register online visit us at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).

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**How Does a Person Become a**

**Catholic?** Are you or someone you know curious about Catholicism? It is our great-

est 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.

**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.

**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**  
**Joseph Comfort**  
**Scott Williams**  
**Timothy Ring**  
**Daniel O'Connell**  
**David Waidelich**  
**Timmy Allison**

**Nick Compton**  
**Irene Avila**  
**Justin Ray**  
**Adam Mariano**  
**Obinna Ugochukwu**  
**William G. Ouimette**

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.



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

**Dec. 20** - Christmas Luncheon Party. Sign - up available. Call Mary Lou Clark, 431-4385. \$10/per person. Please remember to bring unwrapped gift for Precious Life Shelter to the luncheon. Social time starting at 11 a.m. Seating for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

**2011** - Happy New Year!

**Jan. 3 and 17** - regular meetings.

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

**Our 27<sup>th</sup> year at St. Joseph Parish**  
 MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD



Thanks to the drivers who volunteered to deliver food and presents for Christmas on Dec. 18. Call John to be on the list for Easter. If you did not drive at Christmas, we missed you – call John/Jan.

68 Gift Basket Families are being helped by your donations of food, money and time at Christmas.

Thank you again for all that you do and share with our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: John/Jan Minter, 562-430-5839.

Next meeting, **Jan. 19**, Wednesday.

**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.

**Changes - Tuesday nights, Jan. 25 - Mar. 8.** Changes combines a unique team of grief professionals and volunteers to help children and teens realize that their experiences are normal. During meetings, family members get support from peers and learn new tools and strategies to cope with all of the changes that come about after a loved one dies. Groups for school-aged young people and groups for children and teens. A parent/primary caregiver group meets at the same time to talk about their own loss and to learn how better to parent grieving children and teens. Pathways is a community supported agency, our services are **free of charge**. Registration is required. Please call 562-531-3031.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday**

**Jan. 9** is our parish Bundle Sunday. Please bring **usable clothing** and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be here in our church parking lot. Please help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of heavy items, 323-224-6280.

**Cornelia Connolly School**, an all girls Catholic, college prep high school, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717 ext. 234.

**Winter Open House** - Thursday, **Jan. 13**, 7 p.m.

**Entrance Exam** - Saturday, **Jan. 22**, 8:30 - 1 p.m.

**Wolf Den - Pack 120** - Calling all second grade boys. The St. Joseph Wolf Den still has 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.

**Did You Know? Shopping mall safety tips** - It is easy for kids to get sidetracked with all the sights, sounds, and smells surrounding us at holiday time. It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, tell them to look for a "safe stranger" who can help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person can help a child who is lost. Avoid telling children to go to the "manager." Any adult in a suit, who looks important, can look like the manager to a child. Children must be told never to leave the mall or store to go looking for you in the parking lot. Let them know that you would never go outside or leave until you are reunited - no matter what anyone else tells them. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**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:

**Jan. 15** - St. Emydius, Lynwood, 310-639-1249 ext. 29

**Jan. 28** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 ext 247

# Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, December 18**

5:00 PM - † Botelho and Salvate families

**SUNDAY, December 19**

7:30 a.m. - † Tess Keckeisen

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - Teresa Anselmo, living

12:30 p.m. - † Karen Camacho

**MONDAY, December 20**

8:00 a.m. - † Stan Ferdula

**TUESDAY, December 21**

8:00 a.m. - † Ignasius Fernandes

**WEDNESDAY, December 22**

8:00 a.m. - † Eilene Ciesielski

**THURSDAY, December 23**

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

**FRIDAY, December 24**

4:00 p.m. - † John Christie

6:00 p.m. - † Dick Kocovar

9:00 p.m. - † Dennis Ensich

**SATURDAY, December 25**

9:00 a.m. - Carissa Cherpes, living

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Jaime Mesa

**SUNDAY, December 26**

7:30 a.m. - † Jerry Chamberlein

9:00 a.m. - † Meliza Abueg

10:30 a.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

12:30 p.m. - † Domingo Dizon

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** Where am I struggling to recognize God's presence, and what steps can I take to trust that God is leading me into the future?

**Child:** What could I do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

**Teen:** When things are bad, do I realize that they will become better because God loves and cares for me?

**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**

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>		
of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**  
562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	Dana Moler

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Marianna Wescott

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Marianna Wescott	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

**ADULT MINISTRY**

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
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	594-4657
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
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
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	221-8673
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