

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2010

Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*

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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:

With a New Year approaching, we often begin it by making new resolutions. Some are a bit funny and can be difficult to keep, such as losing weight or exercising. Those are two biggies that I'm dealing with this year. Sometimes, resolutions aren't kept for very long.

St. Paul shares with us today some wisdom that would be a wonderful New Year's resolution for everyone. Today on this feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded that we all want to have good and solid relationships in our families. St. Paul's words of wisdom show us the way. He shares with us the virtues that help us foster the bond of love. He tells us that we can strengthen this bond of love by employing the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Today we celebrate the day of the Holy Family and are called to the life of a new family where relationships are not based on who can do more, or on the envy between siblings or on unequal treatment, but on compassion, kindness, and patience.

My hope for all of us is that at least one of our New Year's resolutions asks us to live the virtues that St. Paul shares with us today, and in keeping this resolution we know that we become more like the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How does my family deal with tensions and unexpected turns? What light do today's readings provide?

Child: What good thing will I do this week to show my love for a parent or grandparent?

Teen: What have I learned from friends or classmates who have been refugees?

The Rectory Office will be closed Dec. 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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Before this year slips away I want to say, "Altar Servers, thank you!!" You have enhanced the Mass immeasurably. Your presence has given us a "Liturgy with style and grace."

The test of a good altar server is that they are not noticed (except by their parents!) They know their part and move about effortlessly. Timing is important as well. When the deacon needs water, you are there; when the Sacramentary is needed by the presider, you are there; when the ciborium is cleansed, you are there to take it and place it on the credence table. Thanks also go to Ann Crowley, the first of instructors, and Father Jim for his concern, instruction and guidance so that our liturgy is truly enhanced. One request on the behalf of this lowly deacon, you don't have to be a fifth through eighth grader to be an altar server. Are there any adults that would be interested in serving at the altar? All servants must serve with devotion and dignity and be attentive to detail.

A couple of weeks ago (Dec. 12) a question in the Gospel popped out at me: "What did you come out to see?" It became clear to me that when the priest raises the Bread broken over the raised Chalice and begins: "Behold the Lamb of God..." this is what we came to see. It should be clear to all that we come to believe and see Jesus and partake. He wants us to be transformed and as we are sent, to be that same Jesus when we go out into the world. "Jesus immerses Himself totally into our humanity thereby transforming us to be saved by His suffering death and resurrection." ... St. Augustine

Our Prayer: Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity of human love and show us the value of family life and help us to live in peace with all men so as to bring us to the joy and peace of Your eternal home. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Matthew's story of the "Flight into Egypt" is modeled on the stories of Moses and his escape from the Pharaoh. Matthew's main intent is to say something about who Jesus is. He wants us to make an act of faith in this Jesus. Like the people of Israel escaping from Egypt, Jesus is the new Israel. He is God's son. On a very human level, the Gospel also portrays a "holy" family, in which loving parents go to extreme lengths to protect a threatened child.

Life Focus: * Relate a time when you experienced family unity in the face of danger, difficulty or crisis. Why was there unity? * *Relate a time when you experienced family disunity. Why was there disunity?* * What can you do to defend and promote gospel values at home, at work, at church and in society? What keeps you from doing it?

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
January 4 and 18 - 7:00 p.m.
In the church. All are welcome!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Christmas blessings to all!! There will be no class today. Classes resume next Sunday, **Jan. 2.**

Middle School: No class on **December 28** for Christmas vacation. Classes resume on Tuesday, **Jan. 4.**

Early Childhood: No class today. Have a joyous New Year celebration secure in the love of our Lord. Enjoy your holiday, remember to say your prayers with your children and be aware of Christ in your heart! From everyone in Religious Education we wish you every blessing in the coming year. See you on January 2!

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

Confirmation

We wish our families a blessed Christmas Season. After waiting through our Advent, we now celebrate the 12 days of Christmas up to the Epiphany. We hope this time brings much peace and blessing to you all.

We will start both Year 1 and Year 2 on **January 9.** Groups in **Year 2** will continue on the same day and time as the first track. **Year 1** will meet in the hall at 12:00 noon and attend **12:30 p.m. Mass** as a group. Session presentation will be held in the hall following Mass.

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. Call Maria, 310-365-0186. Website: 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. 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.

**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.

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.

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.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

2011 - Happy New Year
Jan. 3 and 17 - regular meetings. \$5 dues will be collected in January.
Feb. 15 - 17 - SAVE the date. Trip to Las Vegas. More information to follow.
 Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

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.

Come, Let Us Adore Him - Attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of the Holy Infant Jesus - The Santo Nino at the Historic Faith Center of the San Pedro Region (SS. Peter and Paul Church), 515 West Opp St., Wilmington, **Jan. 15, 10 a.m.** Complimentary lunch after the Procession and Mass. For information, please call Mr. Jun Hingco, 310-834-5215 ext. 23.

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

Our 27th 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday
January 9 is Bundle Sunday for our parish. The truck will be here from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive your donations. Bring **usable** clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc. They are in great need of all types of furniture and large appliances. For large items, please phone 323-224-6280 for a special free pick up at your home. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

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.

ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Welcome all Future Swordsmen! Please join us for an afternoon Open House at 12 noon on Sunday, **January 9**. There will be tours of the school, department presentations, and a dessert reception. Applications and information will be available at the Open House or by calling the Admissions Office, 562-698-6246, ext. 720. St. Paul HS is located at 9635 Greenleaf Avenue in Santa Fe Springs.

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.

St. Anthony High School Class of 1971 40 Year Class Reunion, Jan. 24 & 25. Please contact Ed Lamoureux, ell@bradley.edu, 309-672-5878.

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 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

MONDAY, December 27

- 8:00 a.m. - † Robert Uehlin

TUESDAY, December 28

- 8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang

WEDNESDAY, December 29

- 8:00 a.m. - Carissa Cherpes, living

THURSDAY, December 30

- 8:00 a.m. - † Sara Munoz

FRIDAY, December 31

- 8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Henson

SATURDAY, January 1

- 5:00 p.m. - † Pat Seckington & Donna Bevacqua

SUNDAY, January 2

- 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl
- 10:30 a.m. - † Edward Ely
- 12:30 p.m. - † Marie Muldoon

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 | Patrick Rea |

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, Leslie Day, Logan Pipler, Danielle Carmody, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Beverly Clinton, Patti Nolan, Gregory Freez, Diana Norton, Rebecca Clinton, Peggy Montello, Michael Raspudic, Patricia Langlios, Carlos Franco, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Jeanne Desmond, 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 Griffin, Ginny Kennebeck, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, & Fr. Jardiniano Rolly.

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www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
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