

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2011

They opened their treasures and offered  
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

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**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:

Isn't it astonishing that the three "Magi" from the east recognize and worship Jesus before anyone else does?

I mean, these aren't only foreigners, but they are priests for different religions. Yet they recognize the signs of the times, and acknowledge the birth of the "King of the Jews" long before any of the religious leaders of Israel even notice him. It would be like the Dali Llama announcing that the Second Coming of Christ was taking place. Would we trust his insight? Today's celebration suggests that we should.

Epiphany teaches us that God speaks to and through all peoples, regardless of their race or creed. The Magi go to great lengths to pay respect to Jesus, traveling a great distance and bringing him costly gifts. They have earned their place in history as people of faith, who followed the truth even though it led them away from home, and away from the religion of their culture.

God can work through astrologers. God can work through earthly kings. God can work through the stars in the sky. God can and will speak to us at any time, through any person, event or encounter. Maybe God is speaking to us now through a co-worker, a friend, a family member.

We're called to be prepared to recognize and worship God in any circumstance. That is the miracle of the Christmas season --- the love of God can come to us in a form that we would never expect. In the Gospel today, God comes to us through a baby, a migrant family, and a group of holy foreigners.

My hope and prayer for each of us at the beginning of this New Year is that we understand more fully that there are no limitations on how God can work in our world.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How does my life reflect a true and patient search for the Lord? What sacrifices am I ready to make to pursue this search for the Lord?

**Child:** What could I do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

**Teen:** How do I persevere in following the Light of Christ in my own life?

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**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:

Recently we visited another parish and noticed their magi rode a camel and an elephant. I had never seen that before. On reflecting, we seem to place too much importance on how many, what they rode, etc. We miss the point, for me anyway, that magi represented the Gentiles who were first to adore Jesus. But the full thrust of this Epiphany is that God is with us! He is for the whole world, Jew and Gentile. The magi went back to their homeland and shared their joy. The Responsorial, Psalm 72, is a prayer for the King. It praises Him. Part of that Psalm reads, "May all the kings bow before Him, all nations serve Him. For He rescues the poor when they cry out, the oppressed who have no one to help." It's a good reflection.

Heard of the "Advent Virus?" Warning: you must be alert to symptoms of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Some of the signs are: 1) An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment. 2) Loss of interest in judging others. 3) Loss of interest in interpreting actions of others. 4) Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation. 5) Frequent attacks of smiling. 6) An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as uncontrollable urge to extend it. This virus can and has affected many. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it. This Advent Virus could pose a threat to what has been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** Epiphany means "manifestation," a revelation of Jesus as truly God. Matthew and Luke show this child to be divine through stories of "signs and wonders" when Jesus was an infant. Matthew's account of the visit of the three magi also shows the Church's mission to the Gentiles. Matthew's audience, largely Jewish Christians, was struggling to accept the presence of Gentile Christians in their community. Matthew shows in this Gospel passage that the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews was indeed God's plan.

**Life Focus:** \* What helps you stay focused on God's presence in everyday situations where God is usually not mentioned? \* *When have you come to appreciate people you used to pass by or not notice?* \* Who and what on your journey has helped you to know and understand Jesus and his message better? \* *How do we reconcile the material gifts we have in our lives with the simple life-style of Jesus?* \* Describe an experience in which you felt Jesus' presence during this Christmas season. \* *Relate an experience in which God has been shown to you.* \* Recall an experience of God coming to you in an unexpected way or person. \* *Tell of a time when you anticipated something wonderful was about to happen, but other people were negative.* \* Who helps you see God? Who or what makes believing more difficult?

### 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:** We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Classes resume today, **January 2.**

There will be **no class** on **January 16** due to a catechist in-service. Assignments will be given on January 12, to be completed at home and returned.

**Middle School:** Classes resume on Tuesday, **Jan. 4.**

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today.

**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.

**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.

**L. A. Religious Education Congress - Mar. 17 - 20**

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 L. A., Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the 4-day event. Youth Day draws over 15,000 youth from all over. Congress' international presence continues to grow, with attendees from many countries. There will be 308 workshops available, covering a range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. The Congress focuses on the theme **Hold firm...Trust!** Participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of worship. Concerts offer additional opportunities for praise and worship - delightful experiences which engage and renew participants! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more info or to register call our parish rel. ed. office, 598-0519, for a guide book, or call the RECongress info line, 213-637-7348. Or register online at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).

**Attention:** Whoever borrowed the Lent material from the Parish Center, please return it to the rectory.

Please do not remove the fruit from the parish hall kitchen. The food is for the poor. Thank you.

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**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.

**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.

**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. Family members get support from peers, and learn tools and strategies to cope with the changes that come 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; services are **free of charge**. Registration is required. 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.

**Sign-up for Las Vegas trip** at Jan. 3 meeting. Feb 15-17; 3 days, 2 nights; dbl.= \$130.00 for total trip; single = \$190.00 for total trip. Price includes transportation, baggage service, 2 nights at the Golden Nugget; \$250 Golden Value coupon book per room which includes breakfast or lunch buffets, many discounts on food, drinks, cocktails, Spa Service, car rentals, slot plays, match plays, etc. For info on the trip call Rosie 562-425-4162 or Barbara 562-430-5324.

**Feb. 15 - 17** - SAVE the date. Trip to Las Vegas.

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

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

Bundle Sunday is next Sunday, **Jan. 9**, in the parking lot from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We need your support! Remember to bring any **usable** items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture and large appliances, please phone 323-224-6280 for home pick ups.

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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, 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
- MONDAY, January 3**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Maria de Jesus Gonzalez Ramirez
- TUESDAY, January 4**  
 8:00 a.m. - Roman Escoto family, Thanksgiving
- WEDNESDAY, January 5**  
 8:00 a.m. - Geme Ensched family, Thanksgiving
- THURSDAY, January 6**  
 8:00 a.m. - Chuck Dixon family, Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY, January 7**  
 8:00 a.m. - Elaine Walker family, Thanksgiving
- SATURDAY, January 8**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Kimberly Sue McGrath
- SUNDAY, January 9**  
 7:30 a.m. - Lenore Phillips, living  
 9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchinson Bennett  
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 12:30 p.m. - † Susan J. Paul-Czerwinski

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>        |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>         |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>          |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Adam Mariano</b>        |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b> | <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>    |
| <b>David Waidelich</b>  | <b>William G. Ouimette</b> |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    | <b>Patrick Rea</b>         |

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. Rolly Jardiniano.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm  
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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE