

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2011

A voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased.”

— *Matthew 3:17*

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Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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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 today's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we conclude the holy season of Christmas. Today's feast is considered the "second manifestation" of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first, which is the Epiphany of our

Lord, was celebrated last Sunday.

The Baptism of the Lord has historically been associated with the celebration of Epiphany. Even today, the feast of Theophany, celebrated on January 6 by the Orthodox Church, is the equivalent to the Roman Catholic Feast of the Epiphany. It focuses primarily on the Baptism of the Lord as the revelation of God to humanity.

Why do we remember the Baptism of Jesus? The Church wants to stress through this liturgical feast the importance and significance of baptism in our Christian lives.

Through baptism, we not only become formal members of the Church, but we also are given a mission to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to all. That is why many theologians today regard baptism as a sacrament of commissioning, that is, through this sacrament, we are being sent to the world to announce the good news of the Gospel.

It is precisely because of this that Jesus wanted to be baptized by John the Baptist. He did not need cleansing. He simply wanted us to realize that like Him, we, too, are called to evangelize. This is our baptismal calling.

As we remember today Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan, we call to mind our own baptism. We, too, have been called to proclaim the Good News of Salvation. My hope and prayer for each of us is that we will be faithful to that mission.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How does my Baptism provide me with a call to serve others? In what ways do I serve?

Child: How does being a Christian change how I treat my friends?

Teen: When have I experienced being loved by God or filled with God's Spirit?

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

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



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

Catechetical Corner



At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

In submitting himself to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, even though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament that frees us from sin and initiates us into the Church! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament as well as the revelation of the Trinity.

The Fathers of the Church said that His flesh blessed the water, and that the descent of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, and the voice of God the Father announcing that Jesus was his Son, announces that our God is trinity of persons.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Our first reading is one of the four "Servant Songs" in the Book of Isaiah. The "servant" is both an individual and someone who stands for all the people. The servant will triumph - but only after suffering. When Jesus comes to be baptized, John is confused. But Jesus reveals the Father to John and declares himself to be the "son" who alone knows God's will. When Jesus comes from the water, the Spirit comes in visible form. Jesus is revealed as "servant," "beloved," "chosen one" with whom God was "well pleased."

Life Focus: * Give examples when you expected to be the receiver but turned out to be the giver. * *Describe a time when you experienced God working through you in a way you had not expected.* * Identify a way your understanding and appreciation of God evolved throughout your life. * *Who has been willing to suffer for you? What has been the effect on you?* * When have you found some peace even in time of turmoil and suffering? * *Describe an experience when you knew you were loved. Who has helped you believe your life was worthwhile?* * Relate an incident when you felt God's love. * *Describe a time you were asked to do something you weren't ready to do.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

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

The Religious Ed annual **Family Mass and Potluck Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, Jan. 30**. Families will attend the **9 a.m.** Mass followed by brunch in the hall.

Sacrament Program: The second workshop for our **Year 1** families will be held on Sunday, **January 23**, from **2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** in the hall. This workshop is for parents and children. Child care will be provided for siblings.

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.

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.

Mary and Joseph Retreat Center

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.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Along with "cleaning" out our shelves and closets (and the deacon's garage), we need to take a look at our spiritual lives to "refresh," as our computer button says, not "escape" or "delete."

"The greatest gift man has ever received was the gift of the First Christmas, Jesus Christ. His presence continues among us and **within** us in the Eucharist." - Fr. Pelegrino

I'm sure that resolutions abound but one that should be put on your list is attending **Eucharistic Adoration**.

Our Christmas "Preface" says, "You fill our hearts with joy as we recognize in Christ the revelation of Your love. No eye can see His glory as our God, yet now He is seen as one like us. Christ is Your Son before all ages, yet now He is born in time. He has come to lift up all things to Himself to restore unity to creation and to lead us from exile into his heavenly kingdom."

Why pray? Christ doesn't want you to pray because you have to. He wants you to pray because He loves you and likes talking to you, just as you like talking with others. Sometimes we feel that God doesn't answer our prayers, but He does. His answers are, "Yes," "No" or "I have a better plan for you." Pray form can be summarized by A.C.T.S. or Adoration, Contrition (sorrow for sins), Thanksgiving, and Supplication (your request of God).

Our Prayer: Oh Lord, help us to become a better "light" by helping others find Jesus by serving you in them.

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

The annual Congress in Anaheim is ready to enrich and revitalize us. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of L. A., Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants. Youth Day draws over 15,000 youth. 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.



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.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

2011 - Happy New Year

Jan. 3 and 17 - regular meetings. \$5 annual dues will be collected. Sign-ups for Las Vegas trip available at Jan. 3 meeting. Checks only please.

Feb. 15 - 17 - 3 days, 2 nights at Golden Nugget, downtown; dbl. \$130/person for total trip; single \$190 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. Checks only. For info on the trip call Rosie 562-425-4162 or Barbara 562-430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Journey to the Holy Land with Fr. Raymond Mallett, OFM. See Haifa, Mt. 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.

Beginning Experience Grief Recovery Workshop

Feb. 4 - 6 - Widowed/divorced/separated are invited through this guided healing & growth process at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino. Registration & cost: (\$250, \$225 in advance) bela2011-30@hotmail.com. Call Maria, 310-365-0186. Website: www.beginningexperience.org.

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

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. 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**, PAC, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday

St. Vincent de Paul is here today from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We need your support! Bring **usable** items to help the needy. For large items including furniture and large appliances, please phone 323-224-6280 for home pick ups.

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.

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.

Tax Time - If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2010, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number.

Did You Know? Shopping mall safety tips - It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall. 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.

Mass Intentions



- 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 Murchison Bennett
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † Susan J. Paul-Czerwinski
- MONDAY, January 10**
 8:00 a.m. - Traucht family, Thanksgiving
- TUESDAY, January 11**
 8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, living
- WEDNESDAY, January 12**
 8:00 a.m. - Madura family, Thanksgiving
- THURSDAY, January 13**
 8:00 a.m. - Lily and Joe Dang, living
- FRIDAY, January 14**
 8:00 a.m. - † Luis St. Nicolas, Sr.
- SATURDAY, January 15**
 5:00 p.m. - Olga Kocevar, Happy Birthday
- SUNDAY, January 16**
 7:30 a.m. - Eileen Gapko, living
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Luis St. Nicolas, Sr.
 12:30 p.m. - † Richard Parent

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. Rolly Jardiniano & Carissa Cherpes.

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