

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2011

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of  
the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b

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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:

What did John the Baptist have in mind when he caught sight of Jesus and shouted, Behold, the Lamb of God? Is the "Lamb of God" just a nice, pretty piece of poetry for us? Is the Lamb of God something that's just a soft and cuddly phrase and

not a part of our real life?

Who is this Lamb of God for you? He is presented to us in each and every Mass. "Behold the Lamb of God!" "Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world!" We are asked to see in these words that Jesus is here so that in our ordinary every-day living we can take a hold of His hand and begin living on solid ground.

There is a great paradox here. The great paradox is that we reach out to God by finding Him within us. Jesus reveals to us that God is much nearer to us than we are often able to see. God's presence, power and love live within us. It is there, deep down within ourselves.

My prayer for each of us is that we receive the Lamb of God and let Him become a part of our inner selves. Let's grasp Him and hold on to Him, for he came to rescue us from all that entraps us, from all that pulls us down, and from all that keeps us from the God who made us and loves us.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** Do I remember a conversion experience of my own? How did my understanding change?

**Child:** Who has surprised me by doing something kind for me when I did not expect it?

**Teen:** How am I able to see Christ, as he makes himself present today, in spite of all the distractions of today's world?

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;  
 Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

#### Meditation/Centering Prayer

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



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

Leftovers from last week's homily: Are we living our lives so that others who see us will say, "There is a light to the world - that person is a reflection of Christ."

There is a true story about Henry David Thoreau who briefly "did time" in jail for refusing to pay a tax. It was his way of protesting his country's involvement in the Mexican War (1846-48) that he considered immoral. When his more "sensible" friend, Ralph W. Emerson, came to the jail to visit Thoreau, he asked him, "What are you doing in there?" Thoreau revealed the truth he had discovered. He replied, "The question is, what are you doing out there?" From that point on Emerson became the self-appointed conscience of the government by his piercing and provocative questions.

Are we living our lives so as to have that voice from heaven say, "**This is my beloved in who I am well pleased.**"

**Our Prayer:** Eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as Your own beloved Son. Keep us, Your children born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen

#### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** In Christ, God shows the saving plan for the human race. We understand that plan when we appreciate who Christ Jesus is. The first reading speaks of a Servant of God who will not only restore the survivors of Israel after the Babylonian exile but will also be a light for all peoples and nations. The early Church saw Jesus as this servant who gives his life for all and brings about a new world. John speaks of him as the lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world.

**Life Focus:** \* Share a time when God was working in your life, but you did not know it until later. \* *When or how have you been slow to recognize God in a particular person?* \* Tell of a person whom you came to recognize as special. \* *Describe a time when God's activity surprised you.* \* Where does your world need to be remade and recreated?

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion** after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

**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.

**Pro Life Corner** - Three consecutive Gallup polls have shown that a majority of Americans now call themselves "pro-life." Keep praying. -- Life Issues Institute

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof, RVD, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary: No class** today due to catechist in-service. The Religious Ed annual **Family Mass and Potluck Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, January 30**. Families will attend the **9 a.m.** Mass followed by a potluck 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.

**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.

**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](http://www.RECongress.org).

**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.

**Knightly News**

Introducing St. Joseph Elementary School's inaugural weekly piece in our parish bulletin. Fr. Jim and I discussed how nice it would be to keep you up-dated on your parish school. Look for articles in the coming weeks on school information, activities, successes, sports, and even fundraisers, of course. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to our ongoing communication. Miss Hebestreit

**St. Joseph School Casino Night is Back Again!!**

St. Joseph School will be hosting a Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, **February 12** from **6 - 11 p.m.** Included with your \$25 ticket purchase will be a fabulous dinner, \$100 of chips to be used at various gaming tables and many chances to win amazing prizes! Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event and will be sold after all Masses on 1/30 and 2/6, or you can call Stacy Bass, 310-347-7056. Please support your parish school and join us for a fun-filled evening Vegas style!

**January is Sanctity of Life Month!** Join the right to Life League of Southern California for the Annual Life Issues conference: "Faith **Can** Move Mountains" **Jan. 22**, The Center at Cathedral Plaza, 555 W. Temple St. L.A. \$15 per person. Conference is from 2 - 5 p.m. with a box dinner. Requiem for the Unborn and Memorial Candle Service will be at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral. This program challenges us to build a pro-life culture and will inspire you to think and act differently to promote a "Culture of Life" in your everyday lives.

**Teens come free** and explore issues teens face from purity through the true meaning of "pro-life." For info, go to [www.rtlisc.org](http://www.rtlisc.org), or call 626-398-6100.

**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, single room \$1,250.

**Walk the Walk - Breathe the Prayer Jan. 25, 9:30-1:00** Ecumenical mini-retreat especially for older adults. Seek to deepen awareness of the Lord's healing presence by breathing short prayers, walking in the silence and listening for the Spirit's whispered word. Includes lunch. Cost \$20 (\$17 by Jan. 18).

**Symbolism of the Mass Jan. 29 2-6 p.m.** The divine element of ritual, including symbolisms, is ever present, hidden in ancient gestures that stir feelings within us. Retreat concludes with Mass. Cost: \$20 (\$15 by Jan. 21).

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.



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

**2011 - Happy New Year**

**Jan. 17** - regular meeting. \$5 annual dues will be collected. Sign-ups for Las Vegas trip available. 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.

**Attention:** The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, separated), will meet on Sunday, **Jan. 23** at **2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Winnie Butler, 809-3206.

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

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

**St. Anthony High School Entrance Exam Jan. 22, 8 a.m.** for current 8th graders planning to attend St. Anthony High School. Contact 562-435-4496 for details.

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

**St. Joseph High School Placement Examination,** 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, Saturday, **Jan. 22, 8:00 a.m. - noon.**

**God's Healing Love Jan. 22 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Hall, 16711 Gault St., Van Nuys. Includes inspiring teachings, healing prayer and Mass. \$15 registration at door, bring sack lunch.

**7th Annual Walk for Life West Coast** in San Francisco, **Jan. 22.** Email for info to: info@walkforlifewc.com.

**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) [bel2011-30@hotmail.com](mailto:bel2011-30@hotmail.com). Call Maria, 310-365-0186. Website: [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org).

**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. 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.

**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.

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

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

**Feb. 25** - St. Margaret Mary, Lomita, 310-326-3364

**Feb. 26** - St. Catherine LaBoure, Torrance, 310-323-8900

**Did You Know? Background checks and screening -**

In the L. A. Archdiocese, all clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For information, call 213-637-7411. From the pamphlet, "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy & Holy," published by the Archdiocese of L. A. The pamphlet is available online at: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>.

**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, 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
- MONDAY, January 17**  
 8:00 a.m. - Emma Wynne, living
- TUESDAY, January 18**  
 8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, living
- WEDNESDAY, January 19**  
 8:00 a.m. - † John MacFadgyen
- THURSDAY, January 20**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Bob Bentley
- FRIDAY, January 21**  
 8:00 a.m. - Vicky & Jenny Munda, living
- SATURDAY, January 22**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families
- SUNDAY, January 23**  
 7:30 a.m. - Betty Maligie, living  
 9:00 a.m. - † Vicente Ong  
 10:30 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests  
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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:

<p><b>Glen Warren</b>  <b>Joseph Comfort</b>  <b>Scott Williams</b>  <b>Timothy Ring</b>  <b>Daniel O'Connell</b>  <b>David Waidelich</b>  <b>Timmy Allison</b></p>	<p><b>Nick Compton</b>  <b>Irene Avila</b>  <b>Justin Ray</b>  <b>Adam Mariano</b>  <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>  <b>William G. Ouimette</b>  <b>Patrick Rea</b></p>
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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 Jardiniانو, Carissa Cherpes, Dolores King & Cathleen Harrison.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
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 USHERS Marty Vezzetti 425-0621  
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- PRINCIPAL Cheryl Hebestreit  
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 PTO PRESIDENT Dana Moler

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 562-598-0519

- DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Virginia Young  
 SECRETARY Veronica Gibb

## 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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 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