

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2011

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
— *Matthew 5:3*

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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:

Today's gospel, the famous beatitudes, shows us that God is there for everyone in every part of their life. In the ordinary times when we face trials and tribulations, God is there with us. It's in these places where we don't expect to meet

God that we actually meet the God who calls us to be near him.

And because of that, we need to take another look at those people whom the world perceives as God-forsaken, such as the poor, those who mourn, the hungry, the persecuted, and Jesus tells us that all of these people are blessed in God's eyes.

These are the people we are called to care for with great love and happiness just as Christ did. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution?

If we have Poverty of spirit then we will find joy in possessing God and we will realize that it is the greatest treasure possible.

If we have Hunger of the spirit we will seek nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit.

If we have Sorrow about our sins and we mourn over wasting our life, then we will be led to freedom from guilt and spiritual oppression.

If we are humble of heart then God is revealed to us as the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus' beatitudes confront us and tell us to make decisive choices concerning the life we live here on earth.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to a fuller understanding in our hearts that God meets us in our weakness, in our sadness, in our hunger for salvation and in our attempts to do what is just and right.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

### Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Gomez

Our Lady of Refuge will be hosting a deanery-wide Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Jose Gomez on Sunday, **February 6**, at **2 p.m.** All are welcome to attend and meet our new Archbishop.

**Pro Life Corner** - "It was appalling to me that seven men, non-elected and appointed for life, could change the course of history (through Roe v. Wade)", said Carmen Trujillo, long active in right-to-life efforts. She is spearheading the work to bring as many pro-life colleagues as possible to Washington D.C. and to Sacramento. The March for Life to Washington is on Jan. 24. On Jan. 26 activists will gather at the state capitol in Sacramento.

### Knightly News

#### Breaking news for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Catholic School Department of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has determined that all elementary schools will be extending the 180 day school year to a 200 day school year. As quoted from Dr. Kevin Baxter, Superintendent of Elementary Schools, "As has been well publicized, recent international testing results continue to indicate that American students from all economic levels are performing at a level that is far below their international peers. ...We (Catholic schools) are responding to a tremendous need by ensuring that the students who attend our academically rigorous and faith-filled schools are best prepared to thrive in high school, college and beyond so they grow up to be successful leaders in our Church and in our nation. The expectation is that this initiative will lead to more sustained academic growth because of the increase in time on task that the extended year brings. Teachers will have more time to devote to the curriculum, which will lead to more in-depth exploration and enrichment in the classroom. We are very excited that the Catholic elementary schools in Los Angeles are taking a leadership role by embracing an extended year."

So, St. Joseph School moves forward on that note. Please do not forget to visit your parish school for the Catholic Schools Week Open House on Tuesday, February 1 from 6-8 p.m.  
Principal Hebestreit



### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** In what situations have I been given an opportunity to show mercy or be a peacemaker in Jesus' name?

**Child:** Which of the Beatitudes is my favorite?

**Teen:** Am I a peacemaker as Jesus asks me to be or do I ever bully others?

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

### Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

February 1 & 15 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church. All are welcome!



**Thank You** - The Year 2 Confirmation candidates would like to thank the parish community for the generous donations last Saturday and Sunday. Our total collection was \$1,519. This will be used to help build an orphanage in Haiti for deaf and blind orphans.

**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:** The Religious Ed annual **Family Mass and Potluck Brunch** will take place today. Families will attend the **9 a.m.** Mass followed by a potluck brunch in the hall.

**Child Abuse Prevention:** On **February 6** our catechists in grades 1, 4 and 5 will be presenting age appropriate lessons to the students on child abuse prevention. On **February 13** grades 2 and 3 will receive this instruction. We are mandated by the Archdiocese to include this very important information in our curriculum.

**Early Childhood:** No class today. Please join us for the Family Mass at 9 a.m. and the potluck brunch in the hall immediately following!

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

**Confirmation** - The retreat for **Year 1** which will take place on Saturday, **February 5**, in the hall. All candidates should arrive at **8:45 a.m.** The Rite of Promise will take place at the 5 p.m. Mass. Sponsors are asked to participate in the retreat starting at 2:45 p.m. and ending with the Rite of Promise.

The Rite of Affirmation will take place today at the 12:30 p.m. Mass for our **Year 2** candidates and sponsors. A luncheon and speaker will follow in the hall.

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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.

**Feast of St. Joseph and Parish Appreciation**

Please mark your calendars to join our parish celebration and feast of St. Joseph, **March 12 & 13**. We will honor our parish patron saint and show appreciation of our wonderful parish community and ministries. At each Mass the weekend of March 12 and 13, a special blessing and recommissioning of our parish ministers will take place. There will be a Ministry Fair after all Masses to learn more about opportunities of service here at St. Joseph Parish. A parish appreciation pasta dinner, open to all, will follow the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please, no outside alcohol will be allowed.

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

In Anaheim with 308 workshops. The theme is **Hold firm...Trust!** Morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of worship, delightful experiences which engage and renew participants! Register now! For more info or to register call our parish rel. ed. office, 598-0519, for a guide book, or the RECongress info line, 213-637-7348. Or register online at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Attn: you intelligent Catholics, it's about education. Last Saturday's paper had a story about a Chinese Christian seeking asylum in the U.S. The judge questioned him to see if he was a Christian by asking if "Thanksgiving was a Christian holiday." He said, "Yes" and the judge said it was **not** a Christian holiday. You and I would argue that and send the judge to China. That same night I turned on EWTN and Fr. Corapi was questioning an engaged couple. He asked them, "What are the ten Commandments?" The young girl asked, "Do they have to be in order?" He smiled and said, "Yes." How well do we recall these basic commandments?

This Monday is the feast day of St. John Bosco, patron of printers and young apprentices. He did not believe in corporal punishment and removed temptations of sin by removing the young boys from those types of surroundings. Plus he required frequent reception of two sacraments, Penance and Holy Communion. By the way, what's the third commandment? Work, study including catechism, and play in that order was the way he incorporated the spiritual life. He educated the whole person. He founded the Salesians in 1859, now numbering 16,200, focusing on education and mission work. Wealthy patrons donated funds for two workshops for boys that included shoemaking and tailoring. Later he added a printing press for publishing catechetical pamphlets. He didn't forget the girls; he founded the Salesian Sisters.

P.S. The Chinese Christian was given a reprieve when in the appeal it was noted that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln both referred to God in their Thanksgiving messages.

**Our Prayer:** Lord, You called John Bosco to be a teacher to the young. Fill us with love like his so we may give ourselves completely to Your service for the salvation of souls. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** The Beatitudes, which we hear in this Gospel passage, are the heart of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says that the ones who will be "happy" are those whom society has judged unhappy, even wretched. "The poor in spirit" see through the illusion of wealth and, with nothing else to rely on, come to depend on God. The sorrowing bemoan the sad state of a world that neglects God's wishes. The meek and lowly do not presume to act independently of God. Christians seek happiness by striving to imitate God's readiness to forgive. They are called to be single-hearted in doing God's will rather than making self-interest their primary motivation. They must make peace, doing everything in their power to bring this blessing that God holds out to people.

**Life Focus:** \* Which of the Beatitudes had the most impact on you as they were read? Why? \* *Who or what experience has helped you to value what money can't buy?*

**Annual Pancake Breakfast** - Please join Boy Scout Troop 120 on Sunday, **Feb. 6, 8 a.m. to noon**, in the hall. Price: \$4. Hope to see you there!!!



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

**2011 - Happy New Year**

Sign-up for Las Vegas trip. Checks only please.

**Feb. 7 & 21** - regular meetings

**Feb. 15 - 17** - 3 days, 2 nights, Golden Nugget; dbl. \$130/person for total trip; single \$190. Includes transportation, baggage service, 2 nights at Golden Nugget; \$250 Golden Value coupon book per room including breakfast or lunch buffets, discounts on food, drinks, cocktails, Spa Service, car rentals, slot plays, match plays, etc. Checks only. For info on the trip call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

**Parish Fair Time - May 13, 14 & 15** - We are looking for volunteers interested in joining the committee. Opportunities, big and small. **First meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 2 in the PAC.** Please come with your ideas and find out how you can help plan this year's event. All are welcome! We really need extra help with: game prizes, entertainment, rentals, permits, maintenance, security and silent auction. For more info please call or email: Wendy Gentry, 754-8546 gentryrb@aol.com, or Phil Tondreault, 822-4242 patondre@hotmail.com.

**St. Joseph School Casino Night - February 12, 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!

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

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

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

**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.

**Have you been challenged about being Catholic?**

Have you been asked "have you been saved?" Or why do you pray to Mary, call priests "Father," or believe you need to confess your sins to a priest? A 6 week **Catholic Apologetics Class** to help answer these and other challenges using Scripture and the Fathers of the Church will meet in the PAC starting **Feb. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** or **Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m.** For info, call Richard Dana, 420-9976.

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



**Review:** Our parish contributes to our city of Long Beach in many ways. Your help is needed to be leaders and helpers as we prepare for our 28<sup>th</sup>

year! You can help a lot or a little... but you are HELPING! Food baskets, weekly lunches, Project Achieve, Feed-a-Baby, Diaper-a-Baby, Food from the Heart, Catholic Charities, St. Francis Center, individuals, families, homeless brethren, and more !!! Any suggestions?

Call John to be on the LIST for Easter, if you did not drive at Christmas, we missed you – call John/Jan.

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

Next meeting, March 16, 2011, Wednesday. In the PAC at 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

**Did You Know? Listen to Your Children** - This summer, when your children are out of school, on different schedules, are meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And, if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. 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

# Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, January 29**

5:00 p.m. - † Martha Aimone

**SUNDAY, January 30**

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Paterno Garcia

10:30 a.m. - † John DeRuyter

12:30 p.m. - † Daniel O'Connell

**MONDAY, January 31**

8:00 a.m. - † Olimpio Pili

**TUESDAY, February 1**

8:00 a.m. - Dolores King, living

**WEDNESDAY, February 2**

8:00 a.m. - † John Christie, Jr.

**THURSDAY, February 3**

8:00 a.m. - † Eddie Munda

**FRIDAY, February 4**

8:00 a.m. - † Willis Sheldon Maxson

**SATURDAY, February 5**

5:00 p.m. - † Mary Jane Merk

**SUNDAY, February 6**

7:30 a.m. - Carlos & Sandy Delgado, Thanksgiving

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

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

12:30 p.m. - † Fran Aimone

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, 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, Ginny Kennebeck, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Fr. Rolly Jardiniano, Carissa Cherpes, Dolores King, Cathleen Harrison & Fernando Montoya.

**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	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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**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