

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2011

Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

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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

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:

"You are the salt of the earth," Jesus tells his followers in today's Gospel reading. "But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

Jesus suggests that we as God's people should add some strong flavor to our world. We should make a difference. If salt loses its flavor, it is useless. If we lose the ability to change and to influence the world, we lose what is at the heart of being Christian. We are not meant to just look good. We are meant to change the world around us for the better.

So what does it mean to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world? The first reading gives us a clue. The prophet Isaiah tells us, "Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world when we reach out to the neediest in our communities. We make a difference. We make things better.

This is our call as Christians. We are called to be distinctive. We are called to be a source of change and improvement in the world around us. If we lose that mission, then we risk losing what makes us genuine followers of Jesus Christ.

Rest in Peace
Died in Christ:
Fr. Rolly Jardiniano
Victoria Gregory



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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

As principal, I am very proud of the students we have at St. Joseph School and I would like to brag a little about a few of their recent achievements. Our school National Geography Bee was held on Friday, January 14, and it was a great display of our students' geographic knowledge. The following representatives from grades 4-8 participated in the event: Miles Gray, Serena Smith, Hannah Melvin, Audrey Cramer, Pablo Munoz, Matthew McDermott, Taylor Caceres, Sam Davis, Jovanh Pham and Steven Galvez. It was a tough battle in the championship round between Jovanh Pham and Pablo Munoz, but Pablo won out in the end. He has since taken a written geography test that has been forwarded to Sacramento where the state participants are determined. Good Luck, Pablo, we're rooting for you. We're also very proud of our boys B and C basketball teams. They both won their respective divisions at recent basketball tournaments held at St. Cyprian School. St. Joseph School Open House was a great success and I hope you had a chance to view the many wonderful writing assignments, creations, projects and experiments that the children had prepared to showcase their scholastic accomplishments. I thought each classroom was a marvelous example of how hard our students work here at St. Joseph School. A big thank you, as well, to all the parishioners who kindly visited the Scholastic Book Fair last weekend and purchased books and materials. Part of the proceeds comes right back to our parish school. God bless you,
Principal Hebestreit





Annual Pancake Breakfast

Please join Boy Scout Troop 120 today
8 a.m. to noon in the hall. Price: \$4.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What gifts has God given me that could be used to spread the light of Christ in my world?
Child: What is a way Jesus wants me to shine?
Teen: When have I been a light for others?

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

Meditation/Centering Prayer
First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
February 15 - 7:00 p.m.
In the church. All are welcome!



Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Ed Beniof, RVD, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No Class on February 20 due to the President's Day holiday.

Child Abuse Prevention: Today 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.

Sacrament program: The first Reconciliation workshop for our **Year 2** parents & children will take place on Sunday, **Feb. 27**, from **2-4:30 p.m.** in the hall. This workshop is for both religious education and school families to prepare the children for receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Next week: Yankee Candle fundraiser starts!

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

Confirmation - Year 1 candidates will start their next track on Sunday, **Feb. 27**. Candidates should meet in the hall at **noon** and then proceed to church for the 12:30 Mass. A session will follow in the church until 3:00 p.m.

Are You Being Called to Be a Deacon? For all men who are interested in finding out about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese, members of the Diaconate Formation Office will be at **Information Day, March 13** from **2-4 p.m.** at Incarnation Community Center Gymnasium, 214 W. Fairview Ave., Glendale. They will explain the role of the deacon in the church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you have. Men must be between 30 and 60 years to enter the program. Your wife is strongly encouraged to attend with you and feel free to invite your pastor as well. For questions please call the Diaconate Formation office, 213-637-7383.

**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.

Grief Support Group - Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss/layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on **Feb. 22** at **7 p.m.** and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered to all parishioners free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for info please call Pat, 799-0921, or Charlotte, 439-7733.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

I like numbers. You know the 10 Commandments and the 6 Precepts of the Church, but did you know that there are over 60 beatitudes in the Hebrew Scriptures? And that there are over 37 in the New Testament? A beatitude is an expression of praise or congratulations. Wisdom has the most beatitudes. Check out Psalm 112:1 and 1:1, Proverbs 3:13 and 14:21. "How happy the one whom God re-proves; therefore do not despise the discipline of the Almighty." Job 5:17 It was once said that the Beatitudes are a blueprint for disciples and the "charter document" of the kingdom.

This Sunday's Gospel says, "You are the light of the world." You've heard my story before of the English writer (circa 1850), John Ruskin. Well, I'll tell it again: He is sitting with a friend at a sidewalk café. It is dusk. The lamp-lighter is busy lighting the street lamps. He wends his way up a winding road. You don't see him any longer but he leaves lights burning. "There," John Ruskin says to his friend, "That is what I mean when I speak of a Christian, he leaves a light wherever he goes." Can we say that about ourselves? Has someone ever said, "I'm happy you were here." When were you able to brighten someone's day? See the Scripture Focus for other related questions.

Our Prayer: Lord, make us Your holy people, light for the world to see. Make us Your living voice and Your bread broken for others, shared until all are fed. Let us be servants to one another making Your kingdom come. Amen

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Isaiah reminds the people that if they learn to care for one another, they will be able to receive God's care. Their rituals must express a genuine conversion of their hearts. They cannot fast expecting to twist God's arm. Jesus likewise calls his followers to conduct their lives so that they will call attention to the presence of God within them. Salt, light and a city on a hill are clear ways to show what this message means.

Life Focus: * Who might help you find courage, meaning, energy for living? * *When were you able to brighten someone's day?* * Relate a time when someone said, "I'm happy you were here." * *When did you find courage in a dark moment?*

Have you been challenged about being Catholic?

Have you heard the once saved, always saved, or all you need is faith alone, or the Bible is the only source of our faith? To respond to these and other challenges, a six week **Catholic Apologetics Class** will be starting using Scripture and the Fathers of the Church. We will be meeting 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.

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

In Anaheim - 308 workshops. The theme is **Hold firm... Trust!** For more info or to register call our rel. ed. office, 598-0519, for a guide book, or the RECongress info line, 213-637-7348. Or register online: www.RECongress.org.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

Sign-up for Las Vegas trip. Checks only please.
2011 membership dues are due!

Feb. 7 & 21 - regular meetings

Feb. 15 - 17 - All are welcome to join the Seniors for 3 days & 2 nights of fun! Package includes room for 2 nights at the beautiful five star Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in downtown Las Vegas, deluxe transportation, baggage service, driver tip, \$250 Golden Value coupon book per room which includes breakfast or lunch buffets, discounts on food, drinks, cocktails, Spa Service, car rentals, slot plays, match plays, etc. Price per person: dbl. occ. \$130, single occ. \$190. 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.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

The 8th grade class of St. Joseph School would like to thank all who participated in their recent fundraiser at Ruby's Diner. They made a profit of \$480 which will be used for scholarships to Catholic high schools.

St. Joseph School Casino Night - February 12, 6 - 11 p.m. \$25 ticket includes a fabulous dinner, \$100 of chips to be used at gaming tables, and chances to win amazing prizes! Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold after all Masses on 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!

The Parish Fair - May 13-15 - We still need help in organizing some major areas including: pre-sale tickets, prizes/games, silent auction, security, food booth for sandwiches. Remember with many hands, the work is light! Please contact Wendy Gentry at gentryrb@aol.com, 754-8546, or Phil Tondreault at patondre@hotmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar! The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be in the church parking lot **March 6** from **7 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3629. More information to follow.

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
- Mar. 8** - St. Bernard, Bellflower, 562-867-2337
- Mar. 30** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 x 247

Our 27th year at St. Joseph Parish
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD
MFBW has news for helping St. Francis Center—starting in Lent...



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 28th 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, 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. PAC at 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Did You Know? Educational materials on the danger of abuse

- The overwhelming majority of our clergy & lay leaders are hardworking individuals dedicated to serving the People of God in our parishes & schools. All of us are responsible for making sure that our ministries are safe for our children & young people. We have a responsibility to educate ourselves about the danger of sexual abuse. The L.A. Archdiocese has two excellent pamphlets, "Respecting the Boundaries: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy," and "Working Together to Prevent Sexual Abuse." Both are available online at: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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.

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, 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

MONDAY, February 7

8:00 a.m. - † Sylvia Leal

TUESDAY, February 8

8:00 a.m. - Delia Nix, living

WEDNESDAY, February 9

8:00 a.m. - † Rose & Marco Rotondo

THURSDAY, February 10

8:00 a.m. - † Guadalupe Gudino

FRIDAY, February 11

8:00 a.m. - † Patricia Peters

SATURDAY, February 12

5:00 p.m. - † Bernadette & Fermin Lopez

SUNDAY, February 13

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Woodlock

9:00 a.m. - † Luis Hidalgo, Jr.

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Michael Fischer

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 |
| Patrick Murphy | |

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 & Estelle Minter.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		
of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
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VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
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PTO PRESIDENT	Dana Moler

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562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
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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
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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
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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
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PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	221-8673
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BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE