

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2011

What eye has not seen and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love [God],
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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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:

Righteousness in the language of the Old Testament is the term that the Jews used for fidelity to the Torah or the Word of God. It is the observance of doing the right thing or taking the right path shown by God by following the Ten Command-

ments.

The term in the New Testament that corresponds with the concept of righteousness in the Old Testament is faith. Jesus tells us that our righteousness should surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. He also tells us that if someone has anything against us that we should choose to take the initiative and go first and be reconciled.

My hope for each of us is that we come to know more deeply that for us as Christians, faith is walking with Christ, in whom the whole law is fulfilled. And may we remember always that it is our faith that unites us with the righteousness of Christ himself.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How does Jesus' new law of love move me to a deeper understanding of the Commandments?

Child: How will I act out of love for God and others this week?

Teen: Which rules cause me the most difficulty? Why?

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hope sees the invisible and achieves the impossible... Anon.

Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand --St. Augustine

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103; 1 Cor 3:16-23;
 Mt 5:38-48

Pro Life Corner - The Supreme Court has admitted that once the personhood of the unborn is established the so-called right to abort will "collapse." Thus a Life at Conception Act is the most feasible way to overturn Roe v. Wade and its 38 years of abortion-on-demand. Two senators have just recently reintroduced their version of a Life at Conception Act. -- Nat'l Pro Life Alliance, Winter 2011

Knightly News

WCEA/WASC Accreditation - St. Joseph Elementary School is accredited through the Western Catholic Educational Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Our existing accreditation expires in June of 2012, so that means the school is currently in the process of writing our "self-study" book. This self-study entails a year long progression of realistically looking at ourselves, not just our weaknesses but our strengths as well. The end result is a 3-5 year plan of action to improve our school in areas that have surfaced during this time of reflection. It is a very in depth process that includes input from the pastor, principal, parents, students, alumni, and also parishioners. If you are an alumni or parishioner who would like to give feedback by filling out a survey, please contact the school office. We would love to get a survey returned from you to help us better understand how our alumni and parishioners truly feel about their parish school. You have unique insights that other "shareholders" do not, and I would highly encourage you to participate. Thank you in advance for considering participating in this very important aspect of our deliberation. Principal Hebestreit



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus certainly believed that the Law of Moses was connected to the reign of God he came to announce. He tells his followers that he came not to abolish but to fulfill the Law, meaning that his message demanded that people go beyond the letter of the Law to the spirit behind it. Christian life beyond the Law was more, not less, demanding

Life Focus: * Remember an experience when keeping "just the letter of the law" was not enough for you.

* *Relate an experience when rules and regulations began as an obstacle but became an opportunity to grow in faith.*

* Name an experience when you broke from what was expected of you.

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.

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. 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.

Virtus Training - There will be a Protecting God's Children session held on Tuesday, **February 22**, in the Parish Activity Center from **7-11 p.m.** This training is required for those volunteering with our parish children. Space is limited for this session. Please **RSVP** to the religious education office, 598-0519 by **February 18**.

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 great-

est 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.

A Mass with a Healing Service - Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach. Celebrant: Fr. Ed Benioff.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

I'm not into advertising grocery stores, but I feel compelled to let you know that Ralph's grocery stores are now selling **Homeboy Industry** products. You can now buy Homeboy brand tortilla strips (and they are quite good, light and crispy), also three types of salsa, pico de gallo, chile verde, and my favorite, mango salsa. These products, all under the Homeboy label and can now be found in the deli section of Ralph's markets. This is your chance to help keep Homeboy Industries in business: "jobs not jails." Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ says, "Nothing stops a bullet like a job!" Thank you Ralph's market for supporting Homeboy Industries. As David Huss says in his song titled, "We Are Called": We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

Our Prayer: God of all justice, put into us the true virtue of justice. Let us have a good will toward You and toward our brothers and sisters. Teach us the way of Your statutes, that we may never waver in observing them. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen

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.

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.

Secrets of Joy from the Saints Feb. 13, 2-3:30 p.m., with Dominic Bernardino at the SCRC Catholic Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., Suite 209, Burbank. For more info, please go to www.scrc.org or call 818-771-1361.

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.

2011 membership dues are due!
Feb. 15 - 17 - Las Vegas Trip: bus leaves parking lot promptly at **8 a.m.** Feb. 15 and returns approx. 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17. One bag per person.
Feb. 21 - Regular meeting
Mar. 7 - Annual Senior Mini Retreat - Dr. Pat Mitchell - new member of St. Joseph Church, just retired after 35 years as spiritual director at St. John's Seminary. Topic: *Praying the Psalms for Spiritual Healing*. Catered luncheon, \$10 per person. Reservations on Feb. 21. Open to the parish, bring your friends.
Mar. 21 - Regular meeting
Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

Avila Gardens Open House - Feb. 20, 11:30-3:00.
Complimentary lunch, facials, hand treatment, tours and more! Accepting applications for actively working seniors who want a Catholic environment.

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

Did You Know? Road to priesthood involves a rigorous process - much more than academic study. A candidate goes through an evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. The candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John Seminary concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit www.la-archdiocese.org and click on the "Vocations" tab. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

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



Feed-a-Baby Drive received donations of 14 bags of 13 gallons of non-perishable food items for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings. The cash and check donations of \$1505 will be used to buy more food. Thanks for your donations.

Review: Our parish contributes to our City in many ways. You are 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.

Pregnancy Help Center help needed: looking for a part time, paid registered nurse. If interested, please call Adrienne, 310-320-8976 for more information.

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted! Games are on Sunday afternoons from March thru June. Contact Fred Lawler, 657-464-9314 or fredlawler@hotmail.com.

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 12

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

SUNDAY, February 13

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Whitlock

9:00 a.m. - † Luis Hidalgo, Jr.

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

12:30 p.m. - † Michael Fischer

MONDAY, February 14

8:00 a.m. - † Tom Steiner

TUESDAY, February 15

8:00 a.m. - Marlene Sargant, living

WEDNESDAY, February 16

8:00 a.m. - Barbara Crowfut, living

THURSDAY, February 17

8:00 a.m. - † Spencer Wernite III

FRIDAY, February 18

8:00 a.m. - † Deceased members of the Amrheim, Cote, Schmidt family

SATURDAY, February 19

5:00 p.m. - † Catherine Beckstead

SUNDAY, February 20

7:30 a.m. - † Hidalgo family

9:00 a.m. - † Jamie Ollinger-Mesa

10:30 a.m. - † Delia Nix

12:30 p.m. - † Clementina Ferdula

Please remember in your prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country, 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, Betty Chappell, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Hugo & Mickey Jorda, Beverly Clinton, Peggy Montello, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Jeanne Desmond, Robert Maney, Joyce Frugoli, Joe Ainge, Jason McCune, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, Cass Warren, Kennedy Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohlen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Ginny Kennebeck, Carissa Cherpes, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Dolores King, Cathleen Harrison, Fernando Montoya, Estelle Minter, Haydee Koppenheffer, & Gilberto Cerna.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
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562-598-0519

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SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

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SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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	Olga Cuda	594-4657
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE