

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2011

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.
— *Leviticus 19:2b*

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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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:

This weekend's Gospel is probably the most difficult for Christians to put into practice on a daily basis. People have a sense of justice. We expect things to be balanced out. The Old Testament norm of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" was actually an attempt to set a limitation of retribution. A person could not exact a greater penalty than the hurt that had been inflicted.

Now Jesus comes along and says, "Love your enemies, do good to those who mistreat you." Such words fly in the face of a code of justice, but are required when one lives by love and mercy.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we are able to meet the commands of today's gospel as we continue our journey of faith.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In a conflict, have I ever given or received sincere generosity that healed the situation?

Child: What is one thing I can do this week to be generous instead of selfish?

Teen: When have I taken the first step to make up with someone?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's passage continues the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus asks his followers to live by a higher law than the Mosaic code, replacing strict justice with deep concern for the welfare of others. Christians must rise above an ordinary human standard that says we love those who love us in return. Christianity challenges us to love our enemies. Jesus calls us to follow his example. His life mirrors God's love for all creation. We are to love not because others deserve love but because as Christians - followers of Christ, sons and daughters of God - it's our nature to love.

Life Focus: * When did you have (or not have) the courage to go the extra mile? * Describe an experience when you felt injured by someone and struggled to love that person anyhow. * Relate an experience when you acted differently than you felt, when you acted out of love. * Recall a time when the attitude or activity of another person made you angry. Did the anger control your actions or your attitude? For how long? How did you break free?

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Haydee Koppenheffer



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 the act.

-- Nat'l Pro Life Alliance, Winter 2011

Knightly News

Last week I mentioned the WCEA/WASC accreditation process that St. Joseph School is currently undertaking. A major component of this self-study is to look at our Student Learning Expectations (SLE's) and to evaluate how successfully our eighth grade students have fulfilled those expectations by the time they graduate. For the next two weeks I would like to share with you what those expectations are, so you are familiar with what we expect our graduates to be able to do, know and understand by the time they leave St. Joseph School.



As a Faithful Catholic, I will: - integrate the Gospel values into my daily life – deepen my relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation, and participation in the sacramental life of the Church – have a basic knowledge of Scripture, Church beliefs, history and tradition – develop a moral conscience based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

As an Academically Prepared Student, I will: - demonstrate competency in language arts, math, religion, science, and social studies – communicate effectively through listening, critical thinking, writing, and speaking – use contemporary technology in an appropriate and ethical manner – develop skills in time management, organization, and study habits.

(to be continued next week)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Lectio for Lent - Join us to pray the gospel readings for the six Sundays of Lent using the traditional way of praying known as Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a traditional Catholic prayer-practice through which we can grow in our relationship with God by praying with the texts of Scripture, a way of praying with Scripture by reading, reflecting on, and sharing with others the meaning of God's Word. We will meet in the church on Thursday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass and at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings beginning **March 10**. The meetings will be led by Patrick Mitchell, PhD. Professor Emeritus at St. John's Seminary and a new member of our parish.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

March 1, 15 & 29 - 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 today 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: No class today. Please pray for our president to make good decisions for the people of our country and all those around the world and to follow the laws of the Constitution of the United States of America.

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 **7-10 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.

Are You Being Called to Be a Deacon? For all men who are interested, 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.

Have you been challenged about being Catholic? The **Catholic Apologetics Class** this week will be covering Peter and the papacy, infallibility, church hierarchy, and its teaching authority. We will be meeting in the PAC on **Feb. 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** and **Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m.** For info, call Richard Dana, 420-9976.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - The annual fundraiser for our Religious Education Programs is taking place through Feb. 27. Please pick up a catalogue from the rectory, school or religious ed office and consider making a purchase to support our various programs. For additional information, please call the RE office, 598-0519.

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.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

I shall "preface" my remarks with "few of us Catholics perceive the richness of the words that are found in the "Preface" that opens the Eucharistic Prayer during the celebration of the Mass. The words glorify God, something we often times forget or gloss over. These prayers are useful for daily prayers. It has been said that we need to read them slowly and reflect on their words. It will enhance our spiritual life. They all begin with our doing well to give thanks to our ever-living God who gives us an unending sacrifice... We recognize Him as our true and eternal priest. One of the many prefaces says, "He offered Himself as a victim for our deliverance and taught us to make this offering in His memory. As we eat His body which He gave for us, we grow in strength. As we drink His blood which He poured out for us, we are washed clean." Continuing our praise with all the angels and archangels, we then go into the "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, " Holy, Holy, Holy. This is taken from Isaiah 6:2-3. This is sung by the people in almost every rite.

Our Prayer: Father God, the Gospel tells us to go about our lives with a greater purpose, not to be satisfied with just "getting by" but be more attentive to the way Your Son, Jesus, lived. We are to "be perfect as You, God, are perfect." Help us to begin by seeing Jesus in those in need, especially the sick, downtrodden and even in our enemies. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

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.

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.



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 membership dues are due!

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 Professor Emeritus (Philosophy and Theology) at St. John's Seminary. He is also a certified spiritual director. 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.

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.

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.

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? Five tips for Safeguarding Children

- The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIR-TUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse: 1. Know the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child. 2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth. 3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth. 4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children. 5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office: 213-637-7227. 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, **April 6**. 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.

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.

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 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, living
 12:30 p.m. - Clementina Ferdula, living
- MONDAY, February 21**
 8:00 a.m. - † Spencer Wernite III
- TUESDAY, February 22**
 8:00 a.m. - Nicolaus family, living
- WEDNESDAY, February 23**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living
- THURSDAY, February 24**
 8:00 a.m. - † Hipolita Acergen
- FRIDAY, February 25**
 8:00 a.m. - † Francis Devine
- SATURDAY, February 26**
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho-Salvate families
- SUNDAY, February 27**
 7:30 a.m. - † Isabel and Pete Robles
 9:00 a.m. - † Milton Andersen
 10:30 a.m. - † Mrs. Joan Sheahon
 12:30 p.m. - S. Joseph Parishioners

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, Gilberto Cerna, Mary Thomas, John Convey & Mike Dresnick.

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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE