

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2011

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15

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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:

When I was the parish deacon at St. Matthew's parish, I was very lucky to have Fr. Jerry Meisel as my Pastor. He was a wonderful mentor for me and taught me many things. As a newly ordained deacon, one of the things that you worry about is making mistakes. Fr. Jerry gave me some wonderful advice. He said, "Whatever you do, do it with reverence, and if you make a mistake no one will ever notice." I have found that to be very true and also great advice. I have great respect for Fr. Jerry and yet there was a time that I thought that Fr. Jerry made a mistake.

Fr. Jerry hated to ask parishioners for money. He would become nervous and uncomfortable when he had to do this. I always thought this was a big mistake on Fr. Jerry's part. It is my conviction that we as Christians have a responsibility to give to others in need and that includes financially. I couldn't understand Fr. Jerry's hesitancy.

Being here at St. Joseph's, I now understand Fr. Jerry's hesitancy. Like the parishioners of St. Matthew's back when I was a deacon, our parishioners here at St. Joseph's are continually called to give to many good causes that come up during the year. Our parishioners always respond generously. And like my mentor, Fr. Jerry, I now find that I hesitate to ask all of you to give once again.

Although it's not easy, I do ask you this weekend to please make a generous pledge contribution to Together in Mission. I have seen first hand the good that your pledges have done in my previous assignments. The gospel tells us today that our heavenly Father knows what peoples' needs are. He also asks us to help provide for those who are in great need. I thank all of you for your consideration and generosity.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Mary Ludwig  
Mary Thomas



**Lectio for Lent** - Join us to pray the gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent using the traditional way of praying known as Lectio Divina, 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.

**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

Following is the remainder of the St. Joseph School SLE's (Student Learning Expectations) that were begun last week. This is what we expect our eighth grade students to be able to do, know, and understand by the time they graduate from St. Joseph School.



**As a Responsible Citizen, I will:** exercise self-discipline and assume responsibility for my actions – work cooperatively with respect and tolerance – understand American ideals, freedoms, culture, and civic responsibilities – have a sense of compassion and empathy for others, especially those in need.

**As an Integrated Individual, I will:** participate in the fine arts in order to foster an appreciation for the creative process – develop an attitude of sportsmanship through involvement in basic athletic activities – appreciate and care for myself as a person and gift from God.

**As a Globally Aware Person, I will:** appreciate my own culture and be aware of the cultural diversity of the world – be conversant on world affairs and current events – demonstrate knowledge of world geography – understand the importance of the environment and our natural resources – be aware of social justice concerns and how they affect people's lives.

As parishioners and parents of these fine young men and women, I would welcome any feedback on how you see us doing in fulfilling these expectations.

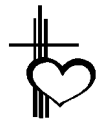
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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12c-20; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday:	Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27

### Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays  
**March 1, 15 & 29** - 7:00 p.m.  
In the church. All are welcome!



### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

**Adult:** How can living in simplicity bring peace?

**Child:** What do I think Jesus would say if I told him about my worries?

**Teen:** What can help me worry less about something that might happen?

**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: OPEN HOUSE!** Please join us on Sunday, **March 6**, in the hall after the **9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses** for our annual Religious Ed Open House event. The **Early Childhood** children will be singing after the 9 a.m. Mass and there will be displays from our various programs to view. The Middle School students will be hosting coffee and donuts. All proceeds from this sale will go to the Homeboys Industries founded by Fr. Greg Boyle.

**Sacrament Program:** The First Reconciliation workshop for our **Year 2** parents & children will take place today 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. Turn in Yankee Candle orders. Open House next week: invite family and friends, bring your cameras to see the children sing after Mass in the hall. Remember to wear your t-shirts!

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

**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.

**Confirmation - Year 1** candidates will start their next track today. 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.

**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.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion**

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

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

The **Catholic Apologetics Class** this week will be covering the Mass and the Eucharist. We will be meeting in the PAC on **Mar. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** and **Mar. 3, 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](http://www.RECongress.org).

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Did you hear about Watson the computer? It beat two of the best contestants on Jeopardy. It took 4 years to create. The benefit to us is its ability to go through mounds of research for medical information and Internet searches.

However, the human brain is the best learning device God has given us. We have the knowledge to create artificial intelligence, but "if you want to build something that thinks like a human, we have a great way to do that; it only takes 9 months to create."

This made me think of a verse from the Liturgy of the Hours: Isaiah 40:10-17. "Who has cupped in His hand the waters of the sea, and marked off the heavens with a span? ...weighed the mountains in scales ...who has instructed Him as His counselor? Whom did He consult to gain knowledge or taught Him the path of judgment or showed Him the way of understanding?"

**Our Prayer:** Lord, as daylight fills the sky, fill us with Your holy light. May our lives mirror our love for You whose wisdom has brought us into being, and whose care guides us on our way. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**Ash Wednesday Service Schedule**

**8:00 a.m.** - Mass

**12 noon and 7:00 p.m.** - Prayer Service

**Scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu** is offering a **Men's Retreat March 4-6**. For information or registration, please call 310-456-6631 or visit [www.serraretreat.com](http://www.serraretreat.com).

**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.

**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 meet Tuesday evenings 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.



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

2011 membership dues are due!

**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 by Mar. 4. Call Rosie for luncheon reservation, 425-4162. Social time 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., morning session at 10:00, Mass at 11:00, luncheon at noon, afternoon session at 1:00. Questions and answers after. Open to the parish, bring your friends.

**Mar. 21** - Regular meeting  
 Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

**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.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Today's Gospel challenges us to put our trust only in God. Jesus tells his followers, "You cannot give yourself to God and money." The operative words here are "give yourself." To live a responsible life in today's world, we must deal with financial concerns, but this concern (money or career) should not become an obsession, one's goal, one's god, one's master. What we are and what we have are gifts from God. Excessive worry indicates a lack of trust.

**Life Focus:** \* Relate an experience when you trusted someone else completely. \* *Relate a period in your life when you felt it necessary to get your priorities straight.* \* Relate an experience when you had to be dependent on another. \* *Describe an experience when someone completely trusted in you.* \* Share one way you will appreciate the life you have this week.

**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.

**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. For more information, call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office: 213-637-7227. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**Our 27<sup>th</sup> 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."



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

The HOMELESS KIT envelopes will be on the cross in the back of the church **March 12/13**. The instructions are inside the envelope. Put the hotel or personal sizes in the gallon zipper bag and return to the back of church. Please use the zipper bags. Thanks to those who fill one or more. The HOMELESS Ministry will deliver them.

POPCORN - John says it is time to sign-up for the Faire/Luau Popcorn Booth.

Next meeting will be **April 6**, Wednesday. PAC, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

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.

**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.

**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:

**Mar. 8** - St. Bernard, Bellflower, 562-867-2337

**Mar. 30** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 x 247

**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 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

**MONDAY, February 28**

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Aimone

**TUESDAY, March 1**

8:00 a.m. - † Thomas & Margaret Devine & family

**WEDNESDAY, March 2**

8:00 a.m. - † Brendan & Maureen Wynne

**THURSDAY, March 3**

8:00 a.m. - † John & Frances Lynch

**FRIDAY, March 4**

8:00 a.m. - † Stanley Ferdula

**SATURDAY, March 5**

5:00 p.m. - † James Halley

**SUNDAY, March 6**

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

9:00 a.m. - † Joseph Eno, Sr.

10:30 a.m. - † Rolly Jardiniano

12:30 p.m. - Delia Nix

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 & Kathy June.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	594-7575
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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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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	310-316-3477
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