

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 6, 2011

Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety.
You are my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake you will lead and guide me.
— Psalm 31:3-4

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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:

Decisions that we make always require us to leave something behind in our life. For instance, if we decide to leave our home in search of a better life, or for a better job, often it is with great pain that we leave many people and things behind. So these decisions should only be made after much preparation, reflection and formation. But when things are done without much thought or on an impulse, then it could easily bring down everything else around us. So how then can we build a house on solid rock like today's Gospel asks us to? With prayer, preparation and a solid formation, because they give us the instruments needed for a good reflection. We always need to prepare for things in life because we never stop learning.

Good decisions aren't spontaneous. They always require discernment, especially when the decision has to do with following Christ. If we make an instant decision during a moment of enthusiasm and eagerness, but without a foundation of prayer and without thinking about the consequences, everything could all come down around us at any given moment.

We need to think about the consequences of following Christ: living a life "not for us, but for Him." Living, like Christ, a life in the service of others, which may require lots of personal sacrifice; a life of honesty in our job, of fidelity to our commitments, of dedication to our families, even when the current trend may be going another way. And the good news of the Gospel is that in return we receive the fullness of life that Christ promises each of us.

Life and Dignity Sunday - At the special request of Bishop Solis, we will be inviting and encouraging all of you to register for the new statewide Catholic Legislative Network. In this weekend's bulletin there is a very useful, one-page description of what the Catholic Legislative Network is all about. We encourage you to read it carefully and pray for God's guidance. Next week, there will be cards in the pews and you will be encouraged to become an active member of the network.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Cathleen Harrison
Arthur Baca**



Knightly News

The past few weeks have been spent reviewing the Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLE's) for St. Joseph Elementary School. These are the benchmarks we expect our eighth graders to do, know and understand by the time they graduate from this school. Upon graduation the students move on to begin their high school educational years where we have found that the majority of them flourish and excel. About half of our graduates attend local Catholic schools: St. John Bosco, St. Joseph, and St. Anthony High Schools. Often there is one or two that attend Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Orange such as Mater Dei, Servite, Rosary or Connolly. For those students entering public high schools, there are generally 2-4 students that go into the Poly Pace program (notably the top academic program in LBUSD) and others in the Millikan Quest and Wilson Distinguished Scholars programs. We are extremely proud that in the last four years **ten** St. Joseph graduates have been high school valedictorians from St. John Bosco, Poly (Pace Program), Wilson and Los Alamitos High Schools. If I seem to be bragging a little – I AM! Have you thought about a Catholic education for your child?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
March 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What is the connection between faith and works in my life? Do my actions proclaim my faith?

Child: What have I learned from my family that helps me make good decisions?

Teen: Am I trying to follow the teachings of Jesus the best I can?

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: OPEN HOUSE! Please join us today 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.

No class on Sunday, **March 20**, due to the Religious Education Congress.

First Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Penance will take place for our families in the 2nd Year program on Friday, **March 11**, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Early Childhood: Regular class and Religious Education Open House today after class! Please join us after Mass in the hall for children singing and a display of all of our classes' work and activities for the year. Thank you to our teachers and aides for all your hard work! Please register your incoming 3, 4 or 5 year old for Sunday School year 2011-12 today. Consider joining our program as a teacher, too... Parents, relatives, Godparents, all welcome...get involved! You are being called!

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

Confirmation - Year 1 candidates meet today & **Mar. 13** at noon in the hall. They will attend Mass at 12:30 p.m. and participate in a session until 3:00 p.m. **No session** on March 20. Their last session is **March 27** which is their interview session with sponsor and a potluck luncheon.

Year 2 candidates will start Track 3 the week of **Mar. 20**.

**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.

Have you been challenged about being Catholic?

The **Catholic Apologetics Class** this week will be covering how we got the Bible, its interpretation, and justification/salvation/sanctification. We will be meeting in the PAC on **Mar. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** and **Mar. 10, 7-9 p.m.** For info, call Richard Dana, 420-9976.

The Parish Fair - May 13-15 - We still need CRITICAL

help in organizing some major areas including: **pre-sale tickets, prizes/games, 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.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

The Gospel is not only to be read but to be internalized, taken to heart. It should stir us into action. The whole of Matthew's Chapter 7 gives us guidelines. It gives us the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount which encourages us to persevere in prayer. If prayer becomes the very fiber of our lives, we will have a foundation that will withstand the most violent of storms.

Lent is upon us and it's a good time to intensify our focus on the Mass and "put our house in order" to strengthen our foundation.

Our Prayer: Lord, form us in the likeness of Your Son and deepen His life in us. Send us as witnesses of Gospel joy, touch the hearts of all with Your love so we may love one another. Amen.

Feast of St. Joseph and Parish Appreciation

Please join our parish celebration & feast of St. Joseph, **March 12 & 13**. We honor our parish patron saint and show appreciation of our parish community & 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 - 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.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. - Mass (with ashes)
12 noon and 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Service (with ashes)

Lectio Divina - a traditional Catholic practice of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and to increase in the knowledge of God's Word. It is a way of praying with Scripture. 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.

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. Fridays of Lent (except March 11).

Fast and Abstinence - Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who are 18 to 59 years. One full meatless meal, two others to maintain strength but together should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

Mar. 7 - Annual Senior Mini Retreat - Dr. Pat Mitchell - new member of St. Joseph Church, just retired after 35 years as Professor Emeritus (Philosophy & 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. Call Rosie for luncheon reservation 425-4162. Social time 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Morning session starts at 10 a.m. Mass at 11 a.m. Luncheon at 12 noon. Afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. Questions and answers will follow afternoon session. Open to the parish, bring your friends.

Mar. 21 - Regular meeting.

Apr. 4 & 18 - Regular meetings.

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

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

The Knights of Columbus invite the parish (21 years and older) to a bus trip to Pala Casino for a day of **fun and good fortune**, Wednesday, **Apr. 6**. Cost is \$15. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's reading is the conclusion of the final teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. We must determine God's will for us and give God glory, seeking no recognition for ourselves. Jesus is both model and teacher in this. Simply hearing the words of Jesus isn't enough. We must put them into action, build them into the very structure and fiber of our lives. If we do this, then no matter how violent the storms of our lives, we will stand firm on a foundation of God's love and protection.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when your decision was built on "sandy ground." When was it built on "rock"? * *What event in your life would you like to relive? What would you change about it?* * What would you like to have etched on your tombstone? * *In what areas of your life might Jesus say, "I never knew you"?* * When did you do the "right thing" for the wrong reason? * *How do you recognize God's presence in your everyday life?*

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

Apr. 2 - Holy Family, Artesia, 860-5973

Apr. 8 - SS. Peter and Paul, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

Apr. 15 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A. 323-585-4485

Apr. 29 - St. Joseph, Hawthorne, 310-679-1139

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."



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

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, in the 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.

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.

Did You Know? How to Report Inappropriate or Illegal Content on the Internet - One of the main reasons that children do not report the inappropriate content they find online is fear of punishment from parents. If you let them know that it is not their fault if they come across an inappropriate site, they will be more willing to come to you when it happens. If your children ever show you a site that contains illegal behavior, such as pornographic images of children, contact your Internet service provider and the CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.com. For particular help, 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, 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, living

MONDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. - † Victoria Gregory

TUESDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m. - Donna, Lou and Jack Gibbs, living

WEDNESDAY, March 9

8:00 a.m. - † Victoria Gregory

THURSDAY, March 10

8:00 a.m. - † Brother Nguyen Vu

FRIDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. - † Giovina Anselmo

SATURDAY, March 12

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, March 13

7:30 a.m. - † Francisca Alcayaga

9:00 a.m. - Dolores King, living

10:30 a.m. - † John Anselmo

12:30 p.m. - Fr. Frank Ferrante, living

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 Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Ginny Kennebeck, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Dolores King, Fernando Montoya, Estelle Minter, Gilberto Cerna, John Convey, Mike Dresnick & Kathy June.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| 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

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| PRINCIPAL | Cheryl Hebestreit |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Erin Wright |
| SECRETARY | Julie Gianessi |
| PTO PRESIDENT | Dana Moler |

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562-598-0519

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY | Veronica Gibb |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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| 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

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| 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

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| Ann Crowley | 594-7575 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Mark Smith | 425-7811 |
| FINANCE COUNCIL | Randall Ely rely5@verizon.net | 430-0142 |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR | Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephparishcommunity.com | 799-0660 |
| 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