

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## First Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2011

The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve.

— *Matthew 4:10*

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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:**

Jesus' continuous call to conversion is especially heard during Lent. There is something about being away from home that is not pleasant. Whether we are on a business trip, or on a vacation, we always long for what we have left behind. At home we have what is ours, our memories, our loved ones, our roots. In it we find safety, comfort, and a sense of belonging.

Sometimes we might think that life would be a lot easier if we just "packed up and moved" somewhere else. In our spiritual life, that is what sin wants to make us think, that life away from God and God's people will be a lot easier and a better life. And yet when we let sin guide our coming and our going, we find ourselves at a place that is not home. We feel badly and we long to go back where we are always welcomed, supported, and loved.

Sin might lead us away from our home in God, yet it can never remove us beyond God's reach and love. In the same way a father and mother can see into the heart of his or her child, and see the goodness that is there, God sees us in the same way in spite of our sins and faults.

During Lent it is important for us to learn that these forty days invite us to get on the road that leads us back to our home, the road that leads us back to our God.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** As Lent begins, what temptations am I working to overcome? What practical strategies can I draw from Jesus' example?

**Child:** How can I show my love for God this Lenten season?

**Teen:** What helps me to do the right thing when I want to do something wrong?

**Life and Dignity Sunday** - At the special request of Bishop Solis, we invite and encourage all of you to register for the new statewide Catholic Legislative Network. There are cards at the table by the rectory garage and you are encouraged to become an active member of the network.

*Rest In Peace*

*Died in Christ:*

**Mary Catherine Alston**



**Together In Mission** - A big thank you to the **208** families who made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$36,759** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$23,310** already paid. Thank you for your continued generosity. There are envelopes in the church and the rectory to make a pledge for this very worthwhile cause. The people of the archdiocesan schools and parishes who receive the help will very much appreciate it.

**Knightly News**

Last week St. Joseph School received some exciting information, and I just have to brag about our parish school children a little more. We received great news on a couple of fronts! First of all we were notified that 7<sup>th</sup> grader Pablo Munoz, our school Geography Bee winner, has made it into the state level Geography Bee which takes place in Sacramento during the first week of April. This is the second year in a row that we are sending a representative from our school to the state competition. Also, we recently received word from our local Catholic high schools regarding major entrance awards and scholarships. Five of our eighth grade students have been informed of their coming accolades. St. Anthony High School has awarded Remington Shahan the Presidents Scholarship Award for placing in the 98 percentile or above in his High School Entrance Exam. Three of our eighth grade girls: Holly Bahadursingh, Megan Castro and Hannah Melvin have been named Fontbonne Scholars. We are extremely proud of our eighth grade class and I am sure we have not heard the last of coming awards for some of these outstanding students



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18,22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**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](http://www.lavocations.org).

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

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Thank you to our terrific staff of volunteers for making our Open House a huge success! **Community Helpers Alert!** Pick up Homeless Kit envelopes today. No class next week: Religious Education Congress. If you have never been to Congress, it's not too late...give yourself the mini-retreat you deserve. World-renowned speakers and authors! Go to [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) for more info.

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

**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.

**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).

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

The **Catholic Apologetics Class** this week will be exploring the necessity of baptism, the existence of purgatory, confession to a priest, and the "finished work of Jesus." We will be meeting in the PAC on **Mar. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** and **Mar. 17, 7-9 p.m.** For info, call Richard Dana, 420-9976.

**Lenten Schedule**

**Lectio Divina** - a traditional Catholic practice of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and an 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.**

**Stations of the Cross** - **7:00 p.m. Fridays** of Lent.

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

Fasting on 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.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

It was Saturday and Mom was making pancakes for her two young sons, Sean-Patrick and Dylan John. As usual the brothers haggled over the first pancake. Mom saw an opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus was sitting at the table, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake." Quick as a flash, Sean Patrick turned to Dylan and said, "Dylan, today YOU can be Jesus!" Mom looked at both of them with a stern look, and with bowed heads the boys slowly moved the plate with the first pancake toward their little sister, Jenna Catherine. They were living out their Baptism calling to serve others, with a little lesson from Mom.

"We fast during Lent to create more room in our hearts and lives for God's love, which has to show by charitable actions to others." ...Anon

Isn't that what Lent is all about, emptying ourselves to make room for God? Last Wednesday began the Lenten season, a time for us to be Jesus to everyone we meet. You heard the words with the imposition of ashes, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

**Our Prayer:** Lord, help me to remain faithful to You rather than to trust in others. However, should I ever be unfaithful, please continue to be faithful to your promises and grant me the grace to do penance. Amen.

**Confirmation - Year 1** candidates meet today 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 Mar. 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 with a special gathering with sponsors on **Mar. 20** from **7-9 p.m.** in the hall. Fr. Ken Deasy will be presenting information on the situation in Haiti. Our candidates will be presenting him with a check to the Holy Childhood Association to be used to help the Daughters of Wisdom build an orphanage in Haiti for blind and deaf orphans.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Following his baptism, Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days. There he faced the same temptations to stop trusting God's care and power that Adam and Eve faced in the Garden of Eden, the same temptations faced by the Israelites in their forty-year journey through the desert to the Promised Land. Jesus shares the experience of his people but stays faithful and trusting. We now follow Jesus as God's people chosen in the New Covenant. We share his experience and seek the faith he lived so completely.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe an experience when you felt abandoned but help came. \* *Share an experience when you stayed true to the person you believed in.* \* Relate an experience when you were able to identify God's support in a difficult choice you made. \* *Recall an experience when you had to trust without assurance.*



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

**Mar. 21** - Regular meeting.

**Apr. 4 & 18** - Regular meetings.

We are going on a 10 day Western Canada and Rocky Mountaineer trip from Calgary to Vancouver and Victoria Island in late Sept. or Oct. Reps from Montrose Travel will present information about 2:30 p.m. Monday, Mar. 21, after our Senior meeting. Trip is open to all. Anyone interested in knowing more about this trip is invited to join us. Come and hear about this beautiful and exciting adventure. For info call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

**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.

**The Parish Fair - May 13-15**

Next meeting is **March 16 at 7 pm** in the PAC.

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.

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

**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

**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? Getting to and from School Safely** -

If your child walks to school, walk the route with him/her to identify landmarks and safe places to go if he/she is being followed or needs help. Create a map with your child showing acceptable routes to and from school using main roads and avoiding shortcuts and isolated areas. Make sure young children are properly supervised going to and from school, whether it is by you as a parent/guardian, an older sibling or another trusted adult. Remind older children to always take a friend when walking or riding their bikes to and from school.

**Our 27<sup>th</sup> year at St. Joseph Parish**

**MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD**

MFBW has news for helping St. Francis Center.... Bring "Loaves and Fishes" to Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month, March 26-27.



Call John to be on the LIST for Easter.

The **HOMELESS KIT** envelopes are on the cross in the back of the church. 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.

**Blood Drive Results** - I would like to thank the 26 parishioners who were present at our blood drive on Sunday. I am pleased to announce that over the past Columbian year, the blood drives sponsored by the Knights of Columbus collected 72 units. That helped up to 216 people in need. Thanks again to all the donors.

Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chair

**Baseball** - The 2011 Catholic Baseball League (CBL) season is underway! The SBL is comprised of Catholic parishes from Long Beach, Lakewood, and Bellflower. There are still openings for players from grades 1 - 7. Season runs from March thru end of May. Please call Paul Smith, 481-4849.

**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 12**

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

**SUNDAY, March 13**

7:30 a.m. - † Francisca Alcaiyaga

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

10:30 a.m. - † John Anselmo

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

**MONDAY, March 7**

8:00 a.m. - † Tim Spelling

**TUESDAY, March 8**

8:00 a.m. - † Frances Devine

**WEDNESDAY, March 9**

8:00 a.m. - † McDonald family

**THURSDAY, March 10**

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Preston

**FRIDAY, March 11**

8:00 a.m. - † Harry Fehner

**SATURDAY, March 12**

5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families

**SUNDAY, March 13**

7:30 a.m. - † Dick Kocevar

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Rafael Ortiz, Sr.

12:30 p.m. - † Ernesto Alvarez

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>        |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>         |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>          |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Adam Mariano</b>        |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b> | <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>    |
| <b>David Waidelich</b>  | <b>William G. Ouimette</b> |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    | <b>Patrick Rea</b>         |
| <b>Patrick Murphy</b>   |                            |

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 & Betty Klemin.

**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