

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Second Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2011

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life  
and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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**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:

Every Lent we begin a journey in communion with the whole church. In the desert last weekend we saw Jesus tempted to abandon his true mission. Today we stand on the mountaintop with Jesus' closest companions as he is revealed to them in the mystery of his divine nature. As we celebrate our Eucharist this weekend we recognize the risen Lord in our midst, in the bread and wine transformed into the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

If we want to see the Lord's relationship in our own lives transformed and strengthened, then we have to recognize the need to become single-minded like the best of those athletes who compete in the Olympics. We need to have the strength to make tough choices. When we are able to do that, then we will reap the benefits.

My hope and prayer for each one of us here, as we continue on our Lenten journey, is that we ask ourselves what choices we need to make in order to continue to accompany Jesus not only to the mountaintop where he is revealed shining like the sun, but also to be willing to accompany him on the road to Calvary as well.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** How has my faith in Jesus transformed me?

**Child:** How does Jesus help me to grow and change every day?

**Teen:** How is God revealed to me through my classmates and friends?

**Japan Tsunami** - Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive tsunami in Japan. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Japan Tsunami.

**Together In Mission** - A big thank you to the **236** families who made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$47,514** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$31,840** 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.

### 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.

### Knightly News

In last week's bulletin four of our eighth grade students were recognized for their recent awards. Besides those, Jackson Lehmar has been named a recipient of the St. John Bosco Presidential Scholarship. The Presidential Scholarship is given to incoming 9th graders who have demonstrated excellence in academics, service, leadership and character.

Furthermore, six of our eighth grade students have been accepted into the Pace Program at Poly High School. In addition to these students, a significant number of our eighth graders have been accepted with honors and/or distinction into their prospective high schools. Congratulations to the eighth grade class!

FYI - The second annual **St. Joseph Jog-A-Thon** is being held on Thursday, March 24, to raise money for P.E. equipment, library materials, and to help defray the cost of upgrading the electrical wiring in our 55 year old buildings. So much has been done to update our technology in recent years, that we no longer have sufficient wiring to support the technology. Who would have thought 25 years ago that a single room could hold more than 20 computers? With that in mind, please contact any school family if you wish to donate to the St. Joseph Jog-A-Thon. You may also drop off your contribution in either the church rectory or school office. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

Principal Hebestreit



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

#### Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

**March 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** - A 2011 Goal - We are familiar with partial birth abortion. Laws in many states and on the federal level now **ban that procedure**. But there is another procedure that is just as brutal. It is called a D&E abortion. Priests for Life has a 2011 goal to shine light on what takes place there.  
Priests for Life, Feb. 2011

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary:** No class today due to the Religious Education Congress.

**Sacrament Program:** The First Eucharist Workshop to prepare the 2nd year students for receiving First Communion will take place on Sunday, **April 3**, in the hall from **2-5 p.m.** This workshop is for parents and children from both the school and our religious education program.

**Early Childhood:** No class today. **Community Helpers Alert!** Return Homeless Kit envelopes today. St. Joseph community attends the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim! If you didn't make plans to attend this year, start planning now for next. You deserve to feed your spirit and this is a great way to accomplish that goal!

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

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**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.

**Confirmation - Year 1 - No session** today. Last session is **March 27** which is the interview session with sponsor and a potluck luncheon.

**Year 2** candidates start Track 3 with a special gathering with sponsors on **March 20** from **7-9 p.m.** in the hall.

**Report on Haiti** - The parish community is invited to attend Fr. Ken Deasy's presentation on the condition of Haiti on **March 20** at **7:15 p.m.** in the hall. Our Confirmation candidates raised over \$6,000 for the Holy Childhood Association to be used to build an orphanage in Haiti for blind and deaf orphans. They would like to thank all who contributed.

**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.

**Soup Nights** - **Fridays** of Lent, 5:30 - 7:00.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Leftovers from last week's homily. If you forgot what was said: all you need to do is reach in your pocket and take out a U.S. coin. Now read the inscription. Yes, it says, "In God we trust."

It's all about **trust** that God knows what's best for us. Persevere in prayer. "Be still and know that I am the Lord." Maury Wills, in his first pro tryout camp, was told, "Go home, forget about big league baseball. You are too small." He didn't go home and did not forget about baseball. For eight years he worked hard in the minors. "I came close to quitting 100 times, but I stuck with it." The Dodgers took a chance in 1959. In 1962, he stole 104 bases, hit .299 and beat out Willie Mays for MVP.

That's how our Lenten prayer life should be: steadfast, don't give up. Put away the cell phone, Blackberry, iPhone, iPad, etc. and extend a little courtesy to God. Lent is that time. Don't ignore Him. He's listening.

**Our Prayer:** Lord, deliver us from evil, renew us in spirit. Preserve us from slavery to the senses which blinds us to goodness, and help us to make the world alive in Your Spirit through works of justice, love and peace. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Diane Giebelstein



**St. Joseph Elementary Jog-a-Thon March 24.**

Please support our school with your donation. Thank you! Questions? Please call Marianne Schaeffer, 594-8678.

**Spring Flower Fund Raiser - April 3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Beautify your garden for Easter with flats of flowers and pre-planted pre-paid color bowls. Order your color bowls (\$15) by March 29, they will be ready for you April 3. Call Teresa Smith, 425-7811. Thank you for your support!!

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** God calls Abram to leave his country on the strength of a promise of future greatness. Abram trusts God through the difficult journeys ahead. In the Gospel Jesus and three of his disciples journey to the top of a mountain, the traditional place where God speaks and shows himself. Jesus again hears his own call, a reminder of who he is and the great trial that lies ahead. Peter, James and John, the same three disciples who will be with him during the agony in the Garden, are blessed with a vision of Jesus as the risen Lord in all his glory. They hear God's voice and clear call: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This vision and call move them down the mountain and toward the promise of glory on the other side of suffering.

**Life Focus:** \* When were you able to "move on" in spite of fear of the unknown? \* Describe a time when the joy of the moment gave you a sense that the rest of life was worthwhile. \* What feelings did you experience when you were required to leave "home" to move to a new place?



**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 on trip, please call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for more info.

**The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** will have a district meeting Thursday, **March 24**, beginning at 9:30, including speakers Lori Rae Martin and Sylvia Aimerito of Audio Girls Ministry, Mass, lunch and concluding at 1:30. \$10 per person, prepaid. Make check and mail to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14815 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, 90723, **by Monday, March 21**. For information: Jeanne Sacquet, 630-4462 or Beatrice Boesrama, 630-3875. All Catholic women are members of ACCW.

**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.

**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

**Did You Know? Keeping Kids Safe After School -**

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time after school. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office, 213-637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**Our 27<sup>th</sup> year at St. Joseph Parish**  
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD  
**Easter Book Drive – Bring new and ‘gently’ used books to church to be donated to our Gift Basket Families for EASTER...for all ages.**



Call Amy (427-5917) to be on the Drivers' List for the Easter Food Basket delivery.

**MFBW has news for helping St. Francis Center—starting in Lent....Bring “Loaves and Fishes” to Mass on the fourth Weekend, March 26-27.**

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.

**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.

**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, March 19**

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

**SUNDAY, March 20**

7:30 a.m. - † Dick Koccevar  
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. - † Rafael Ortiz, Sr.  
 12:30 p.m. - † Ernesto Alvarez

**MONDAY, March 21**

8:00 a.m. - † Harry Fehner

**TUESDAY, March 22**

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living

**WEDNESDAY, March 23**

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

**THURSDAY, March 24**

8:00 a.m. - † Haydee Koppenheffer

**FRIDAY, March 25**

8:00 a.m. - † Dr. Francis C. Hertzog, Jr.

**SATURDAY, March 26**

5:00 p.m. - † Mary Thomas

**SUNDAY, March 27**

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Thomas  
 9:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Goonan and family, living  
 10:30 a.m. - † Manuel Reyna  
 12:30 p.m. - St. 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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| <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>   | <b>Michael Marchante</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
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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

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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**

Ann Crowley 594-7575

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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
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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