

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Third Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2011

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
— *Romans 5:8*

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RECTORY: 594-4657

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:

St. John's gospel today shares with us the beautiful scenario of the intimate dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In it we find that Jesus continues to reach out to the woman and asks her to focus on the bigger picture, which is that her thirst will only be satisfied by the love of God and by her acceptance of the love that God offers.

We also hear, in this dialogue, the possibility that fears and rejections from the past may continue to surface, even as we hear the Lord's voice calling each one of us to be close to Him.

As we continue our Lenten journey, my hope and prayer for each of us is that we bring to the Lord all of our fears, all of our rejections, and all of our insecurities, knowing that God loves us no matter what our sins may be. May His grace fill our needs and may we come to know more fully the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When have I brought others to Christ?

Child: How does knowing Jesus make me happy?

Teen: Have I ever stopped doing something that I knew was not what God wanted me to do?

Is Catholicism Still Relevant? Matthew Kelly, best selling Catholic author & speaker, **April 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Refuge Church. \$20 adults over 22, and \$10 for students 22 and younger. Please contact Rob Eagan for registration, 682-5186 or rob@eaganrose.com.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Peggy Montello



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 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 **\$48,999** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$32,785** 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

“The mission of St. Joseph School is to provide a Christ-centered, safe environment where students can grow in their Catholic Faith, deepen their knowledge in academic subjects and build community through service to each other and the extended community.” This is the MISSION STATEMENT of St. Joseph Elementary School. These are the words that influence the choices in our faith, academics, athletics, service to the community and all other aspects of life here at St. Joseph School. These are the words we try to live up to as we go through each day. Sometimes we are able to live these ideals fully and at other times it is a struggle to keep up with them. I am sure as parishioners you have opinions as to how you see your parish school living up to this standard. I would welcome your feedback at any time. You can always drop a note through the school mailbox at the front of the building to the right of the double glass doors. Your feedback and the feedback of our school parents is what enables us to grow. It is especially helpful in acknowledging our successes and determining our challenges for the future.



Thank you, Principal Hebestreit

In the coming weeks – the philosophy of St. Joseph School. P.S. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and support of the school Jog-A-thon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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.

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: Our annual portrayal of the Stations of the Cross will take place on Sunday, **April 10**, in the hall at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

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: Regular class today. Thank you to everyone who participated in RE Congress this year.

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 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 - Last session today. Candidates should arrive at noon and then attend the 12:30 p.m. Mass. The potluck luncheon with sponsors and interviews will take place after Mass until 3:00 p.m.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel is about the water that gives life, about getting beyond physical thirst to a deeper thirst for trust and love. Jesus draws the Samaritan woman through a solidly physical understanding of thirst and water to an honest look at her life and her need for conversion, and finally a recognition of who he is as the Messiah, the one who will quench all the thirsts of the people. In turn, this woman seeks out the townspeople and invites them to meet Jesus. Conversion is a slow process, but the patient persistence of Jesus will quench our thirst - in spite of ourselves. And it always moves us beyond our own nourishment to an active involvement in the lives of others.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience when a barrier in your life was broken down. * *What have you experienced that was so exciting you had to share it?* * Who are the individuals or groups in your life from whom you are least likely to hear truth? * *Relate an experience when you've found freedom through another.* * Where or to whom do you go to be refreshed? * *When has another drawn "living water" from you?* * What are your "thirsts"? * *What do you learn about the qualities of Jesus in this Gospel? How do you feel about this? Relate the message to your life experience.* * What can you learn from the openness of the Samaritan woman that is necessary for your growth as a person and a Christian? Relate this message to your life experience.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, March 31, 6-8 pm

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

It was after the 12:30 Mass last Sunday that Keith, one of our Eagle scouts came over to me and related a story that tells of compassion that gives way to charity. Keith was working at Ralph's grocery store. The cashier rang up \$80 and the lady with her young daughter didn't have enough money to pay. She began taking out of the bags the items that were least necessary. A man in the back of the line asked what the delay was. Someone explained that a lady had to give back some food in order to match the money she had. He said, "Tell the lady not to worry. I'll pick up the difference." The lady, almost in tears, said she would like to pay the person when she got her next paycheck. The man just said, "It's my gift to you." Pope Benedict XVI in his last encyclical says, "Charity is not an option for Christians; practicing charity in truth helps people understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is not merely useful, but essential for building a good society and for the true integral development."

Our Prayer: Lord, help me to listen more fervently to Your Word; to encourage those in doubt & error; to follow what is true and good so as to celebrate the solemnity of Easter with greater joy & love for Jesus Your Son. Amen.

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. In the church **Thursday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass & at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings.**

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

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

Holy Week Liturgies:

Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 1:30 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
7:30 Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - regular Sunday Mass schedule

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.



St. Joseph Senior Group
We always welcome new members.

Apr. 4 & 18 - Regular meetings.
May 2 & 23 - 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. Trip is open to all. 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.

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!!

Catholic Relief Services Collection - April 3
One human family caring for those in need - improving lives in more than 100 countries by working with local communities in areas of health, education, emergency response, and peace building. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

St. Cornelius Church events:
Lenten Veneration of the Cross, an hour of meditative, quiet, reflective prayer, **Mar. 29, 7-8 p.m.**
Mass with Healing Service, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Upper Room - adult faith formation on St. Bernard of Clairvaux, **Mar. 31, 7:30-9:00 p.m.** All welcome.

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. 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? Keep Kids Safe During Child Abuse Prevention Month - During April, Catholic school and religious education students throughout the Archdiocese will wear bright blue ribbon-shaped stickers that say "Keep Kids Safe." The Archdiocese's "Keep Kids Safe" campaign coincides with national Child Abuse Prevention Month. Children will be reviewing important child safety lessons this month. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Our 27th 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.

Help St. Francis Center- Bring "Loaves and Fishes" to Mass March 26-27.

The HOMELESS KITS should be returned to the back of church. 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.

Big News at our next meeting, **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.



Marriage Encounter - The love of God has been poured out into our hearts. Is God in the center of your marriage so that His love shines through you to your spouse? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is **April 29-May 1**. For info or to register, visit lovemyspouse.org or call Jacob & Sarah, 923-7335, or Brian and Denise Keckeisen, 461-7278.

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 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

MONDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. - † Frances Devine

TUESDAY, March 29

8:00 a.m. - † Johan Winkehvis

WEDNESDAY, March 30

8:00 a.m. - † Osmar Macapagal

THURSDAY, March 31

8:00 a.m. - † Jose Catangay, Jr.

FRIDAY, April 1

8:00 a.m. - Pat Hillebrecht, living

SATURDAY, April 2

5:00 p.m. - † Peggy Montello

SUNDAY, April 3

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

9:00 a.m. - † Filemon Caiga

10:30 a.m. - † Thomas and Margaret Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Heidi Baker

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 | Michael Marchante |

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, 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 & Chuck Dixon.

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
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
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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
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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