

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2011

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— *Psalm 23:1*

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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:

The gospel reading today tells us the story about the man born blind. It isn't just a story about a man's physical blindness and how Jesus cured him. The real story, the real cure, has to do with our spiritual blindness.

The truth is that sometimes we don't see very well when it comes to seeing the world through God's eyes, and seeing His activity in our own lives. So, what can we do to improve our vision? I think that the secret to having good insight, can be found in prayer, spending time with God and trying to see things as God sees them.

As we continue in our Lenten journey and approach Easter, we are constantly reminded that it's all about illumination and seeing our lives and the lives of others with the same vision that God sees us with, which is a vision of love and hope.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When have I been blinded to God's presence in my life? How did I overcome that blindness?

Child: What good things does Jesus help me to see in myself and others?

Teen: How can I let the light of my faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Marge Davis
Richard Elliot
Beverly Kaspar



Marriage Encounter - Jesus wants you to see more clearly the blessings of your sacrament of matrimony. The Marriage Encounter Weekend helps you to see God's plan for your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage

Encounter weekend is **April 29-May 1**. For info or to register, visit ilovemyspouse.org or call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335, or Brian & Denise Keckeisen, 461-7278.

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Ed Beniof, RVD, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

Together In Mission - A big thank you to the **246** families who made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$50,164** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$33,570** 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 I shared with you the mission statement of St. Joseph School. This week I would like to begin sharing our Philosophy. It is a little bit long, so I divided it into three weeks. It begins as follows: **We at St. Joseph School participate in the Church's mission of education by providing a Catholic environment of Christian life and learning. We strive to integrate the Gospel values in our daily lives and encourage our students to grow in their relationship with God, in their self-esteem and in their respect for one another.**

Recognizing the uniqueness of each child, we strive to provide an educational program which directs the students to become responsible individuals and prepares them for success in a technological and global society.

I hope and pray that we are living up to our philosophy.
Principal Hebestreit



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Pat Hillebrecht and the Montello family wish to thank all of you for your prayers and sympathy for Peggy.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
April 5 & 19 - 7:00 p.m.
In the church. All are welcome!



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.

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 today in the hall from **2-5 p.m.** This workshop is for parents and children from both the school and our religious education program. Child care will be provided for siblings.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Please remember to bring your item for our **Family Easter Baskets** to be delivered on the 16th by Movement for a Better World. Bring your donation next Sunday and drop in the box behind the hall on your way to class.

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 - The sacrament of Confirmation for our **Year 2** candidates will take place on Wednesday, **April 13**, at 7 p.m. A dinner hosted by our Year 1 candidates will take place on Sunday, **April 10**, at 5:30 p.m. in the hall. The rehearsal for Confirmation will take place following the dinner.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The themes of light and seeing come up again and again in today's readings. In the first reading Samuel is reminded to see others through God's eyes; "Not as (a human being) sees does God see, because (a human being) sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." And the whole drama of today's Gospel revolves around those who see and those who fail to see. Sight in this story becomes a symbol of belief. Blindness is about more than just not being able to see with the eyes; it's about the refusal to believe.

Life Focus: * Speak of a time when simple or broken people saw things more clearly than the people who seem to have it all together. * *Talk about an experience when healing or insight came in an unexpected way.* * Relate an experience when you were blind to God's love. * *Relate an experience when your everyday rules and routines have kept you from "seeing" God.* * Name a time when someone helped you change a negative attitude. * *How have you reached out to share your faith and love with people around you?* * Describe an experience when because of a difficult time your faith was affected (for better or worse).

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

A **miracle** happened at St. Joseph Church last Sunday!! **Thank you** parishioners who made this a true miracle. "Loaves and Fishes" started out a little wet with the rain. But when we counted, we had over 100 loaves and countless cans of "fish" as well as other food. All of this despite the rain. These gifts were delivered to St. Francis Center on Monday. May God bless you for your generosity.

We are "turning the corner" on Lent. The first Sunday was Matthew's Gospel (Jesus tempted). Second Sunday his transfiguration. God said, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him." Now, we turn to John's Gospels. I read where failing in our Lenten resolutions is a good thing! By failing we cannot confirm our sense of virtue.

Gospels are meant to trouble us. This Sunday's Gospel appears to challenge those who are preparing for Baptism into the church. It challenges us to a deeper faith.

"Worship may not lead to believing (seeing) but true believing always leads to worship." ...Living Liturgy True worship urges us to respond in charity to others where we encounter Jesus in their need. "We have to do the works of the One who sent Me while it is day."

"No service in itself is small, none great though earth it fill; but that is small that seeks its own, and great that seeks God's will." ... Anon

Our Prayer: God our Father, bless those who are to be confirmed. Keep them always faithful, confirm their hope in the Spirit You will send to guide them. By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen our witness of Your love. Amen.

Lenten Schedule

Lectio Divina - prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and an increase in the knowledge of God's Word. 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.**

Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy - **April 12**, 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.

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

Senior Trips - Open to All

Valley View Casino, Thursday, **May 5**, \$26 per person includes driver tip. Each person receives \$15 Moreplay on their player card, bottled water, & chance to win raffle on the bus. Each "new" player will receive one free buffet. Bus leaves church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Reservations will be taken at the April 4 meeting. Checks only, please.

Western Canada & Rocky Mountaineer, Sep. 27-Oct.6, 10 days, west from Calgary to Vancouver & Victoria. \$2,699 double occ. to first 20 people includes land, non-stop round trip airfare from LAX, all transfers in Canada, 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches on Rocky Mountaineer.

For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.

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!!

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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? Review the Body Safety Rules

that Keep Kids Safe - April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and "Keep Kids Safe" month in the Archdiocese. This month parents and guardians should review with their children and teens the "Five Body Safety Rules." These rules will help them to protect themselves from the harm of child sexual abuse. Rule #1: It's my body - God wants me to be safe and happy. I have the right to know the body safety rules. Rule #2: If I have the "Uh Oh" feeling like something is wrong, then I am right! I need to ask questions. Rule #3: If someone makes me feel uncomfortable, I have the right to say "No!" and "Get away!" Rule #4: I should always tell if someone makes me feel uncomfortable or touches my private areas. I should keep telling until someone believes me. Rule #5: If I am abused, it is never my fault. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Our 27th year at St. Joseph Parish
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD
Easter Children's Book Drive -
Bring new and 'gently' used children's books to the special boxes in church to be donated to our Gift Basket Families for EASTER.



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

Thanks for all of the "Loaves and Fishes," bread and canned food, for St. Francis Center - over 100 loaves and twice that number of canned food items were received on March 26-27.

Thanks for all of the 'HOMELESS KITS' received. Over 100 have been received for delivery by the Homeless Ministry.

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

Meeting, **April 6**, in the PAC, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Thank you for all that you do for our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: John/Jan Minter at 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, 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
- MONDAY, April 4**
 8:00 a.m. - † Mel and Mary Jo Devine
- TUESDAY, April 5**
 8:00 a.m. - † Maggie Devine
- WEDNESDAY, April 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † Augusto de los Reyes
- THURSDAY, April 7**
 8:00 a.m. - † Lt. Col. Robert B. Moler
- FRIDAY, April 8**
 8:00 a.m. - Jake & Judy DeRuyter, 50th Anniversary
- SATURDAY, April 9**
 5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families
- SUNDAY, April 10**
 7:30 a.m. - Dolores King, living
 9:00 a.m. - † Melinda Gibb
 10:30 a.m. - † Cathleen Harrison
 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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| 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 & Sergio Shelton.

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