

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

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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.

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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:

Over the past few weeks we've given a lot of consideration to symbols, to signs and images. In fact, this is what Liturgy is all about, using the concrete, physical, tangible things of ordinary life as symbols.

Water, light, bread and wine and oil and words and music and songs, these are all symbols that we use to express outwardly and visibly, the hidden, inner, invisible reality of the saving presence of God within us and among us.

The special and very specific symbol of today's liturgy is, of course, the palm. What this symbol of the palms strives to express outwardly and visibly is victory. What the palms are telling us is that Jesus was already victorious and triumphant when he entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the first Holy Week.

Even though it would be a week of passion, suffering and death for him, Jesus' love for each one of us was already victorious over fear and death. In his suffering and death there was already the victory of resurrection and life.

It is a victory that we already have but can't always see it in a world that is still full of dreadful things where suffering, sickness and difficulties in our own lives, are part of the realities that we experience every day. In the face of all this suffering that we see and experience, it can be hard sometimes to be convinced that we really do have this victory.

May we come to know more fully that this symbol of the palm truly means victory. When you bring your palms home today and look at them this week and throughout the year, I hope that this symbol of Christ's love gives you a firmer faith in the absolute victory that Christ has already won and shares with us even now.

Easter Duty - All Catholics are obliged to receive Communion during the Easter season, which is the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday. In this penitential season of Lent, the faithful are obliged, and encouraged, to confess sacramentally all serious sin in individual confession.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How has the suffering of Jesus provided a source of consolation and strength in my own struggles?

Child: What does the passion story tell me about Jesus?

Teen: What could I do to show respect for Jesus this week as the Church remembers his death and resurrection?

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

Knightly News



The last paragraph of St. Joseph School's philosophy is: **We realize that the extent to which the Christian message is transmitted through education depends greatly on us, the teachers. Therefore, we strive to be persons who integrate faith and life and who are ever willing to work supportively with parents.** It is only in working together as parents, teachers, administrators, priests, parishioners, and students that we can live up to this philosophy. There are some lofty ideals in our philosophy, but ideals nevertheless that we strive daily to achieve. Thank you St. Joseph Community for your support and prayers as we continue to live out the mission and philosophy of St. Joseph School.

On another note - parishioners are most welcome to attend the school Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday at 11:30 in the morning. The school junior high students will be leading this prayer service for us through their actions and words. May you have a blessed Easter.

Principal Hebestreit

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

Holy Thursday - Can You Watch & Pray With Me?

Jesus asked his friends as he entered the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion. This Holy Thursday, Jesus again invites his friends to watch and pray with him here in the church, quietly reflecting on his final hours and giving thanks for his redemptive suffering. Please consider spending whatever time you can give between 9 and 11 p.m. in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on this holy night.

The Lord's Passion - Good Friday

Please plan to attend one of our two liturgies: 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. This is a day of fast and abstinence.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

Together In Mission - A big thank you to the **255** families who made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$51,029** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$34,375** 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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class on Easter Sunday, **April 24.**

RCIA for Children Year 2: A parent/child workshop will take place today, from **2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** in the PAC for our older children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time.

Early Childhood: Regular class and Easter Celebration today. Thank you for bringing your items for the Family Easter Baskets last week. We are off next week for Easter. Have a blessed and joyous Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Remember to sign up for your shift at the Fair!

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

First Communion

First Communion will take place on **May 7 and 8** (Mother's Day) during 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for receiving this sacrament.

Catechetical Corner

This week I want to share with you two more changes in the Mass that will occur on the First Sunday of Advent when the new Roman Missal will be implemented. The first is the greeting.



The current greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The new greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The second change that I would like to share with you is the change in the Confiteor.

The current Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

The new Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly sinned** in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore** I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

I recently read that processions are not to get us from 'A' to 'B' but a rite of passage. Palm Sunday is the last congregational procession mandated by the missal to be observed by the entire church.

Jesus' procession to Jerusalem is not an historical event but is meant to intersect with our lives and speak of our journey of faith. This journey starts with exaggerated emotion that ends in death. Matthew is hard on the Jewish leaders. The crowd is manipulated. So what is the remedy? Jesus shows us by being silent. We need to be contemplative and pray for courage. As we enter Holy Week, the annual rite of passage for our faith, ask God, our Father, to model our lives on His Son, Jesus, by creating the silence we need in our lives to sort out our priorities, by using silence in a world that loves words but has little to say about sacrificial love. Let this sacrificial love do our talking..

OUR PRAYER: Lord, each year You give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with our mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for You, Father and of willing service to our neighbor. Bring the image of Your Son to perfection within us. Amen.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our annual **Vacation Bible Camp**. It will be held here at St. Joseph's the week of **July 11-15**. Students entering Kg. through 8th grade in the Fall are invited to attend. The theme this year is "Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street, *Where Jesus Makes a Difference Every Day.*" Registration forms will be available next month. For information, please call the religious ed. office, 598-0519

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** and at **7 p.m. Thursday evenings**.

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. 18 - Regular meeting.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Did You Know? 2011 'Working Together to Prevent Child Abuse' brochure available now - Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese receives copies of "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy." The brochure is a guide to the sexual abuse prevention policies, programs and resources that have been developed by the Archdiocese of L. A. Please look for the brochure in the vestibule or rectory, read it and keep it some place for easy reference. For free copies of the brochure, please email Tim at tolshefski@la-archdiocese.org. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Our 27th year at St. Joseph Parish
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD

Thanks for all the books which were donated and for all who helped with the Easter Basket delivery.

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

Next meeting: **May 18**, Wednesday, PAC at **7:30 p.m.** All welcome to this final, wrap-up the year, meeting. Thank you for all that you do for our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: John/Jan Minter at 430-5839.



Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

May 7 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 x247

May 18 - St. Cyprian, Long Beach, 562-421-9487

Congratulations to our parishioners celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this month: Joseph and Rose Lozano, and Jake and Judy DeRuyter.

The Parish Fair - May 13-15

We still need help. 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.

Join us for a scrumptious brunch at the fair, Sunday, **May 15**, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Adults \$10, children \$5, under two free! Pre sale tickets only - sold after all Masses. For more info call: Nina Escandon, 619-2144, Mary Ellen Ne-ton, 962-1280. VIP pkgs available!

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The crowds demand that Jesus "be crucified." In this, they side with their religious leaders. Two of Jesus' chosen disciples also side with values opposed to those Jesus taught and lived. Judas betrays the Lord to the authorities; Peter, who was first among the apostles and first to confess Jesus as the Son of the Living God, now denies that same Jesus out of fear for his own life. Jesus, the obedient Son, deliberately chooses to be faithful to God's values even though it led to his death. He dies, as he lived, carrying out God's will.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when a job, task or money became more important than someone you loved.

* *Speak of a person you know who stood alone to stay true to the values of his or her life. How did it influence you?* * Share a time when you were faithful to God's call despite personal sacrifices. * *Relate a time when you or others suffered because of racial discrimination.* * Name a time in your life when Christ's death and resurrection had a special meaning to you. * *When have you experienced the joy of the Eucharist at times other than the celebration of the Mass?*

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, April 16

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

SUNDAY, April 17

7:30 a.m. - † Peggy Montello
 9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett
 10:30 a.m. - † Drew Henderson
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

MONDAY, April 18

8:00 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

TUESDAY, April 19

8:00 a.m. - † Henry Weigand

WEDNESDAY, April 20

8:00 a.m. - † Stanley Ferdula

THURSDAY, April 21

7:30 p.m. - † Tom Steiner

FRIDAY, April 22

- No Mass on Good Friday

SATURDAY, April 23

8:00 p.m. - Vigil of Easter

SUNDAY, April 24

7:30 a.m. - † Peggy Montello
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Mary Jane Thomas
 12:30 p.m. - † Jamie Ollinger-Mesa

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.

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