

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Second Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2011

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

— *John 20:29b*

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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.stjosephlb.org

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:

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Gospel today tells us about one of the Post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples, where Jesus appears to his disciples, coming through locked doors, and says, "Peace be with you" breathing upon them the Holy Spirit and communicating His authority to forgive sins.

But, Thomas wasn't there. So the other disciples tell him later, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Then a week later Thomas was with the other disciples and Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" When that doubting disciple touched his Master's wounded flesh he became a witness to the reality of the resurrection. We are also invited to become living witnesses in our own day to the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Today we join with our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI and Catholics throughout the whole world, in celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy. To Saint Faustina Our Lord said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy." My hope for each of us is that we approach the throne of Mercy with a humble confidence and like St. Thomas we also can say, "My Lord and My God."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Mary Dondero
Joseph Leson



Pro Life Corner - Planned Parenthood received \$363 million from government sources in 2008 and has now launched a massive campaign complete with TV ads, Peace Amendment, to try to save its federal funding. In California, local governments help fund their efforts.

--Excerpts from California Pro Life News, Spring 2011.

I would like to take a moment and publicly thank everyone who helped to make our Easter liturgies the prayerful celebrations of worship that we experienced. I hesitate to mention individuals by name because I know that I will inevitably forget someone unintentionally.

Please know that each and everyone of you contributed to the very powerful and wonderful celebrations that helped us to focus on the reality that Christ is alive and by his defeat over death, we now have the promise of sharing in his unending divine life.

Fr. Jim

Thank you to all the folks who sent me so many wonderful Easter cards and greetings. I truly appreciate all your encouraging and inspiring sentiments. Thanks also for the wonderful candy, Easter eggs, chocolate cake and all the other goodies that I received.

Fr. Jim

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Are there locked doors in my life? What happens when Jesus enters?

Child: Even though I can't see him with my eyes, how do I "see" Jesus in others?

Teen: Do I realize that the Spirit of Jesus is always with me? Do I take time to listen to what the Spirit is asking me to do?

Bundle Sunday - On **May 22**, bring your **usable** clothing and household items for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Their truck will be here in the parking lot. Please help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of any heavy items, 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Together In Mission

We have almost made our goal, only \$961 to go!

A big thank you to the **259** families who made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. So far, we have **\$51,928** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$35,274** 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 next Sunday, **May 8**, for First Communion and Mother's Day.

Parish Fair - May 13-15: Please sign up to work our Sweet Tooth Booth! Call the Religious Ed Office to get the time slot you want. Classes **will** take place on **May 15**.

Plan on attending the Sunday Brunch after class.

May Crowning and Ice Cram Social on **May 22** for our last class.

Middle School: Only two more class sessions - May 3 and 10. We will have a "fun night" in the hall on May 10.

Early Childhood: Last class today! Parish Fair in two weeks. Don't forget to work your shift! We've truly enjoyed having your children in our program and look forward to next year. Thank you to our fabulous teachers, aides, families and students for participating with us. St. Joseph Sunday School fills very quickly - please register for next year NOW! Questions? Call Shannon, 430-6840.

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

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

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's readings center on faith. Acts tells us the early community of believers took the gospel to heart and formed their lives on its message. Peter writes to encourage the newly baptized Christians who faced hostility. And the Gospel tells the story of Thomas. He insists upon physical evidence before he believes. He doubts, but Jesus knows this and speaks to him through his doubts. He recognizes Thomas as one who can believe and he calls him to faith. The gospel writer encourages his audience to believe in Jesus even though they haven't actually seen him.

Life Focus: * When did you believe because of a sign and not by faith? * *Name a time when you believed by faith.* * Share an experience when you hesitated to admit that you were a Catholic. * *Relate a time when you overcame your doubts and became stronger in your relationship with God.* * When have you ever felt "sent" by the Lord? * *Relate a time when you did something to help strengthen someone's belief.* * What hinders you from believing in Jesus? * *Do you ever identify with Thomas in your spiritual life, & how do you handle periods of doubt?*

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

"Joy is the most infallible evidence of the existence of God"...Tielhard de Chardin SJ

What kind of witness for the faith is St. Joseph parish? Would the way we practice our **faith** give anyone **reason** to believe? St. Thomas wanted **proof**

even though there was plenty of **reason** when the women said to him: "We have seen the Lord!"

Would a religion that has lasted centuries, produced thousands of martyrs, not be reason to at least want to investigate that religion? Fr. Ken Roberts wrote, "**Faith** is believing something you can't prove but 'not without **reason**' we must have a reason for **faith**." He goes on to say, "What if you don't want to study Church history? What if you want to make your decision on the witness of today's Catholics? What kind of witness would you be?"

When I witnessed Debbi Leveque's tears as Fr Jim said to her "Body of Christ" and she said "Amen" and received Jesus for the first time, a great joy came over me. She observed, she questioned, she believes. Her "Amen" was said with great joy.

As I write this, it was announced that Mary Dondero has been called by God. Mary taught us the true gift of Eucharist. Sundays and even Stations of the Cross were her passion. As a nurse she was at Tina's side for the delivery of our children. I recall late one evening in the maternity room she brought me a mattress & blanket - always thinking of others.

OUR PRAYER: **Lord**, You wash away our sins in water, redeem us in the blood of Jesus and give us a new birth in the Spirit. In celebrating Your Son's resurrection, increase our witness of these blessings and renew Your gift of life within us. Amen.

Congratulations to our recently confirmed!

Isabelle Arias	Samantha Mandich
Brooke Bierman	Brock Meckelborg
Patrick Blay	Aubree Mejia
Nick Byers	Omar Moncayo
William Campuzano	Kyle O'Connell
Myna Casner	Alexandria Page
Kelly Cisneros	Jenna Pillon
Shannon Crowley	Joseph Pillon
Gabrielle Cuda	Fernando Reynoso
Marisa Diaz	Patrick Roide
Melissa Diaz	Andrew San Jose
Kellie Duggan	Caitlyn Schallmann
Jonathan Ensich	Kadie Sparks
Jessica Fosnaugh	Alice St. Pierre
Natalie Frixione	Cody Stabelfeldt
Sabriana Garza	Lennon Stankavich
Isabelle Gawel	Joe Terrebrood
Jillian Houghton	Alexandra Toyofuku
Emily Jackson	James Tweet
Emma Johnson	Lauren Vanderlinden
William Kazane	Jacob Wescott
Celeste Lau	Molly Wilcoxon
Antonia Lee	Madison Wilhelm
Brandon Litt	



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

May 2 and 23 - Regular meetings.

May 5 - Reminder: Bus to Valley View Casino leaves church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 6 p.m. **Must bring legal photo I.D.** Call us with your Valley View player card number, if you have one. Seats still available. Call Rosie, 425-4162 or Barbara, 430-5324.

June 6 and 20 - Regular meetings.

Sep. 27-Oct. 6 - Western Canada & Rocky Mountaineer

10 days, west from Calgary to Vancouver & Victoria. \$2,699 double occ. includes land travel, non-stop round trip airfare from LAX, all transfers in Canada, 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches on Rocky Mountaineer. Rosie, 425-4162 or Barbara, 430-5324.

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

Our website name has changed from www.stjosephparishcommunity.com to **www.stjosephlb.org**. Please update your favorites and/or bookmarks. Would you like to save a tree by receiving the weekly bulletin in electronic form? If so, please sign up by entering your email address in the "Join our Email List" box on our home page. Also, we are on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/stjosephlb>. Please visit our page and "Like" us if you haven't already. Our goal is to get as many parishioners as possible connected. We're currently at 47 members. Let's make it hundreds!

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

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

Mother/Daughter Retreat May 6 - 7 - at the Serra Retreat in Malibu. For more information or registration, call 310-456-6631 or see the website: www.serraretreat.com

Mother Daughter Retreat May 6 - 8 "Embracing the Good in Your Relationship" Share a special Mother's Day weekend at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside. Take time to explore the many ways God's goodness manifests itself in your life and relationship. Register at www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659.

St. Anthony High School Class of 1971, 40th class reunion **June 24**, 5-9 p.m., O'Malleys on Main, Seal Beach. **June 25**, 6-12 p.m. Golden Sails, Long Beach, reservations only. Please help us contact '71 grads. Contact Ed Lamouteux ell@bradley.edu, 309-672-5878.

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

Alleluia! Great BIG Thank You for all of the Children's Books for Easter. Our volunteers delivered the books to our 70 Gift Basket Families with 3 boxes of food each.

POPCORN John says it is time to sign-up for the Faire/Luau Popcorn Booth. Opens at 4 pm on Friday, May 13.

Next meeting: May 18, Wednesday, PAC at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to this final, wrap-up the year meeting. NEW faces welcome. We do a lot of wonderful things.

Thank you for your "SKIP-a-MEAL" donations. They support the Movement helping our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: John/Jan Minter at 562-430-5839.



COME TO THE FAIR

The Parish Fair - May 13-15

We still need **many, many** volunteers - especially security, ticket booth and later shifts. Remember with many hands, the work is light! Please go to www.stjosephlb.org/FairMain.htm and sign up for a shift or two. Contact Wendy Gentry at gentryrb@aol.com, 754-8546, or Phil Tondreault at patondre@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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!

Did You Know? How to Understand Your Kids' Text Messages - If you've read your child's text messages, you might think he or she has learned a second language. Parents have a responsibility to make sure that their children use texting safely. Take time to learn some of the texting lingo. Also, be alert that some predators use texting to send sexually explicit messages. A tutorial for parents is at www.mahalo.com. Type: "How to understand your kids' text messages" in the search box. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

For anyone who would like to contribute to St. John Vianney Parish, whose church was burned, please go to their website www.sjvhh.org.

St. Joseph High School

18th Annual Golf Classic May 16, Recreation Golf Course, 1:00 p.m. Please contact Dennis Blas 825-5073 x162 for information.

Summer School June 17 - July 15

Middle School Summer Academy June 20-July 14

Summer Day Camp K-8 June 20 - July 22

Please call 562-925-5073 for information.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, April 30

5:00 p.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

SUNDAY, May 1

7:30 a.m. - † Curtis Whitmore

9:00 a.m. - Msgr. Doug Saunders
46th Anniversary of Ordination

10:30 a.m. - Jake & Judy DeRuyter, 50th Anniversary

12:30 p.m. - † Jeanne Klein

MONDAY, May 2

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Elliot

TUESDAY, May 3

8:00 a.m. - Norm Wendell, living

WEDNESDAY, May 4

8:00 a.m. - † John and Annie McEvelly

THURSDAY, May 5

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Anselmo

FRIDAY, May 6

8:00 a.m. - Norm Wendell, living

SATURDAY, May 7

5:00 p.m. - † Jim Seckington

SUNDAY, May 8

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

9:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

10:30 a.m. - Dolores King, living

12:30 p.m. - Soledad Atienza, living

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 Kohlen, 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
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
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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