

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Third Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2011

You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

— Acts 2:28

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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](http://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:**

The Masses that we attend each day or each week can remind us of this Gospel reading. We may show up faithfully, and we are able to speak about the story of Jesus, but we might not feel that we're truly a part of the story.

We are presented with readings from Scripture, to which we listen to for inspiration, for encouragement, for challenge, for the voice of God speaking to us in intimate ways. But we are simply able to recount the events and don't necessarily see how we fit inside the story ourselves.

We look to recognize Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We pray to have our ears and eyes open to what is true and holy. But at times it's not easy.

What happened to Cleopas and his fellow-disciple is what we want to happen to ourselves. We want to have that burning feeling in our hearts. We want to hear the voice of God speak to us intimately through Sacred Scripture. We want to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist. We want to have the enthusiasm, hope and courage to make an about-face and return to Jerusalem -- to return to Jesus -- to return to a deeper faith.

Ultimately, we want to not only be able to recount the story of Jesus but to become part of this story. My wish for each of us during this Easter season is that we are able to feel that burning in our hearts and that we are more able to be his active, believing, enthusiastic and faith-filled disciples.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity Collection - May 15** - Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children and adults, providing one-time help for food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses.

**Meditation/Centering Prayer**

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays  
**April 18** - 7:00 p.m.  
 In the church. All are welcome!



**Happy Mother's Day**

May God bless all the mothers in our parish and bestow on them his many blessings.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** In what way have I come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

**Child:** When do I feel closest to Jesus?

**Teen:** How do I recognize followers of Jesus?

**Congratulations** to our parishioners celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this month:

**George and Jean Longaberger**



**Memorial Day Mass**

**All Souls Catholic Cemetery**

May 30, 10:00 a.m., 4400 Cherry Ave.

Presider: Bishop Oscar Solis.

All are welcome!

**Bundle Sunday** - On **May 22**, the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here at 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive your donations. Bring **usable** clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc. They are in great need of all types of furniture and large appliances. Call them for free pick up of any heavy items, 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1. Remember, your contributions will be helping the needy.

**Together In Mission**

**We have made our goal in pledges!**

A big thank you to the **264** families who made a pledge to this archdiocesan campaign. We have **\$53,128** pledged toward our parish goal of **\$52,889**, and **\$36,674** already paid. Please be sure to make your pledge payments, and 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](http://www.lavocations.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary:** No class today, 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:** We will have a "fun night" in the hall on May 10.

**Early Childhood:** Our Early Childhood Sunday School Year 2010-2011 is complete. Happy Mother's Day! Parish Fair next weekend. Remember to purchase your presale tickets and to work your shift! Many hands make light work!

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

**Serra Retreat in Malibu** retreat opportunities:

**Deepening our Relationship with Jesus - June 3-5**

**Divorced & Separated Retreat - June 25-26**

For information or registration, call 310-456-6631 or see the website: [www.serraretreat.com](http://www.serraretreat.com).

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** Today's Gospel teaches that God's Messiah *had to suffer* before entering into the glory of his risen life. The failure to grasp both aspects, suffering and glory, led many to reject Jesus. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus represent those whose hopes were dashed. If they had understood all the prophecies, not merely those promising a glorious Messiah, they would have realized that Jesus' sufferings were necessary to God's plan. The disciples invite their companion to have supper with them, and in the breaking of the bread, a familiar gesture of Jesus, they finally recognize their Lord. He will likewise be present to future generations in broken bread. Because there is no need to see him physically, "he vanished from their sight."

**Life Focus:** \* What has been a disappointment in your life that turned out to be a blessing? \* *When one of your own dreams was shattered and all you could talk about was the loss, what helped you to see new possibilities?* \* Remember a time when you set your heart on something and were deeply disappointed. What helped you to make it through that difficult time? \* *Have you ever felt like a failure, or like you really made the wrong choice for your life? What helped you to open your eyes to new possibilities for your life?* \* Can you remember when everything happening around you told you that what you believed in was false? Were you able to keep on believing? What helped you? \* *What meal or gathering have you been part of that has meant something very special to you? Why?* \* Name a road in your life that was different than you expected and discuss what helped you walk that road. \* *Name a person who has helped you while you were on a difficult road in life and talk about what that person did or said that helped you.*



### From Deacon Don's Desk:

The two disciples meet a man on the Emmaus road. They explain to the man what had happened, how they hoped He would be the one to redeem Israel. The man says to them, "How foolish you are. How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke." They urged Him to stay with them since the day was almost over. At the meal He took bread, blessed & broke it and gave it to them. It was then that they recognized Him. Later, they recounted how He was made known to them in the **breaking of the bread**.

We are blessed to have over 70 students receiving their First Communion this weekend. How blessed are they to receive the Body of Christ, especially on Mother's Day.

As Fr. Jim proclaimed at the Easter Vigil: "Christ is risen!! This **bread** is now entrusted to us all."

Our challenge to all of us who will be approaching the altar and extending our hands to receive the **bread of life**: "Do not regard the Eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine; they are in fact the **body and blood** of the Lord, as He Himself declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith.".....Jerusalem Catechises

**OUR PRAYER:** God our Father, on this solemn octave of Easter, You give us the joy of recalling the rising of Christ to new life. May this solemn feast bring all who partake of this COMMUNION receive joy and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

### First Communion

First Communion takes place this weekend during 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses.

**Ministry Formation Course** for anyone seeking adult faith updating and enrichment, an essential step in developing ourselves as proclaimers of the message of Jesus. The course will fulfill basic requirements for certification as a catechist. Begins **May 17**, Tuesdays 7-10 p.m. and some Saturdays. For more information, please call our rel. ed office, 598-0519.

### Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment: **May 18** - St. Cyprian, Long Beach, 562-421-9487

### 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. Those entering 9th grade and older may sign up to be "teen helpers." The theme this year is "Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street, *Where Jesus Makes a Difference Every Day.*"

Registration forms are available in the religious ed. office, school office, and rectory. For further information, please call the religious ed. office, 598-0519



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat

God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

**May 23** - Regular meeting.

**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.

### All Souls Catholic Cemetery Information Night

**May 11, 7:00 p.m.** Planning for death is a very important part of our lives. One of the inevitable events in every person's life is our death. The financial costs incurred at the time of death can be a source of stress and added suffering at a difficult time for family and loved ones. The All Souls staff in Long Beach would offer assistance to the parishioners of our parish in pre-planning for the burial of a loved one. We will be hosting an information night to answer all your questions and provide you with information. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided.

### Our website name has changed

from [www.stjosephparishcommunity.com](http://www.stjosephparishcommunity.com) to [www.stjosephlb.org](http://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!

### St. Joseph High School

**18th Annual Golf Classic May 16**, Recreation Golf Course, 1:00 p.m. Please contact Dennis Blas 825-5073 x 162 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.

**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](mailto:ell@bradley.edu), 309-672-5878.

### Our 27<sup>th</sup> year at St. Joseph Parish

MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD

Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers, and especially those that also help Movement serve our needy families in Long Beach!



We are looking for a new chairman for Movement for a Better World, or chair-couple. We will train you gradually, call for details.

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. New ideas 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](http://www.stjosephlb.org/FairMain.htm) and sign up for a shift or two. Contact Wendy Gentry at

[gentryrb@aol.com](mailto:gentryrb@aol.com), 754-8546, or Phil Tondreault at [patondre@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Neton, 962-1280. VIP pkgs available!

**Fair hours:**

Friday	4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### 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](http://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.

### Avila Gardens

**Open House May 15, 11:30-3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a complimentary lunch, flute concert, tours and gifts. RSVP Sr. Shawn Pauline, 626-599-2214.

**First Annual "Sereni-Tea" May 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Elegant afternoon of tea and musical entertainment. \$15 per person. RSVP Sr. Shawn Pauline, 626-599-2214.

# Mass Intentions



**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

**MONDAY, May 9**

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**TUESDAY, May 10**

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**WEDNESDAY, May 11**

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**THURSDAY, May 12**

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**FRIDAY, May 13**

8:00 a.m. - † Pamela Morrison

**SATURDAY, May 14**

5:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**SUNDAY, May 15**

7:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

9:00 a.m. - † Melchor Atienza

10:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving Mass

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:

<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, 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, Johnson-Ziehl family & Christopherson-Ziehl family.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	594-7575
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

**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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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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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