

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2011

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a

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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:

The Baltimore Catechism asked the question, "Why did God make you?" The answer is, "God made me to know Him and love Him and serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in the next life." I've heard this interpreted to

mean that eventually we will be happy when we get to heaven, but for now we're only suppose to sacrifice and suffer and serve God - so just forget about being happy.

Well, that doesn't make much sense to me, because if we truly know God and love God and serve God, then we'll be among the most joyful people on earth. Jesus never said our life on earth is destined to be a joyless journey of sadness. We are not supposed to mope around here with sad expressions on our faces while we wait to go to heaven.

In this week's gospel reading Jesus said, referring to His followers, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Sure, Jesus was talking about eternal life in heaven, but He also was talking about having abundant life here on earth. We are supposed to have joy in this earthly journey, despite the struggles and the pain.

A lot of the suffering and pain here on earth can't be avoided. Illness, accidents, and tragedies happen without warning, bringing grief to people through no fault of their own, but sometimes much of the suffering we experience is our own doing. We can make ourselves miserable by our attitudes and actions. The most debilitating emotions we can have are anger, envy, and revenge. Jesus showed us that one way of dealing with our sufferings is by forgiving others. Remember His words, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

My hope for each of us is that we know more fully that when we forgive those who hurt us, we are not letting them off the hook as much as we are letting OURSELVES off the hook. It's not about them, it's about us. Rather than let anger and bitterness grow inside us like a cancer, we instead become filled with peace. When we avoid the green-eyed monster of envy, when we are satisfied with what we have rather than envious of what others have, life is much more enjoyable.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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

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



Knightly News

Congratulations to the children who joined the St. Joseph community at the Table of the Lord last weekend. We welcome you and held you in our hearts as you received your First Holy Communion. Thank you also to the many faithful catechists in the parish religious education program and the school for their dedication in preparing these precious children to receive this wonderful, life-giving sacrament. God's blessing upon each of you.

I hope everyone is enjoying the parish fair this weekend. Stop by the ice cream booth and say hi to some of your former teachers. We love talking to past students and hearing about all the fantastic things you are doing in high school, college and beyond. We enjoy hearing about your successes and also your challenges. Additionally, it gives us feedback on ways we might help better prepare our current students for their future high school experience.

FYI – St. Joseph School still has a few openings left in our 2011-2012 Kindergarten class. If you are looking for a great Catholic school education for your child, please give us a call at 596-6115. We would love to talk to you about the school.



Congratulations to Fr. Ford for his
62 years of priesthood!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What voices distract me from hearing Jesus' voice, and how might I overcome them?

Child: What will I do this week to show I am a Christian?

Teen: How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lead me and guide me in my life?

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
May 17 & 31 - 7:00 p.m.
In the church. All are welcome!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Parish Fair - this weekend! Classes take place today.

May Crowning and Ice Cream Social on May 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the hall. Parents please plan on attending. This will be the last class of the school year.

Early Childhood: Parish Fair today. Remember to work your shift this weekend!

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. 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

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, Early Childhood through Adult. Topics include: *Images of God, Scripture and Revelation, Jesus, Church, Sacrament, Liturgy, Morality, Social Justice, Prayer and Spirituality.* Begins **May 17**, Tuesdays 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. and some Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$50/person. For more info, please call our rel. ed office, 598-0519.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The image of God as Israel's shepherd was used over and over again in the Hebrew Scriptures. Jesus in John's Gospel uses this image when he describes himself as the Good Shepherd. When sheep were away from the sheepfold, they spent the night within a walled enclosure. The shepherd would lie down in the opening, thus becoming a gate to the enclosure. Moreover, sheep respond only to the voice of their own shepherd. Jesus explains more fully: He is the gate; he alone is the means of access to God. He is the good shepherd who calls followers to himself and leads them to God. He brings his flock not only security but life to the full, even now, in the life of the eternal God.

Life Focus: * When did you give guidance to someone that would lead them to follow the way of Christ? * *What are your qualities, strengths and weaknesses that help you or others to follow the Good Shepherd?* * In what ways have you responded to God's call during this last week (or month)? * *Relate an experience when you heard God's call and followed that call.* * Share your experience of God protecting you from false people. How did you hear the Master's voice?

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

This past week we have been reading the Acts of the Apostles. A comment was brought to my attention: St. Stephen, a deacon (and first martyr), has his martyrdom celebrated the day after Christmas **and** again in the third week of Easter. A martyr is a witness. Stephen is shown as a witness of the birth and death of our Lord (the beginning and end of human life).

I offer the following to reflect upon: There are two special moments each and every day, sunrise and sunset. We often take the midday for granted. At sunrise is when the sun appears its largest; it slowly extinguishes the stars. Look at it as it breaks on the horizon. Sometimes it appears twice as large as normal. Then at its setting, the light fades, a coolness sets in. As it retreats, it again appears larger than normal; it seems to pause briefly as it meets the horizon and it shows itself in **completeness**. It then relights the stars. Just as these are special moments in the day, so are birth and death special moments in the life of a human. People seem larger at these moments; we realize they are unique and made in the image of God.

OUR PRAYER: Father God, never let us take our neighbors for granted. Each one is special to You. You made each of us with Your special care **and** in Your image. Never let me underestimate the uniqueness of each person You have created. Amen.

**Memorial Day Mass****All Souls Catholic Cemetery**

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

Presider: Bishop Oscar Solis.

All are welcome!

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend - June 3-5

Widowed/divorced/separated Catholics are invited to move beyond their grief through the guided healing and growth process at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino. Registration and information: please contact Brenda, 818-352-5265, or email bela2011-30@hotmail.com. Cost: \$225 in advance.

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.



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 Bar-
bara, 430-5324.

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



Fair Hours

Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Avila Gardens

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.

St. Joseph High School

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. Con-
tact Ed Lamouteux ell@bradley.edu, 309-672-5878.

Camp Mariastella, a girls, ages 7-15, residential camp
in the San Gabriel mountains, is accepting applications to
have a really great week at summer camp. Young women
at least 17, can work as camp counselors. Nurses can
volunteer as well. Buses pick up in this area. Scholarship
assistance is available. Time at camp is the best experi-
ence you will have. Please call our office for information,
818-285-1555, or email at campmariastella@aol.com.

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

We are looking for a new chairman
for Movement for a Better World, or
chair-couple. Tremendous rewards!
Come to the last meeting of our year,
call for details.



POPCORN John says it is time to come to the **Faire/Luau Popcorn Booth.**

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

Diaper-a-Baby in June is coming soon! June 4 & 5 at
all Masses. Bring Diapers, large sizes and others to the
tables at all the doors. We are collecting for Catholic
Charities and New Life Beginnings in Long Beach.

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.

Bundle Sunday - Just a reminder! On **May 22**, the St.
Vincent de Paul truck will be here from 8:00 a.m. to
1:30 p.m. We need your support! Bring **usable** items that
will help needy individuals. Call for free pick up of any
heavy items, 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1.

**Safari Dance for Catholic Singles - May 27, 8 p.m.
to midnight** at Days Inn, 450 W. Pioneer, Glendale. Cas-
ual attire. Tickets \$18, all ages welcome. Please call 818-
759-1545 for info.

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

June 22 - Holy Innocents, Long Beach, 562-591-6924

June 29 - St. Gregory the Great, Whittier, 562-941-0115

**Did You Know? Monitoring Your Child's Text Mes-
sages** - Recent news reports included the story of a 35
year old man exchanging explicit text messages with a 14
year old girl. Being able to recognize text messaging
"meeting codes" can help parents be more effective moni-
tors of their child's safety. Meeting codes are used by
strangers to gain information about people they don't
know or to arrange a first meeting. They can be used be-
tween friends, but most are more commonly used in other
circumstances. For example, "S2R" means "Send to re-
ceive (pictures)," and "WYRN" means "What's your real
name?" A helpful tutorial for parents is located 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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, May 16**
 8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena
- TUESDAY, May 17**
 8:00 a.m. - † Michael & Irene Lynch
- WEDNESDAY, May 18**
 8:00 a.m. - † Fr. Thomas Devine
- THURSDAY, May 19**
 8:00 a.m. - Jake & Judy DeRuyter, anniversary
- FRIDAY, May 20**
 8:00 a.m. - † Ron Gilmore
- SATURDAY, May 21**
 5:00 p.m. - † Michael & Maymie Devine
- SUNDAY, May 22**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Mary Jane Thomas
 10:30 a.m. - Patrick & Dolores Devine, living
 12:30 p.m. - † Carmen Herrera

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, Johnson-Ziehl family & Christopherson-Ziehl family.

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