

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2011

I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

— John 14:6

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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:

In today's Gospel during his final discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus tells them of his imminent departure and he knows that they are disturbed. Jesus is about to leave them, but he knows that his death will result in victory. There is a heavy air of gloom and anxiety, as the enemies of Jesus close in around him.

At this point, he encourages his friends telling them not to be troubled in their hearts. He shares with them about the necessity to trust in God and in him. It is a call to total faith in the Father and in Jesus. He tells them that in his Father's house there are many dwelling places, where he and his faithful followers can be together.

The departure of Jesus is in order that he might prepare a place for us, a place where we will be eternally at home. We are all aware of the comfort, peace and quietness of being together with our families during happy times. Here Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the great assurance that he will be with us after his death and will give new life to us through our baptisms.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we remember that we too are called to have total faith in Jesus, knowing that a place has been prepared for each one of us in his Father's house.

Knightly News



In January 2011, Dr. Kevin Baxter, Superintendent of Catholic Elementary Schools for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, announced that the elementary schools would be moving to a 200 day school year beginning in August 2011. During these past 4 months, Fr. Jim and I have had numerous conversations regarding this extension. We have listened to parents, outside educators, and our own faculty before coming to the following mutual decision. As was stated at the parent meeting held on February 9, St. Joseph School will remain on the 180 day schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. After that, the school will move slowly to the 200 day school year by adding 5 days a year beginning with the 2012-2013 year. This will continue until 2015-2016 when the school will be at the full, extended school year of 200 days. Realistically we know that this is not a decision that will please everyone, but we feel that it is the best for our students. The expectation of the Archdiocese is that all parish schools implement the 200 day schedule. As part of the Archdiocesan Catholic School system, we feel it is important that St. Joseph Elementary School remains in compliance with the vision of the Department of Catholic Schools and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We will, of course, closely monitor the changes and their effects on academics, attaining educational standards, and standardized test scores. We continue to move forward with the vision of making St. Joseph School the best it can be with graduates that are ready and able for high school.

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Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Gilberto Cerna
Cass Warren
James Whitlock
Soledad Atienza**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

St. Joseph Church Parish Survey - 2011

Please fill out and return the enclosed survey or go to our website or online to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7CK9QD2> and fill out the survey there. Thank you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What is the way of life Jesus calls me to follow?

Child: What are some ways I can imitate Jesus when I am on the playground or on a sports team?

Teen: What works do I do in which others can see my faith in the resurrected Christ?



Memorial Day

Memorial Day Mass
All Souls Catholic Cemetery
 May 30, 10:00 a.m., 4400 Cherry Ave.
 Presider: Bishop Oscar Solis.
 All are welcome!

Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests

A special collection will be taken up on **May 29** to help the retired priests from the L. A. Archdiocese who have given so many years of service.

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: May Crowning and Ice Cream Social today 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: Our regular year runs September - April for ages 3, 4 and Kindergarten. Sign up NOW for the 2011-2012 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon, 598-0519, for more info. We want your family and little ones to know you are welcome and important members of our community. Join us!

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.* 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: Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' long speech at the Last Supper. When he announces his departure, the disciples are understandably sad, but he consoles them with warm words of hope. Through his death they will go to the Father. The central verse of this Gospel, when Jesus identifies himself as "the way, the truth, and the life," reveals Jesus not only as the "way" to the Father, but as the revelation of the Father. In his *humanity*, he reveals what God is like. Jesus' kindness, his compassion, his concern for the poor, his forgiveness of sinners help us to know the Father.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you did something for others because they valued and trusted you.

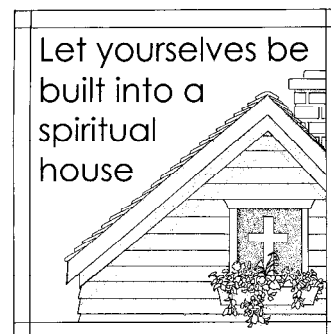
* *Describe an experience when you had to trust without knowing what would happen.* * Tell of an experience that showed a wavering of faith on your part. * *Describe a personal experience when you wanted someone to show you the way.* * Where is home for you? * *Where do you feel like a stranger? Why?*

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

God loves you, no ifs, ands, or buts!! Nothing can keep us from the love of God: Neither Avalanche, Tsunami, Arthritis, Lumbago, Incessant Euphemism nor "any other created thing will be able to separate you from the love of God." (Rom 8:39)

Feelings are fragile. Dr. Gerald Jampolsky wrote, "Everything we think or say or do reacts like a boomerang. When we send out judgment through criticism, anger, or attack-thoughts, they come back to us." He said, "I suggest you try one day this week to suspend all judgments, spend that day in acceptance and see how this scripture will be fulfilled in your hearing." But if you do run into negativism remember: Moses didn't say "I don't do rivers," Noah didn't say "I don't do arks," Mary Magdalene didn't say "I don't do feet" and Jesus didn't say "I don't do crosses"....God loves you just the way you are, but He wants you to be the best version of yourself.

OUR PRAYER: God, when You created mothers, You put Your heart in theirs. You gave them amazing love: Your love. Grant that their families honor them with the spirit of profound respect. Amen.

**Fully Alive Tour and Concert**

Joe Melendrez "The Rosary Rapper" will be performing here in the hall on Friday, **May 27**. Doors open at 7 p.m., all are welcome. Concert ends at 9 p.m. Admission is free, donations are graciously accepted. Refreshments available for purchase. Contact Melissa Beach in the Religious Ed. office, 598-0519, for questions. Hope to see you there!

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.

Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley Thursday, June 23, \$48 per person includes transportation, lunch at Home Town Buffet, admission to the library, driver tip, & water. Reservations taken at May 23 meeting - checks only, please.

Western Canada & Rocky Mountaineer Sep. 27-Oct. 6
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. Please call Rosie, 425-4162 or Barbara, 430-5324 for any trip questions. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your wedding was just one day in your life, but your marriage is forever. The weekend is a powerful experience for couples who believe that their Sacrament of Matrimony is a sign of love in a world

that hungers for stability and commitment. The next weekend is **July 22-24**. Early registration is highly recommended. For information, visit our website at: ilove-mypouse.org or call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335 or Brian & Denise Keckeisen, 461-7278.

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. Contact 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 experience 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! Call for details.



POPCORN John says: Thanks for all of the help serving popcorn at the Faire/Luau Popcorn Booth.

Thanks to all who came to the meeting. 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 - The St. Vincent de Paul truck is here today from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We need your support! Bring **usable** items that will help the needy. Call for free pick up of any heavy items including large appliances and furniture, 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1.

Adoration with Taize Prayer - Come rest awhile before the Blessed Sacrament in a contemplative atmosphere, **May 24, 7-8 p.m.**, St. Cornelius Church. For more information, please contact Sr. Kathleen, 496-3224.

Safari Dance for Catholic Singles - May 27, 8 p.m. to midnight at Days Inn, 450 W. Pioneer, Glendale. Casual 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:

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

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

Did You Know? Text Messaging: Know the Warning Signs - Monitoring your child's Internet browsing and cell phone use are important and challenging aspects of being a parent. In keeping track of your child's text messaging, with its dizzying array of coded abbreviations and symbols, there are some codes that every parent should keep his/her eyes open for. These are codes that kids use to warn others that their parents are around or that they use to talk about sex, drugs, or to arrange a meeting. For example, "KPC" means "keeping parents clueless," and "LMIRL" means "Lets meet in real life." 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 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
- MONDAY, May 23**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests
- TUESDAY, May 24**
 8:00 a.m. - Geraldine McWeeney, living
- WEDNESDAY, May 25**
 8:00 a.m. - † Charles Branch
- THURSDAY, May 26**
 8:00 a.m. - George & Jean Longaberger
 60th Wedding Anniversary
- FRIDAY, May 27**
 8:00 a.m. - † Krista Boyce
- SATURDAY, May 28**
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, May 29**
 7:30 a.m. - † Charles Branch
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - Patrick Devine, living
 12:30 p.m. - † Edgar Valenzuela

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, 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, John Convey, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, Chuck Dixon, Johnson-Ziehl family, Christopherson-Ziehl family & Dorothy Custer.

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- Ann Crowley 594-7575

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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tom & Pat Halliwell 799-0921
 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Greg & Beth Gath 377-5877
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 Olga Cuda 594-4657
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 BOY SCOUTS Tom Lane 496-4223

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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE