

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2011

I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.

— John 14:16-17

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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:

The Graduation Season is upon us. Our eighth graders, who are preparing to move on to high school, are full of enthusiasm. The basic attitude of most of our kids is a mixture of happiness, excitement, and unlimited potential. It is all very infectious. We see them and know that the world will progress as long as the young keep their enthusiasm for life. They give us hope. It's impossible for us to look at our kids, from our little ones on up, and give up on life. Life is beautiful. Most of our kids know that their dreams will come at the price of hard work, and they are ready for it. But their enthusiasm for life can dim unless our kids and all of us keep our focus on the reason for our hope, Jesus Christ.

How can we do this? With all the distractions in life, how do we keep our Christian focus? We do this by dedicating ourselves to truth. That is what the Gospel reading tells us. Usually when we think about truth, we consider it as simply not telling a lie. Well, that is not sufficient. Truth is more than the opposite of saying something that is false. Truth is the opposite of living a lie. Christ speaks about the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth. Truth gives us the ability to live an authentic life. When we focus in on ourselves, we are living a lie. When we focus on sacrificial love, we are living a genuine, true life. When we make self-gratification the goal of our lives we are living a lie, the lie that we can make ourselves happy. When we commit ourselves to the Lord, we are living the profound Truth that happiness comes from Him alone.

Today's readings speak about joy. There is the joy that the new Christians in Samaria had after Philip baptized them. There is the joy that St. Peter tells us is the reason for our hope. There is the joy that Jesus says comes from the Love of the Father.

We Christians are truly eternal optimists. We may be dying of cancer, we may be in difficult family situations, strained relationships, financially hurting, what have you, but no matter what the situation, we know that if we are true to Christ, He will always be the source of our joy.

St. Joseph Parish Survey - 2011

Please fill out and return the parish survey or go to our website or online to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7CK9QD2> and fill out the survey there. If you need a copy, you can pick one up in the back of church or at the rectory. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests

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

Meditation/Centering Prayer

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



Knightly News

St. Joseph Elementary is pleased to announce the graduation of our Kindergarten and Eighth Grade students. Kinderbration will be celebrated Wednesday, June 8, and the Eighth Graders will graduate Friday, June 3. Both events will take place at St. Joseph Church. We wish our Kindergartners and Eighth Graders God's Blessings as they enter this new phase of growth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20



Shane Cuda will be ordained a deacon on June 11. Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 12 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Joseph and at a reception in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome. Please keep Shane and Olga in your prayers.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What difficulties have I overcome because of my belief in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Child: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Teen: When are there times that I need the help of the Holy Spirit?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

James Amrhein



Memorial Day Mass

All Souls Catholic Cemetery

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

Presider: Bishop Oscar Solis.

All are welcome!

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

Thank You!: We are grateful to all of our catechists and other volunteers who dedicated themselves to sharing faith with our children this past school year. It has been a wonderful year!

RCIA for Children: The students in our RCIA Program will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, **June 5**, at the **10:30 a.m. Mass**. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this special day!

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.

Vacation Bible Camp

Registration forms are available for Vacation Bible Camp which will be **July 11-15** here at St. Joseph Church. We will be teaming up with staff from St. Cornelius and St. Maria Goretti to present a fun-filled experience with games, music, crafts and snacks. Sessions are from **9 a.m. to noon**.

Students entering **Kg. through Grade 8** are invited to register as campers. High school students are needed as aides and can receive credit for service hours. The fee is \$25 for one and \$15 for each additional family member (**if received by June 21**). Volunteer parents are also needed and there is free tuition for those who volunteer for all five days.

Please call the R.E. office, **598-0519**, for more information and registration forms. Forms are also available at the school and rectory.

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.

Congratulations to our fair opportunity drawing winners

\$1,000 **Shirley Harris**

\$500 **Charles Stevens**

\$100 **B. & C. Maney**

\$100 **Mr. Jack Paluska**

\$100 **T. Palomo**

\$100 **Laverne A. Kelly**

\$100 **Mary Vanderslice**

You are invited to attend a series of classes on **Natural Family Planning** taught by the Couple to Couple League. You will learn a method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. A new class series begins on Thursday, **June 2**. For more information call Greg and Beth Gath at 562-377-5877 or email at bethandgreg@verizon.net

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Sometimes we hear a sermon, homily, preaching and we walk away with nothing that resonated. Well, I heard one that challenged me: Over the past two weeks we hear St. Stephen (deacon martyr) appointed and then stoned. But what happened between that period? Here is your homework: Read Acts 6:8 - 7:53. Here you have the "Cliff Notes" or Readers Digest version of Genesis, parts of Wisdom, Exodus and Numbers all wrapped up for you. This is Stephen's discourse before his martyrdom.

Something to consider in your prayer time: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket that is fired signifies in the final sense a **theft** from those who hunger and are not fed and those that are cold and not clothed".
--Dwight D. Eisenhower.

FRUIT of SILENCE is PRAYER

FRUIT of PRAYER is FAITH

FRUIT of FAITH is LOVE

FRUIT of LOVE is SERVICE

FRUIT of SERVICE is PEACE --Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Include in your prayers for the next two weeks blessings for those who will be ordained to sacred priesthood and diaconate, especially, Shane Cuda. May God sustain him and his classmates (and don't forget the deacon wives who traveled with them the past five years).

OUR PRAYER: Lord, never let us judge others, it is You who judges justly. Send Your Spirit upon us and grant that we may see everything with Your eyes and act according to Your will. Amen

Beginning Experience Weekend - June 3-5

Widowed/divorced/separated Catholics invited to move beyond 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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus assures his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will be not only "with" them, but "within" them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God! For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when you felt left out, orphaned or abandoned. * *Relate an example in which an act of loving service brought about healing, excitement or rejoicing.* * Describe a situation in which you knew that God was present. What signs helped you to recognize God's presence?



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Thank you to all who helped work at the fair!

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.

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-myspouse.org or call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335 or Brian & Denise Keckeisen, 461-7278.

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? Know the 'Parent Warning Codes' -

Text messaging is an increasingly integral part of the way young people communicate with their friends. But like other forms of communication, it can expose children to outside threats and unwanted contacts, even from sexual predators. That's why it is important for parents to monitor their child's use of text messaging. Young people are aware of their parents' supervision and have developed text codes in response. These parent warning codes are codes that kids use to let whomever they are talking to know that it is not safe to talk. If you see these codes, you should instantly be suspicious. For example, "MOS" means "Mom over shoulder," and "PIR" means "Parent in room." 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.

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.



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.

Precious Life Shelter, in Los Alamitos, needs volunteers in their Thrift and Gift Store as sellers or sorters. Contact Tammy, 431-5025.

CalFresh: A Fresh Way to Save on Food Costs!

CalFresh, formerly known as Food Stamps, is a supplemental nutrition food benefit program available to help families and individuals purchase food. CalFresh benefits are not welfare. You can work and get benefits at the same time. The amount you can get depends on how much money you make, how many people are in your family, and your housing costs. Some immigrants can get benefits. Applying will not impact your application to become, or your status as, a permanent resident. Children of immigrants may be able to get CalFresh benefits even if their parents do not qualify. Senior citizens and others who receive Social Security may also be eligible to receive CalFresh benefits. For more information or an application, call **877-597-4777**, or visit www.ladpss.org.

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.

Camp Mariastella, a girls residential camp in the San Gabriel mountains, is accepting applications for a great week at summer camp. Women, at least 17, can work as counselors. Nurses can volunteer, too. Buses pick up in this area. Scholarships available. Time at camp is the best experience you will have. Please call for information, 818-285-1555, or email at campmariastella@aol.com.

Lost and Found - A lady's watch was found at the fair. Please call or come to the rectory office to identify.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, May 30**
8:00 a.m. - † Charles Branch
- TUESDAY, May 31**
8:00 a.m. - † Carmelo Del Rosario
- WEDNESDAY, June 1**
8:00 a.m. - † Andrew & Eve Devine & family, living
- THURSDAY, June 2**
8:00 a.m. - † Ceasar Oseguera
- FRIDAY, June 3**
8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Class of 2011
- SATURDAY, June 4**
5:00 p.m. - † Peggy Montello
- SUNDAY, June 5**
7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
9:00 a.m. - † James Halley
10:30 a.m. - † Frank Devine
12:30 p.m. - † Mary Fosnaugh

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:

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 Kohlen, 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, John, Spencer & Helen Baca, Ronald Willy, & Andy Troncale.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

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BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
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	Teri Traucht	
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Ann Crowley	594-7575
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE