

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



The Ascension of the Lord

June 5, 2011

He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

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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:

When Pope John Paul II died on the Saturday of Easter Week a few years ago the whole world was keeping vigil at his bedside. He attracted the world's attention by the power of his personality and by all of his travels across the globe. After twenty-six years and after all his international travels, the Pope was dying and the world came to his doorstep, to be with him.

The final days of John Paul's life were a witness to everything that he stood for, to everything he had preached so fervently through the years. Even his final illness, his weakness, became a sermon on suffering telling the whole world that every life and every stage of life is important and valued. On his last Easter Sunday, he was unable to speak words for an Easter message, so he stood at the window and read it silently, while someone else read the words out loud. Then he gave his final blessing to the city and to the world.

This final act was his personal witness to the truth of the Gospel that he wrote about in his encyclical letter "The Gospel of Life." In that letter John Paul had written, "The just man does not seek to be delivered from old age and its burdens... But, He accepts from God the need to die and he trusts in God."

John Paul did exactly that. And in so doing, he was a witness to the good news about life. What is the good news? Jesus Christ is the king of glory. He has conquered evil. He has conquered death. He has ascended to heaven. And where he has gone, we hope to follow.

This is the story of Jesus Christ. This is our story too.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-13; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



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.

If you would like to attend the ordination, there are a few tickets left, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests

Thank you to all who contributed to the special collection to help the retired priests from the L. A. Archdiocese who have given so many years of service.



Knightly News

Congratulations to our St. Joseph Elementary School 8th grade graduates:

St. Anthony High School: Tyler Bennett, Demi Nicholson, Olivia Payne, Amanda Penn-Francis, Remington Shahan, Kalyn Smith, Olivia Wallace

St. John Bosco High School: Michael Howard, Jackson Lehmar, Theo Madura

St. Joseph High School: Brenna Abeyta, Holly Bahadursingh, Megan Castro, Hannah Faris, Hannah Melvin, Isabella Nyquist, Christina San Nicolas, Briana Tetsch

Cornelia Connelly High School: Katelyn Mello

Milikan High School: Chris Brio, Codie Brodeur, Myra Casner, Sam Davis, Justin Padilla, Matthew Shea

Poly High School (Pace Program): Taylor Caceres, Christian Mesa

Poly High School (CIC Program): Aspen Sykes

Wilson High School: Amy Gallagher, Mick Meylor

Garr High School: Blake Azevedo

Huntington Beach High School: Jessica Nguyen

God bless you and be with you in high school.

Principal Hebestreit

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What simple steps can I take to remind myself that God is always with me and that I can always trust in God's guidance and love?

Child: How do I pray for others?

Teen: Do I realize that God knows me better than anyone else and is always close to help me?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

David Grout



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!

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

Registration: Registration for the **Fall 2011-12** school year will take place during the summer. Forms will be mailed in June to those who were in our programs last year and new families who have notified us that they would like to receive them. Fee is discounted for those who return paperwork by **July 15**. Please call if you would like to register your child for the upcoming year. Our **Sacrament Program** is a **two-year** program which usually starts at **Grade 1** level. Older children may join our RCIA for Children program.

RCIA for Children: The students in our RCIA Program will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time today at the **10:30 a.m. Mass**.

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

June 7 & 21 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church. All are welcome!

**Did You Know? What's Your Plan in the Event of an Emergency?**

Did you know that every Catholic school in the L. A. Archdiocese is required to have a written plan for emergency procedures? The plan must include provisions for fire, earthquake, disaster and evacuation drills and lock-down procedures that conform to local, state and county requirements. Each school's plan must be updated annually and made available to parents. Does your own family have a similar plan for what to do and where to gather in the event of an emergency? City and county disaster preparedness agencies are a good resource to use for making your own emergency plan. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Remember when it was called Ascension Thursday? Now you are dating yourself! Yeah, OK, I also remember. Some years ago Tina and I taught the pre-Baptism class. After some background introduction we would ask, "Why **do** we baptize?" We would get some interesting answers. Tina would then ask me, "Well, Don, why do we baptize?" Turning to the very last paragraph of Matthew's Gospel, I would read that passage. Jesus **told** us to! "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, til the end of the age."

In the sentence just prior it says, "when they saw Him, they worshiped, but they doubted." What did they doubt? That He was God? No, they 'worshiped Him'; maybe they doubted their own strength to carry out Jesus' mission? We are baptized into His family. We are now challenged to carry out that mission to be anointed as **PRIEST** (to be holy), **PROPHET** (to speak out for those who are unjustly criticized or oppressed) and **KING** (to protect the widow, orphan and marginalized). We begin by teaching and instructing our families by example and reaching out to our neighbor.

OUR PRAYER: Lord, You promised the Spirit to Your apostles, to make them Your witnesses to all people. By this same power of the Spirit strengthen our own witness and confirm our faith to do Your will. Amen

Congratulations to our parishioners celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month:

Joe & Fran Wheeler

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In Luke's view the glorification of Jesus ushered in a new era. Just as God formed a covenant community with the Jewish people at Sinai, so now he is about to form a new people on the anniversary of that event - Pentecost. Just as Luke told us that Jesus was "at prayer" when the Spirit descended upon him at his Baptism to give him power for his mission, so now the community is at prayer as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus entrusts to his followers the message God entrusted to him. Because it will not be easy to carry this message to a hostile world, Jesus prays in a special way for his disciples. He will live on in them, present to the world in a unique and special way.

Life Focus: * Think of two ways that help you get to know Jesus better. Who, what, when, where? * *How do you pray best? What do you need?* * Recall your earliest introductions to prayer. Who was the focal point of the prayer? How do your prayers differ today? * *Carrying the message to a hostile world will not be easy for the disciples. When were you happy that you completed some work that you really dreaded to start?* * Jesus is the Lord of my life. What difference does this make in the way I live my life?



St. Joseph's Heartbeat

God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

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. Seats still available. All are welcome.

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: love-mypouse.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

"YOUNG but not FORGOTTEN" - ALL are invited to join the F.A.I.T.H. Young Adult Ministry and Shining Faith Young Adult Choir for our Monthly Young Adult 1st Sunday Mass, Sunday, **June 5**, 5 p.m. Fr. Gus Taylor will be presiding. This will be a spiritual uplifting like none other. Come get fulfilled, anointed, inspired through Him.

Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1955 West Jefferson Blvd., L.A., 90018, 323.734.8888,

WWW.HOLYNAMEOFJESUS-LA.ORG

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Young Adult Ministry Movement

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.

Finishing our 27th Year

We are looking for a new chairman for Movement for a Better World, or chair-couple. Tremendous rewards! Call for details.



TODAY ! Diaper-a-Baby 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.

We will announce our end-of-year donations once all of the bills/receipts have been paid. Thanks to the NEW people for coming to our final scheduled meeting.

Read the BLUE Sheet. Call for a copy! We do a lot of wonderful things for OTHERS!

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

Father's Day Novena cards are in the church. Novena will start **June 16**.

Congratulations to our parish children who received their First Communion May 7 and 8:

Mia Bedell	Savannah Bedolla
Audrey Bierman	Chad Bierman
Sean Bierman	Jackie Bond
Lance Bostre	Leyton Bostre
Lauren Calvillo	Shelton Carpenter
Jacob Caspers	Emma Crofut
Brianna Daugherty	Tatiana Daugherty
Shea Dostalek	Emma Fahringer
Ava Faris	Connor Fellows
Raquel Garcia	Samantha Garcia
Tierney Gonneville	Monica Grubbs
Anartxa Guerrero	Louis Hardy
Joshua Hawman	Andrew Horn
Craig Howe	Drew Johnson
Connell Kane	Jack Kane
Paige Kaufmann	Hanna Kawamoto
Kate Kennelly	Amanda Killeen
Tyler Killeen	Micaela Ladjevic
Julia Landry	Maya Ledesma
Kate McCarthy	Liam McCarty
Liliana McCarty	Erin McGee
Jenevieve Mendoza	Sophia Miller
Sarah Moriel	Rachel Nessim
Alexia Ocampo	Jacob Organista
Natalia Osorio	Tommy O'Toole
James Pearce	Kyla Pittsey
Lola Powell	John Reinard
Roxanne Ruscio	Jack Ryan
Madelyn Shaheen	Camille Smith
Vincenzo Spina	Graeme Stage
Matthias Thellier	Alexandria vanDijs
Trista Velasco	Michael Weaver
Nena Weldon	Noah Wilcoxon
Anna Wilson	Ben Wilson
Ashley Wolfley	Ezekiel Wright
Alexi Zoolakis	

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, June 6**
8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Heiriges
- TUESDAY, June 7**
8:00 a.m. - † Charles Branch
- WEDNESDAY, June 8**
8:00 a.m. - † Mary Dondero
- THURSDAY, June 9**
8:00 a.m. - † Mary Dondero
- FRIDAY, June 10**
8:00 a.m. - † Mary Dondero
- SATURDAY, June 11**
5:00 p.m. - † Salvate and Botelho families
- SUNDAY, June 12**
7:30 a.m. - † Julia Dizon
9:00 a.m. - † Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Moler
10:30 a.m. - † Peggy Montello
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:

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

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www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
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