

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



The Most Holy Trinity

June 19, 2011

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

—John 3:16a

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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 Pastor's (New Deacon's) Desk:

Fr. Jim is away this week to attend a pastor's workshop at St. John's Seminary, so he allowed me to use his column to say a few words:

Last weekend we all celebrated the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. We also celebrated the ordination of a new deacon (and a new deacon wife) for St. Joseph Parish. All who were present at the Mass of Ordination at the Cathedral on Saturday, got to witness the awesome power of the Holy Spirit descend upon twenty-eight men and women of our local church here in Los Angeles. And no one had a better vantage point than I did.

I want to share with you a few of the special moments I recall from Saturday. Before I do though, I want you to know one thing about the process of becoming a deacon; it takes five years of intensive preparation by both the candidate and his wife - studying, praying, reflecting on the Word of God and ministering to those in need. At the beginning of the process each candidate feels unworthy to be there, and yet there is an expectation that by the end of the five years we will somehow be transformed and worthy of ordination. When we get to the end of the five-year process we have in fact been transformed, but the funny thing is, each of us feels far less worthy of the office of deacon than when we started. Somehow the bar is raised faster than we can grow!

That was how I felt when I was called up to the altar after the homily. The following dialogue ensued between Archbishop Gomez and our formation director: "Most Reverend Father, Holy Mother Church asks you to ordain this man, our brother, for service as a deacon." The bishop asks: "Do you judge him to be worthy?" The director answers: "After inquiry among the people of Christ and upon recommendation of those concerned with his training, I testify that he has been found worthy." Thank God I didn't have to respond at that moment because I was speechless. This dialogue may just as well have taken place before the throne of God himself.

A short time later I was lying face down at the altar as the Litany of the Saints was sung. Almost every name that was called had a special place in my heart: St. Joseph, St. Augustine, St. Francis, St. Teresa... I felt the connection to all of the people of our church who have gone before me, the communion of saints, like I never had before. When the litany ended, the Archbishop said this prayer: "Lord God, hear our petitions and give your help to this act of our ministry. We judge this man worthy to serve as deacon and we ask you to bless him and make him holy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

At that point, Archbishop Gomez called each of us by name to kneel before him. Placing his hands on our head he invoked the Holy Spirit. I wanted the moment to last, but it was over in a few seconds. In those precious seconds I thought about the apostolic tradition of our church, how it all began with Jesus who called some fishermen to follow him, how Peter and the other Apostles chose successors to carry on. I recalled the words of the first reading, "They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them." Acts 6:6 This tradition had continued uninterrupted for two-thousand years, passing through the hands of thousands of Popes and Bishops, until it finally reached me.

I was selected by my class beforehand to serve as the Deacon of the Altar after being ordained, which means I had the opportunity to assist Archbishop Gomez during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. That was a tremendous honor, and yet it wasn't even close to the honor that was to follow. There is a long-standing tradition that newly ordained clergy bless their family and friends immediately after their ordination. As soon as it was over, I blessed my wife Olga and then walked out onto the Cathedral plaza to greet the many loved ones and friends who had come. At one point I happened to look to my side and my father was standing before me. I had the great, great honor to bless the man who had given me life, the man who raised me and taught me how to be a man. It took everything I had to remain composed. I have never felt the presence of God more than I did in that moment.

Then on Sunday, the celebration continued as Olga and I got to celebrate our Mass of Thanksgiving with all of you, our spiritual family, the community of St. Joseph's. We can't say thank you enough to all of you that made Pentecost so special for us: to our music director and choir who provided the incredible music (and the lovely worship aids); to the environment ministry who decorated the church so beautifully for Pentecost; to the lectors and all of the ushers who served at the Mass; to all of the clergy who celebrated Mass with us; and to the Parish Council (and all of the volunteers they roped in) who put on the wonderful banquet that followed; and most of all to our wonderful pastor and shepherd, Fr. Jim. We also want to thank all of the parishioners who showered us with many beautiful gifts and well-wishes, and to everyone who came out to honor and congratulate us - Thank You !! Pentecost will never be 'just another feast day' for us. Veni Sanctus Spiritus - Come Holy Spirit!

Shane & Olga

A blessed and happy Father's Day to all our dads!

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How can the greatness of God's love direct my daily actions, words, and thoughts?

Child: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Teen: How do I choose to live as a more loving person?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Registration: Registration forms for the 2011-12 school year have been mailed to those in our programs last year and new families who have said 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.

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, **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. 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.

Teen Helpers Needed

You can receive service hours for helping at our Vacation Bible School. VBS is held July 11-15 from 9-11 a.m. each day, here at St. Joseph. There are two preparation days and one orientation day prior to the start of camp. Dates: June 22 & 29 at St. Cornelius at 9 a.m. and July 7 at St. Joseph from 9-11 a.m. You don't need to attend all the dates to participate. Join the fun and receive service hours! Contact the St. Joseph Rel. Ed office, 598-0519, to sign up. There is a \$5 fee for insurance.

Did You Know? Abuse Prevention Program Tops

100,000 Trained - Every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of L.A. is mandated to attend VIR-TUS training. The program is designed to prevent child sexual abuse by making adults aware of sexual abuse perpetrated by adults or other children. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse: Knowing the signs of an inappropriate relationship; Controlling access to children by carefully selecting adults who work with them; Monitoring all programs for safety; Being aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of the children; Communicating concerns to the appropriate persons. For more info, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office, 213-637-7227. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

A parishioner came up to me and said, "I miss your baseball stories." I have an important reflection but first an attention getter:

Father: "Son, I hear you skipped school to play baseball."

Son: "No I didn't, I have the fish to prove it!"

We have just ended the Easter season and with great joy you welcomed our newest deacon, Shane Cuda. He hit the ground running. He's going to have to show me how to light my charcoal and "fan the flames"!!

Here for your reflection: Through a Virgin You brought forth a new birth in our world; through Your MIRACLES, a new POWER, through Your SUFFERING a new PATIENCE, through Your RESURRECTION a new HOPE, in Your ASCENSION a new MAJESTY, through Your SPIRIT a new STRENGTH.

OUR PRAYER: Holy Spirit, may Your fruits of charity, joy, peace, calmness, kindness, generosity, long-suffering, patience, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity make us pleasing to you. We ask You this, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God true and living, for ever & ever. Amen.

St. Joseph Office/Rectory Summer Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. - noon

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - noon

If you need to reach Fr. Jim or the office staff after hours, please leave a message. Thank you!

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's second reading Paul calls the Corinthians to be a community united in Christ. He reminds them that the God to whom they have committed themselves is a God of *love*, who gave us his only Son. The love and the power that brings the Father and the Son together with each other is the Holy Spirit. The very Spirit of God is what brings us together as well - in the Church, in our families and in our small church community. In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is God's only Son, the one who has come from God. He is the means through whom salvation will be given. And this salvation that God confers is based on faith. Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God will be saved, while others will condemn themselves by their refusal to believe.

Life Focus: * How have you experienced the Spirit challenging and nudging you? * *Who are the saviors in your life? How are they Christ to you?* * What part of your personal world is hardest for you to love?

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

July 16 - St. Rose of Lima, Maywood, 323-562-4579

July 30 - St. John of God, Norwalk, 562-863-5721 ex. 222



St. Joseph's Heartbeat

God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

June 20 - Regular meeting.

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.

St. Joseph Senior Group: Join us for a trip to the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, \$48 per person includes transportation, admission, & lunch at Home Town Buffet, Thursday, **June 23**. Bus departs St. Joseph parking lot @ 10 a.m. & returns by 6 p.m. All are welcome. Call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324.

We are also going on a 10 day Western Canada & Rocky Mountaineer trip from Calgary to Vancouver & Victoria Island in September. Price includes round trip airfare from Los Angeles. Call for more information.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

**Rita Vock
Helen Belli
Ed Kollemeyer**



Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all, 21 years and older, to a bus trip to the Spotlight Casino in Indio on **July 20**. Cost per person \$35. Everyone will get \$35 of FREE slot play on arrival at casino. This is a 5 hour stay at casino. Back home at 6:30 p.m. same day. For more information, call Manny Veyra, 425-8811.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your wedding was just one day, but your marriage is forever. The weekend is a powerful experience for couples who believe 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 recommended. For info, visit our website at: lovemypouse.org or call Jacob & Sarah Flores, 923-7335 or Brian & Denise Keckeisen, 461-7278.

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.



Thank you for your donations to Diaper-a-Baby.

August - Food from the Heart.

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.

FIREWORKS = SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling "Safe and Sane Fireworks" to support our scholarship programs. Please visit the Knights stand in Lakewood, on Woodruff Ave., north of Carson, on the corner of Harvey Way, next to Wienerschnitzel, **July 1-4**, Friday - Monday, **9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Meditation/Centering Prayer

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

June 21 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church. All are welcome!



Peter's Pence Collection

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with funds to carry out his most important charitable works. Proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. The parish will send one check for all contributions. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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!

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, June 18**
5:00 p.m. - Father's Day Novena
- SUNDAY, June 19**
7:30 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living
9:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena
10:30 a.m. - † John Anselmo
12:30 p.m. - Donna Renkert, living
- MONDAY, June 20**
8:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena
- TUESDAY, June 21**
8:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena
- WEDNESDAY, June 22**
8:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena
- THURSDAY, June 23**
8:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena
- FRIDAY, June 24**
8:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena
- SATURDAY, June 25**
5:00 p.m. - † Gen Strong
- SUNDAY, June 26**
7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
9:00 a.m. - † Laurette Amrhein
10:30 a.m. - Joe & Fran Wheeler, 50th Anniversary
12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

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 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, 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, John, Spencer & Helen Baca, Dorothy Custer, Ronald Willy, Andy Troncale, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon & Bob Flynn.

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www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tom & Pat Halliwell 799-0921
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