

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2011

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

— *Matthew 11:28*

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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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 Fr. Jim:

The yoke of Christ isn't just a yoke from Christ but also a yoke with him. To take the yoke of Christ is to identify ourselves with him: our destiny with his destiny, our vision with his vision, and our mission with his mission. It is to know

that we are not pulling the yoke alone and by our power but together with Christ and by the strength that comes from him. It is to know that Jesus isn't just a teacher who gives you homework but also a friend who helps you do it.

There is a story of a man who had a dream. In the dream he was walking along a sandy beach with Jesus and they were replaying all the important moments of his life. The man noticed that for each scene there were two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him and the other to Jesus. But he also noticed that when they came to the most difficult and trying moments of his life there was only one set of footprints to be seen.

The man could not understand this, so he asked Jesus: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. Why is it then that during the most difficult periods of my life when I needed you the most you would leave me?" Jesus replied, "My child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the most difficult moments of your life, when you see only one set of footprints, those were the times I carried you."

We should never forget that we are yoked with Christ. To this end, it helps to start each day with a prayer like this: "Lord, help me to remember that there is no problem I am going to face today that you and I together cannot handle." This is how the yoke becomes easy and the burden light.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When have I been able to see God's blessing in a situation which is difficult? How can such experiences prepare me to face present troubles in my life?

Child: What burden do I need Jesus to help me carry?

Teen: How can I remember that God is with me not only when my life is easy, but when I struggle, not only when I am happy but when I am afraid?

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!

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.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

One Tuesday morning before 8 a.m. Mass, I was heartened to see so many people in the sanctuary kneeling before the Eucharistic presence. Our tabernacle is special and invites us all. We take that presence with us every time we receive Holy

Communion.

Last week we had the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of our Lord, a gift we too often take for granted. Remember in our youth we were taught to genuflect when we entered the church. We genuflected (now we bow) when we approached the altar of sacrifice. All of this was to acknowledge the Divine Presence and remind us of what we were about to receive. "Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest... For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

Tomorrow is the 4th of July. We celebrate our gift of freedom. Remember from where that freedom comes. "Live as free men yet without using your freedom as a cloak for evil... Live as servants of God." 1 Pet 2:16

"God has placed good and evil in our power and has given us full freedom of choice. He does not keep back the unwilling, but He embraces the willing." ...St. John Chrysostom

Our Prayer: Sovereign Lord, thank You for the great gift of freedom You have bestowed on us. Grant that we may always use that freedom to serve our neighbor and give You glory. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

Are You Being Called To Become A Deacon?

There will be an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program. If you are married, your wife is strongly encouraged to attend.

The Information Day will be held on **Sunday, July 31**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at **St. Jerome Parish**, 5550 Thornburn Street, Los Angeles, 90045 (310) 348-8212. If you have any questions about the upcoming meeting, please call the Diaconate Formation Office, (213) 637-7383.

St. Joseph Office/Rectory Summer Hours

(through August 28)

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!

Pro Life Corner - Priests for Life is taking the Gospel of Life to YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. Millions have watched the videos on YouTube.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Office Hours: Summer hours are Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Our office will be closed from **July 18 - Aug. 14**. You may leave a message on the answering machine as we will be checking for messages.

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. - 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 \$30 for one and \$20 for each additional family member. Volunteer parents are 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 is one orientation day prior to the start of camp, **July 7** at St. Joseph, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus praises God's goodness, which brings the truly humble into sharing in the love that joins the Father and the Son. Those who depend only on their own strength and knowledge will never understand God's wisdom and wonderful care. Jesus encourages his listeners to come to him if they are wearied by life. He will share their burdens and restore their sense of balance and peace. People must have the courage and humility to believe in the power of peace and gentleness over aggression and hard-heartedness.

Life Focus: * What are your childlike qualities? What makes it difficult for you to be childlike? * *How do you let life make you weary?* * Recall a time when you found peace by turning a certain "burden" over to Jesus.

* *Speak of how you were affected by a person who was strong in conviction but gentle in approach.*

Theology On Tap

If you are a young adult, married, single, dating, between the ages of 18-39 you are invited to join us for the 11th annual summer speaker series, Theology-on-Tap! Come meet other young adults for fun, networking, & opportunities to discuss & learn about current issues of faith.

Thursdays, St. Cornelius Church, 7-9 p.m.

July 7 - Spirituality for Service: Rooted in the Heart of Christ

July 14 - How to Pray a Film: Grace in Media

July 21 - Coming to an Adult Faith

July 28 - Finding God in All Things

For more info, please contact Christopher Galvan (cristobals77@gmail.com) or Lawrence Sanchez (lawrencesanchez@ca.rr.com). You can also check out our web page at <http://archdiocese.la/mya> for other days, times, topics and locations which are available.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

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

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

Did You Know? Five Tips for Safeguarding Children

The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse: Knowing the signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child; Controlling access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth; Monitoring all programs for safety of children and youth; Being aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children; Communicating concerns to the appropriate person in authority. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office, 213-637-7227. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat

God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

July 25 - Only meeting this month!

Western Canada & Rocky Mountaineer Sep. 27-Oct. 6

10 days, west from Calgary to Vancouver and 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 on a 10 day Western Canada and Rocky Mountaineer trip from Calgary to Vancouver and Victoria Island in September. Price includes round trip airfare from Los Angeles. Call for more information, Rosie, 425-4162 or Barbara, 430-5324.

All are welcome!

Spanish Meditation/Meditaciones en español

A group is forming for Spanish meditation. Please contact Belen Gonzalez, 461-7848.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

Second & Fourth Tuesdays

July 12 & 26 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church. All are welcome!



Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Benedict reach out to those in need. Your generosity will help to cast Christ's peace upon the world.



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

Finishing our 27th Year

THANK YOU for your donations to Diaper-a-Baby on June 4-5. We collected \$817.50 in cash to purchase more diapers, sizes 1-3, since we usually request larger diapers and received them, thank you! We also purchased Enfamil and baby wipes as requested by Catholic Charities. Food, diapers, wipes, lotions and bottles were also delivered to New Life Beginnings, near St. Anthony School, in Long Beach. When you see Cindy R., thank her for her work for MFBW.

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

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.



Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale on **July 10** after all Masses to help a young lady, Haley Butcher, who needs a bone marrow transplant. Please come take part and help her.

FIREWORKS = SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus will 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, through **July 4, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**



**Happy 4th
of
July!**

Wishing all a safe and happy celebration of our Independence Day. May we thank God each day for our freedom.

Don't Take a Vacation from Mass

When you go on vacation, do you take a vacation from Mass? Do you make the days of summer lazy by staying at home on Sunday? Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills the commandment to keep the Sabbath a holy day.

To find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call 410-676-6000 or visit www.parishesonline.com.

Bulletin Submissions - Both the July 17 and July 24 bulletins are going to be done on July 11. If you would like to submit anything for either of these bulletins, please have it to the rectory **by 1:00 p.m. on July 11**. Thanks!

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 2

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, July 3

7:30 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

9:00 a.m. - † Joseph T. Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - † Gen Strong

12:30 p.m. - † Mary Thomas

MONDAY, July 4

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Jane Thomas

TUESDAY, July 5

8:00 a.m. - † Virginia Amadore

WEDNESDAY, July 6

8:00 a.m. - † Charles Branch

THURSDAY, July 7

8:00 a.m. - † Maria Lan Dang

FRIDAY, July 8

8:00 a.m. - † Joseph Cao Pham

SATURDAY, July 9

5:00 p.m. - † Mary Dondero

SUNDAY, July 10

7:30 a.m. - † Joan Wilson

9:00 a.m. - † Antoinette Lavoie

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:

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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, 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, Kenneth Davis, Mary Lou Clark & Bob Flynn.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		
of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
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SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto	425-4834
	Teri Traucht	
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SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	221-8673
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE