

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2011

Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*

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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 Fr. Jim:

Today's readings conclude with several parables from Matthew's Gospel. One of them is the parable of the mustard seed. We are told that, "It is the smallest of all the seeds yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

And so we see that a tiny seed can become a strong, robust source of life. It may look small and insignificant, but combined with soil, water and sunlight, this seed can be transformed into something wonderful.

My hope for all of us is that we come to know more fully that it is our good intentions, our prayers and our actions that are the elements that nourish our longings to be the people that God created us to be. We are like that small mustard seed. And when we add a tiny kernel of faith to our prayers, actions and intentions, it is then that we realize our potential to become something magnificent in God's eyes.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In today's world what are the values and behaviors that might be considered "weeds" that grow up alongside the good seed of God's kingdom?

Child: What are the things that can keep me from being a friend of Jesus?

Teen: Where do I see seeds of faith in my culture? Where do I see weeds?

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!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Chuck Dixon
Saturnina Baiza



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

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



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Leftovers from last Sunday's homily. First of all, I do love the Dodgers, and the pitching machine and oil spill jokes were not to demean the Dodgers. They will come back in time. "Wait til next year" is their mantra. I do want to say to the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass congregation - God Bless you the good and faithful. Sometimes I feel as though I am "preaching to the choir"....tho I do not consider myself a preacher. Now, that said: remember, **the seed is in the Gospel!!** Follow these 3 steps: **#1 Mind** - Listen attentively to the **Word**. **#2 Treasure** the Word - welcome it in your **heart**. **#3 Put it into practice** through your **hands** (charity). Now visualize the sign of the Cross - forehead (mind), chest (heart), shoulders (hands). Now keep that in mind - Father, Son and Holy Spirit; they will help you till the soil and nurture it.

Bill Peatman had a reflection that caught my eye. His question was, "Are we hanging on to other interests and priorities in such a way that Jesus' words can't take root in our lives? If we are not growing spiritually, then maybe our own inner gardens need some tilling. The Good News is that God is not like us, planting seeds and then ignoring His crop until it's too late. He is eager to help us grow, to remove the rocks and untangle the messes we get into." We have the tools: Eucharist (Mass), reconciliation, prayer and sacraments. God's love is beyond our comprehension. We need to listen with our heart to His Word (Jesus). Let go and let God!!

OUR PRAYER: God our Father, Your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ Your Son. May we who follow Him reject what is contrary to the Gospel. We ask this through Christ, Your Son through the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Papal intentions for July:

That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients.

That the religious who work in mission territories may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

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.

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9 a.m. Mass for the months of July and August. This ministry will start again on Sunday, **September 11**.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to help in this ministry. A love of your faith and a desire to share your faith with children are the main requirements. Lessons are provided and you need to only be committed once a month (or more) to attending the 9 a.m. Mass. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve our parish children in this very rewarding ministry, please call the religious education office, **598-0519**.

**Women's Silent Retreat at
Sacred Heart Retreat House
September 9 - 11**

Theme - "For Greater Things You Were Born"

"We need no wings to go in search of God, but have only to find a place where we can be alone and look upon Him present within us." This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality, a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. But don't delay, make your reservation today, rooms are filling up fast. Call Madeline Majick, 596-6219, Tina Gath, 598-5202, or Marie Newton, 429-7939, to reserve a room.

Thank You!!

Cecilia Chostner would like to thank all the members of St. Joseph who came to the bake sale last Sunday to help Haley Butcher who is fighting pre-leukemia. With your help we raised \$1,670 and, more importantly, we registered 30 donors to the bone marrow registry.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus tells three parables that describe the kingdom of God. In the first we hear about a field where weeds and wheat grow together. It was difficult to tell the weeds apart from the wheat. To cut or pull the weeds while the wheat was growing would hurt the wheat. When the crop was full grown, however, the weeds could be pulled without endangering the wheat. In the Christian community, we find the same situation - good and bad grow together, and none of us is wise enough to weed out the bad without harming the good. God, the "Master of the Harvest," will make this judgment at the end of time. In the meantime, we must be nonjudgmental and practice patience.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when you found it difficult to be patient but doing so brought about a positive outcome. * *Relate an experience when you were glad that someone was patient and gave you additional time.* * When has a first impression of someone changed from "weed" to "wheat" for you? What would you have missed if you had not taken the time to understand the person more thoroughly?

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 21 - Coming to an Adult Faith

July 28 - Finding God in All Things

For more info, please contact Christopher Galvan (crisobals77@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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

Second & Fourth Tuesdays

July 26 - 7:00 p.m.

In the church. All are welcome!

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30;
 Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]



St. Joseph's Heartbeat

God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

July 25 - Only meeting this month!

Pala Casino trip, Thursday, Aug. 11: \$16 per person includes \$5 casino play, driver tip, chance for cash raffle on bus. All are welcome; join us for a day of fun. Invite your friends and family members. Must have valid state or federal photo ID. For more info or to sign up, call Rosie, 425-4162 or Barbara, 430-5324.

Western Canadian Rockies 9/27 thru 10/6: Call Rosie, 425-4162 or Barbara, 430-5324 for trip info. Call Betty, 596-8287 or Mary Lou, 431-4385 for group info.

Grief Support Group

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on **Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center (PAC) and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information, please call Olga, 594-4657 (rectory office), or Deacon Shane Cuda, 493-0541.

***At the Table* Saturday, July 30, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

An elegant evening of fine wines, education & food pairings, music & dancing at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, RPV. Enjoy an elegant dining experience, learning about fine wines from an expert and how matching them with the perfect foods will make both more delightful to the palate. Enjoy wines from the central coast provided by the Laetitia Vineyard & Winery, San Antonio Winery, Fratelli Perata Estate Family Winery, Le Vigne Winery and the Twilight Cellars (non-alcoholic options will be available). Our favorite local dance band "The Time Machine" will be on hand to delight our ears and feet! The music will play on all evening, for your listening pleasure while dining, then we will take to the dance floor to "trip the light fantastic." Choose from the many amazing items in our silent auction, participate in an exciting live auction and invest in opportunity drawing tickets to win prizes such as a beautiful queen-size handmade quilt, a retreat at Mary & Joseph and more. Join us for this festive night! Black tie optional.

The Evenings Events:

5 pm Mass with the Most Reverend Oscar Solis, celebrant

6 pm Hors d'oeuvre & Champagne with Silent Auction

7 pm Dinner & Wine Pairings

For reservations, call Irma at (310) 377-4867 ext 234.

Finishing our 27th Year

Food from the Heart:

August 6 - 7: Pick up **Food** coupon after Mass for non-perishable items;

August 13 - 14: Return **Food** items to Mass to the rectory garage. Food

from your **heart** to our neighbors. We need a family to handle **one** of these activities for us. Many hands make light work... and aid to our neighbors at the same time!

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

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.



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.



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

Did You Know? Always Keep an Up-to-Date Photo of Your Child

Picture this: A good photo could save a child's life. One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, please visit: www.missingkids.com. For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 16

5:00 p.m. - † Salvate and Botelho families

SUNDAY, July 17

7:30 a.m. - † Julie Uehlin

9:00 a.m. - † Thomas J. Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - † Lorenzo Acargen

12:30 p.m. - † Armado Calimquim

MONDAY, July 18

8:00 a.m. - † Charles Branch

TUESDAY, July 19

8:00 a.m. - † Gilberto Cerna

WEDNESDAY, July 20

8:00 a.m. - † Ramona Juvera

THURSDAY, July 21

8:00 a.m. - † Martha Aimone

FRIDAY, July 22

8:00 a.m. - † Jim Whitlock

SATURDAY, July 23

5:00 p.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living

SUNDAY, July 24

7:30 a.m. - Harriet and Terry Tibor, Anniversary

9:00 a.m. - † Katharine M. Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

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

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	Dana Moler

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562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Virginia Young	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
SUNDAY NURSERY		
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto	425-4834
	Teri Traucht	
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	594-4657
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
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
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE