

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2011

All things work for good for those who love God.

— *Romans 8:28a*

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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 invite us to ask ourselves an important question: What is the one desire of our life that, once found, will make all our other legitimate desires a reality? The gospel calls this ultimate desire of the human heart "the kingdom of God" or "the kingdom of heaven."

The kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. The one who finds the kingdom of God finds everything desirable besides. That's why it's compared to hidden treasure in a field that a man finds, then goes and sells all that he has and buys the field, or a precious pearl, which a merchant finds, then goes and sells everything he has and buys this one pearl.

In fact, these parables invite us not only to seek first the kingdom of God but also to seek only the kingdom, because with the kingdom of God comes every other good thing that we desire and long for.

Remember, the kingdom of God is not just one among so many other good and desirable things. It is the "summum bonum," the supreme good, the one and only good thing we shall ever need to achieve total satisfaction and fulfillment in life. If we have the kingdom of God we have everything, and if we don't have the kingdom of God we have nothing.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Sometimes decisions are a matter of choosing priorities. What kind of lifestyle changes would I need to make to focus more on things of eternal value?

Child: What good thing do I want so much that I would give up something else to get it?

Teen: As I begin owning things of my own, what is most valuable to me, and how will I balance that with the value of my faith?

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
 Mt 14:13-21



From Deacon Don's Desk:

Many years ago Pope John Paul II visited Lima, Peru. It is estimated that the crowd reached two million people. Rather than the greetings from the cardinal and president, two people from a poor town came forward to the mic. They were Viktor and Irene Charo. The crowd was quiet as they spoke: "Holy Father, we are hungry, sick, we have no work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. We hunger for bread." The crowd was quiet. The Pope spoke in Spanish: "You tell me you hunger for bread." "Yes, yes!" the millions replied. "You tell me you hunger for God." Again the crowd yelled, "Yes, yes!" The Pope said, "I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied." He then turned to the generals and wealthy politicians, many devout Catholics, and said, "I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back! It belongs to the poor."

St. Augustine, on the Eucharist, says that "the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity." He said that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

At every Mass Christ says, "Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you." The danger is that we think this gift is for us alone. St. Augustine tries to correct us. May we not just share with the poor from our excess but **give back** the food that is rightly theirs!

Our Prayer: Lord help me to spend this day for Your Glory and our neighbors' good. Amen.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Office Hours: Summer hours are Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Our office will be closed through **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**.

Meditation/Centering Prayer

Second & Fourth Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.

July 26

August 9 & 23

In the church. All are welcome!



“Marriage: An Antiquated Notion or Our Hope for the Future?” Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m. Holy Innocents Parish school hall, 2500 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach. In collaboration with the Archdiocese of L. A. Office of Justice and Peace, Catholics for the Common Good Institute welcomes CCG Chairman, Bill May, to provide a major address illuminating the marriage crisis and its corrosive effects on almost every family. May will report on the imminent threats to marriage and family caused by new legislation in Sacramento and throughout the nation. Admission is free. For more info call 310-634-9307 or email samantha@ccgaction.org.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The Gospel today speaks of true wisdom, a priceless treasure to be sought with all one's heart. In the first comparison Jesus uses, a man discovers a treasure that was so valuable that he “sold all he had and bought the field.” In the second comparison a pearl merchant discovers a pearl worth more than all his other possessions. Common to both stories is the marvel of discovering such a prize and giving everything to gain possession of it. The point of both parables is that gaining the treasure of God's saving love is worth any sacrifice.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when a decision you made seemed right or wise. Name a time when a decision you made seemed to be wrong or unwise. What made the difference in these decisions? * *Relate an experience when you were able to uncover a “hidden treasure.” What helped you to see its value?* * What in your life is most valuable to you? How do you find God present in that value? * *What are you willing to “pay” or “give up” in order to possess what is valuable to you?* * What about you could be described as being like the “pearl of great price”? What are the gifts that are uncovered by being related to each other as members of the same community?

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 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.

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'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



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**The kingdom
of heaven
is like
a treasure
buried in
a field**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

**God never asks about our ability or our inability -
just our availability.**

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send,
and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me.*
Isaiah 6:8

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

Did You Know? Get Involved in Parish Safety Programs - Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as all the children in the parish community. Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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.



The Music Department at Mount St. Mary's College presents the **2011 Concerto Competition for Young Artists**. The competition is open to student pianists and instrumentalists in grades 9 - 12, and welcomes singers in grades 10 - 12. The competition will be held Sept. 10 in Hannon Theater on Mount St. Mary's Chalon campus. There will be a grand prize of \$500. The application deadline is Aug. 25. Please visit <http://www.msmc.la.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/2011-concerto-competition-for-young-artists.asp> for guidelines and a link to the application form. Contact Abigail Grenon at agrenon@msmc.la.edu or 310-954-4451 for more information.

Calling all Saints! The Class of 1961 at St. Anthony High School, Long Beach, is celebrating its **50th Class Reunion**. The weekend of Sept. 23-25 is packed full of activities with the major event on Saturday at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Hopefully you have received your invitation in the mail, but if not please go to our website www.saints61.org or contact Karen Eckholdt Pickett 714-310-7856. Check the website often to see who will be joining the fun.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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.
- MONDAY, July 25**
 8:00 a.m. - † Gilberto Cerna
- TUESDAY, July 26**
 8:00 a.m. - † Jim Whitlock
- WEDNESDAY, July 27**
 8:00 a.m. - † Jim Whitlock
- THURSDAY, July 28**
 8:00 a.m. - † James Amrhein
- FRIDAY, July 29**
 8:00 a.m. - † Leonardo Kuro Hungria
- SATURDAY, July 30**
 5:00 p.m. - † Jeanette Rumery
- SUNDAY, July 31**
 7:30 a.m. - † Mary Dondero
 9:00 a.m. - Paul A. Lavoie, living
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 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, 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
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
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PTO PRESIDENT	Dana Moler

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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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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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