

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2011

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1a

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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 of Fr. Jim:

As the Body of Christ, we're called to recognize our blessedness, allow ourselves to be broken, and share ourselves with others. It sounds so simple. But it's not as easy when we try to put some flesh on it, and attempt to describe it in concrete terms. Two of the three seem pretty straightforward. We have some idea of what it means to be blessed. We know that we're blessed and we can see the hand of God at work in our experiences and in us. And the sharing part, well that's pretty straightforward also. We know what it means to be there for others, to help where we can. But the breaking part of discipleship, that's the tough one. What does it mean? How do we do it? What does it look like? I'd like to be able to give you one explanation that works for everyone. But that's not how it works.

No, the "breaking" that needs to happen in us is different for each person. Because what needs to be broken are those things that are impenetrable, solid, rigid, immovable, and resistant to the transformation God wants for each of us. There has to be chinks in our armor in order for God's love, mercy, and power to penetrate us.

What needs to be broken in you and in me? Unloving attitudes? An inability to forgive? Feelings of superiority? Walls of jealousy? An ego out of control? Resentment? A presumption that we're the center of the universe? What keeps us from living generous, other-centered lives? What keeps us from truly being Eucharist to one another? The miracle of the loaves and fishes may have happened a long time ago, but we can share in that miracle in so many ways and circumstances today. So many people need and deserve a break. My hope and prayer for each of us is that we allow God to "break" us, and help us transform the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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.



From Deacon Don's Desk:

It was after Tuesday morning Mass that I stayed and the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help began. I could not forget the prayer for families. I now share it with you:

Mother of Perpetual Help bless our families with your tender Motherly love. May the sacrament of Marriage bring husbands and wives ever closer together that they may always be faithful, and love each other as Christ loves us. Help all mothers and fathers to love and cherish the children God has entrusted to them. May they always be models of a truly Christian life. Help all children that they may love and respect their parents. Inspire all people to value Christian marriage and family life. Give us a sense of responsibility that we may do our part in making our homes havens of love and peace. Mary, our model, help every family grow daily in genuine love for God and neighbor so that justice and peace may flourish everywhere in the human family. Amen

Rest In Peace
 Died in Christ:

Joe Ainge
Barbara Paluska Masters
Stephanie Gentry
Estelle Minter



Life and Dignity Sunday - Follow Up

The California Catholic Conference is the staff office of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops. It is the official voice of the Catholic community in California's public policy arena.

Last spring, our parish participated in Life and Dignity Sunday, a campaign to register all archdiocesan parishioners into the online California Legislative Network. Hopefully everyone who filled out an enrollment card that weekend has now received their personal welcome and thank you from Bishop Oscar Solis.

California Legislative Network provides a wealth of information pertaining to Catholic social teaching, other related topics, and current events. By way of its Action Alerts, the service also provides information about pending legislation, and an extremely easy way to communicate your opinion to your specific legislators who are responsible for that legislation.

If you have not registered, or have not begun to receive e-mailed Action Alert notices from the California Legislative Network, please enroll by way of the Network's website, www.cacatholic.org. Once there, click "Join the Network." Questions? Either read the Network's FAQ (frequently asked questions) section or call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

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

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. 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**.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How does today's miracle story remind me of the Eucharist?

Child: How can I share with others this week?

Teen: How does Jesus offer me spiritual nourishment?

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus is mourning the death of John the Baptist. But even though he is troubled, Jesus is aware of the needs of those around him. Instead of focusing exclusively on his own needs and concerns, he reaches out to heal others and even to feed a great multitude. This miracle had Eucharistic implications for the early Christians. Moreover, he continues to feed the poor and the hungry through his Church. When the disciples suggested that he send the crowd away to "buy some food for themselves," Jesus tells them, "Give them something to eat yourselves." The Christian community is likewise commanded to feed the hungry in its midst. The Eucharist would be an empty ritual if it didn't motivate people to do what Jesus did.

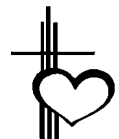
Life Focus: * Recall a time when you felt mournful, threatened or afraid, but the needs of others took priority. * *Recall a time when someone helped you in your time of need.* * Name a time when you helped another who was in material or spiritual need. * *What are people in your life hungry for?* * When have you given to another only to find yourself with more than you've given? * *Relate an experience when you received beyond what you ever hoped for.*

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.

Meditation/Centering Prayer
Second & Fourth Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
August 9 & 23

In the church. All are welcome!



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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Aug. 8 & 22 - Regular meetings.

Pala Casino trip, Thursday, Aug. 11: \$16 per person includes \$5 casino play, driver tip, chance for cash raffle on bus. All are welcome to 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. **Bus departs St. Joseph parking lot at 8 a.m.** and returns approximately 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

The family of Charles Dixon would like to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards, spiritual bouquets, and support during his illness and at the funeral. Your expressions of sympathy and love are gratefully acknowledged.

Natural Family Planning - You are invited to attend a series of classes taught by the Couple to Couple League to learn a method that is safe, effective and morally acceptable. Classes begin **August 18** at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, visit www.ccli.org, or contact Beth or Greg at 562-377-5877 or bethandgreg@verizon.net.

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

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Aug. 3 - St. Athanasius, Long Beach, 562-423-7986

Aug.13 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Los Angeles, 323-585-4485

Did You Know? Road to Priesthood Involves a Rigorous Formation Process

Seminary formation involves more than academic study. A candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John's Seminary, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit www.la-archdiocese.org and click on the "Vocations" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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 the 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... 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!

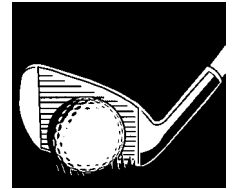
Thank you for your "SKIP-a-MEAL" donations. They support the Movement helping our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: John/Jan Minter, 430-5839.



Golfers!

We need you!

Precious Life Shelter's Annual Golf Tournament, **Sept. 21**, at the Navy Golf Course, Cypress. Tournament fees include green fees, cart, driving range, tee prizes and dinner. To sign up, volunteer, donate, or for questions, please call Amelia Nunez, 889-0380, email at amnunez@charter.net, or call Precious Life Shelter, 431-5025, or Don Gath, 498-6701.



Calling all incoming 3rd grade boys of St. Joseph Parish. The St. Joseph Cub Scout Bear Den has openings for this fall. An information session is being planned for next month. Members of Pack 120 do not have to attend St. Joseph School. For more information contact Pat Murach, den leader, 430-6805, email: blackberryrep@yahoo.com

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 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

MONDAY, August 1

8:00 a.m. - † Nick Liddi

TUESDAY, August 2

8:00 a.m. - † James Amrhein

WEDNESDAY, August 3

8:00 a.m. - † John Christie, Jr.

THURSDAY, August 4

8:00 a.m. - † David Grout

FRIDAY, August 5

8:00 a.m. - † David Grout

SATURDAY, August 6

5:00 p.m. - † Edward Dondero

SUNDAY, August 7

7:30 a.m. - Lily Dang, living

9:00 a.m. - Deacon Shane and Olga Cuda, living

10:30 a.m. - † Juana Centeno

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, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, Kennedy Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohlen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Ginny Kennebeck, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Dolores King, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, Johnson-Ziehl family, Christopher-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, Al Correa & Joanna Springer.

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	Michele Grubbs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

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CONFIRMATION	Virginia Young	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	425-7811
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
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	www.stjosephlb.org	
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Malgie	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