

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2011

Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

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**Deacon Shane Cuda**

**Deacon Don Gath**

**Deacon Tom Halliwell**

**RECTORY: 594-4657 Fax: 431-7424**

**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](http://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:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

**MARRIAGE:** An appointment with priest/deacon a minimum of six months in advance is required.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** In the event of a serious illness, please call the rectory.

*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:**

Today we're told in the first reading that God didn't speak to Elijah through great signs of strength and power, but in a soft whisper of the gentle wind, in the midst of the ordinary and the common. We seek miracles, but most of the time we only find our normal lives. And like Peter in the Gospel, when we find ourselves before the powerful presence of God during our daily struggles, we believe we can't do it. Just like Peter we too can have doubts. We stop thinking about the opportunities to find God in our daily life, which is filled with extraordinary moments of his grace.

"Why did you doubt?" Jesus is asking us, just as he did with Peter. With God we can perform extraordinary things, but the most beautiful thing of all is that we are able to do ordinary things extraordinarily well. Our doubts, our lack of belief, will not lead us toward success. We can continue dreaming about all our aspirations, even walking on water, but our ability to attain them can fail if we don't recognize that our God is always with us, stretching out his hand, and calling us to go with him. Listening to God in the midst of our daily work can seem like something really simple, but in reality it is the most difficult part. It is like walking on water.



**From Deacon Don's Desk:**

Leftovers from last week's homily:  
The old saying goes: "If you feel distant from God, guess who moved?" In the past few weeks we have heard at least seven parables. Remember: "The seed is in the Gospel." Did you find a seed or a kernel that resonated with you? We often leave the Church and are distracted by the world around us. We have been fed and somehow forget that reading, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." We may have focused on the miracle of the loaves and fish (I noticed that Jesus did not 'break' the fish!), but did we miss the underlying image: the prefiguring of the Eucharist? The action of breaking of bread makes the connection with Eucharist, our Mass. The feeding of the crowd is what it is all about.

Fr Richard says, "Eucharist would be an empty ritual if it did not motivate us to do what Jesus did. The problem is when we look around we see some of us have so much while others have nothing. If this reality does not move us to a change of heart and proper action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and fish, that God's goodness is not intended for a few." Our Baptism calls us to be servants **not** to be served. We are called to proclaim but more important to **practice**.

Some people may say, "How could God allow such poverty?" The question may cause us to be distant or move away from God. The right question to ask is, "**Guess who has moved away from whom?**"

OUR PRAYER: Almighty and ever-loving God, Your Spirit made us Your children, confident to call You Father. Increase Your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance. Grant to those who have died the glory of resurrection, and give us a share in their happiness. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

*Rest in Peace*

*Died in Christ:*

**Ruby Neton  
Dolores King  
Marie Bielman**



**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is **not** a holy day of obligation this year as it falls on a Monday. The only Mass on Aug. 15 will be at 8:00 a.m.

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

**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!

**Little Sisters of the Poor** will be visiting our parish next weekend, giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry to the elderly poor. The Little Sisters conduct the Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro, and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like ourselves. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof,  
Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://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 Sunday:** We will be accepting registration for new and returning students on Sunday, **August 28**, in the Parish Activity Center after the **9:00 and 10:30 a.m.** Masses. Registration forms have been mailed to those who were in our programs last year and new families who have notified us that they would like to receive registration materials. Please return these forms to our office as soon as possible. If you would like additional information, please call our office.

**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.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** When life seems tough and I am afraid, how will I turn to Christ with trust?

**Child:** What helps me keep trying even when I am afraid?

**Teen:** When have I allowed fear to prevent me from speaking the truth or acting to promote goodness?

**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.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Part of the purpose for this Gospel passage was to encourage the community. This account was written fifty years after the Resurrection event. Matthew's audience is suffering opposition, rejection, even persecution. They are beginning to worry that the risen Lord has abandoned them as well. Here Jesus reassures his followers, telling them not to be afraid. Matthew gives special attention to Peter's attempt to walk on water. Peter often acted impulsively. He came to realize his weakness and his need to rely on the Lord for help. Matthew hopes his listeners will come to the same recognition.

**Life Focus:** \* When has fear overcome trust in your life? \* *Relate an experience when you trusted at first but later began to lose faith.* \* Where do you find courage in your life?

**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**.

**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.

**Social Justice Conference - "Empowering, Affirming and Engaging Parish Communities"**  
**Saturday, Aug. 20, St. Cyprian Church, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Social Justice Committee of the San Pedro Regional Pastoral Council is organizing a symposium in pursuit of the Synod Initiative to build a strong social justice dimension and raise the consciousness of every parishioner about the Social Teachings of the Church as an important component of our evangelizing mission. Please RSVP by either calling Angelic at 634-0456, or emailing [anunez@sppr.org](mailto:anunez@sppr.org). Fee is \$10 for lunch and refreshments. Send checks payable to **Regional Ministries**, 3555 St. Pancratius Place, Lakewood, CA 90712.



## 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.

**Gambler's Delight** - The Knights of Columbus invite all parish members 21 years and older to a five hour trip to the Barona Resort and Casino near San Diego on Wednesday, **Sept. 21**. Cost is \$15 per person. \$5 free play and 20% discount at the buffet. Call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811, for complete information.

**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](http://www.ccli.org), or contact Beth or Greg at 562-377-5877 or [bethandgreg@verizon.net](mailto:bethandgreg@verizon.net).

### **Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

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

**Sept. 14** - St. Bartholomew, Long Beach, 562-438-3826

**Sept. 21** - St. Francis Xavier, Pico Rivera, 562-699-8526

**Did You Know? Bullying is a Form of Abuse** - Did you know that bullying is a form of abuse, and therefore is forbidden in our Catholic schools? Bullying typically consists of direct behaviors, such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, shoving and stealing. But it might also be indirect, such as spreading rumors that cause victims to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion. Cyberbullying, which involves the use of the Internet or mobile phones to send inappropriate messages and images to or about others, is also behavior that is not tolerated in our Catholic schools. If you suspect bullying of a child at school, please contact the school principal with your concerns. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

### **Finishing our 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

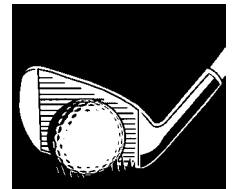
Thank you for your "SKIP-a-MEAL" donations. They support the Movement helping our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: John/Jan Minter, 430-5839.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.saints61.org) or contact Karen Eckholdt Pickett 714-310-7856. Check the website often to see who will be joining the fun.

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Treasure Hunt Thrift Store, 1178 E. Anaheim, Long Beach, which benefits New Life Beginnings mother's home, is looking for adults and teens to commit to one shift a week, Tuesday - Saturday. Contact: 590-1538 or email at [nlbtreasurehunt@aol.com](mailto:nlbtreasurehunt@aol.com), website: [www.newlb.org](http://www.newlb.org).

# Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 8**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Rosemary Murray
- TUESDAY, August 9**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Faye Welter
- WEDNESDAY, August 10**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Chuck Dixon
- THURSDAY, August 11**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Douglas Willoughby
- FRIDAY, August 12**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Stella Congdon
- SATURDAY, August 13**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families
- SUNDAY, August 14**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Dick Koccevar  
 9:00 a.m. - † Fortunato Constantino  
 10:30 a.m. - † John Fortier  
 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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>        |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>         |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>          |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Adam Mariano</b>        |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b> | <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>    |
| <b>David Waidelich</b>  | <b>William G. Ouimette</b> |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    | <b>Patrick Rea</b>         |
| <b>Patrick Murphy</b>   | <b>Michael Marchante</b>   |
| <b>Jason Kaufmann</b>   | <b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>      |

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 Kohonen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Ginny Kennebeck, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, Johnson-Ziehl family, Christopherson-Ziehl family, John, Spencer & Helen Baca, Dorothy Custer, Ronald Willy, Andy Troncale, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, Kenneth Davis, Mary Lou Clark, Bob Flynn, Al Correa, Joanna Springer, Nicolas Ramirez & Mary Harding.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

## 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

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

## ADULT MINISTRY

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

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	<b>594-7575</b>
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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	<b>425-7811</b>
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	<b>430-0142</b>
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	<b>799-0660</b>
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	<b>430-5839</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	<b>596-8287</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b>
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

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