

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2011

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— *Romans 12:2*

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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 noon

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: 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:

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his followers about some serious hardships that are going to happen to him. When Jesus tells his followers that he is going to suffer, die and rise again, Peter's response is swift: God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall


ever happen to you.

Jesus tells Peter, Get behind me Satan. You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does but as human beings do. Peter responds to Jesus in the way you or I probably would. If someone that I loved told me that they were going to suffer and die, I would immediately do anything to help my friend.

This as Jesus points out is the way we humans think, but it is not the way the kingdom of God operates. While we are not told to seek out suffering in our lives, we are told that in the case of Jesus Christ, suffering turned out to be a doorway to redemption.

Part of our task as followers of Jesus Christ is to understand when to resist and when to embrace the hardships that come our way. Perhaps we will only be able to appreciate the redemptive value of suffering in hindsight. That seems most likely in my case. I can't quite imagine me welcoming misfortune. And we are certainly not called to sit back and be complacent when we see the suffering of the poor and the helpless among us.

My hope is that when it comes to responding to our own hardships or to the hardships of those around us, that we come to a fuller understanding that we are called to think like God does, and not as human beings do and that we always respond with love.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, September 1, 6-8 pm

Catechetical Corner
Who is doing the work of translation?



The process of translating liturgical texts from the original Latin is a consultative work done by several groups. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) prepares English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the other member conferences receive draft translations of each text and have the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions to ICEL. The ICEL proposes a second draft, which each conference approves and submits to the Vatican for final approval. Each conference reserves the right to amend or modify a particular text.

At the Vatican, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments examines the translated texts, offers authoritative approval (*recognitio*) of the texts, and grants permission for their use. Currently the Congregation is aided by the recommendations of Vox Clara, a special committee of bishops and consultants from English-speaking countries. The translation and review process is guided by the guidelines in *Liturgiam Authenticam*, issued in 2001, an instruction from the Congregation that outlines the principles and rules for liturgical translation. In 2007, the Congregation also issued a *ratio* outlining the specific rules for translation in English.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What have I discovered through my own crosses?
Child: When is it difficult to follow Jesus?
Teen: For what difficulty or cross will I ask God's help?

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

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

John Wiltgen
Dean Munson
Tom Steves



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.

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 - One way to help the cause for Life is to donate a used car, truck or other vehicle. It may make you eligible for a tax deduction. Call 1-800-924-2490.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

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.

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.

A meeting will be held on Thursday, **Sept. 1** at **7 p.m.** in the PAC for all returning catechists and anyone else who would like to find out more about this ministry. Please call the religious education office, **598-0519** for information.

Virtus Training & Re-Certification

The Virtus child sexual abuse prevention training will be held on Tuesday, **Sept. 13**, from **7-10 p.m.** in the hall. This training is mandated by the Archdiocese for all those who will be working with children of the school or parish. Please register online at virtusonline.org if you wish to attend.

Those who completed the three-hour training **before 2007** must be **re-certified** by attending the "Keeping the Promise Alive" workshop or through the Virtus website. This workshop will be offered on Wednesday, **Sept. 14**, from **7-8:30 p.m.** in the hall. Please call the Religious Education Office, 598-0519, to reserve your spot.

These trainings will also be offered at St. Cornelius as follows: Virtus - Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m. and re-certification: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Please call our Religious Education office for details on registering.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

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

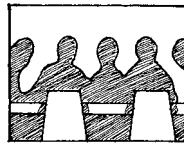


From Deacon Don's Desk:

Did you know? As you walk up the steps to the building that houses the U.S. Supreme Court, you will see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers each facing one in the middle who faces forward - it is Moses and he's holding the ten commandments. As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, two huge oak doors have the ten commandments engraved on them. As you sit inside, the wall right above where the justices sit is a display of the ten commandments. Patrick Henry, patriot and founding father said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter is rebuked by Jesus and calls him a stumbling block because Peter does not want Jesus to suffer and die at the hands of the elders and scribes. Peter does not listen fully when Jesus says he must die and rise on the third day. This Gospel says we're called to take up our cross and "follow Me." A follower of Christ does not focus on oneself but reaches outward. Life is full of temptations, it happens every day. When it does say, "Get behind me Satan!" That is an appeal worth remembering. "The Son of Man will come with his angels, in His Father's glory and repay all according to his conduct." (Mt 16:27)

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, make me realize the Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's action that freed us of our sins. Help us to participate devoutly every time and obtain the grace to avoid sin. Amen.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

REGULAR RCIA MEETINGS begin

Wednesday, **September 7** for everyone who is continuing in the Adult Initiation

process, or for anyone who is considering becoming Catholic. The Adult Initiation sessions will meet every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the PAC. Please call Peter Baine, 598-4130, if you are interested in learning more about our Adult Initiation process. You are also welcome to drop in on one of our regular Wednesday gatherings to learn more.

WHO IS THE RCIA FOR? The RCIA Process is designed for adults 18 years and older who fall within the following criteria:

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those who have been baptized in other Christian faiths.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation and First Communion.

"Jesus is Lord"

New Bible Classes - Sept. 13, Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. or Sept. 15, Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

The Book of Psalms - The Church always considered the Psalms her most perfect prayer book. The Psalms contain in themselves all of the Old Testament and New Testament, the whole mystery of Christ.

When we pray Psalms we deal with our human emotions, glad, sad, mad, scared, anxious, confused, hurt, all our problems with God, Himself. Direct line to God!

Information: Rita Smith, 714-761-4376, 562-533-1243



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Sept. 12 & 26 - Regular meetings.

For trip info call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324.
Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Music Ministry Update

10:30 Choir: Looking for something new? It's time to realize your interest in joining the choir. You may be amazed at how fulfilling this experience is! We are seeking new members to complement existing group. Must be able to sing on pitch. All other skills are taught. All are welcome (teens and adults). Rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church.

Children's Choir: Attention all children entering grades two through five, it's time to prepare for choir/drama rehearsals. Following some of the teachings of Hildegard de Bingen, this group's mission is to mix music, drama, visual art, and dance for an enriched liturgical experience. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Rehearsals will resume Sat. morns, 8-9:15 a.m. Parent meeting/Registration/Voice Placement September 17, first rehearsal September 24.

Youth Ensemble: Youth entering grades 6 - 12 are welcome to enjoin their singing/instrumental skills to provide music at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Practice at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

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.

Did You Know? Teach Kids to Protect Themselves at

Home - We consider our homes to be safe for our children. Being home alone can pose risks. Here are tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe at home: Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone, and take a message. For more tips, please visit www.kidsafe.com. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Finishing our 27th Year

We welcome Tim Clark to MFBW Chairmanship!

This fall starts our 28th year. Please join us for our first meeting, Wednesday, **Sept. 14**, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Thank you for the donations to Food from the Heart. Truly it was Food from your HEART to our neighbors.

We need a family to handle ONE of our activities for us. Many hands make light work... and aid to our neighbors at the same time! Call for a list.

Read the BLUE Sheet. Call for a copy! We do a lot of wonderful things for OTHERS!

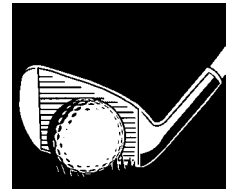
Thank you for your "SKIP-a-MEAL" donations. They support the Movement helping our needy brothers/sisters in Long Beach! Call: Tim Clark 562-431-4385.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to the tragedy in Africa. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Africa Drought Response Collection.

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 am-nunezz@charter.net, or call Precious Life Shelter, 431-5025, or Don Gath, 498-6701.



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Right after Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells of his coming suffering and death. Jesus makes it clear that he is not a powerful military and political leader. For Jesus, the Messiah was not someone to raise Israel to a high place. In fact, Jesus would be rejected by powerful people in both religious and political circles. To further emphasize his message, Jesus continues with the demand of discipleship - selfless love, even if it leads to death, because through the cross comes the glory of resurrection. The reading ends with a bright promise of what lies ahead for those who take Jesus seriously.

Life Focus: * What does it mean to you to deny yourself? To take up your cross? To follow Christ? * *Describe an experience when what seemed to be bad news turned out to be good news.*

Meditation/Centering Prayer
Second & Fourth Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
September 13 & 27

In the church. All are welcome!



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, August 27
 5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, August 28
 7:30 a.m. - † Mary Schmitt
 9:00 a.m. - † Catherine Garipay
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † Phil Pryor

MONDAY, August 29
 8:00 a.m. - † Genevieve Strong

TUESDAY, August 30
 8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Master

WEDNESDAY, August 31
 8:00 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

THURSDAY, September 1
 8:00 a.m. - Lois Kearney, living

FRIDAY, September 2
 8:00 a.m. - † Chuck Dixon

SATURDAY, September 3
 5:00 p.m. - John & Donna Halligan, 50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, September 4
 7:30 a.m. - † Chuck Dixon
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Stephanie Hover
 12:30 p.m. - † Harry Kazane

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:

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
Jason Kaufmann	Nicky Kaufmann

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 Kohnen, 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, Tim Ginnett, Lois Kearney & Gary Skrehot.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
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DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Avian 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	Melissa Beach	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	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	594-4657
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofa.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