

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2011

If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.
— Matthew 18:19

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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:

The time is quickly approaching when the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal takes place. It occurs on the First Sunday of Advent this year, which is on November 27.

The Vatican and our Archdiocese has issued a statement recently that allows those prayers and responses that are usually sung at the Sunday liturgy (the Gloria and the Holy, Holy, Holy) to be used beginning in September. In order to help ourselves familiarize ourselves with the new translation we will start praying these revised prayers beginning with the weekend of September 10-11.

We will have worship aids in the pews with these revised prayers to help us during this transition. During the weekends of September we will recite the Gloria and the Holy, Holy, Holy, in order to become familiar with the words. Then, beginning in October we will begin to learn to sing these prayers.

My hope and prayer for each of us as we enter into this new period of transition in our Liturgy is that our love of God and our sense of gratitude are deepened through our worship and praise.

Catechetical Sunday - Sept. 18 - This year's theme is "Do this in Memory of Me." Special recognition of those who serve our parish community as catechists will take place at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. Please remember our catechists in your prayers as they share their gifts and faith with our children, teens and adults.

Bundle Sunday - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donated items on **Sept. 18** in the church parking lot. Your donations will either be given to the needy or sold in their Thrift Store to support their charitable activities.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Joseph Pilarczyk



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



Knightly News

WE'RE BACK! St. Joseph Elementary School is back in session! School started on August 29 with a little over 290 eager, young scholars ready for action. The entire faculty also returned ready to begin a new year of facilitating student learning and to continue helping parents instill Catholic morals and values in their children. This is also the year of our WCEA/WASC accreditation visit. In February a group of 5-7 educators will be visiting St. Joseph School to verify the findings we have written in our self-study book. This self-study book is something the faculty has been working very hard on since the beginning of last year. The team will then make a recommendation to WCEA/WASC for a term of accreditation. St. Joseph School has consistently received six year accreditations in the past and I do not anticipate anything other than that this time around either.

If you have been out in the hall in the senior building recently either before or after Mass, I hope you noticed the new color on the walls. These colors just seem to brighten up the whole place and give us a fresh, new perspective as we begin anew. I hope you like it as much as I do! Please pray for us as this new school year begins.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I help those close to me to grow in their faith?

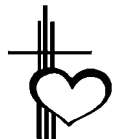
Child: How can I help another person do the right thing?

Teen: How have I been able to follow Jesus more closely because others patiently loved me?

Memorial Mass for Joe Ainge will be **Sept. 12** at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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

In the church. All are welcome!



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.

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: Classes begin **September 25!** If you have not yet registered your child, please call the religious education office to receive your registration materials. We are currently placing students in their sessions and ordering materials in preparation for the first day.

Catechist orientation meeting on **September 11**, 10 a.m.

Middle School: Classes begin **October 4**, from 7 - 8 p.m. Don't miss out on this faith enriching & fun-filled program and new events for our middle school students. Be watching the bulletin for more important info. Sign up now!!

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.

Confirmation News - Year I & II registration packets have been mailed out. If you are interested in signing up and have not received a packet, please contact the Religious Education office, 598-0519.

Important Dates:

Year II parent meeting **Sept. 12**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

Year I parent meeting **Sept. 26**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

Year I & II sponsor workshop **Oct. 10**, 7 p.m. in the hall.

On behalf of all our Confirmation catechists, we look forward to joining your teens on their journey through Confirmation this year.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9 a.m. Mass 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. Please call the religious education office, **598-0519** for information.

"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

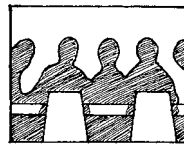
Catechetical Corner

What's new or different about the revised translation?



The style of the translation of the third edition is different. In accord with the rules for translation established by the Holy See, the revised translation follows the style of the original Latin texts more closely, including concrete images, repetition, parallelisms, and rhythm. The English used in the Mass texts is more formal and dignified in style. Where possible, the texts follow the language of Scripture and include many poetic images.

In addition, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and prayers for various needs and intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (or instructions) for the celebration of the Mass.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

REGULAR RCIA MEETINGS begin **September 14 (New Date)** 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 - 9 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 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.

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In the first reading Ezekiel has been appointed by God as "watchman." He had to keep watch and warn of approaching danger. For Ezekiel, personal responsibility is important. The prophet must warn individuals and the group. The Gospel reading treats this same theme. Matthew is the only Gospel writer to speak of relationships and responsibilities within the Church. He also offers practical guidelines for fulfilling these responsibilities. Serious community decisions are to be made only after serious prayer. Wisdom must be sought from God and from the presence of Christ in their midst.

Life Focus: * Relate a time when you hurt someone and the person confronted you about it. How did you feel and how did you respond? * *Relate a time when your prayers were answered but not as you expected.*



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Sept. 12 & 26 - Regular meetings.

Pechanga Casino Oct. 27, \$11 per person, \$10 free-play returned on player card. Sign up Sept. 12.

Palm Springs Follies Dec. 9 matinee with guest star John Davidson. More info to follow.

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

St. Joseph School Non-Discrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation, and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

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.



Did You Know? Educational materials on the danger of abuse

- The overwhelming majority of our clergy and lay leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the People of God. All of us are responsible for making sure that our ministries are safe for children and young people. We have a responsibility to educate ourselves about the danger of sexual abuse. The L. A. Archdiocese has two pamphlets, "Respecting the Boundaries: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy," and "Working Together to Prevent Sexual Abuse." Both pamphlets are available online at: www.la-archdiocese.org. Click the "Protecting Children" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, (213) 637-7650.

Initiating our 28th Year of Faithful Service

Please join us **Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.** in the PAC. We will assess the needs of our ongoing activities and share opportunities to improve our ministry to our needy brothers and sisters in Long Beach.

Let us know your availability to help with upcoming service opportunities. *All levels of support are welcome!*

Oct. 2 - Feed-a-Baby food drive

Oct. 9 & 16 - Homeless kit collection

Nov. 6 - blanket drive

Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving deliveries

Dec. organize, collect, deliver food staples and presents to needy families

Bulletin Board: *Blessed event on the way!* Crib needed.

Your donations through the Skip-a-Meal envelopes support our activities. On behalf of those we support, *thank you for your generosity.* Call: Tim Clark 562-431-4385.



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 enjoy their singing/instrumental skills to provide music at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Practice at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Virtus Training & Re-Certification

The Virtus child sexual abuse prevention training will be **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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, September 5**
 8:00 a.m. - † Alex McDonald
- TUESDAY, September 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Master
- WEDNESDAY, September 7**
 8:00 a.m. - † John DeRuyter
- THURSDAY, September 8**
 8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Master
- FRIDAY, September 9**
 8:00 a.m. - Clementina Ferdula, living
- SATURDAY, September 10**
 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, September 11**
 7:30 a.m. - † Michael Samuelson
 9:00 a.m. - Renteria family, living
 10:30 a.m. - † Florence Boyd
 12:30 p.m. - † Robert Waskiewicz

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 |
| 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, 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, 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 & Mirna Pilarczyk.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| LITURGY COMMITTEE | Dcn. Shane Cuda | 594-4657 |
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| ALTAR CARE | Mary Jelnick | 429-2529 |
| CHURCH SACRISTANS | Lily & Joe Dang | 493-2198 |

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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| PRINCIPAL | Cheryl Hebestreit |
| VICE-PRINCIPAL | Erin Wright |
| SECRETARY | Julie Gianessi |
| PTO PRESIDENT | Michele Grubbs |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Virginia Young |
| SECRETARY | Veronica Gibb |

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| ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL | Virginia Young | 598-0519 |
| 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

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| 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

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| Ann Crowley | 594-7575 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD | Tim Clark | 431-4385 |
| 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