

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2011

Turn to the Lord for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— *Isaiah 55:7b*

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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:

We sometimes experience situations like the one in today's gospel. We might think that we deserve more because we work harder and it turns out we're getting compensated exactly the same as everyone else. It seems unfair.

The master in today's parable seems extravagant in his generosity. We can't understand why God's logic would work in such a manner. I mean after all, fair is fair and you should give everyone what he or she deserves. What exactly is today's parable trying to tell us? Why is God distributing equally to those who arrived early in the morning and those who got there later in the afternoon?

Sometimes people think that since they've been faithful to God their entire lives by going to church, by complying with all the rules, that they'll get a bigger piece of heaven than those who haven't always done the right thing or were distracted and came into the faith much later or asked for forgiveness toward the end of their life.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to know more fully that there can't be less space in the heart of God the Father for those who return to Him. And that there can be no less compassion in God toward those who have not enjoyed his presence and who have not discovered him, until in their final hours. Those who arrived in the first hour are equally precious to God as those who come at the last minute.

Thank you for all the birthday cards and wishes from the seniors, my staff, the school and school children, and all the families. I am very grateful. Fr. Jim

Bundle Sunday - the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be here in the church parking lot today to collect usable items. Your donations will either be given to the needy or sold in their Thrift Store to support their charitable activities.

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

"Jesus is Lord"

New Bible Classes - Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.
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 with God, Himself. Direct line to God!

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

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



WE'RE BACK! St. Joseph Elementary School is back in session! I cannot believe I made this big announcement and then forgot to write something for last week's bulletin. Well we really are back and there are big things happening. This weekend we held the second annual Camp Joe out on the field from Friday night to Saturday morning. The school families actually camped out in their tents (and I admit a few RV's) and had great fun. The purpose of the activity was not a fundraiser but rather a FUNraiser. I think we succeeded!

Fundraising, however, is never far away in a parish school. We are currently selling Innisbrook Gift Wrap and other Innisbrook goodies to help our families with tuition assistance. During these economic times, we have numerous families that would not be at St. Joseph without the benefit of tuition assistance. If you do not have a child currently in school and would like to purchase gift wrap, please contact the school office. Donations from parishioners for tuition assistance are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Next week - Oktoberfest is right around the corner!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Who are the "last" in our society? What is God's will for the treatment of those who are the "outsiders?"

Child: How can I be generous like the Master in the vineyard?

Teen: Do I get upset when one of my friends gets something that I think I deserve?

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Pro Life Corner - International Pro-Life Youth Conference in L. A. **Nov. 11-13**. Pro-life groups from around the world are making plans to attend and show that the future global leaders support human rights for the unborn and those at the end of life. Call Sylvia Aimerito, 562-429-1965 for info or visit AudioGirlMinistries.com.

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.

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.**

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 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.

Youth Ministry "Kick Off" Event

For 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, Sunday, **Oct. 9**, 2-4 p.m. at El Dorado Park West, Willow Grove picnic area. BBQ, live band, games, raffles & more! Registration packets will be available before and after Mass, 9/24 & 25 or in the R.E. Office. Questions? Contact Melissa Beach 562-598-0519 or confirmation@stjosephlb.org.

The Long Beach Young Adult Ministry Team invites you to **IGNITE!** your faith with an evening of adoration, praise and worship, benediction and fellowship, Thursday, **Sept. 22**, 7:30-9:30 p.m., here at St. Joseph Church. **IGNITE!** is hosted monthly throughout Long Beach. For more information: longbeachyam@gmail.com

Our parish fair this year brought in \$60,000 which was split evenly between the school and the parish.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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? RCIA 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.

Catechetical Corner

Can we start using the texts approved by the bishops immediately?



The translation of the *Missale Romanum* could not be used in the celebration of the Mass until the complete text was confirmed by the Holy See. Now that the translation has received the *recognitio*, the USCCB has established the first day on which the new translation may be used. Use of the revised text requires preparation and catechesis for both priests and the faithful. When the time comes to use the texts in the celebration of the Mass, priests will be properly trained, the faithful will have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed, and musical settings for the liturgical texts will be readily available.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Joanna Springer
Alice Costello



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In case you did not read the Tidings of two weeks ago where Archbishop Jose Gomez wrote an article titled "What happens at Mass?", here are a couple of paragraphs that I thought were of importance:

"In every Mass Jesus comes to walk with us and talk with us. He opens scripture for us to challenge us to open our hearts to believe in Him. So, we should approach every Mass with a spirit of reverence and awe! Your experience of the Mass will change if you try to get there a little early so you have time to settle your mind and prepare your heart. Enter the sanctuary slowly and reverently without speaking. Talk to Jesus."

When this deacon is early he tries to say the following prayer: Here I am, oh good and gentle Jesus, kneeling before You, with great fervor and desire. I ask You to instill in me lively sentiments of Faith, Hope and Love. With true repentance for my sins and a firm resolve to amend my ways, I hear the words which David spoke in prophesy of You: 'They have pierced my hands and feet and I can count all my bones.'" (Ps 22:17) This prayer may help to center you and enter into the Mass that the priest offers "in persona Christi."

The Archbishop goes on to say, "The priest will pray a more precise greeting, 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the **communion** of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' One word changes, "communion" instead of 'fellowship' which we are used to hearing. ...the people will respond '**And with your spirit.**' These words are from St Paul--it reminds us that we are more than material bodies. What a beautiful gift, the gift of the Spirit which we were given at Baptism. We join ourselves to Christ's great act of love on the cross. We ask our Blessed Mother to help us better live the Mass."

By the way, did you remember Sept 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary?

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help us to have recourse to Your holy Mother Mary. Grant that she may obtain from You the grace for us to serve You and to be faithful to the church all of our lives. Let us encounter You in the sacraments on earth and so possess eternal life. Amen.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Sept. 26 - Regular meeting.

Oct. 10 and 24 - Regular meetings

Nov. 7 - Regular meeting

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Lunch

Dec. 5 - Regular meeting

Dec. 19 - Christmas Lunch

Pechanga Casino Oct. 27 \$11/person, \$10 returned on Pechanga player card. Checks only. Player card # or birth date required.

Palm Springs Follies Show "Hot, Hot, Hot" Dec. 9 matinee with guest star John Davidson. Mark your calendars and join us for a music and dance-filled special Yuletide celebration - follies style. 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.

OKTOBERFEST at St. Joseph School, Friday, **Oct. 15**, 5:30-11 p.m. German dinner, Knights of Columbus beer garden music, auctions, & opportunity drawings. Tickets \$25. Contact Tera Kaufmann, 562-212-8429, Bill Walton, 562-212-7248, or StJosephGolfOktoberfest@yahoo.com
Sponsorship opportunities available for Oktoberfest. Please contact Staci Kennebeck 562-430-3912 or Sheila Vail 562-497-1783.

Meditation/Centering Prayer
Second & Fourth Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
September 27
In the church. All are welcome!



Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

Oct. 5 - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes, 310-377-5571

Oct. 7 - Holy Angels Church of the Deaf, Vernon, 323-587-2096

Oct. 8 - Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach, 562-597-3102

Did You Know? What is elder abuse? Elder abuse is the mistreatment of an elderly person by someone known to the senior. This includes financial, physical, or emotional abuse, and neglect. Elder abuse happens everywhere – in poor, middle class, and upper-income households and has no demographic or ethnic boundaries. Because family members or close friends of the senior are often the culprits of financial, physical, and emotional abuse, this abuse is often difficult to discover and to accept. For more information on the types and nature of elder abuse, please visit the Los Angeles County District Attorney's website: <http://da.lacounty.gov/seniors>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 14:18. Let us show you how you can!

Feed-a-Baby Food Drive Oct. 1 & 2.

Please bring non-perishable baby food and products to Mass that week-end. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Skip-a-Meal blue donation envelopes are in the pews. Please use them to support our activities.

Bulletin Board: *Blessed event on the way!* **Crib needed.** Call Tim Clark, 431-4385.



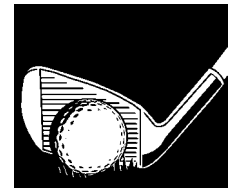
Pennies from Heaven - Sunday, **Oct. 2**, is "Pennies from Heaven" Sunday! That weekend, along with the parishes of St. Maria Goretti and St. Cornelius, we'll be handing out baby bottles after every Mass. Please take one and fill it with your pennies, dimes, nickels and dollars. Your generous donation will go to the Precious Life Shelter and AudioGirl Ministries so both pro-life charities can continue their life saving work.

Precious Life Shelter provides a safe, loving environment for the woman who has no place to have her child and chooses to work toward self-reliance for herself and her baby.

AudioGirl Ministries raises funds for ultra sound machines for pro-life pregnancy centers, and supplies diapers and baby items to those moms-in-need who have chosen life for their unborn child.

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



Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The generosity of God continues to be highlighted in today's Gospel. We accept God's gifts and try to live in such a way that shows gratitude and a willingness to imitate God's compassion. The message of the parable of the workers in the vineyard is that God's justice is far beyond our understanding. This parable may have been aimed at those Jewish Christians who resented God's call of the Gentiles to salvation.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when you were bothered by generosity shown to someone you thought less deserving. * Tell of an experience when you were treated better than you thought you deserved. * Relate an experience when you were criticized for being generous or forgiving. * Describe a time when you felt cheated by someone else's good fortune.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, September 17

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, September 18

7:30 a.m. - † Mike Samuelson

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Ruby Neton

12:30 p.m. - Lois Kearney, living

MONDAY, September 19

8:00 a.m. - † Marie Bielman

TUESDAY, September 20

8:00 a.m. - † Marie Bielman

WEDNESDAY, September 21

8:00 a.m. - † Jean Libby

THURSDAY, September 22

8:00 a.m. - † Joe Ainge

FRIDAY, September 23

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

SATURDAY, September 24

5:00 p.m. - † Salvate and Botelho families

SUNDAY, September 25

7:30 a.m. - † Wallace Hillebrecht

9:00 a.m. - John Christie, living

10:30 a.m. - Peter and Barbara Baine, Anniversary

12:30 p.m. - † Jamie Mesa

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, 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, Nicolas Ramirez, Mary Harding, Tim Ginnett, Lois Kearney, Gary Skrehot, Mirna Pilarczyk & J. Christopher Clise.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
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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

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
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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