

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2011

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

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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:

In today's short parable, after last Sunday's longer parable of the vineyard, Jesus presents us with a teaching that is transparently clear. The parable tells us that there is work to be done. But the question is, who is prepared to do it? A father invites both of his sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first says "yes" but does nothing. The younger son says "no" but has a change of heart and gets to work.

This change of heart is what we commonly call conversion. It is not by any acquired knowledge or right that we do things in accord with God's will, but it is out of the love that flows from God to us. This is what gives us life. And when our obedience is given to God from our hearts, this is the greatest upholding of love. And the things we do are not done because they may or may not have negative consequences for us, but they're done out of love.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we have a true love and conversion which always conquers God's heart in the same way it would conquer the heart of a mother.

Next week look for Fr. Jim's report on our parish survey.

PARISH HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE
 The Knights Of Columbus Council 3629 with the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a FREE Health Fair and Blood Drive, Sunday, **October 16** from **7 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in our hall. The Fair is FREE. To donate blood register online at: www.RedCrossBlood.org Sponsor Code: JosephLB You may also contact Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chairman at: pmurach@verizon.net

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: Do I actually live my faith or do I merely say I will?
Child: How do I show my love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for me?
Teen: Why is it important to follow through on my promises to others?

"Jesus is Lord"

New Bible Classes - Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.
Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

The Book of Psalms - The Church considers the Psalms her 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. 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.



Knightly News


Oktoberfest is coming! For the school this is our single biggest fundraiser of the year. The event is on Saturday October 15 from 5:30 - 11 p.m. If you are German or just love German food, this is the place to be. Of course if like me you are not totally enamored with German food (believe it or not - a Hebestreit that doesn't like sauerkraut!), there are plenty of other great "eats" to keep you happy. Our very own Chef Lehmar, from Gladstones restaurant in Long Beach, produces the most delicious dinner you could ever imagine. The night also includes dancing and both a live and silent auction. For more information please see the bulletin or contact the school office. Thank you to those parishioners who have so graciously supported us in the past and I hope to see you again in "Oktober." Principal Hebestreit

Rest In Peace
 Died in Christ:
Pat McGovern
Virgil Terry
Daniel Kaminski



Services for Daniel Kaminski will be held on **Oct. 8** at 10:00 a.m. here at St. Joseph Church.

Meditation/Centering Prayer
Every Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.
 In the church. All are welcome!



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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

Elementary: Welcome!! Classes for our Elementary Program start today. Parent Orientation meeting in the hall at 10:45 a.m. Parents stay in the classroom with their child for the first 15 minutes. Registration is still being accepted. Please call the Religious Ed Office for more info.

Sacrament Program: The first workshop for **Year 2** parents and children will take place on Sunday, **October 9** from **2-3:30 p.m.** in the hall. Sr. Kathleen Burns is our guest speaker for the parents. This workshop is for both school and religious education families.

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility and accountability. Not only are we to respond with a "yes" to God's call, but we are to carry out the tasks that go with that yes. This parable is set within a series of conflicts Jesus has with the religious authorities. It is Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. The parable is another way of saying, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (7:21). Our actions and our lives must demonstrate that we truly follow Christ and the message of the Gospel.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you were given a second chance. * Describe a time when you were asked to help others but found an excuse not to do it.

* When have you abused a relationship and had a second chance to renew that relationship? What did you do?

* When have you had a change of heart?

Catechetical Corner

What will the process of implementation look like?



Now that the *recognitio* has been granted, final preparation and publication of the *Missal* will commence. Catechesis on the new translation and on the Liturgy itself will become even more important. Training for priests, music ministers, and other liturgical leaders (liturgy committees and liturgical commissions), as well as formation for all Catholics, will help to ensure the successful implementation of the new text.

From Deacon Don's Desk:



Many years ago Hank Aaron was approaching Babe Ruth's home run record. We like the status quo; we wanted the Babe's record to stand. I've come to appreciate what silent suffering Aaron must have endured, the taunts he received, just as Jesus did. "Are you going to leave me as well?" he said to his disciples. They said, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life." I'm sure there was some bitterness on Aaron's part but he went about his task setting a new home run mark. Defining greatness in playing baseball is one thing; living life is another. Some say the greatest ball player was Willy Mays, some Joe DiMaggio or even Ty Cobb or Lou Gehrig. Jesus says, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life?" Mt 16:26. With that in mind you have to consider Roberto Clemente. From 1955-1972 he was a graceful figure in the outfield for the Pirates. He hit .300 or better 13 times, 12 gold gloves in a row, 12 times all-star, MVP of 1971 world series.

On the last day of the 1972 season Aaron reached the 3,000 hit mark. It was the last hit he ever got; he died that New Year's eve in a plane crash delivering food and medical supplies to Nicaraguan survivors of that devastating earthquake. Jesus says, "...no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jn 15:13

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus; help us to see the Gospel as Your word to us today. Help us to meditate on it and to live our life in accord with its teaching. Help us to appreciate the wonderful things You have made and to see You in each of them and give You the praise and the glory due You. Amen

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.



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. All must carry a legal photo I.D. Player card # or birth date required. Sign ups taken at Sept. & Oct. meetings or call for info. Checks only, please. Bus departs church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returns approximately 5:30 p.m.

Palm Springs Follies Show "Hot, Hot, Hot" Dec. 9 matinee, guest starring John Davidson. It will be a music and dance-filled special Yuletide celebration - follies style. Remember the New York Rocketts? This show will bring back some of those great memories. All welcome. Join us and invite your family and friends. For **trip info** call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, or separated), will meet on **Sept. 25 at 2 p.m.** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Margaret Loughner 943-7013.

Help Wanted - Would you like to make a difference in the lives of our parish youth? We are in need of volunteers to help form the faith of our 9th & 10th grade Confirmation candidates. Class sessions and activities take place on Sunday afternoons. We use a team approach for this position to allow for busy schedules. **Qualifications needed:** love of your faith, desire to share your faith with others, enjoy working with this age group, and a joyful, loving spirit. **Benefits provided:** resources and training as needed, personal spiritual growth, opportunity to meet new people and be a part of an enriching and rewarding ministry. To apply for this position or for more information, please contact our Religious Education Office, **598-0519**.

Did You Know? The Prevalence of Abuse in Society
In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of ten men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18. An estimated 9.6% of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. For more information about child safety programs in the Archdiocese, please call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, (213) 637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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

Please bring non-perishable baby food and products to Mass next weekend.

Oct. 9 & 16 – Homeless kit drive. Donation bags and instructions will be on a cross at the back of the church.

Nov. 5 & 6 – New blanket drive

Nov. 19 – Thanksgiving food and blanket deliveries. Delivery helpers needed.

Blue Skip-a-Meal donation envelopes in the pews support our ministry. *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 26:40.

Call Tim Clark, 431-4385.



Pennies from Heaven - Sunday, **Oct. 2**, is "Pennies from Heaven" Sunday! Next weekend, along with the parishioners 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.

St. Joseph Elementary Catholic High School Information Night on **October 13** from **6:30 to 8:30** in the parish hall. Catholic high schools from the Long Beach area and nearby Orange County will be here to give a short presentation of their school and have information available for parents to read. If you have a child going into high school next year, you do not want to miss this opportunity to learn more about the great Catholic high schools that are available.

OKTOBERFEST at St. Joseph School, Saturday, **Oct. 15, 5:30-11 p.m.** German dinner, Knights of Columbus beer garden, music, auctions, and 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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, September 26**
 8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Paluska Master
- TUESDAY, September 27**
 8:00 a.m. - † Slavadore Balatbat
- WEDNESDAY, September 28**
 8:00 a.m. - † Hank Vomero
- THURSDAY, September 29**
 8:00 a.m. - Miguel Nalus, living, Happy Birthday
- FRIDAY, September 30**
 8:00 a.m. - † Catherine Beckstead
- SATURDAY, October 1**
 5:00 p.m. - † Bernard McCune
- SUNDAY, October 2**
 7:30 a.m. - † Marie Bielman
 9:00 a.m. - Frank Patonai, living
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † Joseph Pilarczyk

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
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ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
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DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
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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	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

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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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