

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2011

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
— *Philippians 4:13*

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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 the parable found in today's Gospel, the king who sends out invitations to his son's wedding is God and the king's son is Jesus himself. Those who are sent out to invite the guests represent the prophets and apostles, who often faced death or abuse. This parable of the wedding feast was intended by Jesus to persuade his audience and us to be ready to accept his teaching on the kingdom of heaven and not to delay. Those who decline to attend the wedding feast, or make excuses, or abuse the king's servants are those who hear the gospel but reject it and are actually hostile to it. God invites everyone, sinners and pagans to the wedding feast instead of those who were first invited and rejected the invitation.

Because we are human, each one of us has the potential to decline God's invitation to believe the gospel and put it into practice. All that waits for those who reject the message outright is a self-inflicted unhappiness, which is not the will of Jesus, who offers salvation to all.

My hope for each of us is that we accept the invitation to the wedding feast because eternal happiness is the gift given to each of us who believe and accept the Good News and act on it.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

"Jesus is Lord" - New Bible Classes

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. or 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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What can I do this week to bring Christ to everyone that I meet?

Child: How and when do I thank God for all He has given me?

Teen: What is one thing that I can do to show my friends that God loves them?

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.



Knightly News

My dear parishioners, it is my privilege to speak at the Masses this weekend in hopes of gaining additional support for your parish school. There are many ways that parishioners can help in this area. Some are easy and painless such as collecting Box Tops for Education, volunteering at the school, or registering your Ralphs or Target cards so that the school receives the benefit each time you use them. Other areas of support would be more financially direct such as sponsoring a student's tuition for a month (or longer) and/or participating in school fundraisers. St. Joseph parishioners have always been so generous to the school and I am grateful for all that you do and have done. I am just trying to reach out to those who may not know that some of our school families are really struggling financially and making great sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school. Many of you did the same when your children were growing up, so I am sure you can relate. Please see the inserts in the bulletin this week for different ways that you, too, can help. If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me personally, my door is always open to you. God bless you.

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15th Annual Memorial Mass

The month of November has always been a special time for remembering in prayer our loved ones who have died. As this time approaches, we would like to support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We invite you, your family and friends to join with the St. Joseph community for our fifteenth annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated in our church on Sunday, **November 6 at 4:00 p.m.** The name of your loved one will be inscribed on our Scroll and in our Parish "Book of Life" and each will remain on display, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for the month of November.

Following the Mass, there will be a "Potluck" in our parish hall. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately 6 people. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 6.

For further information, please call Nancy 429-2546, or Dave 429-3316.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

PARISH HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE
The Knights Of Columbus Council 3629 with the American Red Cross are sponsoring a FREE Health Fair and Blood Drive, Sunday, **Oct. 16** from **7 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in our hall. 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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Classes for our Elementary Program have started. Registration is still being accepted. Please call the Religious Ed Office for more information.

Sacrament Program: The first workshop for **Year 2** parents and children takes place today 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 have started. We meet on Tuesdays from 7 - 8 p.m. Don't miss out on this faith enriching and fun-filled program.

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.

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

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**.

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 in the R.E. Office. Questions? Contact Melissa Beach 562-598-0519 or confirmation@stjosephlb.org.

Virtus Training & Re-Certification

We will be presenting the Virtus Training for those who will be working with children of the school or parish on Wednesday, **October 26, 7-10 p.m.** in the Parish Activity Center.

The re-certification training for those who have already completed the 3 hour training **before 2007** will take place on Thursday, **October 27, from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Activity Center. Please call the Religious Education Office, 598-0519, to sign up for these sessions.

Meditation/Centering Prayer
Every Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

In the church. All are welcome!



Catechetical Corner

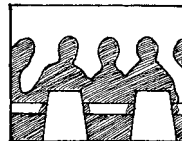
If my parish likes the old translation better, can we continue using that one?



Now that the Holy See has granted the *recognitio* to the revised translation, the USCCB has established a date for first use and a date for mandatory use. No parish may continue to use the current translation after the mandatory use date. Parishes will need to use the period before the mandatory use date to help parishioners renew their love for the Sacred Liturgy, to understand the changes, and to develop an appreciation for the revised translation.

Save this Date - The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual conference meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, **Nov. 8**, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. Guest speaker will be Archbishop Jose Gomez. All Catholic ladies are invited.

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In the Scriptures, meals are occasions of sharing life, memories and intimacy. This simple experience represents the rich life shared between God and his people. The wedding banquet especially looks to the end time when God and his people will find a final sharing of life with each other. In this parable the first guests invited refuse to come. The king tells his servants to invite everyone they meet, "the bad as well as the good." The Church will never be a perfect community of saintly people. All are invited. The only requirement is to receive the Good News willingly. God doesn't care about the clothes we wear. The point is that to share in the heavenly banquet, one must sincerely be open to the Lord.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you knew you had to change your behavior and you chose not to.

* *Describe an experience when you received an invitation and made up excuses because you didn't want to attend.*

* On what occasion did you feel most out of place in a group?

October is Respect Life month and the month of the **Holy Rosary**. Please pray the Rosary.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Oct. 10 and 24 - Regular meetings

Oct. 15 - **OKTOBERFEST** Please purchase tickets at meeting, invite your family, friends and neighbors!

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.

LAST CHANCE to buy your St. Joseph Elementary School Oktoberfest tickets! **OKTOBERFEST**, Saturday, **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. Please contact Staci Kennebeck 562.430.3912 or Sheila Vail 562.497.1783.

St. Joseph Elementary Catholic High School Information Night, Oct. 13, 6:30 - 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 about the great Catholic high schools available.

Did You Know? What to do if you suspect elder abuse - Each of us has a responsibility to keep elders safe from harm. Call the police or 911 if someone you know is in immediate, life-threatening danger. If you suspect that abuse has occurred or is occurring, please tell someone. Relay your concerns to the local adult protective services, long-term care ombudsman, or police. The U.S. Administration on Aging can refer you to a local agency that can help: 1-800-677-1116. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Blessings to all who helped make the Feed-a-Baby food drive another success! We donated 12 thirteen gallon bags of baby food and products. Cash donations were \$715 from which additional provisions were purchased, all benefiting Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings.



Homeless Hygiene Kit Drive - Please take donation bags with instructions from the cross at the back of the church. Fill and return next week.

Nov. 6 - New blanket drive

Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving food and blanket deliveries. Delivery helpers needed!

Use the blue Skip-a-Meal donation envelopes to support our program and the needy in Long Beach. Tim Clark 431-4385.



From Deacon Don's desk:

I remember when the "revised" Roman Missal came out in the 1970's. The emphasis was on "full active and conscious participation." One priest told the following: While processing into Mass I said to myself, not knowing the microphone was on, "This mic is not working!" and the congregation responded, "and also with you!" Fr. Gerard Weber, (1918-2009) wrote a book titled "The Eucharist, a View from the Pew". In it he said, "We are so familiar with the words of the Creed that we frequently rattle it off without much feeling or thought. In fact sometimes it seems the people are having a race to see who finishes first. I want to call out, "Slow down! Think of what you are saying!" Paraphrasing him, "We recite a statement that's not only a list of truths we accept but also it's a song of love. We are listing God's qualities. It's expressing our total trust in the God of whom we speak. The words should flow back into our hearts to strengthen our love."

In my deacon formation years I recall Fr. Frank Ferrante helping me form my **core beliefs**. They are as follows: 1. Acknowledge God. 2. God revealed and continues to reveal Himself. 3. We acknowledge God loves us. 4. He expresses His deep love for us by sacrificing His only Son to give us life that will not end.

We come to Mass to try and understand and experience the love He shows us.

OUR PRAYER: Father God, You helped St. Francis to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility. Help us follow Your Son by walking in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi and imitating his joyful love. Help us to see You in all people. Amen.

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time - Crop Hunger Walk, Oct. 23, 2 p.m., starting at Los Altos United Methodist Church, corner of Woodruff and Willow Streets.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

St. Hilary, Pico Rivera, 562-942-7300 ext. 227

St. Anthony, El Segundo, 310-322-4392 ext. 450

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, October 8**
5:00 p.m. - † Ed Ritscher
- SUNDAY, October 9**
7:30 a.m. - † Jim Sharp
9:00 a.m. - Barbara Christie, living
10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
12:30 p.m. - † Richard Malone
- MONDAY, October 10**
8:00 a.m. - † Marie Bielman
- TUESDAY, October 11**
8:00 a.m. - † Mary Lou Madison
- WEDNESDAY, October 12**
8:00 a.m. - Maximino & Cecilia Razon
- THURSDAY, October 13**
8:00 a.m. - † Mary Jane Thomas
- FRIDAY, October 14**
8:00 a.m. - † Rowena Canete
- SATURDAY, October 15**
5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families
- SUNDAY, October 16**
7:30 a.m. - † Pat McGovern
9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
10:30 a.m. - † Jim Keataing
12:30 p.m. - † Helen Harris

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

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VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
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PTO PRESIDENT	Michele Grubbs

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SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

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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