

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2011

You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

— Matthew 22:37

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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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:

The poet Maya Angelou was once asked what her lifetime goals were. She answered that she wanted to become a Christian. Maya Angelou is Christian. Her point is that Christianity is an ongoing process of becoming. Everyday we take steps to becoming a Christian.

Today's Gospel revolves around the question: "Which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" Another way to put this question is to ask, "What do I need to do to be a good Christian?" It seems like a reasonable question.

Loving God and loving our neighbor sum up the law and the prophets. It is the fabric of our lives. It is that which makes us who we are. Loving God and loving our neighbor is at the heart of our daily lives, the basis of our decisions, the reason for our prayer life, the motivation of our lifestyle and the very reason why we are here every week.

We pray today that we might love God with our whole heart, our whole mind and whole soul, knowing that then we will have the answer to the question, "What do I need to do to be a good Christian?"

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I (or how would I like to) live out the two commandments in today's Gospel?

Child: How will I show love for my friends and family this week?

Teen: Why is it hard sometimes to love my neighbor? How can I do a better job of following Jesus' commandment?

Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 1

Vigil, **October 31**, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Feast day, **November 1**, 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Weekly Offering
for the weekend of October 15/16
\$9,550

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

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

Thank you to everyone who supported Oktoberfest. This is generally one of the biggest fund raisers of the year for the school. I know I had a great time. I hope you did, too!

Students in eighth grade are working on their presentations as lawyers and witnesses for the Mock Trial competition. This is a yearly court room competition sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation for middle schools and high schools. Both public and private schools compete head-to-head in these competitions. Students are given a court case to study and prepare. They then form teams consisting of defense, prosecution, witnesses, court bailiff, journalist and artist. They compete twice during the initial process with presenting their defense at one of those times and the other their prosecution. Scores are then tallied for all schools and the ones with the greatest scores move on to the next level. The "trials" are presided over by real judges and take place at the Los Angeles County Courthouse downtown. Last year, St. Joseph School Mock Trial Team made it all the way to the quarter finals. We are looking forward to this year's competition. Good luck.

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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. **Please, no alcohol allowed.** We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 6.

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

Bereavement Ministry for Children - In conjunction with the **Nov. 6 Memorial Mass**, all children are invited to write their own prayer in honor of a loved one who has died. Children's prayers turned in to the rectory or school office will be included during the Mass and added to the parish's **Children's Prayers Album** which will remain at the back of the altar through the month of November.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Our classes are now in full swing. Thank you to all the wonderful catechists who volunteer their time to share their faith with our parish children. Thanks, also, to the parents who assist as aides and who volunteer for our various events. Thank you! Thank you!

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. Call the rel. ed. office for info.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

Confirmation - Oct. 23 - Rite of Journey for Year 2 candidates and sponsors at the 12:30 Mass.

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.

Youth Ministry News Our Oct. 9 Kick off with St. Bart's was a huge success! One hundred 6th, 7th, & 8th graders have registered for our programs this year. Thank you to all the parent and teen volunteers who helped out!

Practice Mass for the new missal
7 p.m., Nov. 8, 15 and 22 Everyone is welcome.
 No music, no vestments, no consecration

"Jesus is Lord" - Bible Classes

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. or Thursdays 7:00 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

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice

"The prime purpose of this special commitment to the poor is to enable them to become active participants in the life of society. It is to enable all persons to share in, and contribute to the common good. . . . The powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community." National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986

"When an alien resides with you in your land, do not molest him. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt." Lev 19: 33-34

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.

Catechetical Corner

What opportunities does the new Missal offer the Church? Implementing the new Missal will give the Church an opportunity to take a fresh look at its liturgical practice and to renew its celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, which is the "source and summit" of Christian life (Second Vatican Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* [Lumen Gentium], no. 11). The faithful, encountering the Liturgy anew in the new text, can deepen their sharing in Christ's sacrifice, offering their lives to the Father as they worship "in Spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23).

**Small Church Community**

Scripture Focus: Sometimes we hear people speak of the God of the Old Testament as a harsh judge, while the God of the New Testament is a loving and compassionate God. But there is only one God. Today's first reading from the Book of Exodus deals with the Ten Commandments and some specific ways they are to be lived and understood. These commandments are not burdensome and oppressive. In fact, they are essential if humankind is to live a free civilized life. They will ensure our happiness. In the Gospel, Jesus' enemies try once again to trip him up. They think he will speak against the Law of Moses. But Jesus agrees that the greatest commandment is to love God with one's whole being, with one's heart and mind and soul. The second commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," follows from and completes the first. This twofold command sums up the Law of Moses and the teachings of all the Hebrew prophets.

Life Focus: * How was it tough to love someone this week? * *From your personal experience, what keeps you from loving God, your neighbor or yourself? Of the three, which for you is the hardest to love?* * How have you shown concern for another in a simple way this week? * *What/who helps you stay centered on what really counts in life?*

**Parish Town Hall Meeting**

Monday, November 21

7:00 p.m.

In the hall

All are welcome!

Today is World Mission Sunday - We are called to this Eucharistic celebration - along with Catholics throughout the world - to fulfill the call we first heard at Baptism, the call to be missionaries, to share our faith.

On World Mission Sunday, we are invited to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Let us pray especially at this Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus, and for the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that "Good News."



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Oct. 24 - Regular meeting

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. Must carry a legal photo I.D.

Player card # or birth date required. Sign ups taken at Oct. 24 meeting. Checks only. 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. Music and dance-filled Yuletide celebration - follies style. Remember the New York Rocketts? This show will bring back those great memories. All welcome. Join us and invite your family and friends. Sign up at Oct. 24 meeting. Cost: \$88 For **trip info** call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Pennies from Heaven! Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser for AudioGirl Ministries and Precious Life Shelter. We have been humbled by the amount of money that was collected from the generous parishioners of St. Joseph. The **grand total** of \$3,174.45 will help both our ministries continue our life saving work. A special thank you to Deacon Don and his wife Tina for spearheading the effort at St. Joseph and to your pastor for allowing us to conduct this fundraiser. May your generous donations be returned to you a hundred-fold! God bless you!!! For more information about AudioGirl Ministries visit AudioGirlMinistries.com. For more information about Precious Life Shelter visit PreciousLifeShelter.org.

Sylvia Aimerito, AudioGirl Ministries
Theresa Murphy, Precious Life Shelter

If you borrowed the Knights of Columbus tables, please return them to the rectory office. Thank you.

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

Did You Know? Help Reduce Abuse Statistics - Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: (213) 637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Thank you for your support of the critically needy by way of your homeless kit donations. We are entering our most fruitful time of the year. Please watch here or give us a call for opportunities to lend a helping hand! Tim Clark 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our activities.



Nov. 2 - Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. Help plan, and share ways to improve our ministry.

Nov. 6 & 13 - New blanket drive

Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving food and blanket holiday help for 65 needy families. Delivery angels needed. Call Amy McKenna 427-5917.

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." Prov: 20:17



From Deacon Don's desk:

Last week's Gospel got me thinking how much can be taken from so few words. The Gospel tells us different things with each meditation. The real point of the Gospel for me was the last statement "give to God what belongs to God." Wow! What doesn't belong to Him who made everything? In our deacon formation, our instructor, Fr. Benson said, "I would like to see everyone with a tattoo on their shoulder. It would have the Latin words **"Imago Dei,"** that is "Image of God." For that is what we are. If we understood that then we would give more thought before damaging that "image of God" by thought, word or deed. Fr Jim said in last week's homily, "Look at your neighbor - that is God's image." Everything belongs to God, we are merely His stewards. We don't own anything. He is the creator of all. Let's try to not "own" things so much so that they control our lives. We are called to enforce God's values of justice, mercy, compassion and reconciliation.

Prayer for a Worthy Communion: Let not the partaking of Your Body, O Lord, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation, but through Your goodness may it become a safeguard and an effective remedy, both of soul and body. Amen.

**Centering Prayer will be meeting in the
Parish Center chapel
every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**



Save this Date - The L. A. 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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Nov. 1 - St. Hilary, Pico Rivera, 562-942-7300 ext. 227

Nov. 2 - St. Anthony, El Segundo, 310-322-4392 ext. 450

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, October 22**
5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch
- SUNDAY, October 23**
7:30 a.m. - † Barbara Paluska Masters
9:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living
10:30 a.m. - † Barbara Paluska Masters
12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, October 24**
8:00 a.m. - † Bill Rodriguez
- TUESDAY, October 25**
8:00 a.m. - † Juan Escandon
- WEDNESDAY, October 26**
8:00 a.m. - Teresa Anselmo, living
- THURSDAY, October 27**
8:00 a.m. - Joe Dang and family, living
- FRIDAY, October 28**
8:00 a.m. - Fr. Frank Ferrante, living
- SATURDAY, October 29**
5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch
- SUNDAY, October 30**
7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
9:00 a.m. - † Alexander Shinar
10:30 a.m. - † Aurea Pedraja
12:30 p.m. - † Kelly Pham

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 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 & Florence Jones.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| LITURGY COMMITTEE | Dcn. Shane Cuda | 594-4657 |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION | Gene Enschede | 421-0147 |
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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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 |
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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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| 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