

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2011

The greatest among you must be your servant.
— *Matthew 23:11*

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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:

In today's Gospel reading Jesus warns us to be aware of people who seek to have power, even religious people. In speaking about the religious leaders of Israel Jesus says, "All their works are performed to be seen. They love places of honor at banquets, and synagogues and they love the title of Rabbi." Jesus' conclusion and instruction to us is very emphatic. Don't follow their example.

If you're like me, you want to lead a great life. I want to make a difference. I want to do some good in the world. I want to have some influence in people's lives. And a natural assumption is that the way to be influential is to be powerful. But Jesus says the opposite is true.

Look around and see that we are surrounded by opportunities to serve others, knowing that Jesus assures us that we can afford to forget about ourselves for a little bit and care for others. It is only then that we have true power.

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.

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.

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

St. Joseph School just finished celebrating Red Ribbon Week. During this week we had a TAF (Together As Faith) Family meeting in which the eighth grade family "leader" led a discussion in the family regarding staying away from drugs, tobacco and alcohol. The eighth graders also distributed red yarn bracelets made by our Student Council to each member of their family. The students wore these bracelets all week to show their commitment to not using drugs. If you were on campus at all this past week, you probably noticed, in keeping with the theme, the decorated classroom doors done by the students. They looked great and had some illustrious messages on them. On Wednesday the students were able to wear one red item of clothing to again show their solidarity and dedication to the cause. In addition to all of these activities, every class has been working through a formal program titled "Too Good For Drugs" which includes information and activities related to this important topic. For St. Joseph School: **THE WAY TO BE IS DRUG FREE!** Principal Hebestreit

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24, 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday:	<u>Suggested:</u> Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How will I act so that my life can be a message of faith to everyone I meet?

Child: What are some ways I can serve others this week?

Teen: Would I be willing to do a good work if no one would even know or praise me for it? Why or why not?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Weekly Offering

for the weekend of October 22/23

\$10,115

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

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 AudioGirlMinistries.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! For information regarding our programs, please call the religious education office.

Middle School: We will be attending the **7 p.m. Mass** on Tuesday, **Nov. 1**, for All Saints Day. Space will be reserved for students and families so that we can sit together. Meet after Mass at the flagpole for announcements. Random Acts of Kindness Day - Sunday, **Nov. 6**. **Sunday Nursery:** Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

Help Wanted - Part-time religious education administrative assistant needed Monday - Thursday for four hours per day. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs required. Contact Virginia Young, 598-0519, or email resume to religioused@stjosephlb.org.

Adult Faith Formation - Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **November 9**, for a special presentation by **Sr. Kathleen Burns**. We will meet in the hall from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. St. Kathleen's topic is Church History. It promises to be a very interesting and informative evening. Refreshments will be served!

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus comes right out and accuses scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders, of being false. Some Pharisees, who were supposed to be role models for the people, taught one thing but lived in another way. Jesus told the disciples to respect the Pharisees' positions as successors of Moses and to take their teachings seriously. But the disciples were not to follow the Pharisees' example. Jesus makes it clear to his followers that they must honor and respect God instead of being overly concerned about their own importance and power. They were called to serve others, not be applauded by them.

Life Focus: * Are you aware of any instances in your life when the image you presented to others was not borne out by your actions? How did you feel? What did you learn? What caused you to become aware that you were untrue? What change happened?

* Describe a time when you felt you were better than another person and refused to relate with them in any way (poor neighborhood, less money, a church with minorities, ethnic or lower social positions).

* Give an example of a leader you know who doesn't have to be important in everyone's eyes but tries to be of service to others.

* Describe a time when someone did something special for you without letting you know who it was.

* Relate an experience when you felt too proud to be with a person who might embarrass you, or when you didn't want to do a job you considered beneath you.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, November 3, 6-8 pm

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

October is Respect Life Month. This month we have had Pennies From Heaven, Crop Hunger Walk, Feed-A-Baby, and it's the month of the Holy Rosary. This month's memo on the Catholic calendar by Catholic Extension says they have, in the past six years, contributed over \$100 million to struggling American parishes and some campus ministries. Now is not the time to be complacent though. Fr. Ken Roberts wrote concerning "Pro Choice," "Don't be misled; what they mean is Pro-Murder." He goes on to say, "A most powerful witness to give is the power of prayer in a group gathered to pray for the unborn and the mother who contemplates to terminate her baby. We have a beautiful prayer from scripture: Hail Mary. Blessed is the fruit of every womb that carries an unborn child, because God has breathed life into it."

On 60 Minutes, at the tail end of the interview with Isaacson, author of Steve Jobs' biography, he was asked about Jobs' thoughts on the afterlife. He quotes Steve, "Sometimes I believe in God. I've been thinking about it. Since my cancer I've been thinking about it more, and I find myself believing a bit more. Maybe it's because I want to believe in an afterlife." There is hope for him.

November 2 is All Souls Day. Come to the cemetery for the 10 a.m. Mass. The presider will be Archbishop Jose Gomez. What more fitting place to pray for all souls, the earthquake victims in Turkey and those who suffer due to our economic conditions.

OUR PRAYER: God of power and might, protect us from all harm. Give us freedom of spirit, and health in mind and body to do Your work on earth. We ask this through Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Parish Town Hall Meeting
Monday, November 21
7:00 p.m.
In the hall
All are welcome!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Florence Jones
Vincent Scharfen



Practice Mass for the new missal
7:00 p.m., Nov. 8, 15 and 22 **Everyone is welcome.**
No music, no vestments, no consecration



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Nov. 7 - Regular meeting

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Lunch

Dec. 5 - Regular meeting

Dec. 19 - Christmas Lunch

Palm Springs Follies Dec. 9 - a music and dance-filled Yuletide celebration, follies style, guest starring John Davidson. Only 40 tickets were available - half already sold. Sign up at November meetings, as long as tickets last. Don't miss out on this beautiful Christmas extravaganza. If interested, call now. Price: \$88/person. For **trip info** call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

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.

All Souls Day Mass at All Souls Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, **Nov. 2, 10 a.m.** Archbishop Jose Gomez presider. All are invited.

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



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

Did You Know? Talking to your kids about cell phone safety - The more advanced cellular devices become, the more functions they have available. Sending pictures over the Internet is something that children do all the time. Photo-messaging on cell phones is no different. Children need to be aware why all pictures are not appropriate to send. They also need to know that if they receive a message or image that makes them uncomfortable, they should immediately tell you or another trusted adult. For a helpful pamphlet on cell phone safety, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at www.ncpc.org <<http://www.ncpc.org>>, and click on "cell phone safety." For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Please help us make the Thanksgiving season thankful and hopeful to the needy of our local community.

Nov. 6 & 13 - Blanket Drive. New blanket donations for Thanksgiving holiday help. Please bring to Mass or drop by the rectory.

Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving food and blanket delivery, holiday help for 71 needy families. Delivery angels needed. Please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917.

Nov. 19 - Can you adopt a needy family for holiday deliveries? Our referrals are exceptional this year. We need foster families or organizations for food and gift distribution to 16 needy families. Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

Committee meeting Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. All are welcome!



Concern America - On Sunday, **November 20**, volunteers from Concern America will return with unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. The gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. This year they have new crafts from Bangladesh, El Salvador and Guatemala. Inspired by nature, these beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products honor indigenous traditions. When a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors, eco-friendly work patterns, and fair working conditions. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana. You may view a selection of crafts on the website: www.concernamerica.org

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
2:00 a.m. on November 6**

Be sure to turn your clocks back so you'll arrive at Mass at the correct time!



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

"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

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, October 31**
 8:00 a.m. - † James Best
 7:00 p.m. - † Papa Mech Munoz
- TUESDAY, November 1**
 8:00 a.m. - † John DeRuyter
 7:00 p.m. - † Mary Jane Thomas
- WEDNESDAY, November 2**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- THURSDAY, November 3**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- FRIDAY, November 4**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- SATURDAY, November 5**
 5:00 p.m. - All Souls Novena
- SUNDAY, November 6**
 7:30 a.m. - † Vincent Scharfen
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † John Fortier
 12:30 p.m. - All Souls Novena

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 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, 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, Patty Loy, Carol Manion & Martha Rushing.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	594-4657
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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
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PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE