

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2011

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

— *Matthew 25:13*

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**Office Hours:**

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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**St. Joseph School: 596-6115**

**Religious Education: 598-0519**

**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:

Today's gospel parable focuses on Jesus' apparent delay. Why is he so long in coming back when people suffer so much and the world is in such a mess? Neither this parable nor any other teaching answers that question, but it does reassure us that he hasn't jilted his people. He hasn't gone back on his promise. We can be sure that He will come, one day, but we can never know in advance when that will be.

In the meantime, he calls on us to watch and to wait, with "oil in our lamps," in other words, always ready for service, always ready to welcome him. We're all called to be servants who are always ready to do what our God asks of us.

The opportunity might not come again and if we miss that opportunity then we are not the only ones who lose out. But also the person who was in need loses out in experiencing the love that God has asked us to share with others in his name.

So let's take the opportunity offered to us to get ourselves spiritually ready for whatever God asks of us, however he comes to us, and whenever that is.

### 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.

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

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof,  
Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).



### Knightly News

St. Joseph School participates in a wonderful art program entitled "Meet the Masters." Each year the students study six or seven of the great masters of art and then produce their own piece of art based on the master's style, medium or time period. This year's masters are Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Henri Rousseau, Edward Hopper, Maria Martinez, Gustav Klimt and Michelangelo. Some of the artists are older masters and some are more contemporary. Students are introduced to each master with a slide presentation and discussion led by Sonya Stone, an artist from the Meet the Masters program. After school, the faculty and parent helpers create their own art project for that master and are given step-by-step instructions on how to coach the children in producing their own piece. When I was still in the classroom teaching, I always enjoyed producing my "piece of art" because I had always been convinced that *I couldn't even draw a straight line!* I must admit I thought my projects turned out pretty well for such a non-artist as me. You can imagine how enthused the students are when they produce pieces that they never thought they were capable of doing. Whenever you have a chance on the weekend after Mass, stop by the art display in the hallway and check out which master we have been studying lately!

Principal Hebestreit

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adult:** What things might keep me from being prepared to welcome Jesus whenever and wherever he comes?

**Child:** What can I do each day to prepare for Jesus' coming into my life?

**Teen:** What is a wise way to keep my lamp burning in my friendship with God?

**Weekly Offering**  
for the weekend of October 29/30  
\$10,459

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](http://AudioGirlMinistries.com).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary:** No class on Sunday, **November 27**, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Sacrament Program:** The first workshop for our **Year 1** Program is Sunday, **November 20**, from **2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** in the hall. This workshop is for parent(s) and children.

**Middle School:** No class on Tuesday, **November 22**, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Daylight savings ends...remember to fall back...Thank you for a great "Thank You, God, for Animals" parade last week! Early Childhood has adopted a Movement for a Better World family. Please remember to bring your assigned item next week. Also, we need a driver. Please let Shannon or your teacher know if you are interested in driving. Don't forget to discuss helping the needy with your children this week. Next week - t-shirts should be here!

**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](mailto:religioused@stjosephlb.org).

**St. Joseph's Early Childhood program** would like to extend a huge **thank you** to Home Depot in Lakewood for stepping up this year and donating all the paint sticks needed for our "Thank You, God, for Animals" parade. Thank you to Manager Hymien for your gracious donation. It is much appreciated!

**Early Childhood Sunday School** - If you would like your three year to kindergarten aged child to attend, call Shannon, 562-430-6840 or the RE Office, 562-598-0519. It's never too late - don't miss out on the fun!

**Fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Super Mex!**

All day on Monday, **November 14, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.**, 6429 Spring St. (at Palo Verde Ave). Take out or dine in. Just mention St. Joseph's to have 20% of your meal donated!

**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!



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

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

To all the faithful who took time to put together and donate hygiene kits for our brothers and sisters on the streets, a heartfelt **thank you**. You provided many necessities for those who do not have the luxuries of life. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to deliver these items.

November 1 was the solemnity of All Souls. St. Bernard, abbot, said it best, "Why should our praise and glorification or even celebration of this solemnity mean anything to the saints? The saints have no need of honor from us and, the devotion doesn't add the slightest thing to what is theirs in heaven. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. There is no danger in such ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory. Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. Thus we must seek the prayers of the saints so that what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession."

**Our Prayer:** Father, in the Eucharistic sacrifice You unite us more fully with those in Your kingdom. We rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us Your forgiveness and love. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Clayton Granger



**Altar Server Ministry** - A mandatory meeting for all current and new altar servers will be held on Thursday, **Nov. 10** at 7 p.m. in the church. Dn. Shane will go over some recent changes to the scheduling, as well as provide server training. Parents are asked to attend. Anyone interested in altar serving should call Olga at the parish office, 594-4657, for more information.

**St. Joseph High School**

**"A Day in the Life of a Jester"** - Thursday, **Nov. 10, 8 a.m. - noon.**

**Open House** - all welcome, Thursday, **Nov. 10, 5 p.m.** 5825 N. Woodruff Ave. For info: 562-925-5073 ext 151.

**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 Luncheon. Please make reservations, \$10/person. Serving chicken breast w/trimmings.

**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.

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



### **"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

**Did You Know? What is cyberbullying?** Cyberbullying is bullying that happens online. It can happen in an email, a text message, an online game or on a social networking site. It might involve rumors or images posted on someone's profile or passed around for other people to see. Studies of Internet-using adolescents indicate that 20% of young people (more than five million) have been the targets of cyberbullying and more than 10% (almost three million) have bullied others online. For information on how to spot and stop cyberbullying, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website:

[www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying](http://www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying)<<http://www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying>>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 4:18

**Please help** us make the Thanksgiving season glad 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, 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 needy family referrals are exceptional this year. We are seeking foster families or organizations for food and gift distribution to 16 needy families. Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385.



**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](http://www.concernamerica.org)

### **Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**Dec. 10 - St. Hilary**, Pico Rivera, 562-942-7300 ex 227

**Dec. 13 - St. Dominic Savio**, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 ex 247

### **Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Today's Gospel passage is part of Jesus' talk on the end time, when the world we know will end and God's Kingdom will come completely. Jesus tells a parable that urges people to be ready for this great event, the eternal wedding reception. The delayed arrival of the groom is the delayed Second Coming of Jesus. People must not be lulled into carelessness, into thinking that it will never happen. It will - and we do not know when. The theme of this parable is that the wise are prepared to complete their task. The oil in today's passage is the good works done for others. We must be prepared by living according to the gospel, doing good for others.

**Life Focus:** \* Tell of a time when you missed out on a good thing because you were not prepared. \* *What helps you prepare your "light" for Christ's coming?* \* What has helped you to remain faithful to your faith journey?

# Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 7**  
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- TUESDAY, November 8**  
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- WEDNESDAY, November 9**  
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- THURSDAY, November 10**  
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls Novena
- FRIDAY, November 11**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Ceasar Oseguera
- SATURDAY, November 12**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families
- SUNDAY, November 13**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Dick Kocevar  
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. - † Christina Trapeano  
 12:30 p.m. - † Hilda del Castillo

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>        |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>         |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>          |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Adam Mariano</b>        |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b> | <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>    |
| <b>David Waidelich</b>  | <b>William G. Ouimette</b> |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    | <b>Patrick Rea</b>         |
| <b>Patrick Murphy</b>   | <b>Michael Marchante</b>   |
| <b>Jason Kaufmann</b>   | <b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>      |

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 Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemmin, 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, Tillie Burke, Clara Lee Radtke, Mary Hughes & Leonor Aguirre.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Enschede	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	<b>594-7575</b>
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	<b>429-2529</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	<b>493-2198</b>

## 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

ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	<b>598-0519</b>
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>597-0785</b>

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Peter Baine	<b>598-4130</b>
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>714-761-4376</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	<b>594-4657</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley **594-7575**

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	<b>425-7811</b>
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	rely5@verizon.net	
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	www.stjosephlb.org	
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	<b>596-8287</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b>
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE