

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2011

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.

— Psalm 128:1a

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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:

In the Gospel today, it seems like Jesus has become a financial advisor, which is a very popular profession these days. And maybe it isn't bad advice for those of us who don't know how to manage what we have and end up in difficulty because we didn't learn to save or manage our finances better. But, on the other hand, this message appears to contradict the warnings and advice that Jesus makes in other places about money.

Is he contradicting himself? No. But today is a day to take stock in what we have. What we have received in personal qualities, such as blessings, relationships, gifts, and even material wealth. We should give thanks for our talents.


What purpose would the talent of all the geniuses in history have served if they had not created anything? The nature of God, which is given in great abundance, is to relate, to multiply, to give to others and produce fruit in our lives.

In reality, the things we have do not belong to us: they were given so we could continue God's great works in this world. To selfishly hide them will only end up killing them. When we give generously of our talents, only then can they produce greater kindness, and love will make them multiply. I leave each of us one question to reflect on. What talents or qualities have you received that need to be shared with others?


Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Terry Tibor



Please keep our Year II Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for their retreat next weekend, November 19 & 20. Thank you.



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

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will be taken up on **November 20**. Please see flyer in this week's bulletin for more information.

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.




Knightly News

When speaking at the Masses during the weekend of October 8 and 9, I mentioned fundraising opportunities that parishioners might help St. Joseph School with. Currently about \$20,000 is being given out this year in tuition assistance to our families. That cost needs to be recovered to keep the school budget in balance. The most likely options for covering that cost are through donations or fundraising. The school is trying very hard to tie fundraising this year into products and/or activities that families already engage in, like grocery shopping (i.e. registering your Ralph's card). So, here is another great opportunity to help support your parish school. The company is called *Cardraising – Holiday Card Fundraising*. It is a website where you can order Christmas cards or create a unique card of your own using personal pictures and messages. Most people buy Christmas cards and many, many families send out personalized family cards. If you purchase them through this website, the school receives 30% of all the proceeds. That is a pretty big percentage as far as fundraisers go! Please check out the website at www.cardraising.com. Thank you again for your continued support.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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



Weekly Offering
 for the weekend of November 5/6
\$12,946
 Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
(Based on today's Bible readings)
Adult: In what ways does fear hold me back from using my gifts and "talents?"
Child: How do I use the gifts God gives me?
Teen: What gift has God given me? What do I want to do with it?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Religious Education office will be closed on **November 24 & 25**. 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: Thank you for helping our Movement for a Better World family and bringing your item! Thank you to our drivers for delivering our gifts to our family. Regular class today. Next week - Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class - wear your t-shirts and remember you item for the table! Miss Shannon will not be present, but will be with you in spirit from her nephew's baptism.

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

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!

Confirmation News

Year II Confirmation Retreat is next weekend, November 19 & 20. We will be leaving the St. Joseph parking lot at 7 a.m. Saturday and returning Sunday at 3:30 p.m. If you have not received your information packet please call the Religious Education Office ASAP.

Confirmation Needs Your Help!

Year I & Year II Candidates are collecting supplies for our neighbors in need. We are in need of toiletry items to make care packages (ex. toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, baby wipes, mini shampoo and conditioners). Please drop off items to the Religious Education office anytime between now and December 2. Thank you for your support!

Youth Ministry Cosmic Bowling was a HUGE success!!! 150 Teens (6th, 7th & 8th graders) from St. Joseph, St. Bartholomew and the community took over the CSULB Student Union for an evening of bowling, billiards, ping pong, pizza and FUN! Thank you to all that participated and to all the volunteers that made the night such a success. Check our website, bulletin board and your email boxes for details on our December event. Contact youthministry@stjosephlb.org for more information.

Fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Super Mex!

Please join our Youth Ministry for food, football and FUNdraising...for faith!! All day Monday, **November 14, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.**, 6429 Spring St. (at Palo Verde Ave). Mention **St. Joseph Youth Ministries** and they will donate 20% of your check to a great cause...our new Youth Ministry! ****Offer good for dine in or take out.****

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Leftovers from 31st Sunday: "Do not lay heavy burdens hard to carry on others." Looking more into the reading, we see that Jesus understands human nature. It's easy to lay burdens on others. I cannot demand that others be kind and caring, if I am not. You cannot claim to be a Christian if you are nasty to other people. We cannot demand that others be good Catholics if we destroy another's reputation by phone, texting or gossip.

Actually it may be that we are intolerant of ourselves so we hide from ourselves by focusing our frustrations on others. A priest called this "transference": we can learn from Alcoholics Anonymous. Recovering alcoholics don't go casting stones at everyone else. They recognize they have a problem and with God's help they will try to overcome it. He closed by saying, "We need to stop transference of our inability to accept ourselves upon others! We need to allow the presence of the Lord to refine our lives so we can be happy with whom we are."

St. Leo the Great said, "If we love our neighbor, we automatically love God as well. For it is in the unity of this two-fold love that God has constituted the fullness of the Law and the Prophets."

Our Prayer: Loving Father, help us to realize that love is the most powerful force in the world. Let us love You and our neighbor because of You.

Virtus Recertification Training - Our Lady of Refuge is hosting two Virtus Keeping the Promise alive sessions in November. These sessions are for those who last attended a Virtus session before 2008. One session will be on Thursday, November 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; the second will be on Sunday, November 20, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Advance registration required. Please call the Religious Education Office at Our Lady of Refuge, 597-3102, to register.

St. Joseph Parish Fair April 27-29, 2012

I am happy to report that Kraig Jondle has taken up the role as Chairman of the 2012 Parish Fair. He and his wife, Kim, have a kindergartner in our school. The Jondle family have been in our parish since 1959. I encourage all parishioners to assist Kraig with planning the Fair. To participate, please contact Kraig at sjparishfair@gmail.com

Did You Know? How many people suffer elder

abuse? It is difficult to say how many older Americans are abused, neglected, or exploited, because surveillance is limited and the problem remains greatly hidden. Recent studies suggest more than 500,000 aged 60 and over are victims of domestic abuse. Also that only 16 percent of situations are referred for help. The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging estimates that there may be as many as 5 million victims every year. For more information, visit the National Center on Elder Abuse website: <http://www.ncea.aoa.gov>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Luncheon. Please make reservations, deadline for reservation Nov. 17, \$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.

Thank you to all the Confirmation candidates, sponsors and parishioners who participated in our Hunger Walk on Oct. 23. St. Joseph came in second, collecting \$3,951 and we had 157 walkers!

Advent Day of Reflection - Joy and Mystery: the Gift of Christmas

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps invites you to take a respite from the busy holiday season. Join Bishop Joseph Sartoris, Auxiliary Bishop, retired, San Pedro Pastoral Region, for prayer and reflection on the joy and mystery of the meaning of Christmas on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Loyola Marymount University. Lunch is included.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is a program combining service and reflection in the Ignatian tradition for women and men over 50. More information: Anne Hansen, Regional Director, 805-987-9807 or ahansen@ivcusa.org for reservations. Suggested donation \$20.

"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

Practice Mass for the new missal
7:00 p.m., November 15 and 22
10:00 a.m., November 19
Everyone is welcome.

No music, no vestments, no consecration

Please give thanks this Thanksgiving by sharing with the needy of our local community.

Nov. 13 - Blanket Drive. New blanket donations. Please bring to Mass or drop by the rectory before Nov. 19.

Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving food and blanket distribution from the parish hall to 87 needy families! Can you help? Please call Amy McKenna at 427-5917. A heartfelt THANK YOU to the parish families and organizations who have come to the aid of our exceptional need this year. You have completed the adoption of 16 of the 87 families our parish will be supporting this holiday season!

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support the program. For inquires, 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

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: As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our attention is drawn more and more to the end of our lives and the accounting we must give for our use of God's gifts. Jesus' parable speaks for itself. The faithful servants are generously rewarded because they were responsible and used what was given to them. Our relationship with God is not a cold business deal. But God expects us to show gratitude for the gifts given us and for God's confidence in our mature sense of responsibility by using these talents.

Life Focus: * What are the most important gifts you have been given? * Describe how you are showing gratitude for your gifts. * If your life ended today, what from your life would you be most pleased to set before God? * For what gifts do you need to show more gratitude? How will you do so this week?

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 14**
 8:00 a.m. - † Joseph Pham
- TUESDAY, November 15**
 8:00 a.m. - † Maria Dang
- WEDNESDAY, November 16**
 8:00 a.m. - † Analy Nguyen
- THURSDAY, November 17**
 8:00 a.m. - Clara Lee Radtke, living
- FRIDAY, November 18**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Jeremy Paulin, living
- SATURDAY, November 19**
 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- SUNDAY, November 20**
 7:30 a.m. - † Edward Kocevar
 9:00 a.m. - † Virgil Terry
 10:30 a.m. - † Bob Beall
 12:30 p.m. - † Col. Charlie Thomas

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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| Glenn 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 Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, 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, Mark Wynne, Domingo Vallejo & Chester Lizak.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
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LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Cheryl Hebestreit
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PTO PRESIDENT	Michele Grubbs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
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RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
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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
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE