

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 20, 2011

I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

— *Matthew 25:35*

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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 image of the king in Jewish thought was of a man who was chosen by God as a leader and a lawgiver, and he was called to faithfulness to the Lord. But men like Herod had perverted the image of kingship by the time of Jesus into an unquenchable quest for power and riches.

That is why the scriptures tell us that Jesus strongly rejects any attempt to make him a king. Yet, Jesus presents the true picture of a king faithful to God's purpose: He said, "For this I was born, for this I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth." It is in this light of a humble merciful king and judge that we should read today's Gospel as a message of hope for the humble.

I challenge each one of us here today to focus on the truth about life and to be aware of the request of Christ that in our daily life we are asked to recognize Him. I leave each of us with a question to answer. Is our commitment to the kingdom of this world or to the King who said, "My kingdom is not of this world"? My hope and prayer for each of us is that we choose the latter.



Knightly News

Up-date on St. Joseph School WCEA/WASC (Western Catholic Education Association/Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation. After more than a year, we are just about done with our self-study document.

The faculty and staff have worked very hard on taking a realistic view of who we are as a school and where we would like to head in the future. The process entailed input from students, staff, parishioners and current families, as well as past alumni and their families. Thank you to those who gave input on the surveys last year and also the verbal feedback I have received from various parishioners throughout the process. It is very helpful to us in understanding how the school is perceived in the greater parish community. The next step is to send the rough draft to the Department of Catholic Schools for review and feedback. At that point I will also be approaching some parishioners for review and feedback on the document. Then it will be on to our final draft. A Visiting Team Chairperson has already been assigned along with five additional educators who form the Visiting Team. They will be on campus for the official visitation from February 14-16. St. Joseph School is looking forward to the school visitation and all we can learn from it.

Principal Hebestreit



Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!

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

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Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 a.m.

You are welcome to bring your bread to be blessed. We wish a blessed and happy Thanksgiving to each of you and your loved ones. May God fill your heart with gratitude.



The rectory office will be closed **November 24 & 25.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How might my attitude change if I were to see Christ in every person I meet?

Child: What loving actions does Jesus ask me to do?

Teen: Who can I love instead of judge?

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
	<u>Thanksgiving Day-Suggested:</u>
	1 Kgs 8:55-61; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 1:39-55
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
	1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Practice Mass for the new missal
7:00 p.m., November 22

Everyone is welcome.

No music, no vestments, no consecration

Weekly Offering

for the weekend of November 12/13

\$10,306

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

Pro Life Corner - The American Center for Law and Justice in Washington D.C. heads many efforts for Pro Life. Recently they've been successful with the city of Pittsburgh about distribution of leaflets before an election. In New York, they've succeeded in obtaining a temporary injunction against the city concerning pregnancy crisis centers. Keep praying.

The American Center for Law and Justice, Nov. issue

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Thank you to our first and second grade families who generously donated items to be given to our adopted family for Thanksgiving. Our third, fourth and fifth grade families will be helping with the Christmas donations.

Religious Education office will be closed on **November 24 & 25**. No class on Sunday, **November 27**, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes meet on **December 4**. Christmas Program will be held on **December 18**.

Sacrament Program: The first workshop for our **Year 1** Program is today, 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. Pumpkin Pie Reception for Early Childhood immediate families at the end of class - wear your t-shirts! Next week - no class. Happy Thanksgiving. Remember with your children the reasons why we are grateful to our Lord.

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

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!

"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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's description of the last judgment goes further than any other. This final judgment determines what counts in the end. It is not success or how perfectly a person had developed. In the end, the judgment is about love for the poorest, the no-accounts, the ones easy to miss. It is not about doing good or charitable things for a cause or out of a sense of duty. What counts is doing real practical good out of genuine love. Jesus tells us that when we do this, we are serving Jesus himself.

Life Focus: * When have you felt "left out" and when have you felt accepted? * *When this week did you see another hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, in prison? How did you respond?* * Describe a time when helping others was your way of living this Gospel * *As a Church, whom do we easily pass by?*

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Lectors, I know you are miles ahead of me, but I thought it important to note that besides the proper pronunciation of Ezekiel and other words, the footnotes are good points to reflect on, such as this Sunday's solemnity of "Our Lord Jesus Christ the King." "What had the shepherds (leaders of Israel) done wrong?" They took good care of **themselves** at the expense of the poor people by feeding themselves with the milk and slaughtered fatlings and wore their wool. **But** they failed to take care of the weak, the sick and injured. Ezekiel's last two sentences reflect the Lord's response to the deceptive ones. The Gospel describes the basis on which the King (the Son of Man) will make His judgment. The standard on which the King will judge is similar to our "corporal works of mercy" - feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, give drink to the thirsty, welcome a stranger and you welcomed me. I recall this important passage, Mt 25:35, the way Blessed Teresa of Calcutta expressed it, by calling it the "five-fingered gospel," that by raising her hand she said, "**You did it to Me.**" Note she did not say, "You did it **for** Me" as in the Gospel, but she recognized Jesus in the poorest of the poor. Lectors, my prayer is that you will reflect on the readings **and** the footnotes in the workbook.

Our Prayer: Lord, as a sign of Your love, You renew each day for the sake of our well-being and happiness, renew us daily for the sake of Your glory and to recognize Your presence in all people, especially in the poor and those who mourn. Amen

Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service with Fr. Fernando Suarez, **Dec. 6, 7 p.m.** at St. Catherine Laboure Parish, 3846 Redondo Beach, Torrance. For information, please call Delia Tio, 310-625-5859.

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

Did You Know? Are you prepared for the "Big One"?

Are you and your kids prepared for the next earthquake? Think about a communications plan for your family. Choose someone who does not live with you (preferably an out-of-town relative or friend) whom you and other family members can contact to check on each other in the event that you are separated during a disaster. Carry that person's contact information in your purse or wallet. Make sure children know their last name, phone number, address, and number for the out-of-town contact person. Make sure every member of your family knows an alternate route home. If family members can't get home, designate a meeting place. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (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.

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.

The Catholic Tour, a 31 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate, announces a very "special" pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal in March, 2012. Call 877-627-4268 for information.

Avila Gardens Residence for Seniors in Duarte is looking for a full-time, experienced cook starting at \$12/hour. Please contact Sr. Shawn Pauline, OCD, Administrator, at 626-599-2214.

St. Joseph Parish Fair April 27-29, 2012

I am happy to report we have Co-Chairs for the Parish Fair. Kraig Jondle and Dana Moler will Co-Chair the Fair. Both have children in the school and are looking for Parent volunteers from the school, Religious Ed and Church members. I encourage all parishioners to assist Kraig and Dana with planning the Fair. To participate, please contact Kraig at sjparishfair@gmail.com and Dana at danamoler@charter.net

In sincerest gratitude and humility, the organizing committee wishes our fellow parishioners, health, happiness, and above all, blessings this Thanksgiving holiday. Your contributions of food, 125 new blankets, time, and talent have brought Thanksgiving comfort and hope to 87 needy families from our local community this weekend.



Christmas support of these families continues. Our Terry Tibor Memorial Christmas Trees will be decorated with envelopes **Dec. 3-4**. Each will contain information to buy a Christmas present for a child of one of these needy families.

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support the program. For inquires, call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Concern America Craft Sale Today

Beautiful handmade craft items from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador and Bangladesh are for sale after the Sunday morning Masses. By your purchase of these gift items, you support the work of Concern America and help to provide a fair and just wage for many materially poor families. We invite you to think about honoring your family and friends in a very special way by choosing gifts with meaning and purpose. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, 714-953-8575, www.concernamerica.org

St. Cyprian's Pasta Dinner & Wine Tasting

December 3. Dinner only, 4-8 p.m. - \$8. Dinner & wine tasting combo - \$20. Wine tasting only, 6-9 p.m. - \$15.

Mark Your Calendars! Our Lady of Refuge Office of Religious Education is hosting a Holiday Boutique,

5195 Stearns St., **December 3**, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and **December 4**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the OLR auditorium. There will be a variety of vendors offering quality items that our customers will be proud to give as gifts or use in their homes. Food items will be for sale. Please contact their office, 597-3102, if you are interested in being a vendor.

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



Cornelia Connelly School, an all girls Catholic college preparatory high school, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717 ext. 234, is holding a **Fall Open House, Dec. 4**, 1-4 p.m. Learn about academics and student life; meet students, teachers, administrators; take campus tours; hear vocal and handbell ensembles perform; have refreshments.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 21**
 8:00 a.m. - † Terry Tibor
- TUESDAY, November 22**
 8:00 a.m. - † Terry Tibor
- WEDNESDAY, November 23**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living
- THURSDAY, November 24**
 9:00 a.m. - † Juan Escandon
- FRIDAY, November 25**
 8:00 a.m. - † Teresita Salenga
- SATURDAY, November 26**
 5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch
- SUNDAY, November 27**
 7:30 a.m. - † Terry Tibor
 9:00 a.m. - Greg and Avie Fernandes, living
 10:30 a.m. - † Terry Tibor
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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 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, Barbara Gormly & Arnold & Francis Esposito.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
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562-596-6115

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SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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Ann Crowley	594-7575
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE