

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33

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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:

Waiting can be boring. Sometimes we spend so much time waiting for something that we forget what it was we were waiting for. On the other hand, familiarity with something can become too much of a routine. When we repeat the same actions or words all the time it can become a comfortable routine, but little by little our actions and words can lose their meaning.

As we face this challenge today of keeping meaning in our lives and in our relationships, the gospel tells us we are to remain vigilant and to be on the alert. Maybe we can continue to do the same things in our lives, but by being alert we do them with joy and with more care and love, recognizing in a more profound way those people in our lives.

Today we begin Advent, which is the period in which we wait for the arrival of Jesus in our lives. If we wait routinely, it is possible we will not recognize him. How can we be vigilant? By being alert to the people in our surroundings, listening to our spouses and children; putting care into our jobs; treating everyone with kindness and showing respect for the people that come into our lives. In doing this, when Jesus arrives we will be ready to meet him.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what person, event, or situation is Christ present to me today?

Child: How can I help other children in need during this time of Advent?

Teen: How can I be more alert to God's presence this Advent?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

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



Knightly News

We hope you all had a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving and welcome you to the Advent season.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

This Advent

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend.
 Write a love letter. Share some treasure.
 Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.
 Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgive an enemy.
 Listen. Apologize if you were wrong.
 Think first of someone else. Be kind and gentle.
 Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
 Express your gratitude.
 Gladden the heart of a child.
 Take pleasure in the beauty & wonder of the earth.
 Speak your love. Speak it again.
 Speak it still once again.

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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

Centering Prayer will be meeting in the Parish Center chapel every Tuesday at 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class today for the Thanksgiving holiday. Class session on **December 4**. Christmas Program will be held on **December 18**.

Our third, fourth and fifth grade families are sponsoring our adopted family for Christmas. Sign-ups for items to be donated will be taken on **December 4**. Items should be brought to class on **December 11**.

Early Childhood: No class! Thank you for participating in our Pumpkin Pie Reception last week after classes. Remember to give thanks for all your blessings with your children.

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!

Adult Confirmation

For adults who have not been confirmed and would like to be, classes start **January 9**, Monday evenings, **7-9 p.m.**, at St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita. An additional class will start on **January 15**, Sunday mornings, **9-11 a.m.** at St. John of God Church in Norwalk. Both classes run through May. To register for either of these classes, please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519, for forms and other requirements.

"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

Youth Ministry News

Our Youth Ministry program continues to grow and we are thrilled to see attendance increase at each event. To help raise much needed funds for this new parish program, we will be hosting "Change for Youth" next weekend. Our Youth will be collecting your spare change after each of the Masses **December 10 & 11**. Your change will make a big change for the youth of our parish. Thank you for supporting the kids in our parish community.

Join us for: Christmas at the Beach (DJ, Games, Munchies & Friends), Sunday, **December 11, 2-4 p.m.** All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited. More details and registration available on our parish bulletin board, website, or call Melissa Beach at (562) 598-0519.

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Advent is here! So is the New Roman Missal! We also begin a new Liturgical cycle. During Advent there will be a lot of readings from the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) and the reason is to learn what to hope for. The Jews were hoping to bring together those who were scattered to a land of milk and honey. As our Order of Prayer says, "We differ from the Jews in that the coming of Jesus in history is a partial fulfillment of God's promises which strengthens our hope. Also, we differ because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not far off but already in our midst." Every Sunday after the Lord's Prayer we hear words of an **Advent prayer**, "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ." Our waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ cannot be passive or an uninvolved time. Like expectant parents we need to be constantly working to make sure everything is ready for the coming of the Lord. The Gospel should move us away from a passive waiting to an attitude of active and watchful waiting. Jesus tells us we must be occupied with the work of the Master.

Our Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant that Your Holy Spirit may inspire us to be a true follower of Your Son, Jesus. May He come and dwell in us always and keep us ever on the path of holiness. Amen.

Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service with

Fr. Fernando Suarez, **December 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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Advent literally means "coming." This coming refers to the first coming of Jesus as a baby in Nazareth, his coming into the hearts of faithful Christians throughout the ages and his final coming in glory at the end of the world. Christians in the first century looked for Christ to return soon to establish once and for all God's reign of justice, peace and love. The parable we hear in Mark's gospel encouraged the early Christians not to grow careless. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Jesus will come again. He will not forget his own. Keep looking!

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, who do we easily pass by?*



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

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. 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.

Concern America Craft Sale

Thank you to all who purchased gift items from Concern America last week. You have helped to provide a fair and just wage for many materially poor families. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, 714-953-8575, www.concernamerica.org

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, December 4, 1-4 p.m.** Learn about academics and student life; meet students, teachers, and administrators; take campus tours; hear vocal and handbell ensembles perform; have refreshments.

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Our sincerest thank you to all our parishioners who contributed and became God's hands to distribute Thanksgiving food and blankets to 87 needy families last weekend! Please return your driver family information sheets to the rectory as soon as possible.



Dec. 3-4 Our Terry Tibor Memorial Christmas Trees will be in the church and decorated with envelopes next weekend.



Each envelope will contain information to buy a present for a child of one of our supported families. Please take from the tree and return your gift to church the following weekend.

Dec. 17 Christmas food and present distribution. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Can you help set up the distribution the day before? Call Tim Clark for details 431-4385.

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

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.

Did You Know? Background checks and screening - "In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, all clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For information call: (213) 637-7411." From the pamphlet, "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy & Holy," published by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The pamphlet is available online at: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, November 28**
 8:00 a.m. - † Florence Jones
- TUESDAY, November 29**
 8:00 a.m. - † Joseph Pilarczyk
- WEDNESDAY, November 30**
 8:00 a.m. - † Ignastina & Alex Fernandes
- THURSDAY, December 1**
 8:00 a.m. - Gerry Koppenheffer, living
- FRIDAY, December 2**
 8:00 a.m. - † Edward & Mary Dondero, Anniversary
- SATURDAY, December 3**
 5:00 p.m. - † John Chiordi
- SUNDAY, December 4**
 7:30 a.m. - † Dick Kocevar
 9:00 a.m. - Edward & Aurora Pinheiro, living
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

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
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	493-0541
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

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,	Virginia Young	598-0519
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EARLY CHILDHOOD	Virginia Young	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
SUNDAY NURSERY		
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

ADULT MINISTRY

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

Ann Crowley **594-7575**

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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