

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

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**Fr. Harold L. Ford**, Retired, In Residence  
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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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.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:

During this Advent season, we await the coming of Jesus, and the full realization of Jesus' reconciling work on earth. As the second reading from the Letter of Peter tells us, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where God's justice is at home.

And we won't be disappointed. Jesus is coming!

Jesus is coming, inviting us to experience conversion, to be given a heart full of God's deep compassion, to be forgiven for our sins - and much, much more. Jesus is reconciling the whole world, each of us with one another and with God.

Jesus gives us a vision of a world in which all of the barriers that separate us, the poor from the rich, the West from the South, nation from nation will be no more. And that my friends, is very sufficient for us to always strive to give joyful praise to God forever.

#### Holy Day of Obligation

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Thursday, December 8

Vigil, Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Feast day, December 8, 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



**Catholic Extension** - In the back of church, please pick up a copy of the Christmas issue of *Extension* magazine. *Extension* is a publication of Catholic Extension. This issue features Sister Gabriella Williams, OP, of the Diocese of San Bernardino who is referred to as the "Mother Teresa of the Coachella Valley" for her incredible faith and ministry to the poor. The magazine shares stories about how Catholics are creating vibrant experiences of church in the most challenging of situations. We think you will enjoy reading these stories that demonstrate how faith can transform lives and communities.

**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

Well the turkey has been eaten and the First Week of Advent has come and gone. Happy New Year! As we begin this Second Week, the school Christmas Program gets closer and closer. Please know that you are most cordially invited to attend if it fits into your holiday schedule. There are two performances in the hall on Wednesday, December 14. The first one is at 1:00 in the afternoon and it is primarily for the students and those folks (especially the grandparents and seniors) who do not like to go out at night. In the evening the performance is at 7:00 and it is for the parents and relatives (except 7th and 8th grade students!) who would like to join us for this wonderful celebration. The sixth grade students put on the Christmas Play while the kindergarten through fifth grade performs holiday songs interspersed throughout the evening. It is a lovely way to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time. I hope to see you there.

Principal Hebestreit

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

**Adult:** What or who could be a messenger of God's coming to me today? How could I be such a messenger?

**Child:** What can I do each day this week to get ready for Jesus to come into my heart?

**Teen:** How is straightening up a friendship like making a straight road for God?

#### Weekly Offering

for the weekend of November 19/20

\$9573

and for the weekend of November 26/27

\$9471

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph PAC (Parish Center) and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered to all parishioners free of charge. (Note: there will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information please call: Charlotte Morrison (562) 439-7733 or Pat Halliwell (562) 799-0921.

**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).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Elementary:** Our Christmas Program will be held on **December 18** in the hall. Children will go to class at **10:30 a.m.** to prepare. Program will start at **11 a.m.** Parents and family members are invited to attend and may come to the hall at 10:30 a.m.

No class on Sundays, **December 25 and January 1.** Classes will resume on Sunday, **January 8.**

**Middle School:** We will be singing at a convalescent home on Tuesday, **December 13.** Earlier time for this event - **6-7 p.m.** Join us for dinner following.

No class **Dec. 20, 27, & Jan. 3.** Class resumes **Jan. 10.**

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today. Next week - remember your item for our Movement for a Better World family.

**Sunday Nursery:** Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses. The nursery will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day this year. Please remember to thank Miss Yvonne for all of her hard work year in and year out caring for our parish's little ones. Thank you, Miss Yvonne. We are grateful to you! We are looking for an occasional substitute nursery caretaker to fill in as needed. Please call Shannon, 430-6840, for details.

**"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

**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, 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.

**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:**

And with your SPIRIT! Our American spirit is being tested with "**Occupy this and occupy that.**" Unemployment is up and the Dow is down. The housing bubble has burst; what is there to **hope** for?

ADVENT! God will send His Son, Jesus, to show us the way to true **Joy.** "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch onto the affirmative and don't mess with Mr. In-between! You've got to spread joy up to the maximum, bring gloom down to the minimum." Remember that song? There is another line to it that goes, "Sit tight while I'm reviewing the attitude of doin' right."

I saved the following Letter to the Ephesians for this occasion, "Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things people need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ." Eph 4:29-32

Come Lord Jesus, send us Your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.

OUR PRAYER: Father God, increase our will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 is a season of fresh beginnings. The writer of Second Isaiah gives people a message of hope and comfort. The exiles will return to Jerusalem on a straight and level road. Isaiah proclaims the good news that God is always faithful, a God of both power and tenderness. Mark begins the account of the Good News (the meaning of the word *gospel*). Jesus, God's son sent to heal us and lead us home, is himself the Good News. Mark begins by telling us about John the Baptist, the herald of the good news of Jesus' coming. Today, we are called to be heralds of this same Good News. We announce to a hurting world that Jesus Christ has experienced the worst we face and has come through it.

**Life Focus:** \* Relate an experience when someone helped you to see your need to change. \* *Describe an experience when you prepared for a special someone coming into your life.*



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat  
God ♥ all**

**We always welcome new members.**

**Dec. 5** - Regular meeting

**Dec. 19** - Christmas Luncheon - Reservation needed, deadline 12/15 - \$10/person. Please bring unwrapped gift for Precious Life. Serving chicken/ham and trimmings.

**Palm Springs Follies Dec. 9** - Bus leaves St. Joseph parking lot at **8:30 a.m.** and returns at approx. 6:00 p.m. For **trip info** call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

**Gambler's Delight** - The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners, 21 years & older, for a bus trip to the Spotlight Casino in Indio, **Jan. 11**. \$35/person. Everyone will get \$35 free slot play on arrival. This is a 5 hour casino stay. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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



**It's the most wonderful time of the year!** Our holiday help of local, needy families changes to thoughts of Christmas this weekend. We pray for God's blessings on all who give of themselves and their financial support to share goodwill and hope with 87 local needy families!



This weekend - Please visit our Terry Tibor Memorial Christmas Trees. Each envelope contains information to

buy a present for a child of one of our supported families. **Please return your gift to the church no later than 12:30 p.m. next 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.

**Our Lady of Refuge Office of Religious Education Holiday Boutique**, 5195 Stearns St., **Dec. 4**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the OLR auditorium. There will be quality items that our customers will be proud to give as gifts or use in their homes. Food items for sale as well.

**St. Hedwig's 32nd Annual Christmas Dinner** - Will you or someone you know be alone on Christmas day? You are invited to a Christmas dinner in Quinn Hall, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd, on Dec. 25, at 1 p.m. There will be families to share their love and prayers, a bounty of food, singing, and much more. No charge, but **reservations are required**. Please call Ed or Dewey Foster, 598-7060 by Dec. 22.

**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 Sartoris, Auxiliary Bishop, retired, for prayer and reflection on the joy and mystery of the meaning of Christmas on Saturday, **Dec. 10** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Loyola Marymount University. Lunch is included.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps combines service and reflection in the Ignatian tradition for those over 50. More info: Anne Hansen, Regional Director, 805-987-9807 or [ahansen@ivcusa.org](mailto:ahansen@ivcusa.org) for reservations. Donation \$20.

**Did You Know? Safeguard the Children Parish Committee Handbook** - The goal the Office of Safeguard the Children is to support and provide training and resources for the Safeguard the Children Parish Committees which are the foundation of our efforts to protect children and young people from child sexual abuse. The Safeguard the Children Parish Committee Handbook has been created to help parishes and schools. To view the handbook online, please visit: [www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting). For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, (213) 637-7650.

# Mass Intentions



**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

**MONDAY, December 5**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Mike Ensch

**TUESDAY, December 6**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Mathias Anthony Faia

**WEDNESDAY, December 7**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Agnelo Olivera  
 7:00 p.m. - † Terry Tibor

**THURSDAY, December 8**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Henry Wiegand  
 7:00 p.m. - † Maria Hryniewicki

**FRIDAY, December 9**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Joyce Iwasko

**SATURDAY, December 10**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Salvate & Botelho families

**SUNDAY, December 11**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Terry Tibor  
 9:00 a.m. - † Debbie Arostique  
 10:30 a.m. - † Peter Anselmo  
 12:30 p.m. - † Danie Padilla

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**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, Madelyne McCarthy & Gary Lyman.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
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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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net	<b>799-0660</b>
Website address:	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