

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2012

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
— Luke 2:19

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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.
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:

Many of us will be making New Year resolutions today. We hope to make positive changes in the way we live, in order to have a new way of life in 2012. The Gospel today presents Mary to us as a model of that new way of life, a life in Christ that all of us wish for ourselves in the New Year.

We read that the shepherds when they went to adore the Child Jesus in the manger told everyone what the angels had said to them. But Mary treasured all these words and "pondered them in her heart." She pondered the word of God in order to discern what God was saying to her at every stage in her life.

Let's make a resolution today to imitate Mary, the mother of God, to treasure God's word and ponder it in our hearts. Then we will be able to realize more fully our other new year resolutions striving to make changes in our life.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Jeffrey San Jose
Robert Maney



Newlyweds 101: Keeping Your Marriage God-Centric - The goal of this enrichment program is to openly identify, share, and discuss concepts and techniques to enhance couple's marriages to be more God-Centric.

Where: St. Basil Catholic Church, 637 S. Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles 90005.

When: Fridays - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., January 27, February 24, March 23, April 20, May 25, June 22, July 27.

For more information or to register, please contact Candy Metoyer at 213.637.7250 or cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org

**"A candle loses nothing of its light
by lighting another candle"**

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

Rectory Office will be closed Jan. 2.

Christmas mailing - If you did not receive the Christmas schedule and offering envelope in the mail, you are probably not registered here at St. Joseph Church. If you would like to be registered, or if you have any questions, please call the rectory office, 594-4657.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, January 5, 6-8 pm

"People will forget what you said;
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: For what divine blessings will I return praise and thanks today?

Child: What does it mean to me to be a child of God?

Teen: Which of God's blessings am I most thankful for right now?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: What are the things Mary reflected on "in her heart"? Mary grappled with both sides of the mystery of Jesus' birth: the miraculous and the everyday, the joyous and the painful, what was already unfolding and what was yet to be revealed. In all this Mary was really pondering the mystery of God's Presence to us in all things of daily living and thus sublimely models how we too can encounter the Word being made flesh and dwelling among us.

Life Focus: * Throughout this year, what is one aspect of the mystery of the incarnation that I need to continue to reflect on? * *What would help me to give God more room and time in my life?* * What strengthens my trust in God and enables me to accept the things in life that I don't yet fully understand? * *How do I show devotion to Mary and how does this effect my relationship to her Son?*

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.

Pro Life Corner - Let's always pray for those who consider abortion. There are 115,000 babies aborted daily, worldwide.
Audio Girl Ministries

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Happy New Year everyone!

The Religious Education Office will be open on **Jan. 3.**

Elementary: No class today. Classes will resume on Sunday, **January 8.** No class on **January 15** due to catechist in-service.

Middle School: No class **Jan. 3.** Class resumes **Jan. 10.**

Early Childhood: No class today. Happy New Year! Enjoy your holiday and remember to be aware of Christ in your heart! Blessings to you and your loved ones for a year full of God's love. Next week - back to class.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses. The nursery will be **closed on New Year's Day** this year. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please remember to thank Miss Yvonne for her hard work and dedication.

Confirmation News

Track Two begins Sunday, January 8

Year I will meet in the hall at 12:00 noon

Year II Sunday groups meet at 4:00 p.m. in school classrooms. Wednesday group meets Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC.

Reminder: **Rite of Affirmation (Yr II) will take place Sunday, Jan. 29, at 12:30 Mass followed by a guest speaker presentation in the hall for both Year I and Year II. Sponsors are required to attend with their candidate.** Please refer to your Confirmation calendar or contact the Religious Education Office for further info.

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.

"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

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Jan. 4 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Lomita, 310-326-3364

Jan. 14 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 ext 247

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

To all a blessed, healthy and prosperous 2012. Time, it has been said, is a prized commodity; we have to be in control. But God the Creator of time, put into us a sense of creativity. That of itself, if used wisely, is a gift and not a waste of time. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is this Thursday. It is a time to be with the Lord. I used to call it "wasting time with the Lord" but He beckons us to take time out of our busy schedule and rest a while in Him. Can't find time to do that? Then spend a few minutes after Mass. That is the time He is closest to you. You have just received the Body of Christ and have become another Christ. Take time to just sit and be still in Him. God took the initiative by the birth of His only begotten Son that tells us how much He loves us. He doesn't send us "presents" but becomes present to us.

Our family was blessed to serve at Project Achieve last Monday, and the real joy for me is that six of my grandchildren were able to serve the men and women. Their gift of "presence" to those in need was truly a Christmas gift beyond measure. We invite you who have not experienced, as Fr Scott calls it, "being a guest chef" for the residents.

We need to reflect that LOVE. As the moon reflects the sun's rays, so we too need to reflect the Son's love for all.

A BLESSING FOR HOMES AT EPIPHANY: At the manger scene we pray: Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Bless us with health, goodness of heart, and gentleness. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen

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.

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:

Glen Warren
Joseph Comfort
Scott Williams
Timothy Ring
Daniel O'Connell
David Waidelich
Timmy Allison
Patrick Murphy
Jason Kaufmann
John Landry

Nick Compton
Irene Avila
Justin Ray
Adam Mariano
Obinna Ugochukwu
William G. Ouimette
Patrick Rea
Michael Marchante
Nicky Kaufmann
Jessica Landry

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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Yearly dues are due in January.

Jan. 9 & 23 - Regular Meetings

Feb. 6 - Regular Meeting

Feb. 20 - Senior Retreat

For **trip info** call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324.

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Cornelia Connelly 2323 W Broadway, Anaheim, girls, Catholic, college prep high school 714-776-1717 ext 234.

Open House - Jan. 10, 8-10:30 a.m., RSVP required

Entrance Exam - Jan. 21, 8:30-1:00, registration required

St. Anthony High School Open House - Sunday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. Come see all that we have to offer: Advance Technology, Marine Science Academy, iPads for every student, Music and Drama programs, Athletics and Activities that make it a great day to be a Saint! Everyone welcome.

Entrance Exam – Catholic High School Placement Test on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 8 a.m. Please contact us for details or to register for the test, 562 435-4496.

St. Joseph High School placement exam, 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, 562-925-5073, Jan. 21, 8 a.m.

Tax Letter for 2011 - If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2011, please call the rectory office, 594-4657, and leave your name, phone number and email address. We would like to email as many of these letters as possible this year to save on postage. Thank you!

Parish Fair News: The first Parish Fair volunteer meeting is **Jan. 10** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Volunteers needed in roles big & small for the Fair. Whether you can give 4 hours or 14 hours we have a role for you. Please come and tell us where you wish to contribute in making the Fair a success. At this time, we are looking for individuals or couples to help NOW with Pre-sale tickets, Volunteer Coordination, and Permits. Contact co-chairs Kraig Jondle at 562.760.5458 sjparishfair@gmail.com or Dana Moler 562.522.5832 danamoler@charter.net

*The fruit of silence, is prayer.
 The fruit of prayer, is faith.
 The fruit of faith, is love.
 The fruit of love, is service.
 The fruit of service, is peace.*

-Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Wishing you the peace of Christ, health, happiness, and a faith-filled, prosperous 2012!

Jan. 25: Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Feb. 4-5: Feed a Baby. Call Tim Clark to help, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday

On **Jan. 15**, please bring your **usable** clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc. to their truck in our parking lot between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please help them to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call for pick up of heavy items, 323-224-6280.

Weekly Offering

for the weekend of December 17/18

\$10,401

for the weekend of December 24/25

\$27,750

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Husbands and wives, the most precious gift that you give to each other is your love. Why not renew your love with the experience of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a perfect Christmas gift.

The weekend provides the opportunity to look at your relationship in an atmosphere of privacy and gives you a chance to give thanks for the gift of your spouse, something that most of us don't take the time to do often enough. The next weekends are **Jan. 20-22** in Ventura and **Feb. 17-19** in Downey. For more information or to apply, go online at www.ilovemyspouse.org or call Brian and Denise Keckeison, 562-461-7278.

Did You Know? Report Inappropriate or Illegal Content on the Internet

- One of the reasons that children do not report the inappropriate content they find online is fear of punishment. If you let them know that it is not their fault if they come across an inappropriate site, they will be more willing to come to you. If your children ever show you a site that contains illegal behavior, such as pornographic images of children, contact your Internet service provider and the CyberTipline www.cybertipline.com. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 31

5:00 p.m. - † Gilberto Cerna

SUNDAY, January 1

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Garcia

9:00 a.m. - † Robert Bentley

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell, living

12:30 p.m. - † Edward Ely

MONDAY, January 2

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

TUESDAY, January 3

8:00 a.m. - Pauline Diaz, living

WEDNESDAY, January 4

8:00 a.m. - Mary Lou Clark, living

THURSDAY, January 5

8:00 a.m. - † Pamela Morrison

FRIDAY, January 6

8:00 a.m. - † Edward Koskie

SATURDAY, January 7

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate families

SUNDAY, January 8

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett

10:30 a.m. - † Kathy Lawrence

12:30 p.m. - † Robert Fitzgerald

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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, Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, Kennedy Willey, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohonen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Evelyn Sylvia, Teresa Anselmo, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemm, 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, Leonor Aguirre, Mark Wynne, Domingo Vallejo, Chester Lizak, Barbara Gormly, Arnold & Francis Esposito, Madelyne McCarthy, Gary Lyman, Alfredo Tan & Pauline Diaz.

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	594-4657
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, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	425-7811
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net	799-0660
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
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	Pat Murach	342-4096
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

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