

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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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.

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:

For many years in the English-speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation.

There are different aspects to the feast of the Epiphany. The first is divine manifestation; Christ has come as the Son of God.

A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. Christ being revealed to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

A third idea that is closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and kingship is that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in expectation of the Coming Light of the Messiah. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, it was seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds.

Much food for thought and reflection is contained in just these three ideas. Epiphany lifts our eyes from the family celebrations and asks that we include in our vision "all the ends of the earth." It asks that, like the three wise men, we have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen in our own lives, and to be able to see and recognize our Lord Jesus in any unexpected way that He may present Himself to us.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Teresa Anselmo



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.

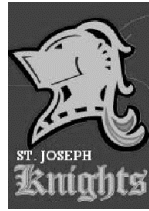
Newlyweds 101: Keeping Your Marriage God-

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



Knightly News

HAPPY NEW YEAR! St. Joseph School is back in session and ready to tackle the new year. Many exciting events are coming soon. Some of them include the school Geography Bee, second quarter report cards, fifth and eighth grade ACRE (Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education) testing, the Scholastic Book Fair and Catholic Schools Week. Can you believe that covers only the month of January? As you can see, we're going to be very busy in the coming weeks! We'll keep you posted on all the happenings. Principal Hebestreit

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adults: When have I found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

Child: Where and in whom will I look for Jesus this week?

Teen: What events or people have guided me in my relationship with God?

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Epiphany means "manifestation," a revelation of Jesus as truly God. Matthew and Luke show this child to be divine through stories of "signs and wonders" when Jesus was an infant. Matthew's account of the visit of the three magi also shows the Church's mission to the Gentiles. Matthew's audience, largely Jewish Christians, was struggling to accept the presence of Gentile Christians in their community. Matthew shows in this Gospel passage that the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews was indeed God's plan.

Life Focus: * What helps you stay focused on God's presence in everyday situations where God is usually not mentioned? * *When have you come to appreciate people you used to pass by or not notice?* * Who and what on your journey has helped you to know and understand Jesus and his message better? * *How do we reconcile the material gifts we have in our lives with the simple life-style of Jesus?* * Herod feared losing his power. When have you known people to lie or hurt others because of fear? * *Who or what event was the star that led you to a better understanding of Jesus?* * What gifts do you bring to the Christ Child? * *In your faith journey, when have you taken a different route than you expected?*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

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

Elementary: No class on **January 15**, due to catechist in-service. Our family Mass and potluck brunch will take place on **January 29**, at 9AM.

Sacrament Program: The second workshop for our **Year 1** families will take place on Sunday, **January 15**, from 2:00 to 3:30pm. This workshop is for parents and children. Child care will be provided for siblings.

Middle School: Class resumes on **Jan. 10**.

Early Childhood: Regular class today.

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

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.

Youth Ministry - Bring your sleeping bag, blanket or chair and come join us for Youth Ministry's movie night. Fri. **Jan. 13**, 7-9:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Registration forms available in the back of the church, religious ed office or on our parish website. RSVP to Shelley Padilla at: youthministry@stjosephlb.org

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

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

JUST IMAGINE.....Theme of the 123rd annual Rose Parade. "One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their interests. Apparently they don't need Him. They live as though He did not exist and worse, as though He were an 'obstacle' to remove to fulfill themselves. Even among believers, some let themselves be attracted by enticing dreams and distracted by misleading doctrines suggesting deceptive shortcuts to happiness. Yet despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and maybe because of them, humanity seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Savior and sometimes unconsciously the coming of the Savior, the one true Redeemer of man." ...Pope Benedict XVI 12-20-2006

JUST IMAGINE.....The Magi did not travel to the King of Kings to get something out of it. They sought to pay Him homage and bring gifts. When we seek to get something when we give, we are disappointed. When we look to give, we often receive more than we give or expect. It's the same within the Church, if we look to get something, there won't be much there. If we focus our concern with giving of ourselves at Mass, then the Lord will shower us with His gifts.

JUST IMAGINE....."Nazareth is a kind of school where we begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand His Gospel. We ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known. Here we learn to realize who Christ really is. We learn from its silence. Oh, if we could only realize and appreciate its great value. Next we learn about family life, a model of what family should be - a community of love and sharing, a setting for raising children."Pope Paul VI Jan 5, 1964

OUR PRAYER: Lord, after the Magi, You called all people out of the darkness and into Your wonderful light. Make us go forth as witnesses of the Good News and by our service reveal Your glory to our brothers and sisters. Amen

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	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
John Landry	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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
Jan. 14 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 ext 247



**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, 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! Everybody 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.

Wanted! Any unwanted crutches, walkers, and/or canes. Give the gift of mobility. Please bring your items to church on January 14 or 15 after all Masses or call Ava Baldwin, 562-900-4417, for pick up. Thank you for your donation.

Weekly Offering
for the weekend of December 31/January 1
\$12,080

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

Parish Fair News: Here is your chance to fulfill your New Year resolution to get more involved around the Parish. This TUESDAY, **Jan. 10** at 7 pm in the Parish Activity Center will be the first meeting to organize the Parish Fair. Volunteers needed in roles big & small so whether you can give 4 hours or 14 hours we have a role for you. Please come TUESDAY and tell us where you wish to contribute in making the Fair a success. Also, at this time, we are looking for individuals or couples to help NOW with Pre-sale tickets and Volunteer Coordination. Come TUESDAY night or contact co-chairs Kraig Jondle at 562.760.5458 sjparishfair@gmail.com or Dana Moler at 562.522.5832 danamoler@charter.net

**Christmas Blessings
Given and Received!**

Please see the fruits of your ministry! We have posted several heartwarming thank you notes on the church bulletin board located on the way to the school office. To our 71 parish-community supported families, we provided over 500 gift packages for their children, and a bountiful supply of groceries.

One of our supported families is in need of a twin bed mattress. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Jan. 25: Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. Come help us plan our current activities and let us know how we can improve our ministry.

Feb. 4-5: Feed a Baby food drive for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings



Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday

Just a reminder! Bundle Sunday is next week, **Jan. 15**, in the parking lot between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. They need your support! Remember to bring any **usable** items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture and large appliances, please call 323-224-6280 for home pickups.

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.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration - Please mark your calendars to join the parish in celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, during and after 12:30 Mass, March 18. This year in conjunction with our celebration, we will also be hosting a traditional St. Joseph's Table after Mass. One half of the charitable proceeds from the St. Joseph Table will be allocated in support of St. Joseph School tuition for families in financial need. The other half will be donated to a needy Long Beach parish. The organizing committee is in need of a few committee leaders: baked goods coordinator, publicity, and raffle ticket sales for example. Can you help? Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385 or Gerry Seckington, 420-3220.

Did You Know? Helping victims of abuse The first obligation of the Church is for healing and reconciliation. The Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Ministry helps victims/survivors who have been victims by priests, deacons, or individuals representing the Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Suzanne Healy, is available to help victims/survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the archdiocese, and to obtain support. Ms. Healy can be reached by calling, (213) 637-7650. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, January 9
 8:00 a.m. - Joe and Lily Dang, living

TUESDAY, January 10
 8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, living, Appreciation,

WEDNESDAY, January 11
 8:00 a.m. - † Thomas and Margaret Devine

THURSDAY, January 12
 8:00 a.m. - Evelyn Sylvia, living

FRIDAY, January 13
 8:00 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo

SATURDAY, January 14
 5:00 p.m. - † John Keller

SUNDAY, January 15
 7:30 a.m. - Domingo Vallejo, living
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo
 12:30 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Dizon
 40th Wedding Anniversary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38
 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;
 Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
 Jn 1:35-42

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 Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Evelyn Sylvia, 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, Leonor Aguirre, Mark Wynne, Domingo Vallejo, Chester Lizak, Barbara Gormly, Arnold & Frances Esposito, Madelyne McCarthy, Gary Lyman, Alfredo Tan, Pauline Diaz, Josephine Rosello, Robert Burt & Kimberley Wilkinson.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	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,	Virginia Young	598-0519
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Melissa Beach	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	425-7811
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
Website address: 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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	310-316-3477
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