

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you.

— *Corinthians 6:19a*

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

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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:

God's call is always personal and he invites each of us to build a close relationship with him. God calls us today to participate in his mission and he expects us to respond to his call. He has called people to be missionaries, preachers, teachers, ordinary office workers, builders of families, social workers, physicians, nurses, persons who could be his instruments of healing and reconciliation. He has called people to work as priests and religious. God wants each and every one of us to experience the Kingdom of God through the Person of Christ.

In the first reading we have God calling young Samuel as he was sleeping in the Temple. Once Samuel recognizes God's call he responds to him saying: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Once he is ready to listen, God gives him the message and the mission. My hope for each one of us is that we are ready to listen and that we answer our calling by living our lives in harmony with our dreams and desires, realizing that our dreams and desires coexist with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

Although the Christmas season has ended we have a gift for each family this weekend. St. Joseph's parish in conjunction with some parishioners has purchased Matthew Kelly's "Mass Journal." The Mass Journal is designed to enrich our experience of Sunday Mass, teaching us how to listen to the voice of God, and hopefully deepen our daily spirituality.

I would like to thank the following families for their generous donations to purchase these books for our parishioners. The Murchison's, The Baldwin's, The Padilla's (Tony and Shelley), The Gath's, The Faris', The Weaver's (Steve and Anne), The Young's (Virginia and Ray), The Ohde's, The Schaeffer's, The Houghton's, The Gallegos' (Ray and Martha), The Nicolai's, The Bloeser's, The Requejo's, The Serano's, The Barrido's (Sybil and Alexandria), The Szechy's, The Crowley's, The Davy's, The Smiths (Kent and Tamara), The Sterbentz, The Whitmore's.

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and faith filled New Year.

Fr. Jim

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Ed Beniof,
Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation
information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

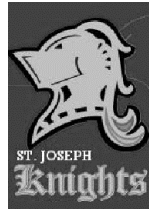
Rest In Peace

Died in Christ.

Leonore Aguilar



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



Knightly News

TAFF – Together As Faith Families at St. Joseph School. What is this? It is students coming together in "family" units to meet for community-building, prayer, and service activities throughout the school year. Each family is comprised of an eighth grade leader and their kindergarten buddy, a seventh grader and their first grade buddy, a sixth grader and their second grade buddy and at least one student from each of third, fourth and fifth grades. The first TAFF activity usually takes place at the end of September when our eighth grade leaders are commissioned to lead their families. During that activity the family gets to know each other, agrees on a family name and makes some sort of identifying shield or banner for their family. These families stay together for all the TAFF activities throughout the year. Our next TAF Family activity will take place on January 17 to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the ideal of peace. The TAFF leader will share information about Dr. King and other quotes from famous peacemakers throughout history. The group will discuss how they can be peacemakers in today's world and in our own little world right here at St. Joseph. The family will then decide on one quote to copy onto a "Peace Cloud" that they will decorate together and sign. The peace clouds will then be hung in the classrooms for all the students to see and enjoy.

Principal Hebestreit

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adults: In what ways do I experience being called by Jesus?

Child: What can I do this week to show that I am a follower of Jesus?

Teen: How would I answer Jesus' question, "What are you looking for?"

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: John the Baptist's role is to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, who will forgive the sins of the world. This statement recognizes Jesus' importance and leads John's disciples to leave him to follow Jesus, the Son of God. In this short section of the Gospel, much is said about openness, for example, the ability to accept the word about Jesus and letting one's heart be moved.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you met someone who helped you change your priorities, values or outlook. * *How has someone else's willingness to try something new or to meet a new person changed you?* * Relate a time when you were stubborn about a new experience but eventually realized its value. * *What are you really looking for in your life?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class today 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 22**, from 2:00 to 3:30pm. This workshop is for parents and children. Child care will be provided for siblings.

Middle School: Service night on **Jan. 24** is off-site at the home of Shelley Padilla. Time is **7pm to 8:30pm**. Permission slip needed for this session.

Early Childhood: No class today: Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Next week: Regular class followed by Early Childhood Catechist Spring Planning meeting.

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

Before we leave the Christmas season, a little history for you trivia buffs: January 6 was set as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but their calendar lost a day each 128 years. Twenty centuries later the solstice ended at December 25. People kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25 fit nicely with the Roman pagan feast called the Unconquered Sun which gave into an extended holiday. By the time of the early church the 12 days was celebrated almost everywhere.

Christians began celebrating Christ as the True Light of the world in four themes or subjects: The Nativity, Epiphany to the Gentiles, Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana. This was overwhelming, hence the 12 days of Christmas. It was said that "the darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere is now filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

OUR PRAYER: Father, creator of all that is good, You ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness with human life. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, help us to live in peace with all people that we may share in Your life for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Confirmation News

Rite of Affirmation (Yr II) will take place Sunday, January 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.

VIRTUS TRAINING - Our Lady of Refuge will host two VIRTUS sessions for all who volunteer or are employed by the Parish or School and have not previously attended a VIRTUS session. The first will be Thursday, **January 19**, 6 to 9 PM. The second will be on Sunday, **January 22**, 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Advance registration is required. Call the Our Lady of Refuge Religious Education Office at 562-597-3102 or use the VIRTUS web site: www.virtusonline.org and select registration and follow the instructions.

"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

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, Los Angeles.

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

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 |
| 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:
- Feb. 1** - St. Lucy, Long Beach, 562-212-7930
 - Feb. 4** - Holy Family, Wilmington, 310-834-6333
 - Feb. 15** - St. Cornelius, Long Beach, 562-425-7813
 - Feb. 29** - Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro, 310-833-3541 x 221
 - Mar. 2** - St. Joseph, Long Beach, 562-598-0519



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Yearly dues are due in January.

Jan. 23 - Regular Meeting

Feb. 6 - Regular Meeting

Feb. 20 - Senior Retreat with Bishop Sartoris - open to everyone.

For **trip info** call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Retreat with retired Bishop Sartoris, **Feb.20**, 9:30-3:00. Hosted by the Seniors but open to everyone. Please call Barbara Fay for reservations 430-5324.

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.

Cornelia Connelly 2323 W Broadway, Anaheim, girls, Catholic, college prep high school 714-776-1717 ext 234. **Entrance Exam - Jan. 21**, 8:30-1, registration required

St. Anthony High School Open House

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.

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.

**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

The truck is here today 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.

Please join Boy Scout Troop 120 for our Annual **Pan-cake Breakfast!!** Sunday, **February 5**, 8 a.m. - noon in the hall. Ticket price \$4.00. Hope to see you there!!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter– Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending one of the next weekends, February 17-19 (Norwalk), or April 20-22 (Woodland Hills). For more info or to apply, go to www.ilovemyspouse.net or call Brian & Denise Keckeison, 562-461-7278.

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



Did You Know? The Right Pet for Your Child's Age - Kids and pets - a natural fit, right? Indeed, raising a child and pet together can be a lot of fun for the whole family. If you're thinking of adding a pet to the family, make sure you're bringing home an animal that is appropriate for your child's age. The ASPCA offers helpful tips to teach young members of the family to care for and 'play nice' with their pets, helping to foster humane habits and a lifelong bond. For more information, please visit the ASPCA website and click on "Kids and Pets": www.aspc.org. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, January 16

8:00 a.m. - † Richard Parent

TUESDAY, January 17

8:00 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo

WEDNESDAY, January 18

8:00 a.m. - † Carlos Sifuentes

THURSDAY, January 19

8:00 a.m. - † John Christie

FRIDAY, January 20

8:00 a.m. - † John Christie, Jr.

SATURDAY, January 21

5:00 p.m. - Jenny and Vicky Munda, Birthdays

SUNDAY, January 22

7:30 a.m. - Matthew Friedman, living

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo

12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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 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
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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