

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2012

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples. If we continue further on in the Gospel, Mark isn't afraid to show us that the twelve disciples, despite their initial enthusiasm, can be selfish, power-hungry, and unwilling to accept Jesus' message of God's unconditional love and forgiveness for all.

They are also unwilling to accept the message of the cross as the cost of discipleship and the way to life. They are weak and fall often, but Jesus never gives up on them. He also never gives up on us. He continually calls them and He continually calls us.

That call is personal. Just as Jesus called Simon and Andrew, it is you that the Lord wants, not just people in general. May we all come to realize more fully that God's reign: his love, his care, his call, is for you, and it is available now. That is the Good News of the Gospel.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adults: What surprises me the most about the call of the first disciples in the Gospel reading today?

Child: How can I help a friend or classmate feel invited to follow Jesus?

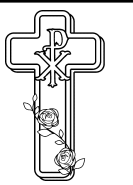
Teen: In what way do I think I can be a better follower of Jesus?

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. A SPECIAL REMINDER: As an Archdiocesan community, we will come together to affirm the intrinsic value of human life and the dignity of every human being at the annual **Requiem for the Unborn** on Saturday, **January 21**, at 6:00 pm the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Please join Archbishop José Gomez, Auxiliary Bishops, priests, deacons, religious and faithful in this moving liturgy.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Madelyn Ursano
Mary Wiegand



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



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

We have a winner! The school level competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee was held on Friday, January 13, and eighth grade student *Pablo Munoz* was a repeat champion for the second year in a row.

Last year, Pablo made it all the way to the state championship round in Sacramento, and we have great hopes for him again this year. Congratulations, Pablo, and good luck!

On another note, our first **Kindergarten Connection** is being held this Thursday, January 26, from 1:00 to 2:00 here at school. This is an opportunity for pre-school parents and their child (must be five by Sept. 1) to receive their own private tour of St. Joseph School; have the child spend a little time doing an activity with the Kindergarten teacher, Miss Dellavalle; and allow the parents to ask some of those pressing questions of the school principal and a few current parents. This is a great opportunity for those parents who may be contemplating whether St. Joseph is the right school for their child. Come and find out! You are most welcome!

Principal Hebestreit

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's passage begins Jesus' preaching and is the core message of everything he will say later. To repent means to change one's mind, to completely change one's attitude from self-centeredness to God-centeredness. It suggests a total change in one's life. We see an example of this in Jesus' call to his first followers and their response. Simon and Andrew set aside what has been their life's work to follow Jesus. Their immediate response to accept Jesus' call testifies to their recognizing him as their leader. James and John, too, abandon work and father to follow Jesus. Believing in the gospel means a personal attachment to the person of Jesus and going with him on his way.

Life Focus: * When did you find it necessary to leave someone or something behind in order to make a change? * Describe an experience in your life when you have felt compelled to make a significant change.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Military Table - If you have placed the name of a loved one in the military in our bulletin and that person is no longer in the military, please let us know. Also, please pick up your picture of them from the military table in the church. Thank you.

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

Office Hours: The religious education office is open from 9am to 4pm Monday thru Thursday. We are closed on Friday and open from 8 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday. You may also leave a message on our answering machine if you have any questions or needs.

Elementary: Our family Mass and potluck brunch will take place on **January 29**, starting at 9 am with Mass. Potluck brunch will follow in the hall.

Sacrament Program: The second workshop for our **Year 1** families takes place today from **2:00 to 3:30 pm**. 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 8:30 pm**. Permission slip needed for this session.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Early Childhood Catechist Spring Planning meeting after class today in the PAC. **Remember:** No class next week; please join us for the Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and the Potluck Brunch in the hall immediately following!

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

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

This weekend we remember the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion. We need to pray for this to be reversed. When Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John, He called you and me as well. We may have a career, job, or profession, but we are also "called" and take on a vocation. That is more than a "job." Through our baptism we were made a "prophet" i.e. one who steps out of that comfort zone and speaks out against evil. It begins in the home and in our Church. Through our baptism we "become another Christ." It's not a job but a vocation. It begins in the home when we teach our children to pray. Their prayers are very powerful with God.

As a priest once said, "Faith is counter cultural; it changes the world. Pray for that courage to be people of faith."

The family that prays together stays together.....Fr Payton.

OUR PRAYER: Lord, bring healing to those who have been injured, physically and emotionally by abortion, awaken our public officials to the harm abortion does, and forgive our nation for allowing all the rights of the unborn to be taken away. 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.

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
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.

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 couples' 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

"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

February 3-5: A "Beginning Experience" workshop will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino for those who've experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This 3-day program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. Beginning Experience is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The main (international) ministry's website is www.beginningexperience.org. For info/registration, contact Brenda Mikhail at (818) 352-5265 (email bel2011-30@hotmail.com).

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 - Retreat - Bishop Sartoris will be conducting the retreat, catered lunch \$10 - open to everyone. Please call Barbara Fay for reservations 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.

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.ilovemypouse.net or call Brian & Denise Keckeison, 562-461-7278.

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. Letters will be out by the end of January.

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.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27. Please join us **January 25** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. We will assess the needs of our ongoing activities and share opportunities to improve our ministry to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Long Beach area.

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

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

Feb. 25-26: Homeless kit drive. Please take a donation bag with a suggested shopping list from the cross at the back of the church.



Homeless Ministry Jan. 29 - We'll be serving lunch to the homeless on Skid Row. Meet at 1 p.m. to make lunches and return about 6:00 p.m. Clean, used blankets are needed. If you have any to donate or would like to join us, please call Deacon Don or Tina, 598-5202, or 498-6701.

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

Parish Baseball - The 2012 Catholic Baseball and T-Ball Leagues are coming! The CBL is comprised of Catholic Parishes from Long Beach, Lakewood, and Bellflower. There are leagues for players from grades K through 7. Season runs from March thru end of May. Please call Paul Smith at (562) 481-8549 for info, or email pnginlb@charter.net

Catholic Schools Week - We would like to invite everyone to come to our school Book Fair located in the library. The opening day is Sunday, **January 29**. We will be open after all Masses as well as during the following week after school from 2:30-4:00. Please come by and support our school.

Did You Know? Teaching kids to be safe around animals - Uncertainty about a dog's intent can be frightening, especially to children. The ASPCA website provides advice on teaching children to read a dog's body language and to identify signs that it wants to be left alone. The website also helps teach how to protect yourself from an overexcited pet by demonstrating the basics of dog bite prevention www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_dogbiteprevention, such as rolling into a ball, protecting hands and face, and calling for help, rather than running or screaming if chased by a dog. For more information, check out Dog Bite Prevention and Safety at www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_dogbiteprevention. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, January 23**
 8:00 a.m. - † Bernie Hodowski
- TUESDAY, January 24**
 8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, Appreciation
- WEDNESDAY, January 25**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living
- THURSDAY, January 26**
 8:00 a.m. - † Maggie Devine
- FRIDAY, January 27**
 8:00 a.m. - Rosita Manosca, Birthday
- SATURDAY, January 28**
 5:00 p.m. - † Maria & Domenico Dang
- SUNDAY, January 29**
 7:30 a.m. - † Teresa Esposito
 9:00 a.m. - † Art Baca
 10:30 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo
 12:30 p.m. - † Martha Aimone

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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, 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, 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

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DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
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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
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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