

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the lord who made us.
— Psalm 95:6

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Fr. William J. Connor, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Harold L. Ford, Retired, In Residence
Deacon Shane Cuda
Deacon Don Gath
Deacon Tom Halliwell

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Office Hours:
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:

Today there is a fascination with celebrities and we want to know every detail of the lives they lead. People are hungry for fame and they are excited by anything that is new.

And the media are only too happy to cater to this hunger with pictures, gossip and scandal. Without people realizing it, many times they are searching for something greater than themselves; something to look up to, to aspire to, but also something meaningful to fill the vacuum in their lives. Jesus understood this perfectly.

As St. Augustine later observed, this vacuum is something that only God can fill. My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to a fuller realization that Jesus' teaching and message is always a cause for joy and can fill that void of what is missing in our lives.

As a parish we want to provide our parishioners with several opportunities a year to attend interesting presentations to help provide ongoing faith formation, particularly for adults. This is one of the initiatives that emerged from our Parish Survey that we completed at the end of last year.

We would love to have your input on the types of programs that you would like to see here at St. Joseph's. Please pick up a copy of the survey at the exits as you leave church today and return the completed form to the Rectory or to the Religious Education office. You can also complete the survey on-line by going to the following website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C39RSCR>

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adults: In what ways do I give Jesus authority over my life?

Child: How does Jesus teach me to love and serve others?

Teen: What is the most important thing I would like others to know about Jesus? How will I show or tell them?

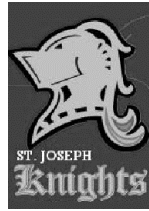
"Jesus is Lord" - Bible Classes

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

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



Knighly News

Catholic Schools Week begins today! The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the school library all week long beginning today. On Monday school Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and second quarter honor roll certificates will be given out immediately following. All are welcome to join us. Wednesday is Open House from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. Please, come and enjoy viewing all the projects and hard work the students (and teachers!) have been doing so far this year. Thursday is the School Spelling Bee at 1:45 in the gym. Everyone is invited to watch and hear our wonderful first through eighth grade spellers. Finally, the Jog-A-Thon kickoff rally is on Friday at 11:45 in the gym. This is one of the school's most successful fundraisers of the year. Two years ago we were able to purchase 20 brand new iMac computers for the computer lab with our Jog-A-Thon money. What a blessing that was for us! Please help support your parish school by sponsoring a student in the Jog-A-Thon which takes place on Thursday, March 22nd. HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

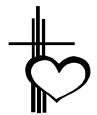
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Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The most important question Mark's Gospel asks is, "Who is Jesus?" Jesus speaks with authority, and people were stunned with the knowledge of the Scriptures Jesus displayed. Beyond this, his very presence changes situations. When he drives out the evil spirit, the crowd doesn't understand when the shrieking demon calls him by name - "the holy one of God." They discuss the power over evil and go out to spread the news throughout all of Galilee, but they keep asking, "Who is he?" For them and for us, it's more important to let the holy presence and authority of Jesus into the situations of our lives and of our world than to look for verbal answers and definitions of who Jesus is.

Life Focus: * When has someone's presence brought change in your life? Was it negative or positive? * *Relate an experience when God might be working to overcome an evil situation.* * Name an action you can take this week to give God greater influence in your life.

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

Office Hours: The religious education office is open from 9am to 4pm Monday thru Thursday. We are closed on Friday and open from 8am to 12:30pm 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 takes place today starting at 9am with Mass. Potluck brunch will follow in the hall.

Child Abuse Self-Protection Program: We will be presenting sessions to our students in grades 1-5 on **February 12 and 26** in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and the U.S. Bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." A parent informational meeting will be held on Sunday, **Feb. 6**, at 10:30am in the PAC.

Middle School: No Middle School on **Feb. 14**, due to Valentine's Day! Don't forget Youth Ministry Competition Day, Sunday, **Feb. 12**, from 2 to 4pm.

Early Childhood: No class today. Please join us for the Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and the Potluck Brunch in the hall immediately following! Don't forget your item to share and you may drop it off in the hall before Mass.

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

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Billboard signs you may not see on our Church's marquee: "Church parking lot is full - for members only. Trespassers will be baptized!" God said, "Loved the wedding; invite me to the marriage!"

Now that I have your attention: Fr. Rolheiser was quoted as saying, "Info tech has rendered many things obsolete, i.e. phone books and human courtesy." Though we are more informed thru Facebook, mobile and i-phones and pocket computers, less wonderful is what this is doing to our lives and our expectations. It robs us of our capacity to stop, shut them off and rest. The "Sabbath Moment" is the new buzz word. Sabbath means "rest." Take time for Jesus. This Sunday's Gospel has two questions from the Pharisees, "Who is He, He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him." Mark's Gospel asks us: "Who is Jesus?" The demons knew: "You are the Holy One of God!" What can we do this week to give God more influence in our lives? Heed the closing blessing of Mass, "Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."

Act of Faith: O my God, I firmly believe that You are One God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that Your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

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.

The Year II Confirmation Candidates would like to thank you for your generous support with our Hands of Mercy fundraiser. With your help we raised \$2,028.60 last weekend. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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.

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 week after school from 2:30-4:00. Please come by and support our school.

ECONOMIC ISSUES AND CHURCH TEACHINGS -

February 1, 7 p.m. Holy Family Parish hall, 1501 Fremont Ave., South Pasadena. Dr. Daniel Finn, a leading author and scholar on the relationship between economics and Catholic social teaching, will speak on Connecting Spirituality, Markets & the Financial Crisis: The Moral Ecology of Markets. Dr. Finn will outline the history of Catholic social teaching, and will discuss recent encyclicals and the proposals of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. For more information and car pool opportunities, call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

February 3-5: A "Beginning Experience" workshop 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. The ministry's website is www.beginningexperience.org. For info/registration, contact Brenda Mikhail at (818) 352-5265 (email bela2011-30@hotmail.com).



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

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.

Trip: Viejas Casino in San Diego County, Mar. 22, \$7 per person with \$5 discount on buffet & 15% food court discount book. Sign ups taken at Feb. 6 meeting. 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.

You are invited to the Long Beach Playhouse, **March 7**, **Sherlock Holmes, the Final Adventure**, to benefit L.B. Meals on Wheels. Reception with wine and finger food at 7 p.m., performance at 7:30, dessert and coffee at intermission, \$30 open seating. Tickets limited. Call Olga Kocovar, 596-6981, or Judy Pedneault, 421-6863.

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.

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

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration - Please join us 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. 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. Can you help? Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385 or Gerry Seckington, 420-3220.

A big *thank you* to the many parishioners who contributed to improving our ministry to our brothers and sisters in need at our committee meeting last Wednesday evening. Please let us know if you would like to help with any of the following necessary and fulfilling activities we are planning. Call Tim Clark, 431-4385.



Next weekend: 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 and return items the following week.

Mar. 17 - 18: Children's Book Drive.

Mar. 28: Sort children's books for Easter distribution.

Mar. 30: Help assemble Easter food and gift distributions.

Mar. 31: Distribution of Easter food and gifts to 71 Long Beach families in need.

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

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

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.

Did You Know? Protect your children from poisoning - From fertilizer to antifreeze and medicines to makeup, poisonous items are in our homes. By following guidelines, parents can help prevent kids ingesting poisonous substances. Store all medications - prescription and nonprescription - in a locked cabinet. Even items that seem harmless, such as mouthwash, can be dangerous if ingested in large quantities by children. Just because cabinets are up high doesn't mean kids can't get their hands on what's in them - they'll climb up (using the toilet and countertops) to get to items in the medicine cabinet. For more tips, please visit the Household Safety section at: www.kidshealth.org. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, January 30

8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Paluska-Masters

TUESDAY, January 31

8:00 a.m. - † Olimpio Pili

WEDNESDAY, February 1

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell & all priests, living

THURSDAY, February 2

8:00 a.m. - † John Christie, Jr.

FRIDAY, February 3

8:00 a.m. - † Ernie and Eileen Kujak

SATURDAY, February 4

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

SUNDAY, February 5

7:30 a.m. - † John Keller

9:00 a.m. - † Madelyne Ursano

10:30 a.m. - † John MacFadyen

12:30 p.m. - † Madelyne Ursano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
 Mk 1:29-39

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 & Kim Agee.

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
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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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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	425-7811
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
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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	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