

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

[The Lord] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4

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Fr. Harold L. Ford, Retired, In Residence
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Deacon Don Gath
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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:

The Readings this weekend show us different examples of how we are able to think spiritually as opposed to a worldly way of thinking. They point out that sometimes our weak human nature wins out over our spiritual nature, even though it is our spiritual nature that perceives the greater mysteries of God.

Hopefully we can come to the realization that in order to remain faithful in our service to the Lord, we need to embrace a spiritual mind so that we can understand the things of God.

No matter how hard life is at times, with the power of the Holy Spirit and a spiritual approach we can overcome any obstacles in life. With God's grace we can face any suffering and pain.

What Jesus presents us today is a life filled with meaning: a life where there is time for prayer, reflection and coming closer to God; where there is time for sharing with others in our words and actions; where there is time for building up and healing and reconciling.

Jesus needed prayer in order to find the will of his Father and he shows us the way to pray in order to discover the will of God in our lives and to discover the path he has chosen for us. Prayer is essential for all of us and helps us not to get rid of the challenges that we face in life, but to persevere and conquer our challenges.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law. She is so completely cured, she waits on them immediately. Jesus continues all kinds of cures and expels all kinds of demons as the whole town gathers at the house. But Jesus refuses to be locked into an identity as a wonder-worker. He tells his closest disciples that his mission is to preach the good news that the reign of God is at hand. The cures he works are only a sign of God's reign breaking into the here and now.

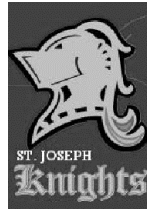
Life Focus: * When have you felt boxed-in by someone else's expectations and image of you? * *Name an event when God's intervention had a more far-reaching effect than you imagined.* * Relate an experience when you had to withdraw for a period of prayer and reflection in order to be reenergized. * *Where do you find strength for your call in life?*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

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.

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

Catholic Schools Week has come and gone and it was a great week! The Open House was a tremendous success and the rooms were exciting to visit and walk through. Each classroom displayed the students' work and exciting projects that they have been working on these past few months. We also had quite a number of interested families tour the school that night. Some of the families were checking out local Catholic schools and have been making the rounds. Others are definitely interested in our school as part of their children's future. The tours were led by the PTO Board and Student Council Officers. Potential families were, unsurprisingly, quite impressed with the school.

With that in mind I just wanted to remind parishioners that they have first priority for acceptance at St. Joseph School, but we have to know that you are interested. If you are contemplating having your child attend St. Joseph, please stop by the school office and pick up an application form. Besides enrolling a full kindergarten class for next year, there are a few openings in each of first, second, third and sixth grades. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office and make an appointment to speak with me. I would be happy to meet with you. You can also visit our website, sjknights.net where you have access to the school handbook and other information. Principal Hebestreit

Together in Mission 2012 - A Time for Reflection

Please read and reflect on the materials you received today. *Together In Mission* provides substantial support to 35 parishes and 52 schools in our Archdiocese which in turn provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of our sisters and brothers. To see how your pledge can help so many people, please read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme this year, "**Be imitators of ... Christ**" 1Cor 1:11, provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend when we will conduct our in-pew pledge process.

Thank you for the generosity you always show.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adults: Do I find myself responding more to Jesus' healing or his preaching? How does each affect me?

Child: What can I do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

Teen: What is the most important lesson Jesus has taught me?

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 No class on Sunday, **February 19**, due to Washington's birthday.

Sacrament Program: The First Reconciliation Workshop for our 2nd Year families will be held on Sunday, **February 26**, from **2:00pm to 4:30pm** in the hall. This workshop is for school and religious education parents and children. Child care will be provided for siblings.

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 today, at 10:30am in the PAC.

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

Early Childhood: Regular class today and next week.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Our annual fundraiser starts this weekend. Please pick up a packet and consider ordering an item or two. The orders are due by February 26 and will be available for pick up on April 1 in plenty of time for Easter and Mother's Day. Money earned from this fundraiser help our programs keep tuition fees down and enable us to provide extra resources. Packets are available in the school office, rectory and religious education office. For further information, please call the RE office at 598-0519.

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



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 |
| 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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

The **new evangelization** is making a comeback. What is that? Blessed Pope John Paul II said, "It's bringing back those who have been alienated---could be a troubling homily, an ignored phone call when the need was there--it could have been a number of things - none of us are perfect. We must strive to touch those who need our understanding. In a word, "Put on Christ." Archbishop Jose Gomez' message noted, "Pope Benedict believes the love of God has grown cold in the hearts of many. The crisis of Faith is a challenge. We need to evangelize ourselves first. We need priests who celebrate the sacred mysteries with reverence. We need deacons who are men of prayer and service. We need all to witness to the ageless value of a life dedicated to Jesus Christ. Renewal means to know what we believe and why we believe it and not be afraid to defend their beliefs in the public square."

Almost 9 years ago our Archdiocese began it's "Synod Implementation" and part of it was the New Evangelization. At that time L.A. had 5 million Catholics of which it was noted that 30% of them went to Mass on a regular basis. More shocking was the recent USCCB's pronouncement that the Center for Applied Research in Apostolates (CARA) research reflected "only 23% of U.S. Catholics regularly attend Mass once a week while 77% self-identify as proud to be Catholic!!" Now you know why the **new evangelization** is making a comeback. "

ACT OF HOPE: O my God, relying on Your infinite goodness & promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Be sure to fill out a survey and give us feedback on areas of interest and/or topics you would like offered for ongoing faith formation. Surveys can be found at the various exits of the church and can also be completed online at our parish website, www.stjosephlb.org. Please return to the rectory or religious education office.

Upcoming presentations already scheduled include a morning retreat on Saturday, **February 25**, from 9am to 12pm with Fr. Jack Stoeger; and 3-part evening session on "The Enneagram" to be offered **March 12, 19, and 26** by Sr. Rita Carroll, SSL. More information on these events will be available in the next few weeks.

"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



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 per person. Reservations required, deadline Feb. 16. Please call Barbara Fay for reservations 430-5324. **Open to everyone.**

9:30 to 10 am - Coffee social

10 to 11 am - Session

11 to 12 noon - Mass

12 noon - 1:30 pm - catered Lunch

1:30 to 2:30 pm - Session with Q and A to follow.

Mar. 5 and 19 - Regular meetings

Apr. 2 and 16 - Regular meetings

May 7 and 21 - Regular meetings

Jun. 4 and 18 - Regular meetings

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.

Youth Ministry – Up for a little “friendly” competition? Youth Ministry invites all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders to “**Competition Day**”! Everything from broom ball to billiards to t-shirt design. Join us Feb. 12, 2-4 p.m. RSVP to Shelley at youthministry@stjosephlb.org

*** Flyers & permission slips w/all details are in back of church and in the rectory.***

Save the Date - Youth Ministry Parent Reception for our 6th, 7th, & 8th grade parents, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Come join Fr. Jim, Fr. Bernie & the Youth Ministry team for wine, cheese & celebration! For details or to RSVP (by Feb. 7) email Shelley Padilla at youthministry@stjosephlb.org or call the rectory. Come show your support of this worthwhile new parish program! *** Adults only function. ***

Boy Scout Troop 120 Annual Pancake Breakfast!! Sunday, **February 5**, 8 a.m. - noon in the hall. \$4.00.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration, March 18

To honor our parish's patron saint, our Feast of St. Joseph celebration March 18, will include a traditional St. Joseph's Table for both fun and charity. Our celebration will be centered around, and after 12:30 Mass. One half of the proceeds will support St. Joseph School tuition for families unable to pay. The other half will be donated to another, struggling Long Beach parish.

The St. Joseph Table will feature a silent auction of bargains on many great and unique items, big and small. Can you donate an item in support of our silent auction? Please call Gerry Seckington, 420-3220.

He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed.” Prov: 20:17
Movement for a Better World is sponsoring a **Feed-a-Baby** food drive this weekend for the benefit of Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Donation tables will be at the church doors before and after all Masses. Our next scheduled activities are a **Homeless Kit** drive Feb. 25-26 and a **Children's Book** drive Mar. 17-18 for our Easter food and gift distribution. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.



Thank You to those who donated crutches, etc. to Operation Walk. Over 60 pieces were collected and the patients will be very grateful!

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

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? Child protection efforts extend to

coaches - The Department of Catholic Schools coaches' training program was created to insure the safety and wellbeing of children, and coaches, in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Its two-hour training session covering child protection laws and procedures as well as character and safety training is mandatory for archdiocesan paid and volunteer coaches. All of the 4,500 coaches affiliated with 216 Catholic elementary schools are expected to attend the training. In order to attend training, participants must submit verification of Lifescan fingerprinting. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, February 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † Francis Aimone
- TUESDAY, February 7**
 8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, living, appreciation
- WEDNESDAY, February 8**
 8:00 a.m. - † Mel & Mary Jo Devine
- THURSDAY, February 9**
 8:00 a.m. - Jerry Koppenheffer, living
- FRIDAY, February 10**
 8:00 a.m. - † Haydee Koppenheffer
- SATURDAY, February 11**
 5:00 p.m. - † Teresita & Carmen Hidalgo
- SUNDAY, February 12**
 7:30 a.m. - † Eleanor Connell
 9:00 a.m. - † Luis R. Hidalgo, Jr.
 10:30 a.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault
 12:30 p.m. - † Madelyne Ursano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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 & Rosemary Doran.

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		594-4657
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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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
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