

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2012

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.

– 1 Corinthians 10:31

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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:

At some time during our life, we have all endured feelings of exclusion. Exclusion hurts because it can make us feel less of a person or unimportant, as if our dignity was taken away. Humans are relational beings and we place great emphasis and value on family and friends and neighbors.

Exclusion is a denial of our basic equality and the dignity that we have as children of God. It is to deny our own identity, our being and therefore is also a grave offense against God.

We can sometimes exclude without even noticing it. We exclude people who do not seem to have a voice or anything to contribute on a certain issue or those whose very presence may make us feel uncomfortable because of their personality or way of speaking. Sometimes we exclude people out of a fear that they may embarrass us in front of others. The gospel is a gospel of inclusion. We are all called to share in God's kingdom.

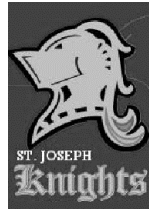
May we come to realize more fully that today's gospel is not only a gospel of physical healing, but also a gospel of inclusion, spiritual restoration and dignity.

**Do You Want to Completely Change the Way You Understand and Experience Lent?** If you find this invitation intriguing and welcome because you have always understood Lent more from a "doom and gloom" perspective, please join us in the church on Saturday, **February 25**, from 9 am until Noon, for a potentially life-changing few hours.

What is Lent Really About? I believe it's about "Letting Go and Letting God" more in our often frantic and frazzled lives! This morning of reflection will give you the chance to step back from your life and re-evaluate your life in light of God's love and care for us. Let's learn how to relax more and acknowledge that God is in charge, not us! Perhaps this is why we are commanded to take sabbath time regularly. In doing so, we are enabled to truly let go of our obsessions and multi-tasking in order to truly rest and grow in God.

There will be some provocative input but, most importantly, time to just "be still and know God" (Ps. 46). Our facilitator for the morning will be Fr. Jack Stoeger, Director of the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles.

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).



### Knightly News

We have a winner! Actually we have three Spelling Bee winners! St. Joseph School held its annual Spelling Bee on February 2 during Catholic Schools Week. The contest was split into three divisions: 1-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Competing in the lower division were: Lance Pixa and Sierra Sykes from first grade with Nico Antrim and Zoe Wright from second. Competitors in the next division were: third graders Micaela Ladjevic and Ava Faris; fourth graders Diego Burgos and Blake Jondle; and fifth graders Hannah VanWyk and Daniella Spina. In the junior high division we had: Matthew Pennala and Flannery Gonnevill from sixth; Anne Serrano and Daniel Whitmore from seventh; and Matthew McDermott and Pablo Munoz from eighth grade. In each case the final winner had to spell through numerous rounds before being declared the champion! Our three winners were Zoe Wright in second grade, Ava Faris in third grade and Daniel Whitmore in seventh grade. Congratulations to our champion spellers and to all who participated in the St. Joseph Spelling Bee. I am already looking forward to next year's competition! Principal Hebestreit

**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.

### Small Church Community

**Scripture Focus:** According to Jewish law, lepers were considered unclean and outcasts from society. Yet in today's Gospel, Jesus immediately responds to a leper's request for healing. Jesus had great respect for the Law of Moses, so he told the leper to fulfill the cleansing requirements by offering sacrifice and appearing before the priest. Jesus orders him to tell no one who had cured him, but the leper ignores Jesus' command and tells everyone what happened. In spite of the growing difficulties of his ministry, Jesus continues healing and preaching. He was able to proceed because people had faith in him.

**Life Focus:** \* Jesus reaches out to these outcasts. What groups do you have the most difficulty accepting? \* *Relate a time when you were moved with compassion toward someone who was considered "unclean."* \* Describe a time when you recognized and accepted another person's ability to help you. \* *Tell of a time when you were or were not able to keep good news to yourself.*

**Pro Life Corner** - Cardinal Joseph Bernardin articulated a consistent ethic of life, which included opposition to both abortion and the death penalty, in 1985. Ten years later, in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, Pope John Paul II taught that opposing capital punishment should be part of a pro-life witness for a culture of life that promotes human dignity and solidarity. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops as well as individual bishops across the country have repeated the teaching. - America Magazine

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Office Hours:** The religious education office is open from 9am - 4pm Monday - Thursday. We are closed on Friday and open from 8am - 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 President's Weekend.

**Sacrament Program:** The First Reconciliation Workshop for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Year families will be held on Sunday, **February 26**, from **2:00 - 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 **today and February 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.

**Middle School:** No Middle School on Tuesday, **Feb. 14**, due to Valentine's Day

**Early Childhood:** Regular class today No class next week.

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

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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| <b>Glen Warren</b>       | <b>Nick Compton</b>        |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>    | <b>Irene Avila</b>         |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>    | <b>Justin Ray</b>          |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>      | <b>Adam Mariano</b>        |
| <b>Daniel O'Connell</b>  | <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>    |
| <b>David Waidelich</b>   | <b>William G. Ouimette</b> |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>     | <b>Patrick Rea</b>         |
| <b>Michael Marchante</b> | <b>Jason Kaufmann</b>      |
| <b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>    | <b>John Landry</b>         |
| <b>Jessica Landry</b>    |                            |

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:**

Fr Rohlheiser spoke about "heroes." They appear in classical mythology, Scripture, novels and movies. The common thread is the star enters into suffering, the threat in differing forms of isolation and opposition then (s)he emerges triumphant above all. "The hero's journey is meant to transform adolescence into adulthood, to transform one into an **elder** (person of influence or teaching function) and not by conquering aliens or winning an Academy Award or a Super Bowl."

"A true hero's journey is one that transforms us from an unhealthy pride and egocentricity to healthy humility and will always lead us to the paschal journey where we, like Jesus, drink of the chalice of humiliation but without growing bitter or losing hope. A true hero(ine) often looks more like the humble, gentle, soft-spoken grandmother or grandfather, where each wrinkle tells a story of work, worry, grief, tears, patience and triumph rather than one who is triumphantly hoisting a sports trophy or Academy award."

Parents, this is for you to be aware: "We need to realize how deeply we are swayed by these images of adolescence rather than of mature humanity."

ACT OF LOVE - O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

*Rest In Peace*

*Died in Christ:*

Andy Troncale



**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](http://www.stjosephlb.org). Please return to the rectory or religious education office.

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

**"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. 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. For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.**

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

**Southeastern District of the L.A. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** invites all ladies to attend their meeting on Feb. 23 at St. Bernard Church, 9647 E. Beach St. Bellflower. Guest speaker Rev. George Reynolds of St. Barnabas Parish and moderator of ACCW Southeastern District. Registration at 9:30, continental breakfast, program, delicious luncheon and short meeting. Reservations **by Feb. 21** - call Donna Santos, 562-866-3581. Checks for \$10 made payable to St. Bernard's and mailed to Donna Santos, 11536 Christy St. Cerritos, 90703. Indicate on check "ACCW meeting."

**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, March 18**

To honor our parish's patron saint, our Feast of St. Joseph celebration 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. The other half will be donated to St. Anthony Church who are currently struggling financially.

The St. Joseph Table will feature a silent auction of *bar-gains* 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  
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.

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.

Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.



**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 Kocivar, 596-6981, or Judy Pedneault, 421-6863.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

*(Based on today's Bible readings)*

**Adults:** How do I share my experiences of God's love and his healing power?

**Child:** What do I want to ask Jesus to do for me?

**Teen:** When has God helped me to feel better?

**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](mailto:youthministry@stjosephlb.org)  
\*\*\* Flyers & permission slips with all details are in the back of church and in the rectory.\*\*\*

### **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

**Did You Know? Background checks and screening** - "In the Los Angeles Archdiocese, all clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For information call: (213) 637-7411." From "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy & Holy," published by the Archdiocese of L. A. The pamphlet is available online at: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

# Mass Intentions



**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

**MONDAY, February 13**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Blaise Cuseo

**TUESDAY, February 14**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Tom Steiner

**WEDNESDAY, February 15**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Ronnie Catabijan

**THURSDAY, February 16**  
 8:00 a.m. - Jerry A. Koppenheffer, living

**FRIDAY, February 17**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Jan Ginnett

**SATURDAY, February 18**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Timothy Matthew O'Donnell

**SUNDAY, February 19**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Danny Bautista  
 9:00 a.m. - † Bienvenido Chingcuangco  
 10:30 a.m. - Archie & Mary Macfadyen & family  
 12:30 p.m. - Martin Sandoval, living

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;  
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45  
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13  
 Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;  
 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

**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, 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 & Luis Arroyo.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE		<b>594-4657</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	<b>493-2198</b>

## 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	<b>598-0519</b>
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>597-0785</b>

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Peter Baine	<b>598-4130</b>
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>714-761-4376</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	<b>594-4657</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley **594-7575**

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Mark Smith	<b>425-7811</b>
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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	<b>799-0660</b>
Website address: MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	<b>596-8287</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b> www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Pat Murach	<b>342-4096</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE