

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake,
your offenses; your sins I remember no more.
— *Isaiah 43:25*

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Office Hours:

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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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:

Every miracle that Jesus performed was out of a sense of love, and today's gospel miracle is no exception. It is about spontaneous love in response to faith. These miracles of Jesus continue today in our own lives. Each of us has been given a great gift. We have been given the opportunity to have the heart of Christ.

When we act and react to others in the knowledge that we have this gift, the heart of Christ, then these miracles occur everywhere, and affect those that we love. They can be simple gestures, perhaps a squeeze of a hand, a wink, a homemade card, an unexpected telephone call, an e-mail.

These gestures remind us what really matters in life, and we all need reminding. We all have these little bursts of love, you have them, I have them; and this is what I mean when I say we have been given the heart of Christ. May each of us come to know more deeply that Christ's heart is the origin of all acts of love, great and small.

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.

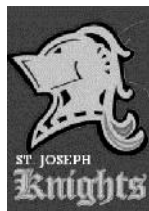
There will be some provocative input but, most importantly, time to just "be still and know God" (Ps. 46). Our facilitator for the morning will be Fr. Jack Stoeger, Director of the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles.

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



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

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



Knightly News

What a week! Six educators were on campus for our WCEA/WASC accreditation visit from Tuesday through Thursday last week. These six individuals are all educators from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles – four are principals of Catholic schools and two are teachers.

They worked very hard from early morning until early evening each day. During these days they met with Fr. Jim, observed the teaching and learning going on in the classrooms, viewed student interaction on the playground and interviewed the Student Council as well as representatives from each grade level. They also met after school with teachers, staff, PTO Board members and various parents to receive their input and perspective of the school. The end result was a written Report of Findings which they presented to Fr. Jim, the Faculty and me. After that, the team wrote a recommendation for accreditation (a private document that the school does not view) to the WCEA/WASC commissioners. What we do know at this time is that we have a GREAT school and the team was very impressed. Our accreditation should come through some time in June. I'll let you know when it does. Thank you for all your prayers during this past week!

Principal Hebestreit

Lent

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 - 8:00 a.m. - Mass (with ashes). **12 noon and 7:00 p.m.** - Prayer Service (with ashes)

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. Fridays of Lent (except March 23).

Fast and Abstinence - Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who are 18 to 59 years. One full meatless meal, two others to maintain strength but together should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.



Soup Nights and Stations

Most Fridays of Lent, 5 - 7 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross: Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 9, 16 & 30, and April 6.

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: Our 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 today due to President's Weekend.

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 3 & 5 on **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: Our Mardi Gras celebration will take place on Tuesday, **February 21**, from 7pm to 8pm.

Early Childhood: No class today. Please pray for our President to follow the tenets of the Constitution and for all leaders to make good decisions for their citizens and all those around the world Regular class next week..

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

Please consider ordering an item or two. Orders are due by **Feb. 26** and will be available for pick up on April 1 in plenty of time for Easter and Mother's Day. Money earned 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.

Youth Ministry – Thank you to all who attended last week's Youth Ministry Parent Reception. It was a wonderful evening and your support of our program is crucial to its success! A **huge** thank you to all the parent volunteers who give so generously of their time & talents. Over 70 kids attended "Competition Day" with broom ball, dodge ball, pool & YM t-shirt design. None of this would be possible with out your help. Gracious!

Celebrate this Leap Year with a "Leap of Faith"!! Dine at Ruby's on **Feb. 29**, 4-9 p.m., and 20% of your bill will be donated to our ministry. ****Must present flyer**** See bulletin insert next week. Flyers also available at church exits, rectory or on our website: stjosephlb.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

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

"And with your **spirit**." The more I dwell on this response the meaning becomes more clear. The "also with you" is like a pencil with an eraser at both ends - no point! It misses the point - **spirit**. The "**spirit**" response we give is intended to recognize the priest's station at Mass. By his ordination he is changed through the "laying on of hands" and configured so as to allow Christ to act in him. It expresses a prayer from us that he may be worthy of the dignity of the "divine calling." Through the grace of the Holy **Spirit**, he transforms the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood: Eucharist. Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide our priests.

Our Prayer: Father, bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly **Eucharistic** church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ Your only Son. We make this prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adults: Do I truly believe that God forgives my sins and imperfections?

Child: When have I asked Jesus to forgive me?

Teen: When have I made a big mistake and asked God to forgive me?



If you would like to receive parish information via email (Soup Nights, retreats, etc.), please call the rectory office, 594-4657, with your email address.

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.

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

Joseph Comfort

Scott Williams

Timothy Ring

Daniel O'Connell

David Waidelich

Timmy Allison

Michael Marchante

Nicky Kaufmann

Jessica Landry

Nick Compton

Irene Avila

Justin Ray

Adam Mariano

Obinna Ugochukwu

William G. Ouimette

Patrick Rea

Jason Kaufmann

John 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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Feb. 20 - Retreat - Bishop Sartoris will be conducting the retreat. 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."

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

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 March 18, will include a traditional St. Joseph's Table for both fun and charity. Please see the flyer in today's Bulletin. Can you help or donate an item in support of our silent auction? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385 or 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 Kocevar, 596-6981, or Judy Pedneault, 421-6863.

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted! - Slo-Pitch spring adult (18+) league, games on Sunday afternoons, March - June in Torrance & Long Beach. Please contact Fred Lawler, 657-464-9314 or fredlawler@hotmail.com

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: On the surface this seems to be the story of an ordinary healing miracle by Jesus. But beneath the physical cure is the extraordinary act of forgiveness of sins. Only God can forgive sin. Jesus, having the spirit of God upon him and being the Holy One of God, is able to forgive sin. His cure of the man's lameness dramatizes the greater cure of the soul. Through this action Jesus declares that "...the Son of Man has the authority to forgive sins." It would have been easy merely to say, "your sins are forgiven"; the physical cure gave public evidence of Jesus' power over the forces of evil.

Life Focus: * What helps me realize God's continuous love and forgiveness? * *When have you experience forgiveness? When have you forgiven another?*

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 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 Mac Fadyen & family
 12:30 p.m. - Martin Sandoval, living

MONDAY, February 20
 8:00 a.m. - † Ed Powada

TUESDAY, February 21
 8:00 a.m. - † John Anselmo

WEDNESDAY, February 22
 8:00 a.m. - Deacon Don & Tina Gath, living
 12 noon - Zachary Vinluan, living
 7:00 p.m. - Deacon Tom & Pat Halliwell, living

THURSDAY, February 23
 8:00 a.m. - † Thomas Goonan

FRIDAY, February 24
 8:00 a.m. - Deacon Shane & Olga Cuda, living

SATURDAY, February 25
 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Edward Broom & all priests, living

SUNDAY, February 26
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - Joe & Lily Dang, living
 10:30 a.m. - † Donald Sherman
 12:30 p.m. - † Ernesto Alvarez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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 Klemm, 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, 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 & Aaron Richardt.

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,	Virginia Young	598-0519
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Melissa Beach	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Virginia Young	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
SUNDAY NURSERY		
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 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