

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Second Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2012

If God is for us, who can be against us?
— *Romans 8:31b*

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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:

Every Lent we begin a journey in communion with the whole church. In last week's gospel reading, we saw Jesus tempted to abandon his true mission in the desert. Today we stand on the mountaintop with Jesus' closest companions as he is revealed to them in the mystery of his divine nature. As we celebrate the Eucharist today we recognize the risen Lord in our midst, in the bread and wine transformed into the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

If we want to see our relationship with the Lord transformed and strengthened in our own lives, then we have to recognize the need to become single minded, like athletes who compete in the Olympics. We need to have the strength to make tough choices. When we are able to do that, then we will reap the benefits.

My hope and prayer for each one of us, as we continue on our Lenten journey, is that we ask ourselves what choices we need to make in order to continue to accompany Jesus not only to the mountain top where he is revealed shining like the sun, but also to be willing to accompany him on the road to Calvary as well.

Parish Finances

For the first half of our fiscal year, July - December:

Total Income: \$343,855
 Total Expenses: 355,194
 Net Loss: \$11,338



Soup Nights and Stations

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

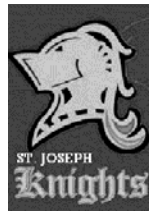
Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$55,734
 Pledged: 45,984
 Paid: 31,129

Out of our 1256 parish families, 182 have participated.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Knightly News

It is Monday morning and I just finished observing eighth graders put their Rube Goldberg Machines to the test in Science class. What is a Rube Goldberg machine? Webster's New World Dictionary defines it as "a comically involved, complicated invention laboriously contrived to perform a simple operation." The simple operation the eighth graders were trying to perform was to pop a balloon. I must admit, the machines were a bit comical and I did end up chuckling to myself a few times. The students had to use at least three simple machines (pulley, lever, inclined plane, screw, wheel and axle, and wedge) in their contraptions. Some of the machines went off without a hitch, while others did not quite perform as expected (or as they hoped!). Yet, it was a great learning experience for them and I know they had fun while doing it. I look forward to these kinds of activities each year and I am never disappointed! Wish you could have been there.

Principal Hebestreit

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Throughout Mark's Gospel, we hear the question "Who is Jesus?" In the transfiguration, we hear the clearest answer. But this foreshadowing of the Resurrection comes between two predictions of suffering and rejection. Even Jesus' closest apostles fail to understand what Jesus means by "rising from the dead," and they do not want to hear his predictions of his Passion. But Mark makes it clear that resurrection can only be understood in the mystery of suffering and dying.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when a person turned out to be much more than you expected. * *Reflect on an experience of great beauty, wisdom or courage in suffering that has stayed with you and continues to move you.* * Name someone who dealt with a necessary struggle and suffering instead of running away. How did this affect you? * Describe an experience of beauty or love that captured your attention.

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. Please return to the rectory or religious education office or go to the parish website and click on "survey."

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 - Priests for Life has accomplished many successes lately. They are now starting efforts to lead the pro-life movement in preparation for the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade in 2013.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: OPEN HOUSE for all our programs will be held today in the hall after the 9am and 10:30am Masses. Please join us for donuts and coffee hosted by our Middle School students and view all the displays showing the various activities and resources for our programs.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Sunday, **March 11**, in the hall at **11:00am**. Parents and family members are invited to attend this portrayal by our 4th and 5th grade students.

Middle School: Please join us for coffee and donuts at the Open House today after the 9am and 10:30am Masses. Proceeds will go to a charity.

Early Childhood: Regular class today and Religious Education Open House after class! Please join us after Mass in the hall for children singing and a display of our classes' work and activities for the year. Thank you to our teachers and aides for all your hard work! Please register your incoming 3, 4 or 5 year old for Sunday School year 2012-2013 today. Consider joining our program as a teacher, too. Parents, relatives, godparents, all are welcome, get involved. You are being called! **Community Helpers Alert!** Return Homeless Kits today. Family Easter Basket items collected next week for Movement for a Better World. Daylight Savings starts next week: remember to spring forward! Regular class next week.

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

Youth Ministry – Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders! Come join us for a night of games, munchies and prizes on Friday, March 16, 7-9 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church hall. RSVP to Shelley Padilla at youth_ministry@stjosephlb.org or call the rectory. Flyers/Permission Slips are available at the church exits, rectory or on our parish website: stjosephlb.org

VIRTUS TRAINING

The 3-hour Protecting God's Children training will be held on Tuesday, **March 13**, from 7pm to 10pm in the Parish Activity Center. On **March 20** the re-certification training, Keeping the Promise Alive, will be held from 7pm to 8:30pm also in the PAC. Please call the religious education office at **598-0519** to register. These are required for those working directly with children in our parish.

"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:**

Thank you Seniors for putting on another "mini-retreat." Bishop Joseph Sartoris' title, "Looking Toward a Lenten Stroll." He left us with these 7 questions for our Lenten Journey **to test** our HU-

MILITY: (1) What do I do when someone wrongs me? Get angry? Keep cool? Or learn something from it? (2) Do I consciously make a decision and follow through on forgiving someone who wronged me? (3) Can I face my sins honestly, not using scapegoats? Can I allow God to forgive me and surrender my pride or shame? (4) Am I easily annoyed by people - judge harshly those who don't dress, live or act as I do? (5) Can I ask God for favors in prayer? Acknowledge to Him that I need His grace and strength and help? Or am I too independent? (6) Do I find it difficult to submit to the will of another? Cut off someone who doesn't agree with me? My boss, Pastor, or spouse? (7) Can I do charitable acts without having to let others know how generous I am? Do I forget His admonition: not to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing?

OUR PRAYER: Bishop Sartoris offered this Lenten meditation: "Insignificant man, escape from your everyday business for a while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labors. Make a little time for God and rest awhile in Him." St. Anselm. 1109 AD

Confirmation News - *Reminder* Track III for Year I & II begins the week of Sunday, March 4. Year I will meet in the Hall at 12:00 pm. Year II will meet in their designated classrooms at 4:00 pm (Sunday group) and 7:00 pm (Wednesday group).

Note to Parishioners: Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our candidates as they move through the Confirmation Process. Confirmation has been scheduled for Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us for this very special Sacrament and Mass.

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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Mar. 5 and 19 - Regular meetings

Apr. 2 and 16 - Regular meetings

May 7 and 21 - Regular meetings

Jun. 4 and 18 - Regular meetings

Viejas Casino Trip: Thursday, March 22. \$7/person with \$5 food court discount book; also coupon book for Viejas Outlet Center across the street. Must carry legal photo I.D. Bus departs church parking lot 8 a.m., returns approx. 6 p.m. Sign ups at Mar. 5 & 19 meetings, or call Rosie or Barbara. For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

LENTEN PRESENTATION

Are you interested in getting help in understanding yourself and others while receiving insight into how we can more effectively meet each other and the Holy One in our daily lives? If you answer "yes," you are invited to join us for 3 sessions on "The Enneagram." They will be held on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, **March 12, 19, and 26** in the Parish Activity Center. The presenter is Sr. Rita Carroll, SSL. For more information and to register, please call the Religious Ed Office at **598-0519** by **March 5**.

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.

Parish Fair News: Sponsorship: For those who have returned their sponsorship forms, thank you. There is still time to become a sponsor at the Fair for those who are still considering one of the five different levels. Please pick up a sponsorship form at the back or side exit of the church and return it to the rectory. The success of the Fair depends on you!

Tax Letter for 2011 - For a letter stating your contributions for 2011, please call the rectory office, 594-4657, and leave your name, phone number and email address.

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



"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18 Our homeless hygiene kit drive is underway! Please return the donation bags you picked up last weekend from the cross at the back of the church.



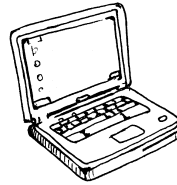
Mar. 17-18: Children's Book Drive.

Mar. 28: Sort Children's Books for our Easter food and gift distribution.

Mar. 30: Assemble Easter food and gifts for distribution.

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.



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.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration, March 18

Please join us March 18 to honor our parish's patron saint and for charity. It will start with 12:30 Mass followed by a traditional St. Joseph Table, with its traditional Italian meal. Free-will donations will be accepted for the meal. One half of the net proceeds will support St. Joseph School tuition. The other half will be donated to St. Anthony Church.

Tickets for a GREAT opportunity drawing, including a high definition TV, are on sale. There will also be a great silent auction of unique items including a Kindle, cookware, sports memorabilia, and MUCH more! Please see fliers at the church doors. Can you donate an item or homemade baked goods in support of our silent auction? Please call Gerry Seckington, 420-3220.

Did You Know? Road to priesthood involves a rigorous formation process

Seminary formation involves much more than academic study. Prior to ordination, a candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John's Seminary, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit www.la-archdiocese.org and click on the "Vocations" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 3

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

SUNDAY, March 4

7:30 a.m. - † Dick Kocevar, Anniversary

9:00 a.m. - † James Halley

10:30 a.m. - † Ernie and Eileen Kujak

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m. - † Stanley Ferdula

TUESDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m. - † Segundo Ituriaga

WEDNESDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. - † Amparo Ituralde

THURSDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m. - † Patrick & Rosalleen Branigan

FRIDAY, March 9

8:00 a.m. - † Paulette Thrash-Sulke

SATURDAY, March 10

5:00 p.m. - † Rose Rotondo

SUNDAY, March 11

7:30 a.m. - John Stein, Birthday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - Hugo & Mickey Jorda, 62nd Anniversary

12:30 p.m. - † Clayton Ginnett

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What am I called to "die to" during this season of Lent? What new life might follow?

Child: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

Teen: How do I listen to God's beloved Son?

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

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, 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	Margee Infante	537-8210
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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
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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