

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2012

I, the Lord, am your God ...
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3

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Deacon Don Gath
Deacon Tom Halliwell

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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:


Many times in the midst of the busyness of life we experience a lot of noise and distractions, and it can be very difficult to have a profound and meaningful prayer life with God amid the turmoil of the crowd. We need a climate of peace in order to pray and meditate. Individually, we can go into our homes to try and find this quiet place, but often it's not enough.

Jesus calls us to be a community of disciples with the mission of bringing the Good News to those who are with us in our homes, and also with those who are beyond the confines of our homes. We need to gather together to listen to the Word of God, to pray, to celebrate the presence of Christ among us, and learn to live in a spirit of forgiveness.

It's important for us to have a place where Christians can gather together in an atmosphere of peace and prayer. So we have churches. The church occupies a very important place in the life of Christians. It is the place of prayer.

Jesus reacts aggressively against those who had changed the Temple of Jerusalem into a marketplace. He understood the temple's purpose to be a house of prayer where one can talk to God and listen to his word.

During this time of Lent, and other times during the year, we come here to visit with our God who sustains us with His love and forgives us our sins. My hope and prayer for each one of us is to appreciate in a deeper way that our church is a place of prayer and a place where we encounter the living God.



March 28, 7:00 p.m.
in the church.

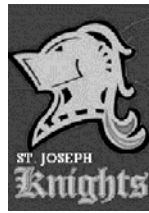
Reconciliation Service

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Monica Scharfen
Barbara Schiltz



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 - A new parental rights ballot initiative is coming: The Parental Notification Initiative requires doctors to notify a parent before performing an abortion on a girl age 17 or younger. Our bishops and the California Catholic Conference encourage all Catholics to support this pro-life effort. We need 807,000 valid signatures of registered California voters to put this on the November ballot. Please help by: 1) Signing the petition after Mass; 2) Collecting signatures; 3) Getting the word out. To volunteer, call 855-263-2254 www.CAParentalRights.org



Knightly News

St. Joseph School is on a roll! For the third year in a row we will be sending a school representative to the state competition for the National Geographic Geography Bee. The school received word last week that eighth grade student, Pablo Munoz, had scored high enough on the preliminary test to take part in the state competition. This is the second year for Pablo at the state level and we wish him luck as he competes in Sacramento on March 30. We're proud of you, Pablo. CONGRATULATIONS!
Principal Hebestreit



Soup Nights and Stations

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In John's Gospel one of the first things Jesus does as he begins his work is to drive the money-changers out of the temple. His life and his work that follows are summed up in the statement, "Zeal for my Father's house consumes me." Everything Jesus does is based on the loving relationship he has with his Father. Here his actions express his desire to purify the relationship of the children of Israel with the God who called them into covenant. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus will invite others into the relationship he shares with the Father.

Life Focus: * When have you felt so strongly about a person or cause that you acted on his/her/its behalf? * *Relate a time when something you valued deeply was not respected, especially by members of your family or church. How did you deal with that?* * Speak of an experience when you were upset with the Church. How did you deal with it? * *What are the choices and priorities you are making today that keep your life a marketplace?* * What actions and attributes need to die in you so you can come to Easter?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
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]
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Stations of the Cross take place today, 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: We will have a “fun” night in the hall on **March 20**. Don’t forget to sign up for the Youth Ministry event on March 16 at St. Bart’s.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Thank you to our terrific staff of volunteers for making our Open House a huge success! **Community Helpers Alert!** Family Easter Basket items collected today for Movement for a Better World. Please remember to bring your item for our **Family Easter Baskets** to be delivered on the 31st by the Goodman family. Bring your donation today and drop it in the box behind the hall on your way to class. RE Stations of the Cross today in hall. Next week: Regular class.

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

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

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.

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.”

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$55,734
 Pledged: 47,514
 Paid: 32,659

Out of our 1256 parish families, 195 have participated.

“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:

What is the purpose of Lent? Many years ago a priest was walking at night in a rough part of town. Suddenly he felt a gun in his ribs and a man demanded his money. When the priest opened his coat to get his wallet the robber noticed his Roman collar and apologized profusely. "Forget it," he said, "I didn't know you were a priest." Relieved, the priest took out a cigarette and offered one to the would-be robber. Incredibly, the man refused saying, "I gave up the weed for Lent!" It kind of illustrates how some of us are confused about the purpose of Lent, even in our present age. Bishop Oscar Solis, in his recent pastoral letter noted, "Pope Benedict XVI's theme for Lent is: *Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.*" Bishop Solis went on to say, "The discipline of Lent helps in our spiritual journey. Our life of prayer, sacrifice and good works are essential to reach our destiny." Pray for those who are preparing for full incorporation into the Body of Christ this Easter. Don't forget to help those who have been victims of the recent disasters in our own country.

OUR PRAYER: Lord, help us in this Lenten journey to listen more frequently to Your Word so we can celebrate this Easter solemnity with greater love for Christ. May Your Holy Spirit teach and encourage us, especially those in doubt and error to follow what is true and good. Amen

Youth Ministry – Next week our Youth NMinistry will be hosting our second “Change for Youth.” Our middle schoolers will be collecting your change (or bills or checks) to help support this new church ministry. Through your generosity, we are able to provide activities for the youth of our parish in a fun, safe and faith-filled environment. Please consider opening up your hearts...and your pocketbooks to this wonderful cause.

Youth Ministry invites all 6th, 7th & 8th graders to **GAME NIGHT!** Eat munchies, win prizes, and have fun with friends! Friday, March 16, 7-9 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church hall. ***Bring a friend!*** RSVP to Shelley Padilla at youthministry@stjosephlb.org or call the rectory. Flyers/Permission Slips are available at the church exits, rectory or on our parish website: stjosephlb.org

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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Mar. 19 - Regular meeting

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. 19 meeting, 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.

BARBARA SCHILTZ - April 20, 1925 to March 2, 2012. Barbara was an active member of St. Joseph Church since its inception until she moved to San Diego in 2003. Funeral Services were held on March 10 in San Diego. Burial Services will be on Monday, March 12 at 1 pm at All Soul's Cemetery in Long Beach.

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. Space is limited-- please call the Religious Ed Office at **598-0519** to reserve your place.

Parish Fair News: Layaway ride tickets: Next weekend you will have an opportunity to layaway ride tickets—A GREAT WAY TO BUDGET! Put down \$10, \$20 or any amount you want and we'll give you a receipt with \$\$ paid and tickets purchased. When the fair committee receives the tickets, we'll contact you and arrange pick up or delivery of your tickets. It's that easy! Pre-sale ride tickets provide two benefits: 1) they offer a great savings for you and 2) the church and school receive more money from each pre-sale ticket sold.



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.

New and gently used books wanted!

We are preparing our food and gift distribution for Easter, including reading books for the children. Please bring books for donation to the church or rectory by March 25. Distribution angels for Christmas, please expect a call to confirm you are able to help the same family for our Easter distribution, March 31.

Our homeless kit drive continues. Please return the items to the church or rectory.

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

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

Mar. 31: Distribution of Easter food and gifts to 71 less fortunate Long Beach families.

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

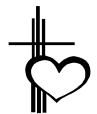


Feast of St. Joseph Celebration, March 18

Our Feast of St. Joseph celebration next Sunday will honor our parish's patron saint and be for charity. It will start with 12:30 Mass followed by a St. Joseph Table with its traditional Italian meal. Free-will donations will be accepted for the meal. It will support our St. Joseph School tuition and St. Anthony Church.

Tickets for an opportunity drawing, including a high definition TV are on sale. You need NOT be present to win. Please see fliers at the church doors. There will be a great silent auction of unique and practical items. It will include autographed and other sports memorabilia from Tiger Woods, Mannie Ramirez, Randy Moss and many others. Other auction items include a Kindle, cookware, and much more! Can you donate an item or homemade baked goods in support of our St. Joseph Table? Please call Gerry Seckington, 420-3220.

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



Did You Know? Keeping Kids Safe After School -

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time after school. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safe-guard the Children office: (213) 637-7227.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. - † Giovanna Anselmo

TUESDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. - † Clayton Ginnett

WEDNESDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. - † Tim Spelling

THURSDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. - † Clayton Ginnett

FRIDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m. - † Clayton Ginnett

SATURDAY, March 17

5:00 p.m. - † Robert & Jack Preston

SUNDAY, March 18

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Robert Maney

10:30 a.m. - † Salvatore Plano, Sr.

12:30 p.m. - † Ramon Garcia

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do my views of material things affect relationships to God and/or other people?

Child: Why was Jesus angry?

Teen: What kinds of anger are justified to a follower of Jesus?

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, 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
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
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	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