

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2012

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

—John 3:17

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Website: www.stjosephlb.org

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St. Joseph School: 596-6115

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.

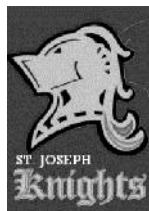
We live Christian lives by praying together, caring for our diverse community, encouraging and sharing of ourselves in service to others.



From the Desk of Fr. Jim:

This weekend, we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Joseph. I would like to thank everyone for their ministry and support: our parishioners, the deacon couples, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, altar caretakers, religious education staff and catechists, sacristans, liturgists, finance and parish council members, and our school principal, teachers and staff.

I hope you all enjoy the celebration this weekend.



Knightly News

HAPPY ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY from St. Joseph Elementary School to all of our friends and family members in the parish. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your unwavering encouragement and support throughout the year. We love being part of such a vibrant parish and are proud to be a ministry of this parish! Saint Joseph, our patron saint... Pray for us!

Principal Hebestreit



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

Reconciliation Service



Soup Nights and Stations

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

Come sample the wide variety of delicious homemade soups, breads & desserts!

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: When John speaks of Jesus being lifted up on the cross, he refers to more than Jesus' death. This lifting up is the whole sweep of Jesus coming from and returning to his father: life, death, being raised from the tomb, being exalted over the whole world. The reference to the serpent Moses raised in the desert is the story we hear in our first reading. The Israelites, bitten by serpents as a result of their grumbling in the desert, are cured by looking on the image of their woundedness. In the same way, Jesus has taken on our humanity and will bring healing and eternal life through his death and glorification. The very life and love of God can be seen and touched in the only Son, lifted up for us.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when you felt yourself being drawn from anxiety, fear, hurt, anger, etc., because someone didn't leave you to carry these alone. * *Relate a recent experience when you felt light and/or love.* * Tell of an experience when you believed in God's love for you. * *What would help you become more alive?*

Clear your calendars for "CATHOLICISM" -

Journey around the world and deep into the Catholic faith with Fr. Robert Barron. Four years in the making, "Catholicism" is a 10-part DVD series which combines rock-solid scholarship and theology with awe-inspiring cinematography from around the globe. The series will be presented at St. Joseph Parish beginning with the first five segments in the Spring, and will commence with the second five segments in the Fall. Meetings will be on Monday evenings: April 23, May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25. More details to follow. "The most important media project in the history of the Catholic Church in America. A stimulating and compelling exploration of the spiritual, moral, and intellectual riches of the Catholic world." -George Weigel, Biographer of Blessed John Paul II

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

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Bulletin email address: We have a new email address, bulletin@stjosephlb.org specifically for bulletin submissions. Notices must be received by 1:00 p.m. Mondays to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No Class on Sunday, March 25, due to the Religious Education Congress.

Sacrament Program: Congratulations to our 2nd Year students who received First Reconciliation on March 9.

The First Communion Workshop for parents and children will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2pm to 5pm in the hall. This workshop is for families in the religious education program and school.

Middle School: We will have a "fun" night in the hall on March 20. Don't forget items to donate to our family we are supporting for Movement for a Better World.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. **Community Helpers Alert!** Family Easter Basket items collected today for Movement for a Better World. Children's book drive. Remember to sign up for an item to bring Palm Sunday, April 1, bring in your 12 filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt and wear your Sunday School shirt, too. No class next week: Religious Education Congress. If you have never been to Congress, it's not too late...give yourself the mini-retreat you deserve. Attend 1, 2, or 3 days. World-renowned speakers and authors! Go to www.RECongree.org for more info.

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

VIRTUS TRAINING - On March 20 the recertification training, Keeping the Promise Alive, will be held from 7 to 8:30pm in the PAC. Please call the religious education office at 598-0519 to register.

Youth Ministry - Today our Youth Ministry is hosting "Change for Youth." At each of the church exits, our middle schoolers will be collecting your change (or bills or checks) to 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.

Confirmation - 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.

"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 the Deacons' desks:**

A lesson in **humility**: a large truck was wedged beneath an underpass near a small town. It couldn't move forward or back. Traffic backed up for miles.

No one knew how to free the truck. A little boy who had been watching, approached two officers and said, "I think I know how to free it." One frustrated officer said angrily, "I suppose you've got it all figured out!" "I think so," said the little boy. "Just let the air out of the tires." So they did and the truck passed through. Later the other officer joked about the incident, "The truck wasn't the only one who got some air taken out of its tires!" Ask yourself, "How do I respond when someone, 'lets the air out of my tires' and humbles me before others?"

Our Prayer: Father all powerful and ever living God, You ask us to express our thanks by self-denial. We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We are to show those in need Your goodness to ourselves and so gain everlasting life through Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen (taken from the old Lenten Preface)
Deacon Don

Last Saturday, our parish hosted a Marriage Preparation Day for 57 couples. Fr. Jim, Stan & Charleen Lawrence, and Pat & I presented the day, John & Debbie Vomero acted as the host couple. Olga Cuda from the rectory, Virginia Young from Religious Ed, and Marty Vezzetti and the Knights of Columbus also assisted. The couples came from all over the archdiocese and beyond, from as far as Rosamond, Sylmar and Hemet. The day was designed for couples who are already married civilly but now want to be married in the Church, and the couples participated meaningfully and enthusiastically. It was a wonderful day for all who participated, and we look forward to presenting more Marriage Preparation days at St. Joseph.
Deacon Tom

Choices of the Heart Retreat - All single Catholic women 18-40 years of age are invited to participate in a Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity April 13-15 in Los Altos Hills, California. For reservations or more information, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 650-949-8890, 213-210-9903, SrLisaDC@aol.com, or call Sr. Marianne Olives, 213-500-0115, SrMarianneDC@aol.com.



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.

Together in Mission

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

Out of our 1256 parish families, 195 have participated.



**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.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration, March 18

Welcome to our Feast of St. Joseph celebration this weekend! There will be a special blessing of ministers at all the Masses this weekend. Please join us for a St. Joseph Table with its traditional Italian meal after 12:30 Mass. 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 throughout the weekend by the rectory garage. You need NOT be present to win. There will be a great drawing-style, 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 items include a Kindle, cookware, hospitality beverages and much more!

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
April 27 - Sts. Peter & Paul School, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed & truth." 1 John 3:18

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, please expect a call to confirm you are able to help for our Easter distribution March 31.
Mar. 28: Sort children's books for our Easter distribution.
Mar. 30: Assembly of Easter food and gifts
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.



St. Bartholomew Church Annual Fashion Show

April 22, 3 p.m. Reservations \$35 per person includes fashion show, lunch, prizes, raffle and an auction. Fashions courtesy of Drapers and Damons. Lunch catered by Olga and Ken Rausch. Proceeds benefit Harbour Area Halfway Houses for Women. RSVP by April 15 to Judy Houston, 280 Claremont Ave, Long Beach 90803. More info: Eleanor Holland, 438-3774.

Expectant Mothers Retreat - Pregnant and adoptive moms-to-be, gather for a day of rest and reflection, nurturing your soul and discovering your spirituality of motherhood. Whether or not this is your first child, come enrich our community! Sat., April 21, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM \$45 includes lunch, \$35 without lunch.

Heartprints and a Mother's Prayer: A Retreat for Moms with Babies - Pray your way through everyday moments of mothering your Baby as we cultivate the virtues of Gratefulness (March 25), Playfulness (April 15), and Faithfulness (May 6). Deepen your awareness of the imprint of your Creator and your Baby on your heart!

Sunday Afternoon Series: 1:30 – 4:30 PM. Join us for one, two, or all three sessions! \$10 per session. The series is designed with nursing moms in mind and is open to all mothers. Babies are welcome, and you are encouraged to bring another caregiver, allowing you to nurture yourself.

Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino, CA 91346 www.hscenter.com 818-784-4515.

Did You Know? Keeping Kids Safe After School

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time. Get to know the adults who show up in the community where children gather and 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 Safeguard the Children office: (213) 637-7227.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, March 19

8:00 a.m. - † Clayton and Jan Ginnett

TUESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. - † Matthew Kielbasa & Francis McFarland

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. - † Dick Kocevar

THURSDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

FRIDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

SATURDAY, March 24

5:00 p.m. - † Milagros Chingcuangco

SUNDAY, March 25

7:30 a.m. - † John Fay

9:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

10:30 a.m. - † Joseph & Ida Baratta

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Do I see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way I live?

Child: Where do I see goodness in God's world?

Teen: What do I find loveable in the world today?

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, Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, 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, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, Mary Lou Clark, Bob Flynn, Nicolas Ramirez, 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 & Rosemary Stolinski.

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

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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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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

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