

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2012

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*

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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:

Like the grain of wheat in this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus has to let go of everything, including his own life, in order to bring life to others. Jesus' bringing of life is the primary focus of John's entire gospel.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Through him all things came into being, nothing came into being except through him. What has come into being with him is life." Again in John, we hear that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son. So that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but will have eternal life."

Just as the grain of wheat that dies becomes something altogether greater and enriching for others, if we can't see and accept this as the core of Jesus' life, then we have not really seen him and never will see him in the true sense.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we learn to see Jesus, not in a superficial way, but that we see Him in a penetrating way that allows us to know Jesus deeply from within the depths of our own being.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY, April 1 (Regular Sunday schedule)

Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

HOLY THURSDAY, April 5

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Only Mass today) Adoration until 11 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(No Mass on Good Friday)

EASTER LITURGIES

HOLY SATURDAY, April 7

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

(No confessions or 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, April 8

7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;

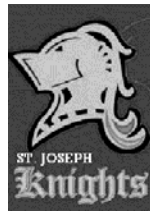
Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

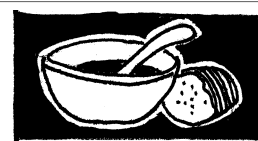
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Knightly News

It was the school's privilege to have Bishop Oscar Solis, along with Father Jim and Deacon Shane, celebrate the St. Joseph Feast Day Mass on Monday, March 19. The sixth grade class provided altar servers, readers and gift bearers, and the kindergarten class led the school in the singing of our traditional "St. Joseph" song. The Bishop seemed to enjoy it immensely. The children responded very well to him and especially at the end of Mass when he gave the students a special treat – **a day off school!** Needless to say the Bishop is a very popular man around here these days! Thank you to Bishop Solis for joining us on this very special feast day. Principal Hebestreit



Soup Nights and Stations

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 soups, breads and desserts, many homemade!

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



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

Reconciliation Service

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 today due to the Religious Education Congress.

Sacrament Program: 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. Child care for siblings will be available.

Middle School: Students will be experiencing the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, **April 3**. Items for our family we are supporting for Movement for a Better World are due by **March 27**.

Early Childhood: No class today. St. Joseph Community attends the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim! If you didn't make plans to attend this year, start planning now for next. You deserve to feed your spirit and this is a great way to accomplish that goal! **Community Helpers Alert!** Children's book drive. Thank you for bringing your items for the Family Easter Baskets last week. Next week: Easter Celebration!

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

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.

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



Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land who depend on this collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Benedict XVI, the annual collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the holy places. For more information, visit: www.myfranciscan.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:

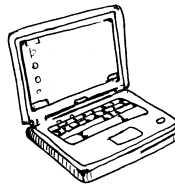
There are no "coincidences" only God's hand working anonymously!! I was blessed to serve at the 12:30 Mass which preceded the St. Joseph Table celebration. But very important to me was to give Communion to the confirmandi at that Mass. Their **reverence** impressed me. Good students, you have my prayers on your journey for **wisdom** and **right judgement**.

The St. Joseph Table celebration after Mass was a fitting feast to honor our parish's patron. Thanks go to so many who brought this act of charity that will benefit St Anthony parish and some of our school families with tuition assistance. St. Joseph was called the **just** man, the protector of our greatest treasures, namely his divine Son, Jesus, and Mary, his spouse. Though he is mostly in the background, words that come to my mind are **fidelity, quiet strength, protector, and provider**. A parishioner reminded me that he is also known as the **patron of a happy death**.

OUR PRAYER: St Joseph, plead for us to your foster-child, Jesus, and teach us to care for Christ's body by caring for our brothers and sisters. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us as we journey through this Lenten season of grace. Amen

Youth Ministry – The kids of Youth Ministry would like to thank the parish for all their support during our most recent fundraisers. On Ruby's night, we were joined by seniors, deacons and entire families—a testament to our wonderful church community here at St. Joseph! Through these efforts, we made: **Ruby's Night: \$300, "Change for Youth:" \$832.50**. Thank you for your generosity!

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: 48,864
 Paid: 33,809

Out of our 1256 parish families, 202 have participated.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Apr. 2 and 16 - Regular meetings

May 7 and 21 - Regular meetings

Jun. 4 and 18 - Regular meetings

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

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of real resurrection. And he tells his followers that the only way to come to this life of glory is by dying. The image of the grain of wheat offers a powerful example of this reality. A single seed is limited and alone. But if the seed dies to its present state, it will grow into a stalk filled with seeds. The message for us is that the present is good, but because Christ has brought an end to death through his own death and resurrection, we can look forward to a future that will be far more than our limited lives here and now.

Life Focus: * Relate a time when you lost out but later were strengthened by the experience. * *Describe an experience in your life when seeds fell fruitlessly but later blossomed.* * What struggles have you let go of?

* *Whose life and struggles encourage you?*

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.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration - Thank you to all who made this a very special event for our parish!

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

Patrick Rea

Jason Kaufmann

John Landry

Nick Compton

Irene Avila

Justin Ray

Adam Mariano

Obinna Ugochukwu

Timmy Allison

Michael Marchante

Nicky Kaufmann

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

Hallelujah! Easter is around the corner!

Thanks to the many parishioners who donated children's books as gifts to 71 local families our parish will be supporting for Easter! Can you add your love, by helping to load their food and gift boxes for distribution, Friday morning March 30? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Distribution angels for Christmas, please expect a call to confirm you are able to help the same family for our Easter distribution March 31.

Mar. 30: Assembly of Easter food and gifts for distribution.

Mar. 31: Distribution of Easter food and gifts to 71 Long Beach families in need.

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: 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? What is elder abuse? Elder abuse is the mistreatment of an elder by someone known to the senior. This includes financial, physical, and emotional abuse, and neglect. Elder abuse happens everywhere – in any income households. It is a problem that has no demographic or ethnic boundaries. Because family members or close friends of the senior are often the culprits this abuse is often difficult to discover and to accept. For more information on the types and nature of elder abuse, please visit the Los Angeles County District Attorney's website: <http://da.lacounty.gov/> seniors. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: (213) 637-7227.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m. - † Ray Gomez

TUESDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m. - † John & Annie McEvelly

WEDNESDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. - † Jesus "Jesee" Lopez

THURSDAY, March 29

8:00 a.m. - † Monica Scharfen

FRIDAY, March 30

8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Goonan

SATURDAY, March 31

5:00 p.m. - † Helen Smith

SUNDAY, April 1

7:30 a.m. - † Sharon Hipp

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

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

12:30 p.m. - † Paulette Trash-Sulke

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What is one area in my life that I need to let go of - to die to - in order to rise to new life?

Child: How can I be of help to my family, my classmates, or my friends?

Teen: When have I felt stronger because I sacrificed something for a friend or member of my family?

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 Klemm, 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
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USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
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DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
ALTAR CARE		594-4657
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	Michele Grubbs

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562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
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ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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
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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	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

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