

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Palm Sunday

April 1, 2012

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

– *Philippians 2:8*

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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

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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:

The palm you receive this weekend is a symbol of Christ's victory over sin, suffering, and death. It is a victory that we already have but can't always see in a world where suffering, sickness, and difficulties in our own lives are part of the realities that we experience every day.

In the face of all the suffering that we see and experience, it can be hard sometimes to be convinced that we really do have this victory. My hope is that we come to know more fully that this symbol of the palm truly means victory.

When you bring your palms home today and look at them this week and throughout the year, may this symbol of Christ's love give you a firmer faith and an ever-stronger hope in the absolute victory that Christ has already won and shares with us even now.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89;
 Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116;
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16;
 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14;
 e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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



Knightly News

Dear Parishioners, Easter break is almost here and we have a special prayer service coming up soon. You are cordially invited to share the Stations of the Cross with the school community on the morning of April 5, Holy Thursday, at 11:30 in the Church. Each year the students in the junior high help us pray the Stations of the Cross together. Sometimes it is acted out, sometimes it is done in tableau form and sometimes even as a shadow drama. In whatever manner it is done, it is an exceedingly prayerful experience and a great way to start off the Triduum. If you are free that day, we would love to have you join us!
 Principal Hebestreit



Soup Nights and Stations

Fridays of Lent, 5 - 7 p.m.
 followed by Stations of the Cross:
 Last one: April 6.

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

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.

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 next Sunday, April 8. Have a blessed Easter! The religious education office will be closed the week of April 9 through 13.

Sacrament Program: The First Communion Workshop for parents and children will be held today, 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. Thank you to all who donated items for our foster family.

Early Childhood: Regular class and Easter Celebration today! Thank you to everyone who participated in RE Congress this year. A HUGE thank you to the Goodman family for delivering all of the baskets for our adopted family this year. We are grateful for your continued support. Parish Fair in four weeks. Sign up for your shift at the Fair.

Please consider becoming a Sunday School Teacher next year. Call Shannon for info, 430-6840.

Next week: we are off for Easter. Have a blessed and joyous Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

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

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

I recall Fr. Pat Mullen challenging us with some of Jesus' last words on the cross, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" from Psalm 22. Jesus started the psalm and died before finishing it. Fr. Pat said, "I want you to finish it for the Lord." He went on to say, this is for all in a leadership position including priests, religious, and those in the consecrated life. The Gospel fails if you seek power and prestige. You are called to carry your cross. Above all to serve **without** counting the cost!

We touch Christ when we say the same Psalm prayers He prayed some 2000 years ago. Liturgy of the Hours (the Church's prayer) helps us sanctify the day. "It is said in the morning in order that the first stirrings of our minds may be consecrated to God." St Basil the Great.

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week will not be the same as in other times of the year - there will be no morning Mass. The Church asks us to say the morning prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours at this time. Booklets will be provided; they contain the Psalms, readings and intercessions. The Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m.

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for loving us completely. You suffered patiently and for me. You died and rose again on the third day. Gentle Jesus defend us in all danger. Protect my soul which you bought with Your precious blood. Amen

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.

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.



Youth Ministry – Youth Ministry invites all 6th, 7th & 8th graders to join us on Sunday, April 22 for some fun on the ice! Join us at Glacial Gardens after our 12:30pm Mass. Skating session runs 1:45pm-3:45pm. Flyers & Permission slips are available at each of the church exits, in the rectory, or can be found on our parish website. RSVP to Shelley at: youthministry@stjosephlb.org. Hope to see ya there~
Be sure and check out what's been going on in our new ministry in the YM Muse newsletter and on the church bulletin board.

"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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

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.

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$55,734

Pledged: 49,749

Paid: 34,506

Out of our 1256 parish families, 206 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: Mark's Gospel, more than the other Gospels, shows the human struggle and suffering of Jesus. Jesus seems to feel abandoned at the worst point. Mark's community, undergoing persecution, needed to make sense of the suffering in their lives. They needed to discover who Jesus was as Messiah. Throughout the Gospel, we get hints and glimpses of who Jesus is. Today we come to the story of the Passion itself. Mark finally answers the question of who Jesus is only at the end, when the centurion proclaims: "Clearly this man was the Son of God." Jesus' identity as Messiah is only fully revealed when he dies on the cross.

Life Focus: * Recall a time when life didn't make sense at all. What, if anything, kept you trusting? * *Remember a time when you helped someone who was carrying a heavy burden.* * Recall a time when someone helped you through a burdensome time. * *Peter denied Jesus three-fold. Recall a time when you found it hard to take a stand for the values of Christ.*

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.

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

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.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, . . . naked and you clothed me." Matthew 25:35.



THANKS and BLESSINGS to the dozens of benevolent St. Joseph parishioners who contributed to brighten and sanctify the Easter of 89 local families in need Saturday! We delivered food and your donated reading books as gifts for their children.

Please join us for our committee meeting, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. We will review our recent activities and discuss ways to improve our ministry to the less fortunate of Long Beach. Questions? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

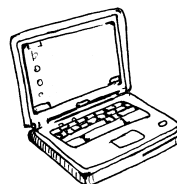
St. Bartholomew Church Annual Fashion Show

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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Ron Pruter
Betty Galaz



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.

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

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 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

MONDAY, April 2

8:00 a.m. - † Dolores Devine

TUESDAY, April 3

8:00 a.m. - † Michael & Irene Lynch

WEDNESDAY, April 4

8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Schiltz

THURSDAY, April 5

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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

FRIDAY, April 6

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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

SATURDAY, April 7

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 8

7:30 a.m. - Santorum family

9:00 a.m. - Link Hinsley

10:30 a.m. - Betty Chappell - Happy Birthday

12:30 p.m. - Elaine Walker - Happy Birthday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: When have I found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled me to accept it?

Child: When is it hardest for me to obey?

Teen: What part of the Passion story most touches my life this year?

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 Ensich	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,		
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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YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelly Padilla	594-4657
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE,
to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org