

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Second Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2012

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that
Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

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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:

Sometimes we can be like the apostle Thomas who found it hard to believe that Christ has risen. At times, we say that we have faith, but when the time comes our words can be empty and without much meaning. Are we really very different from

Thomas?

In our daily lives, especially during times of difficulty and problems, our faith in a loving God can waiver. Not only Thomas experienced these feelings, but also others such as Mother Teresa shared in these same doubts. So we are in good company when we experience these same feelings. It's part of being human.

Jesus told his disciples, my peace I give you, my peace I leave you. This is a peace sustained by the Holy Spirit that helps us in our moments of doubt. This happens because the peace we receive from Christ is a true peace that comes from God. May we come to know more deeply that our faith is something that is alive in the depths of our being; it is a response to the invitation of God to share in his love.



From Deacon Don's desk:

The Congregation of Passionists have a prayer that, to me, is fitting for this occasion of the octave of Easter: God, You have proved Your love for us in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for this Your greatest gift. Grant that we may live always in remembrance of Jesus Christ. Let us remember:

- Jesus' eagerness not to be ministered to, but to minister;
- Jesus' sympathy with suffering of every kind;
- Jesus' courage in the face of suffering and death;
- Jesus' abiding TRUST in God.

With Jesus, we commit ourselves into Your loving care this day. May it be for us and for all those dear to us, a day of obedience to Your law and fidelity to Your love. May all we do this day faithfully reflect the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen

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

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Arnold Esposito
Pat Haggardy



Catholicism: The Series – Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Catholicism is a 10-part DVD series, set in 50 locations in over 16 countries, and filmed in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography. The series, presented by Fr. Robert Barron, boldly displays all of the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism. It does this in a way never before done. Through art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition, Catholicism illuminates the timeless teachings of the Church.


Simply sit back and enjoy the movies, which speak for themselves. There will be free refreshments available, and a little time after the movie for some short discussion and Q&A. Hosted by Deacon Shane.

The first five segments will be presented this Spring, (4/23, 5/14, 5/25, 6/11, 6/25) and the last five in the Fall (dates TBD). Each segment lasts approximately one hour.

Apr. 23 - Episode I: **“Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man.”** The strange and dangerous words of Jesus of Nazareth set up a drama that will culminate in a surprising battle between two kings, and in the wake of this conflict, an empire will be defeated – and the world will be changed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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



Pro Life Corner - 31 - the number of babies saved from being aborted so far this year at the Family Planning Associates abortion mill in Long Beach. On Monday, March 12, our sidewalk counselors were there when a woman, six months pregnant, arrived for an abortion. Fortunately, the counselors were able to offer her help now, and promised her we'd be there for her and her baby in the future. We will!! She decided to keep her baby! Please keep her and her unborn child in your prayers.

Together in Mission	
Parish Goal:	\$55,734
Pledged:	50,299
Paid:	34,726
Out of our 1256 parish families, 209 have participated.	

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Classes resume today. Parish Fair is **April 27, 28, and 29.** Classes will meet on **April 29.**

Middle School: Don't forget to sign up for the next Youth Ministry event - ice skating on April 22 from 1:45-3:30 p.m. Pick up your flyer and permission slip at class this week.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Parish fair in two weeks. Remember to 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: Last class - children singing and certificate presentation in the hall after class. Wear your t-shirts, invite family and friends, and bring your cameras/camcorders. Sign up for next year if you haven't already registered!

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

Confirmation News: The Year II Confirmation Candidates would like to thank everyone who contributed towards Hands of Mercy. With your generous support we raised enough to purchase and build two loft homes. The frames for these two homes were loaded onto trailers and will be delivered to a small village outside of Ensenada on April 20. Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers.

Year II Reminders: Confirmation Rehearsal and Breakfast with sponsors will be Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 - 11:30 am in the Hall. Confirmation Mass will be Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 pm in the Church. Candidates and Sponsors will meet at the flag pole at 2:30 pm.

Year I Reminders: Final session, interviews and Mass, Sunday, April 22 12:15 -3:30 pm. Meet in front of the Church. If you have not already done so, contact the Religious Education office to sign-up for your Confirmation Rehearsal / Reception Shift.

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.

Soup Nights - We would like to thank all of the parish community and ministries who donated their time and service, desserts, and other goods. You made our Lenten Soup Suppers a success. Thank you for your endless support!

Ignite! Long Beach Young Adults (San Pedro Region) - Join us in praise, adoration & fellowship, fourth Thurs. of the month, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Next Ignite! April 26 here @ St. Joseph Church. For more info: longbeachyam@gmail.com

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, refused to believe that the Lord had risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him, "Examine my hands, put your finger into the wound in my side, do not persist in your unbelief but believe." Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We who have not seen and have believed have also been given new life by God. The Spirit's presence within those who believe testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you requested proof of something that you should not have doubted. * *When has Jesus come to you "through locked doors" and you tried not to let him in?* * Describe an unexpected experience in your life that made you more aware of God's presence. * *Describe how you felt when you had to trust another person.* * Share a time when you felt doubt and abandonment. How was God present or not present for you? * *When have you forgiven others? What happened when you were unable/unwilling to?* * What don't you forgive easily in yourself? What prevents you from forgiving yourself? * *Describe an experience when you found it hard to forgive. What were your difficulties in coming to forgiveness?* * What specific difference would take place in your life this week if you seriously believe that Jesus Christ actually has been raised from the dead?

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for the week of **July 9-13.** VBS will take place this year at St. Cornelius for all those entering K through 8th grade in the fall. High school students may sign up to volunteer as helpers. The fee is \$25 for one child and \$15 for each additional family member, if paid by **June 22.** For further information, please contact the religious education office, **598-0519.**



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and we are reminded of the incredible mercy and love of God. Let the grace of God flow deeply and abundantly in your marriage relationship; attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your sacrament. Sign up to attend the next weekend, **June 29-July 1** in Norwalk. For more information or to apply, go online at www.ilovemyspouse.net

"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



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Apr. 16 - Regular meeting

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.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners, 21 years & older, to a bus trip to Barona Resort & Casino near San Diego May 16. Cost per person is \$20. \$5 of free slot play on arrival. This is a five hour stay at the casino. Bingo played on bus, 50/50 raffle and five free buffet lunch tickets will be raffled. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811

MOVIE NIGHT! Long Beach ALIVE invites all adults (18-39 yrs old) to watch "The Way." Synopsis: Walking the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), Tom, begins to learn what it means to be a citizen of the world and discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose." **April 18**, 7:30 pm, St. Cornelius Small Hall. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. FREE! For more information, please contact Guadalupe Benitez at (562) 421-3152.

Attention Catholic Singles - Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International has a group in the Los Angeles area dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following sites or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com, www.caci.org, www.cacintlphotos.shutterfly.com

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

May 12 - St. Matthias, Huntington Park, 323-588-2134

May 23 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 x 247

Did You Know? 'Working Together to Prevent Child Abuse' - 10th Anniversary Brochure available now. Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese receives copies of "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy." The brochure is a helpful guide to the sexual abuse prevention policies, programs and resources that have been developed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To see a copy of the brochure online, please visit: <http://www.laarchdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard> For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Committee meeting, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. Find ways, big and small, to share your gifts with those of our community who need our help.



Our ever POP-ular, POPCORN MINISTRY is here! We will again proudly sponsor the Popcorn Booth at the Parish Fair to give back, in a small way, to our parish that has done so much to support our program! Can you help? Please call John Minter 430-5839.

Please see the church bulletin board in the hall toward the school office for a list of items requested by our supported families. Questions? Call Tim Clark 431-4385.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:40

SAVE THE DATES! The Parish Fair is April 27, 28 & 29. Rides, Food, Games, Prizes, Live Music, Sunday Brunch hosted by St. Joseph School 6th grade class and more! All inserts in today's bulletin are also available on the Parish Website at <http://www.stjosephlb.org> - just click on the Parish Fair Logo. For those who have returned their sponsorship forms, thank you! There is still time to become a sponsor for those who are considering one of the five levels. New this year - sign up on-line for your volunteer shifts! For questions about this year's event, please contact: Kraig Jondle (562) 760-5458 or Dana Moler (562) 522-5832.

Parish Fair Open to Vendors - The Parish Fair will be holding a Boutique/Craft Fair allowing outside vendors to take advantage of the large attendance to sell their products. If you have a home based business, crafts or other products you'd like to sell, contact Dana Moler for more information about reserving your space. Limited to 30 vendors, so call or email today! 562-522-5832 or danamoler@verizon.net.

St. Anthony High School class of 1962 will be celebrating their 50th class reunion on **September 15** at Long Beach Yacht Club and are looking for classmates. For more information please visit our website: sasaints62.com or call Joan Gordon Ingram at 714-775-7139.

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

Michael Marchante

Nicky Kaufmann

Jessica Landry

Nick Compton

Irene Avila

Justin Ray

Adam Mariano

Obinna Ugochukwu

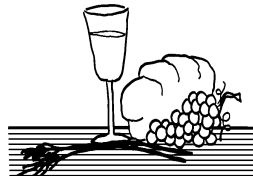
Timmy Allison

Jason Kaufmann

John 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.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, April 14

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

SUNDAY, April 15

7:30 a.m. - † Monica Scharfen

9:00 a.m. - † Betty Galaz

10:30 a.m. - Jose Colina

12:30 p.m. - † Andrew and Eve Devine

MONDAY, April 16

8:00 a.m. - † Terry Tibor

TUESDAY, April 17

8:00 a.m. - † Arnold Esposito

WEDNESDAY, April 18

8:00 a.m. - James Hodge

THURSDAY, April 19

8:00 a.m. - Jean Sexton

FRIDAY, April 20

8:00 a.m. - † Stanley Ferdula

SATURDAY, April 21

5:00 p.m. - † Tom Steiner

SUNDAY, April 22

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

9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

10:30 a.m. - † Fr. Thomas Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Betty Galaz

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In my family, workplace, or parish, how would I like to be able to bear witness to Christ? What obstacles bar my way?

Child: How am I sharing the peace of Christ with my friends?

Teen: Do I ever choose not to forgive someone?

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 Kohonen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, 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, 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 & Jean Sexton.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Enschede	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	818-4249

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

Shelley Padilla	594-4657
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	

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

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to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org