

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Third Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2012

You alone, O Lord,
bring security to my dwelling.

— Psalm 4:9

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

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

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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:

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus' appearance to his disciples can almost be seen as a parable of many people's lived experience. At times we have fear, anxiety, a sense of oppression. God can seem far away, maybe non-existent. Circumstances may be difficult.

Or we might be experiencing a sense of emptiness, like something is missing, but then comes relief as we discover the living Christ right where we are, in a more meaningful way than we did before.

As wonderful as that experience may be however, it isn't always enough. Our faith needs some flesh on it. Our minds need to absorb what the scriptures say about God if we are to live that experience in our hearts.

So as we continue to celebrate Jesus' great sacrifice and victory for us during this Easter season may we experience that sense of relief and new purpose that he brings and may we learn from Jesus who is gentle and humble of heart.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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

Centering Prayer meets 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

I would like to share with you some news about our school. Ms. Hebestreit, after much thought and deliberation, has decided not to return as Principal of St. Joseph Elementary School for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.

At this time I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Ms. Hebestreit for her thirteen years of dedicated service to our Elementary school and I wish her every success in her future endeavors.

I ask all of you to keep Ms. Hebestreit, our school families and teachers in your prayers as we move toward this transition period for our school.

Fr. Jim

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

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$55,734
 Pledged: 51,299
 Paid: 35,726

Out of our 1256 parish families, 213 have participated.

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.

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: Parish Fair is **April 27, 28, and 29**. Classes will meet on **April 29**. Please sign up to work in our Sweet Tooth Booth. Also don't forget to bring your assigned item for the fair.

Middle School: Youth Ministry ice skating event today! Only 3 more classes left for the year. Last class is **May 8** in the hall for "fun" night and ice cream social.

Early Childhood: Last class today! We've truly enjoyed having your children in our program and look forward to next year. Thank you to our fabulous teachers, aides, families and students for participating with us. Parish fair next weekend. Remember to sign up for your shift at the Fair. Remember to purchase your presale tickets and to work your shift next week! Many hands make light work! Please consider becoming a Sunday School Teacher next year. St. Joseph Sunday School fills very quickly - please register for next year's classes NOW! Questions? Call Shannon 430-6840.

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

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus appears among the disciples. Even though they have heard that he appeared to Simon and to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they think he is a ghost. At Jesus' invitation to touch him, to look at his wounds, they are filled with joy, but they do not completely believe. Only his eating in their presence convinces them that he is indeed the risen Lord. As he had done on the road, he opens their minds to the Scriptures. After he has done this, he sends them to share the Good News with others.

Life Focus: * Speak of your life as a mixture of belief and lack of faith at the same time. * *Relate an experience that brought peace to your life in the middle of difficulties.* * Who do you know who lives and acts as if Christ is truly alive? How does this person affect you?

"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:**

Things I learned in "Deacon Formation:" A Symbol points to a deeper meaning. Have you ever wondered what the priest or deacon says when he pours a small amount of the water into the wine?

You may see his mouth move and may not know that he is involving **you** in this liturgical movement. He says, "By this sacred mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

The water represents you and me and the wine that will become the blood of Christ is our gift to share in His divine life. What a great gift we have. I too often take this for granted. This is a gift of the Eucharist that is **made present, that day of Holy Thursday**.

As we approach the Altar for communion, look for Him and give thanks for the great gift of Himself, for He has given us the greatest gift of all: eternal life, life that lasts forever.

OUR PRAYER: God of mercy, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings and renew Your gift of life within us. We ask this through Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

First Communion will take place on **May 5 and 6** at the **5pm, 9am, 10:30am and 12:30pm** Masses. Please keep our first communicants and their families in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for receiving this sacrament.

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**.

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



Today's readings encourage us to keep God's commands; to love God and one another. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and allow the love of God and your spouse to shine forth in you as you deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by renewing your sacrament. The next weekend is **June 29-July 1** in Norwalk. For more information or to apply, go online at www.ilovemypouse.net



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

May 7 and 21 - Regular meetings

Jun. 4 and 18 - Regular meetings

June 5-7 - Laughlin Trip: 3 days, 2 nites at Riverside Hotel & Casino (on waterfront). Double \$112, single \$132. Includes 3 buffets, transportation, baggage service, raffle on bus.... All welcome. Invite a friend. Sign ups accepted now.

July 2 and 16 - regular meetings

Aug. 6 and 20 - 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.

Attention: The 50+ Catholic Singles (widowed, single, divorced, or separated), will meet on **Apr. 22 at 2 pm** in the conference room of St. Pancratius, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood. Info: Margaret Loughner 943-7013. We are now mostly 60 & 70+! Come meet friends & have fun.

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

St. Anthony High class of 1962 50th reunion **Sept. 15** at Long Beach Yacht Club. For info please visit website: sa-saints62.com or call Joan Gordon Ingram at 714-775-7139.

REUNION: St. Anthony's graduating class of 1972 is planning their 40th reunion on August 18. For information please email saclass1972@aol.com or contact Bill Hanson at (714) 334-9129 or Ray Magana at (310) 600-3013.

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.

THANK YOU to all who attended our committee meeting and shared their ideas to improve the effectiveness of our ministry. Notably, shoppers needed! We will be reorganizing our seasonal food and gift distribution activities this year into "smaller pieces." Secondly, we've identified several charitable agencies that may be able to assist our ministry. Additional research is needed. Can you help? Call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Our ever-POP-ular, POPCORN MINISTRY is here! We 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 for a list of items requested by our supported families.

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

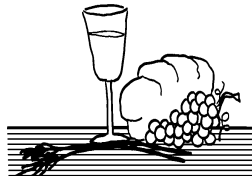
SAVE THE DATES! The Parish Fair - **Join Us!** **April 27, 28 & 29.** Rides, Food, Games, Prizes, Live Music, Sunday Brunch hosted by St. Joseph School 6th grade class and more! **LAST CHANCE TO SAVE \$\$\$ BY PURCHASING PRE-SALE TICKETS AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY.** All inserts in today's bulletin are also 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 at the Fair for those who are still considering one of the five different 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.

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.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, April 23

8:00 a.m. - † Jim McFadden

TUESDAY, April 24

8:00 a.m. - James Hodge

WEDNESDAY, April 25

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

THURSDAY, April 26

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Dondero

FRIDAY, April 27

8:00 a.m. - Kathy June

SATURDAY, April 28

5:00 p.m. - † Alice Costello

SUNDAY, April 29

7:30 a.m. - † Michael Bertone

9:00 a.m. - † Joseph T. Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - † Ruby Neton

12:30 p.m. - Mary Lou Clark

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of my faith?

Child: What are some times that I know Jesus is with me?

Teen: What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

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, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Den Goldberg, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, 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, 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 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	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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	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

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