

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2012

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

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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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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:

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this weekend that he is the Good Shepherd. And we know that the Good Shepherd gave his life for his flock and this is the love that we learn to give to each other in our families, our homes, our work and in all of our relationships.

But why should we be asked to love others that aren't in our closest inner circles? Simply because it is what we are told to do in the second reading this weekend: because we are the children of God.

And if we are children of God, then we truly are brothers and sisters. May we come to know more fully that to be good shepherds as Jesus was and continues to be, involves being more than just being able to show caring for others, it truly is a command and a calling for each of us to follow as human beings and Christians.

Come to our Parish Fair

Join your fellow parishioners for Rides, Food, Games, Prizes, Live Music, and more! You're guaranteed a good time! Fair open until 11 on Sat. & 11-8 Sun.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday: | Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 |
| Monday: | Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-34; Mt 13:54-58 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Thursday: | 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 |
| Friday: | Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Saturday: | Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 |
| Sunday: | Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8 |

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.

Elementary School Principal opening at St. Joseph Elementary School in Long Beach, a parochial K-8 school serving approx. 300 students.

The principal of St. Joseph Elementary School is responsible for promoting and maintaining the school's Catholic identity and developing the school's educational curriculum.

The principal supervises all school academic, development and extra-curricular programs, and is responsible for day to day administration of the school. The principal works closely with and reports directly to the pastor. The principal also works with other administration team members in promoting the parish and school mission.

St. Joseph Elementary School is a highly successful and vibrant school within the parish community of St. Joseph. It is located on the east side of Long Beach near El Dorado Park and the Orange County Border.

Requirements: Applicant must be a practicing Catholic with a commitment to the Catholic philosophy of education; have received a MA/MS degree in education or another related area; hold a California teaching credential; have at least 3 - 5 years experience in Catholic school administration; be well versed in elementary school curriculum development; have excellent communication skills and technology skills.

Interested parties, please contact: Fr. Jim Halley, St. Joseph Parish, (562) 594-4657, 6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach 90815, FAX: 1-562-431-7424, E-Mail: frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

Catholicism: The Series – May 14th - Episode II: "HAPPY ARE WE: THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS"

The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.

Father Barron highlights the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor and our relationship with God as presented in the parables. Jesus' teachings are illuminated during Fr. Barron's pilgrimages to Poland, Germany, Spain and New York City. Commentaries at these sites also show how the Catholic Church is a living culture, which gives witness to the inviolable dignity of the human person.

Together in Mission

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| Parish Goal: | \$55,734 |
| Pledged: | 52,194 |
| Paid: | 36,621 |

Out of our 1256 parish families, 217 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: Enjoy the Parish Fair!! Classes meet today as usual. No Class on **May 6** for First Communion and **May 13** for Mother's Day. Last class is **May 20** - May Crowning and Ice Cream Social!

Middle School: Last class is **May 8** in the hall for "fun" night and ice cream social.

Early Childhood: Our Early Childhood Sunday School Year is complete. Don't forget to work your shift at the Fair this weekend! 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.

Congratulations to those who received Confirmation on April 15

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| Kathleen Ahearn | Savanna McCown |
| Eileen Becich | Alexander McCutcheon |
| Sydney Blubaugh | Colleen McGarity |
| Amanda Bobo | Lucy McNeil |
| Casie Brodeur | Ryan Meyer |
| Paige Brubaker | Mackenzie Misajon |
| Riley Burns | Tess Morales |
| Eric Connolly | Katherine Narbutas |
| Brett Donahue | Kevin O'Connell |
| Nolan Donahue | Claire Oates |
| Jackson Fitzgerald | Matthew Palacios |
| Patrick Flynn | Cassandra Perlick |
| Jamey Gallegos | Johnny Pham |
| Maddison Godsil | Raquel Pineda |
| Andrew Goodwin | Ann Marie Radov |
| Jillian Hofilena | Brianna Regan |
| Marissa Holliday | Trevor Sasse |
| Brianna Houghton | Andrew Schaeffer |
| Ruthanne Killian | Maricela Sistos |
| Shannon Kilmarx | Kyle Smith |
| Graham Law | Jonathan Tupas |
| Nicole LeBras | Madeleine Wamsley |
| Evan Lewis | Nicholas Wilcoxon |
| Brooke Manning | Matthew Zembal |
| Ian McBride | |

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Love and caring continues to flow from the parishioners of St. Joseph. There were a little over 400 signatures gathered this past weekend for the Parental Consent petition. It is now in God's hands to give the voice to the people and parents to determine the fate of their minor daughters and those yet to be born.

This week's Acts of the Apostles reflected on the "proto martyr" Stephen (first deacon martyr). "The Sanhedrin looked intently at him and saw his face like the face of an angel." He was steadfast in his confidence, courage and discipleship. Last week it took Jesus to show his incredulous disciples his hands and feet and say, "Touch Me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." for them to believe.

An Ignatian Reflection quote, "The life of faith can be challenging for us who lack the "historical presence" of Jesus, speaking to us in the same way He addressed His first century disciples. We can learn something important from His response to the eager first-hand disciples: Jesus is not looking for credulous followers seeking immediate rewards. He asks for followers who are committed to Him, not to the vanishing fruits of His miracles. St. Stephen did not work for food that perishes, but faith that will endure when the cost of discipleship is reckoned."

OUR PRAYER: God of goodness, help us to appreciate the great gift the Mass is. Help us to make the Eucharist the summit toward which all our activities are directed and the well-spring from which all our strength flows. Amen

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: During Easter season, we look at how Jesus' Resurrection continues to affect people's lives. In the first reading from Acts, Peter heals a cripple in the manner and power of Jesus. In John's Gospel Jesus describes himself as a *good* shepherd. He knows his sheep by name; he knows their habits and traits. His sheep know him. His love for them is so great that he freely lays down his life for them. People who know each other in the deep way described in this passage share their thoughts, feelings and will. They become one heart and one mind. Each has no life without the other. Jesus and his Father know each other in that way. Now Jesus tells his followers that they too have a share in this depth and intimacy.

Life Focus: * Describe a fearful or hurting situation when someone was there for you. * *Have you allowed the people in your life to come to know you, as Jesus knows his sheep? What gets in the way?* * Reflect on a time when God may have been trying to get a message to you.

Young Adult Monthly Gathering/Fellowship - Join other young adults to socialize and grow in faith, **May 16**, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, St. Cornelius - small hall, 5500 E. Wardlow.

Ignite! Come Join Us In Praise, Adoration & Fellowship, 4th Thurs. of the Month 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Next Ignite! **May 24** @ St. Cornelius Church.

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**.



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.

Gambler's Delight - The Knights invite all parishioners, 21 years+, to a bus trip to Barona Resort & Casino near San Diego **May 16**. Cost: \$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 info, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811



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.ilovemyspouse.net

Attention Catholic Singles - Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International has a group in the L. A. 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.shutterstock.com

Did You Know? Text Messaging: Know the Warning Signs - During Child Abuse Prevention month and the Archdiocese's "Keep Kids Safe" campaign, let's remember that monitoring a child's Internet browsing and cell phone use are important and challenging aspects of being a parent. In keeping track of your child's text messaging, with its dizzying array of coded abbreviations and symbols, there are some codes that every parent should keep his/her eyes open for. These are codes that kids use to warn others that their parents are around or that they use to talk about sex, drugs, or to arrange a meeting. A helpful tutorial for parents is located at <http://knol.google.com>. Type: "How to understand your kids' text messages" in the search box. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 4:18.

Please see the church bulletin board for examples of the sincerest gratitude we receive from the families our parish supports. It also lists items in specific need, for example, a baby walker.

Vital and fulfilling opportunities to benefit and bring hope to the less fortunate of our local community are experienced by our volunteers. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

Weekly sack lunches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities

Holiday Food and Gift Distributions

Blanket and Christmas Gift Drives

Baby Food and Diaper Drives

Food Drives for the St. Francis Center

Homeless Kit Drives

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program. Thank you!



Bundle Sunday - On **May 20** the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here in our parking lot. Please bring your **usable** clothing and household items to help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call for pick up of heavy items, 323-224-6280.

St. Anthony High class of 1962 50th reunion **Sept. 15** at Long Beach Yacht Club. For info please visit website: 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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

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

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

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

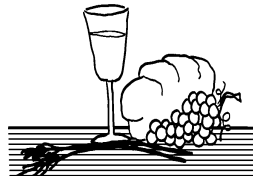
Timmy Allison

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 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

MONDAY, April 30

8:00 a.m. - Rosie De Siato

TUESDAY, May 1

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

WEDNESDAY, May 2

8:00 a.m. - Msgr. Douglas Saunders, 47th Anniversary of Ordination

THURSDAY, May 3

8:00 a.m. - Delia Taberski

FRIDAY, May 4

8:00 a.m. - † Michael & Maymie Devine

SATURDAY, May 5

5:00 p.m. - † Frank Anselmo

SUNDAY, May 6

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

9:00 a.m. - † Antoinette Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - † Paulette Trash-Sulke

12:30 p.m. - † Betty Galaz

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: In what ways do I need Jesus to be my good shepherd this week?

Child: What does it mean when Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd?

Teen: Who has been like a shepherd to me by their example? For whom could I be a shepherd?

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

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| 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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| 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

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| 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

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| Ann Crowley | 594-7575 |
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YOUTH MINISTRY

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| Shelley Padilla | 594-4657 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| 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