

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2012

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

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Deacon Tom Halliwell

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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 gospel today tells us about our relationship with Jesus through the story of the vine and the branches. And what is it that unites the vine with its branches? It is a bond. A bond because the branches only have life as long as

they are connected to the vine.

What Jesus asks of us is to maintain that deep bond with him, to live within us and to give us the life that we need in order to bear fruit. When we love one another the fruit that we produce will be found in our ability to make others feel appreciated and valued.

It is found in our ability to be welcoming and understanding. It is found in our ability to be peacemakers and promoters of justice. This is the fruit that we will bear when we remain united to Christ, who is the vine that we hope that we are never separated from.

Parish Fair

Thank you to Kraig and Dana for co-chairing the fair and for the huge success that it was. Thanks also to all who worked and attended.

Congratulations to the winners of the opportunity drawing: \$100 winners - Ulikie & Colleen Battistone, Rebecca Crofut, Mark Curley, John Evangelista, and Carolyn Maney. \$500 winner - Patrick Bushman. \$1,000 winner - Dana Moler.

St. Joseph Table - Thanks to all who helped make our St. Joseph Table celebration so successful. The \$2,209 that was raised has been split between our parish school and St. Anthony Parish.

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



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

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 - 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No Class today for First Communion and **May 13** for Mother's Day. Last class is **May 20** - May Crowning and Ice Cream Social! Families are welcome to attend. Children go to class at 10:30am. May Crowning will start at 11:00am in the hall followed by the ice cream social.

Middle School: Last class is this Tuesday, **May 8**, in the hall for "fun" night and ice cream social. Don't forget to sign up for the "Lock In" event on **May 11**.

Early Childhood: Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Parish Fair a great success! 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.

FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

First Communion takes place this weekend at the **5pm, 9am, 10:30am and 12:30pm** Masses. Please keep our first communicants and their families in your prayers.

Youth Ministry: Let's end our first Youth Ministry year with a BANG! All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are welcome to join us for our first annual "Lock In" on Friday, **May 11** - 6:00 p.m. to midnight. For all the scoop, flyers are available at each of the church exits, in the rectory or on our website. PARENTS: This event requires more than the usual amt. of volunteers. If you can help out in any way, we would be grateful! Contact Shelley at: youthministry@stjosephlb.org

Youth Ministry: Enjoy great food for a great cause... Youth Ministry! Tuesday, **May 15** at **Naples Rib Company**, 5800 E. 2nd St. Dine-In 4:00-9:30pm / Take-Out 10:00am-9:30pm. Bring our flyer OR mention it to the staff and they will donate 20% of your entire bill to St. Joseph Youth Ministry. **For dine-in, please call ahead for reservations, 439-7427, just so they are properly staffed**

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: John speaks of Jesus doing the work of the Father. He knows the love and concern of the Father. The image of the vine and the branches reveals the union between Jesus and us. Together the vine, Jesus, and the branches, his disciples, bear much fruit. The One who causes to grow, prunes and trims is the Father. The works of Jesus become part of the disciple. We are to live as Jesus lived, to love as he loved. Jesus not only revealed God's love for us, he gave evidence of this love "by laying down his life for us." To be followers of Jesus we must give witness to him by our words and deeds.

Life Focus: * What do you need to prune in your life? * *What nourishment do you need to help you increase your yield?* * Speak of a time when you were able to do more than your limitations allowed because of your communion with Christ. * *Where is there a real bond between you and the other people of the Church? Where is that unity missing? How will you strengthen those bonds?*

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

We are more than half way through the Easter season. Have we lost the sense of "Exsultet?" Though this is sung more fully at the Easter Vigil Mass, I brought it down to fit our meditation: "It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with His blood and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father! This is the night when Christians everywhere, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. Father, how wonderful Your care for us! To ransom a slave You gave away Your Son! The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes away guilt, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; casts out hatred, brings us peace and humbles earthly pride. Accept this Easter candle, a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God. May it shed its peaceful light on all." OUR PRAYER: Father, through the resurrection of Your Son, fill our minds with the light of FAITH, and sustain us with the HOPE of glory and set our hearts on fire with spiritual LOVE. Amen

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for the week of **July 9 to 13**. VBS will take place this year at St. Cornelius for all those entering Kg. 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**. Registration forms are available in the school, religious ed., and rectory offices. For further information, please contact the religious education office.

CARDINAL McINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY ANNUAL COLLECTION May 5-6 - Since 1951, this fund has offered hope for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of L. A. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults and families and provides one-time emergency help for food, utilities, medical, housing or funeral expenses. The goal of this fund is service to the "neediest of the needy," those for whom no other resources exist. Please be as generous as possible.

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.shutterfly.com

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.



**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
 For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Southeastern District of the L. A. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women District Meeting Thursday, **May 24.** Mass @ 10 and Fr. Greg Boyle's Home Boy Industries Home Boys/Girls speaking on "Journey from Gangs to Life," lunch, 1:45 conclusion. \$10 check payable to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild, mail to Polly Glenn, 7314 Cleargorve Dr., Downey 90240 before May 21 deadline. For info call Polly 562-927-0166. All Catholic women are automatically members of ACCW.

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:

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| Glen Warren | Nick Compton |
| Joseph Comfort | Irene Avila |
| Scott Williams | Justin Ray |
| Timothy Ring | Adam Mariano |
| Daniel O'Connell | Obinna Ugochukwu |
| David Waidelich | Timmy Allison |
| Michael Marchante | Jason Kaufmann |
| Nicky Kaufmann | John Landry |
| 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.

Bundle Sunday - On **May 20** the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here from **8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please bring **usable** clothing, shoes, linens, books, household items etc. 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.



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

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27



Two thank yous from this past weekend. First to John Minter and all our happy popcorn poppers at the HIGHLY successful Parish Fair! Secondly, THANKS to all who contributed to last month's homeless hygiene kit drive. Led by Deacon Don and Tina Gath, our homeless ministry delivered your kits, sincerest encouragement and blessings, and very nice sack lunches to 80+ enormously grateful homeless brothers and sisters last Sunday. Four other parishioners and two Missionaries of Charity sisters from St. Emydius in Lynwood also supported the ministry. Fulfilling opportunities abound in the program. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program. Please see the bulletin board for examples of the sincere gratitude we receive from the families our parish supports. It also lists specific items in need.

Thanks to the 6th Grade Families for the FRESH FOOD donations. Movement For a Better World took them to: New Life Beginnings Shelter helping save newborns and their moms, and Christian Outreach In Action in Long Beach who serve hundreds of meals daily, to help those in need.

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$55,734
 Pledged: 52,294
 Paid: 36,796

Out of our 1256 parish families, 218 have participated.

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

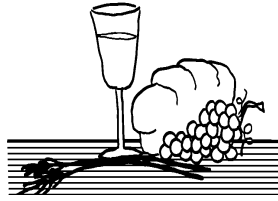
San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

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

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

Did You Know? How many people suffer elder abuse?
 It is difficult to say how many older Americans are abused, neglected, or exploited, in large part because surveillance is limited and the problem remains greatly hidden. But recent studies suggest that more than 500,000 Americans aged 60 and over are victims of domestic abuse. Studies have also found that only 16 percent of the abusive situations are referred for help - 84 percent remain hidden. The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging estimates that there may be as many as 5 million victims every year. For more information, visit the National Center on Elder Abuse website: <http://www.ncea.aoa.gov>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, May 7

8:00 a.m. - † Jim Seckington

TUESDAY, May 8

8:00 a.m. - Stephana Ryan

WEDNESDAY, May 9

8:00 a.m. - Cheryl Hebestreit, Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, May 10

8:00 a.m. - † Hugh Campbell

FRIDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. - Evelyn Sylvia

SATURDAY, May 12

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

SUNDAY, May 13

7:30 a.m. - Harriett Miller

9:00 a.m. - † Thomas J. Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - Scott Jehlik

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How do I remain in Christ each day?

Child: When we live in Jesus, we do good things. What good deed will I do for someone this week?

Teen: What is one thing I can do this week to improve my relationship with Jesus?

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
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Website address:

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