

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2012

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit.

—John 15:16

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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:

Today's gospel goes straight to the heart of the Christian life. It speaks to us about the most important commandment: that we love one another. Could love truly be a commandment, a law, an order? Can anyone order us to love? Love is something that comes from the inside, not from an order received from someone else.

Today's readings speak to us about the commandment of love. But in reality it is an invitation to look at the love with which God loves us and cares for us. It is out of that experience that our own capacity to love comes from.

This could be compared with trying to convince someone that not attending Mass on Sundays is a sin. It's much better to invite that person to come to our community, to enjoy the celebration of the Mass with our community, and to encounter Jesus. If that happens, they're likely to come back. But, if we threaten them with sin and damnation, they'll probably never come back.

Something similar happens with love: no one will love under the threat of a fine or punishment. But they are likely to love if they have felt loved and respected by those around them.

Today it's up to us to help those who live with and around us to know the love with which God loves them. That is what being Christian is all about.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19 or for Ascension Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

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.



Archbishop José Gomez

has appointed Fr. Jim Halley as our new pastor effective July 1. The Installation Mass with Bishop Oscar Solis will be on **June 30 at 5:00 p.m.** with a dinner celebration in the hall afterwards. Please plan on attending this very special occasion. You may pick up your free dinner ticket at the rectory office.



From Deacon Don's desk:

This Sunday's Gospel gives us another Commandment, what I have come to call the 11th Commandment. Jesus says, "This is My Commandment, love one another as I love you."

Today we begin the Mother's Day Novena. My prayer for mothers: *Heavenly Father, we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers. We ask Your blessing on all to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they always follow the example of Mary, and her Son, Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility and self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your grace abundantly in this earthly life and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence. We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen*

For this poor deacon who needs a REALITY CHECK - following is from Romans 14:7-9 for your reflection: "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants. Both in life and death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living."
OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, continue to bless the First Communion Class that they continue to follow and understand more fully the Creed as they expressed it last Sunday and keep that Light of Christ burning brightly. Amen

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: No class today 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: Sign up for Vacation Bible School. There will be a special Youth Ministry program for those entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the fall. VBS is held **July 9 - 13** at St. Cornelius parish. Registration forms are available in the religious ed office, rectory and school.

Early Childhood: Happy Mother's Day! 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: 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**

FREE Youth Ministry Workshop!!!

- * Interested in seeing our ministry grow?
- * Enjoy working with young people?
- * Curious about our new exciting program?

Join Brother Al Vu, Dir. of YM for Salesians of Don Bosco as he shares what a thriving YM Program can do for our entire parish!

SUNDAY, **MAY 20** - 10am-noon at St. Bart's Youth Ctr. Please RSVP to Shelley: youthministry@stjosephlb.org

Workshop open to ages 15-100! All are welcome!

Have you heard the call? Confirmation is looking for Confirmed Catholics to help with our program next year. We are looking for individuals that live out their faith each day. You do not have to be an expert to become a Catechist. Training is provided and we would love to have you. If you have been thinking about getting involved or need more information, contact Melissa in the Religious Education Office at (562) 598-0519 or email confirmation@stjosephlb.org

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.**

**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.

There will be a special Youth Ministry Program for 6th, 7th & 8th graders. High school students

may sign up to volunteer as helpers. The fee is \$25.00 for one child and \$15.00 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 at **598-0519**.



"REFLECT AND RENEW OUR INNER STRENGTH," SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE, SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED MINISTRY - This is a unique experience for the Separated, Divorced and Widowed to come together for a tour of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple Street 90012, and Mass on Saturday, **June 30**. Reflect and renew your inner strength knowing that healing the hurts from personal loss comes from God's love and grace. Tour 9:00 am & Mass 10:00 am, Pre-Registration: \$15.00 & parking \$5.00. For registration or information, contact Julie (626) 357-6508 or jmonell1@altrionet.com

St. Joseph High School

Summer School: June 22 - July 20

Middle School Summer Academy: June 25 - July 20

Summer Day Camp K-8: June 18 - July 20

Please call 562-925-5073 or www.sj-jester.org

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.

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

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 21 - Social/game gathering

Jun. 4 and 18 - Social/game gatherings

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 - Social/game gatherings

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:

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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



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

"...whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Mt 18:5

Our next **Feed-a-Baby** food and baby products drive will be **June 2 & 3**. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings women's shelter of Long Beach. Our program activities, big and small, offer vital and fulfilling opportunities to benefit and bring hope to the less fortunate of our community. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program. **THANK YOU** for your generous past & continued support!



Bundle Sunday - Just a reminder! Next Sunday, **May 20**, the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here from **8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please remember to bring **usable** items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture and large appliances, please call for home pick ups, 323-224-6280.

Small Church Community

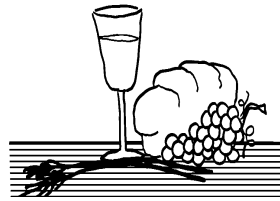
Scripture Focus: In today's Gospel Jesus makes it clear that his leaving is not everything. He promises that his disciples will live on in his love by keeping the commandments. He promises them joy in their continued union, and he is glad to call them friends. Jesus reminds them that he has made known to them all that he heard from the Father. The challenge for them is to go forward and bear fruit by loving one another. God sent his only Son that "we might have life through him." Others are to have life through us. In the reading from Acts, Peter comes to realize that this gift is to be extended to uncircumcised Gentiles as well as Jews. Anyone who reverences God and acts according to God's will is acceptable to God.

Life Focus: * As you reflect on Jesus calling you his friend, what thoughts and feelings come to you? How might you respond this week? * *When did you recognize God's love in your life?* * What does it mean to love yourself? What things in you hinder you from loving yourself? * *Which people do you find most difficult to notice and be concerned about?* * Who has helped you to understand God a little more? How has that happened?

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 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. - Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY, May 14

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 15

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 16

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 17

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 18

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 19

5:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 20

7:30 a.m. - † Luis & Antonio Hidalgo

9:00 a.m. - † Katharine M. Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

12:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Mass

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: Am I willing to open myself to Christ's guidance so that I can love more genuinely?

Child: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can I show them his love?

Teen: Do I realize that Jesus asks me to love my friends and even my enemies, and that he will help me do so?

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 & Diane Radov.

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 (sister & brother)	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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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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	310-316-3477
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