

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



The Ascension of the Lord

May 20, 2012

Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.

— Mark 16:16

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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:

Jesus came to us from the Father and in the Gospel today he ascends back to the Father in glory. Jesus leaves us a teaching that is very powerful. He leaves us a mandate that can change our lives. The mandate that he entrusts us with is nothing less than continuing his mission here on earth by announcing the kingdom, working for justice, and sharing his message of love and truth.

The disciples have a double temptation here to worry about. They can remain in the nostalgic past and reminisce about Christ who is no longer physically present. Or they could simply look toward heaven and contemplate their experience with Jesus and forget about continuing the mission that has been entrusted to them.

But Christ does not ask the disciples to do either of these two things. May we come to a deeper understanding in our hearts that what the disciples have been mandated to do and each one of us as well by virtue of our Baptism, is to continue to announce the good news, to promote justice and to spread the message of the inevitable triumph of love and truth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Catholicism: The Series – May 28, 7 p.m. - Episode III: "THAT THAN WHICH NOTHING GREATER CAN BE THOUGHT - THE INEFFABLE MYSTERY OF GOD" Father Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God. To provide a vision of the ineffable majesty and mystery of God, Father Barron invites us to the heights of the Sinai desert and makes his way to mysterious Istanbul, walks the glittering streets of Paris and then captivates the viewer with the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.



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, or just call and RSVP at 594-4657.



From Deacon Don's desk:

A tribal chief was near death. He summoned three potential successors saying: I must select a successor. Climb our holy mountain and return with the most precious gift you can find." The first brought back a huge gold nugget. The second brought back a priceless gem. The third returned empty handed saying, "When I reached the mountaintop, I saw on the other side a beautiful land, where people could go for a better life." The chief said, "You shall succeed me. You've brought back the most precious gift of all, a vision of a better tomorrow." It is such a vision that we Catholic Christians are called by Jesus to bring to our world. Jesus tells His disciples to go out into the world and baptize in His name reminding us that He's always present through the Holy Spirit. It is our challenge that we live a life worthy of this calling received at Baptism.

SPECIAL NOTE: On May 24 Pope Benedict XVI asks: "A Day of Prayer for the Church in China, especially those who are of Chinese origin, (that they) will demonstrate their fraternal solidarity and solicitude for the Church asking the Lord for the gift of perseverance in witness, in the certainty that it's sufferings, past and present, for the Holy Name of Jesus and its intrepid loyalty to his Vicar on earth will be rewarded even if at times everything can seem a failure."

A most powerful prayer: **MEMORARE** - Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Elementary: Last class is **today** - 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: Our regular year runs September - April for ages 3, 4, and Kindergarten. Sign up NOW for the 2012-2013 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon 598-0519 for more info. We want your family and little ones to know you are welcome and important members of our community. Join us!

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

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

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!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Jean Sexton



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

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**.

VIRTUS TRAINING - The Protecting God's Children 3-hour Virtus training will take place on Saturday, **May 26**, from **9am to 12pm** at St. Bartholomew's Youth Center, 4545 E. 4th St. This training is open to all St. Joseph and St. Bartholomew parishioners. Please call the religious education office at **598-0519** to register.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' historical ministry and the beginning of our own commission to proclaim the Gospel.

We do not do this on our own authority. We undertake our mission "through the Holy Spirit" (first reading) and manifest the Holy Spirit through our mission. But the mission always is the mission of Christ.

Our own taking up the mission to proclaim the Gospel (Ascension) is always in light of the Risen Christ (Easter) and empowered by the Spirit (Pentecost). Easter, Ascension, Pentecost are all one mystery and we participate by proclaiming the Gospel.

Life Focus: * How does my life proclaim the Gospel?

* *What does it mean to live the "Gospel Life"?* * How can I grow in living the Gospel Life? * *How is the risen Lord working through me?*

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

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.



**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: Space available; 3 days, 2 nites at Riverside Hotel & Casino. Dble \$112, sgl \$132; 3 buffets, transportation, baggage service. Bus departs church parking lot 8:30 a.m. Tues. 6/5; returns Thurs. 6/7 approx. 6:30 p.m.

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.

"...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!



CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Thank you to all the catechists from the school and religious education who helped prepare the following children for receiving First Communion:

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| Taylor Alexander | Nicolas Antrim |
| Melissa Aranda | Saul (Andres) Banuelos |
| Evelyn Barycki | Logan Booher |
| Miles Bondoc | Angelica Brown |
| Olivia Campbell | Kaitlyn Carpio |
| Jacob Castro | Jordan Castro |
| Dylan Choppin | Adam Cramer |
| Mitchell Cruz | Gavin Cuellar |
| Claire Dau | Hannah Davy |
| Hayden de Leon | Samantha Dodge |
| Abigail Eckel | Jack Eckel |
| Jacob Ellison | Allie Colcol Ely |
| Logan Escalante | Mia Escandon |
| Grace Finley | John Flaherty |
| Rikki Gallegos | Maureen Gergurich |
| William Gurnick | Delaney Haubert |
| Mia Heavin | Grace Horeczko |
| Samantha Hutchings | Zachary Hutchings |
| Brian Jurado | Caroline Kennedy |
| Aidan Kennenbeck | Ryan Kiedrowski |
| Aidan King | Jeremy Lavery |
| Kayleen Litzinger | Alex Lopez |
| Audree Luna | Samantha Martinez |
| Vanessa Martinez | Kaleigh McGrath |
| Raymond McNeil | Zachary McNeil |
| John Murach | Alyssa Newton |
| Gabriel Niz | Merle Norquist |
| Ashley Ocampo | Alexis Pendleton |
| Isabella Ramos | Marlena Rivera |
| Celeste Ruiz | Zachary Ryan |
| Sarah Schaaf | Miriam Serrano |
| Timothy Serrano | Maxwell Shea |
| Alesi Snider | Charles Stevens |
| Declan Stockwell | William Tetsch |
| Eric Torres | Isabella Towne |
| Collin Vail | Victoria Wahl |
| Ani Walker | Sydney Weaver |
| Karl Wertz | Brenden Wilkinson |
| Jack Woodson | Amanda Zidonis |

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.

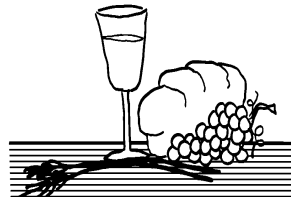
Fingerprinting Schedule

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The Knights of Columbus Council 3629 with the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, June 3, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drive will be in the bloodmobile in our church parking lot. To donate blood, register online at: RedCrossBlood.org Code: STJosephCCLB For more information, contact Pat Murach, Blood Drive Chairman, 562-342-4096.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, May 21

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

TUESDAY, May 22

8:00 a.m. - † Adeline Novak

WEDNESDAY, May 23

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Devine

THURSDAY, May 24

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

FRIDAY, May 25

8:00 a.m. - † Fortunato Constantino

SATURDAY, May 26

5:00 p.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

SUNDAY, May 27

7:30 a.m. - † Krista Boyce

9:00 a.m. - Paul Lavoie

10:30 a.m. - † Ann Phyllis Keohane

12:30 p.m. - † Robert Moler

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: How can I see myself continuing the mission of Jesus in the world?

Child: How do I help my friends know about Jesus?

Teen: How have I told others about Jesus and helped them the way that Jesus would have?

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, Diane Radov, Don Pedneault & Dr. John Messenger.

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

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

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
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to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org