

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2012

They that are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

— *Psalms 92:14*

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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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION:
after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

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 se-
rious 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:

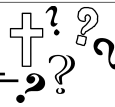
Today's Gospel account has two brief parables, both about tiny things – little seeds. The first is apparently about wheat and the second about mustard seeds, the smallest of all seeds. The farmer, once he plants them, doesn't understand how the growth happens, he just knows that it does.

If he plants seeds, waters and nourishes them, he knows they will produce and produce abundantly, the tiny little mustard seed growing into an unusually large bush. He also knows he is not in control.

What does all of this horticulture have to do with us? Well, with God, small beginnings can have amazing outcomes, because God is in control when we let go and let God, when we nurture and care for what He has mysteriously planted deep inside us.

We will not see instant results, something that our culture has little patience for because the world seems only to understand immediate productivity. What we will see is the tremendous things God can produce from what little we have. May we come to know more deeply that we need to walk by faith in order to see what growth God will produce in each one of us.

Women's Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House, Sept. 7-9: Theme: Mary, Model of Womanhood
 "We need no wings to go in search of God, but have only to find a place where we can be alone and look upon Him present within us." This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality; a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. But don't delay, make your reservation today. Call Madeline Majick 596-6219, Marie Newton 429-7939, or Tina Gath 598-5202 to reserve a room.

Inquiry  **An Invitation:** If you are a non Catholic who is interested or even curious about the Catholic faith, we cordially invite you to join us in an exposition of the Catholic faith. If interested, please call Peter Baine 598-4130.

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

Catholicism: The Series – June 25, 7 p.m. - Episode V: "THE INDISPENSABLE MEN: PETER, PAUL AND THE MISSIONARY ADVENTURE" - Father Barron calls Peter and Paul "two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived." In telling each man's story, Father Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through all the apostles and disciples to build the Church. Following the trail of these apostles as they took the Gospel to the ends of the earth, Father Barron presents the foundations of the apostolic faith, particularly the revelation of Christ's resurrection from the dead.



Knightly News

Dear Parishioners, after thirteen years, it is time to say good-bye to St. Joseph School. I have truly loved my time here in this very special place and will continue to keep St. Joseph School and Parish in my heart. Even though I may not be at the school next year, you may still see me around at Mass every once in awhile. Do not hesitate to stop and say hello and let me know how your family is doing. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to seek where God is leading me next in life and be assured that I will always keep you in mine. God bless you. Miss Hebestreit

Happy Father's Day
 May God bless all the fathers of the parish on their special day and grant them wisdom as they guide and love the children entrusted to their care.



The Freedom to Be Fully Catholic - Catholics and many other Americans have strongly criticized the recent Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. For the first time in our history, the federal government will force religious institutions to fund and facilitate coverage of a drug or procedure contrary to their moral teaching, and purport to define which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit an exemption. This is a matter of whether religious people and institutions may be forced by the government to provide such coverage even when it violates our consciences. The Archdiocese and other Catholic (arch)dioceses in the U.S. are participating in a "Fortnight for Freedom" June 21-July 4, to pray and take action in support of religious freedom in our nation. For more information, please visit the Archdiocesan website, www.la-archdiocese.org and click on the "Fortnight for Freedom" icon.

Archbishop José H. Gomez, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
	<u>Day:</u> Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Pro Life Corner - Please pray for all women considering abortion. The right to life - civil rights begin here, as Dr. Alveda King declares at www.AfricanOutreach.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

REGISTRATION: Registration for the **Fall, 2012-13** school year will take place during the summer. Registration forms will be mailed in June to those who were in our programs last year and new families who have notified us that they would like to receive registration materials. Fee is discounted for those who return paperwork **by July 13**. Please call our office if you would like to register your child for the upcoming year. Our **Sacrament Program** is a **two-year** program which usually starts at **Grade 1** level. Older children may join our RCIA for Children Program.

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 598-0519 or email confirmation@stjosephlb.org

Young Adult Ministry (Long Beach ALIVE!) Events:
Ignite! - Come Join Us In Praise, Adoration & Fellowship, 4th Thurs. of the Month, 7:30 - 9:30 pm.
 Next Ignite! **June 28**, here at St. Joseph Catholic Church

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



Retreat for Divorced and Separated, June 22-24, Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. Call 310-456-6631 or www.serraretreat.com for information.

Did You Know? What to know before your child boards the airplane - Every airline has slightly different policies on how they accommodate unaccompanied children. Take special note of their policies for escorting children at connection airports and accommodations in the event that the flight is delayed or diverted. Note that some airlines' policies do not include providing overnight accommodations and the airline may turn over your child to local authorities if the flight is delayed overnight. General information and insights concerning airline policies are available at www.AirSafe.com. Click on "Airline Rules for Unaccompanied Children." For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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**.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus often teaches in parables, sayings or stories that compare God's ways to ordinary life. The images get our attention, and the puzzling conclusions keep us thinking about their meaning. If we are open to God, we come to understand. Today's parable speaks about the seed growing on its own. It has the power. The planter does not know how or notice the growth beneath the soil. He can be anxious or fret, but it is not his power that makes the seed grow. The parable of the mustard seed speak about the very small beginnings of God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom grows from those who heed his words. Most people do not understand about God's Kingdom. But the Lord keeps taking the disciples aside and explaining to them. Those who are willing to follow the Lord and listen to his teachings will come to understand the truth of the Kingdom.

Life Focus: * Tell a contemporary parable of the reign of God that speaks to people in today's world. * *In your life or church community, what small thing has become a big or important thing?* * What have you done in love and service to help the reign of God?

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

June 27 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796 x247

July 6 - St. Joseph, Hawthorne, 310-679-1139

July 27 - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, August 5 - The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Bus transportation from St. Joseph is being arranged. Sign-ups will be taken at Masses next weekend to reserve event and bus transportation.

This promises to be an unforgettable international celebration to honor Our Blessed Mother. Featuring dynamic speakers, engaging performers, and powerful prayer, the event will provide an opportunity for the faithful of the Los Angeles area to present a powerful witness of our Marian devotion and Catholic faith to our communities. Please call Mary Lou Clark at 431-4385 to reserve seating. The event's website is www.GuadalupeCelebration.com.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Jun. 18 - Social/game gatherings

July 2 and 16 - Social/game gatherings

Aug. 6 and 20 - Social/game gatherings

Aug. 11 - Cirque Du Soleil "Iris" Dolby Theatre (Kodak Theater) Hollywood, Saturday matinee, \$75/person, transportation & ticket. Limited number - first come first serve.

For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Audio Girl Ministries - Sidewalk Counselor Training Workshop, June 26 7p.m. at St. Cornelius Church. RSVP to Cindy Bates Cindy@AudioGirlMinistries.com or 562-420-1573.

Natural Family Planning - You are invited to attend a series of classes taught by the Couple to Couple League. You will learn a method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. A new class series begins on Friday, **June 29**. To register go to www.ccli.org. For more information call Greg and Beth Gath, 562-377-5877 or email us at bethandgreg@verizon.net.

The Knights of Columbus Council 3629 wish to thank the 26 parishioners who came to the June blood drive. The next drive will be **Oct. 21**.

Mr. Gerald Gaudy, current 6th grade teacher at St. Maria Goretti, is retiring after 54 years of service. His past students, fellow faculty members, and anyone who has known Mr. Gaudy are invited to a celebration on **June 23**, 2-5 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti. Please bring your stories to share. Refreshments will be provided. For more info, please contact Sara Gaudy, sara_gaudy@yahoo.com, or Jessica Gaudy at St. Maria Goretti, 425-7459.

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

Russell Hodges, Jr.

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 for your generous support of our Feed-a-Baby food drive last weekend. We donated close to 9 thirteen gallon bags of baby food and other baby products, plus an additional \$1,307 in cash. After checking their needs, the cash donations were used to purchase additional baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.



Our program activities offer vital and fulfilling opportunities to support 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 PARISHIONERS! Your response to the school's Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education program was amazing. The St. Joseph School students appreciate your support of these programs. The collection boxes will remain near the church exits throughout the summer. Every Box Top and Label saved helps earn money and products for our school.

Peter's Pence Collection, taken up next week, provides the Holy Father with funds for his charitable works, benefitting the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.



From Deacon Don's desk:

My challenge to you is to go back to last Sunday's bulletin (6/10) and re-read Fr Jim's message to us, especially the second paragraph and the last sentence. Think about it. "We are in **communion** with Him..." Communion is an intimate encounter with Christ. It's more than that. We become more completely assimilated (absorbed) into His body. We become another Christ. "We become what we eat and drink." As Fr. Jim says, "The Eucharist is everything."

Intercessions for last Sunday:

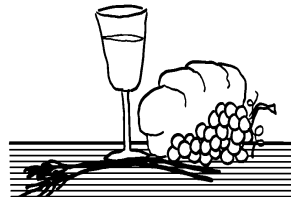
Christ, eternal priest of the Most High, You commanded your priests to offer Your sacraments; help them to show and exemplify the meaning of these sacred mysteries we celebrate.

Christ, bread from heaven, You form one body out of all who partake of the one bread; renew all who believe in You.

Christ, through Your bread you offer the remedy for immortality and pledge future resurrection. Restore health to the sick, to the living; hope to sinners forgiveness and grant that all who die in You may share in Your resurrection.

OUR PRAYER: Lord, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this Sacrament of Your body and blood help us experience the salvation You won for us and peace in Your kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, June 16

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, June 17

7:30 a.m. - † Terry Tibor

9:00 a.m. - Father's Day Novena

10:30 a.m. - † Arthur R. Baca

12:30 p.m. - † Julia Dizon

MONDAY, June 18

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

TUESDAY, June 19

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

WEDNESDAY, June 20

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

THURSDAY, June 21

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

FRIDAY, June 22

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

SATURDAY, June 23

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

SUNDAY, June 24

7:30 a.m. - Father's Day Novena

9:00 a.m. - Father Edward Broom & all priests

10:30 a.m. - Andrew & Eve Devine & family

12:30 p.m. - † Robert "Moe" Powell

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What is the "good soil" that has allowed my faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?

Child: How do I help my faith grow like the mustard seed?

Teen: How would I explain the Kingdom of God to someone who asks about it?

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, Don Pedneault, Dr. John Messenger, Ginny Foglia & Don Geldback.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
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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

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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

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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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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