

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2012

Behold, one is coming after me; I am not
worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.

— Acts 13:25

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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 we celebrate the Birth of St. John the Baptist. It is such an important feast day that it replaces the ordinary Sunday readings. It is also important in the sense that his feast day is one of only three whose birthdays we commemorate. The other two of course are Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

The most striking thing we should bear in mind about John the Baptist is that he is the premier evangelizer, the first to announce the presence of Jesus Christ in our world. He is the model for us all in pointing out the tremendously good news that God is present among us.

Could there be any better news than that? Is there any good news that is greater than that good news? Christianity brings us that news. No other faith holds that God became one of us.


The Latin word for good news is evangelium. It is derived from a Greek word that is translated as "gospel" or "glad tidings." In recent years our Church has urged us to be a part of the "New Evangelization," to be active in sharing God's good news with folks around us.

So allow me today to challenge all of us. Invite someone you know to come back to church. Evangelization can focus on the conversion of the nations, or on the conversion of those who are not Christians, but it can also focus much more narrowly on the welcoming of inactive Catholics. Everyone here knows someone - a friend, a co-worker, a family member, perhaps even a godson or goddaughter - who has stopped attending Mass or receiving the sacraments.

Send that person a note, or give him or her a phone call, or sit down for a good conversation and urge him or her to come back home to church. If all these suggestions aren't possible, then always keep them in prayer, knowing that God keeps them always in His love.

So try being John the Baptist this week. He began evangelization and now it is up to us to continue with the "New Evangelization."


Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Stephana Ryan
Rebecca Voegelin



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

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.

St. Joseph Office/Rectory Summer Hours
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - noon
Closed on Sundays
If you need to reach Fr. Jim or the office staff after hours, please call and leave a message. You may also see Father after Mass. Thank you!

Inquiry 

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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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 119; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

SUMMER HOURS: Our office will be open from 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday until **July 13**. Office will be closed from **July 16 to August 13**. You may leave a message on the answering machine or email us at religiously@stjosephlb.org, as we will be checking for messages during the time we are closed.

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.

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

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

Did You Know? Summertime, Safe Time - All teachers, staff and volunteers in the Archdiocese who work with children must undergo fingerprinting and criminal background checks. Archdiocesan guidelines and abuse prevention training programs currently in use in the Archdiocese emphasize the importance of parents knowing who has access to their children at school and other church-sponsored activities. Summertime is here, and parents should remain vigilant regarding who is granted access to their children. Make sure camp counselors have undergone criminal background checks, and make sure you know the camp's "daily routine." In particular, make sure that no camp activity results in a child being left alone with one adult. All activities should be supervised by more than one adult, and the camp should be open to unannounced drop-in visits from parents. For additional resources from VIRTUS® Online go to <http://archla.org/safeguard> "Summer Safety Tips Can Help Prevent Child Sexual Abuse" 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 \$30 for each family member. Registration forms are available in the school, religious ed., and rectory offices. For further information, please contact the religious education office at **598-0519**.

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: More than celebrating the birth of a key player for announcing Jesus' mission, this solemnity celebrates the unexpected wonders of God's whole plan of salvation that is happening now. John was beheaded because he boldly announced the dawn of salvation. But John's announcement could not really be silenced and Christ's light could not be extinguished. This Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John testifies to Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. So must we.

Life Focus: * How do I announce the presence of the Savior in my life? * *What "unexpected" things have happened in my life? Did I view it as coming from God and how did I respond?* * Elizabeth and Zechariah were people of prayer and God answered their prayer. What role does prayer play in my life and how have my prayers been answered? * *John was beheaded for his faith in Jesus. What am I willing to risk for my faith in Jesus?*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, August 5 - The Archdiocese and Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Los Angeles Coliseum. More than twenty St. Joseph parishioners have already signed up. Please join us to present a powerful witness of our Marian devotion and Catholic faith to our communities! Our group registration and bus transportation will entitle us to preferred parking for a short walk from the parking lot to the Coliseum. Questions? Reservations? Please call Mary Lou Clark, 431-4385. The event's website is www.GuadalupeCelebration.com.



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

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. Social/game gatherings meet from 12 noon to 3 pm. Please bring your lunch.

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

St. Anthony's Class of 1972 is planning their 40th reunion on August 18. For information, please email saclass1972@aol.com or contact Bill Hanson 714-334-9129, or Ray Magana 310-600-3013.

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.

Why Register in the Parish? Frequently we get requests for letters of recommendation to be a Godparent. If you are not registered and contributing to the church, it is difficult to make that recommendation. Also, for Catholic high schools, we must verify that you are a participating member of our parish for you to receive the discounted tuition rate. If you would like to register and/or to receive envelopes, please contact the rectory office.

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 | 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.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 4:18. Our program activities, big and small, offer vital and fulfilling opportunities to support and bring hope to the less fortunate of our community.



Research opportunity: We are in the process of investigating a few agencies to determine if opportunities may exist to benefit the families we support. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program. Thank you!

FIREWORKS = SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling "Safe and Sane Fireworks" to support their scholarship programs. Please visit the Knights' stand in Lakewood on Woodruff Ave., north of Carson, directly in front of Sprouts, **July 1 - 4, 9 am - 9 pm**. This church bulletin will get you a "No Sales Tax" discount.

Peter's Pence Collection, taken up today, supports the Holy Father in his charitable works, benefitting the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Pope Benedict XVI said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace." (Homily, Jan. 1, 2011) Cast the peace of Christ upon the world. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.



From Deacon Don's desk:

"If common sense is so common, why is there so little of it?" ...Mark Twain

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door!"

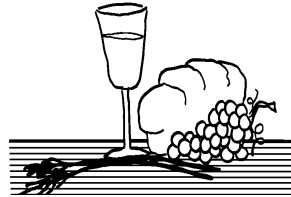
...Milton Berle

You never know where some of the quotes come from, some from the most unlikely people. The one I take consolation in is, "Spirit of intensity of grace - nothing compares to the intensity of saints' prayers for us, for whom they continually root!"

This Sunday is the feast of the birth of St John the Baptist. He was predicted in Hebrew Scripture (Malachi) to be one of the great prophets. "You must increase and I must decrease"...St John the Baptist. He is the prophet and precursor (one who goes before or one who announces) of the coming of Jesus. In the church's Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours (aka Divine Office) the Canticle of Zachariah is prayed every day in the worldwide church. He proclaims the Truth of God. That is our baptismal calling as well - to proclaim the Truth.

OUR PRAYER: Ever-living God never let me get so caught up in the daily tasks and labors of earthly affairs that I do not set some time from my restless thoughts to rest a while in You. Help me to keep my eyes fixed on Your eternal Truths as St John the Baptist exemplifies. Amen

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, June 25

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Don Gath

TUESDAY, June 26

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

WEDNESDAY, June 27

8:00 a.m. - † Dolores Devine

THURSDAY, June 28

8:00 a.m. - † James Sullivan O'Donnell

FRIDAY, June 29

8:00 a.m. - † Patrick Devine

SATURDAY, June 30

5:00 p.m. - † Ken Bierman

SUNDAY, July 1

7:30 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

9:00 a.m. - † Bernard Connell

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Halley, Pastor

12:30 p.m. - Father Larry Darnell & all priests

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

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



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, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohonen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Om poc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, 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, Nell Virgil & Sheila Corry.

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

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VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
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PTO PRESIDENT	Michele Grubbs

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562-598-0519

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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	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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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