

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2012

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.
— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

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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.

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 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:

We all know what Jesus experienced in today's Gospel. He himself had experienced a "hard day." All Jesus wanted was some peace and quiet with his disciples, who returned with the good news that the mission of preaching

and healing that they just came back from went really well.

Yet, that wasn't going to happen. Even their escape to a deserted place is obstructed by the crowd who, at least in their own minds, need Jesus' help immediately – "I need you to heal me ..." "There's a demon in my life...."

And what is Jesus' response. Instead of getting aggravated and saying to himself, "Can't these people take a hint?" Jesus is moved with pity. Jesus saw with eyes very different from the way that most people see, and so he responded in a way that most people don't normally respond.

Instead of telling them to take a hike, he draws them to himself and he begins to teach them. The people who came to Jesus that day didn't find a man who would spend just a few minutes with them and then send them off with a few good words, a couple of healings or a couple of exorcisms.

They found someone who would spend all day with them, listening and speaking, teaching and guiding, he talked so long that he ended up having to feed supper to over five thousand of them.

But that's next week's story.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus looks at the crowd with great feeling. They have no one to feed them with the teaching that will give them life or with the physical food to stay alive. Jesus appreciates how vulnerable people are and how fragile their lives are. Like sheep, they will die without a shepherd to keep them together, show them the way and feed them. Seeing their need, Jesus himself begins to teach. He becomes shepherd to the leaderless flock. Jesus calls his disciples to be the kind of shepherd he is. The disciples, of course, will not understand this kind of leadership until after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Life Focus: * When have you felt let down or disappointed by someone you looked to for leadership, guidance or direction? * *Where is the "out-of-the-way place" that gives you peace? Why do you feel this way about this place?* * When have you tried to escape the needs of others only to find that *their needs* for your attention were greater than *your need* to be away from it all? How did you feel about the demands placed on you? * *When have you felt like a sheep without a shepherd, in need of spiritual and/or physical care? Where or from whom did you seek care?*

St. Joseph School News

Ever thought about giving your child the gift of a Catholic education? St. Joseph School is still accepting applications for the 2012 - 2013 school year for Kindergarten. There are also limited openings in grades 1 - 6. To inquire, please call our school office at (562) 596-6115.



From Deacon Don's desk:

First off: Thank you Fr Jim for filling in at Eucharistic Adoration and Baptism Prep class and this Sunday's Baptisms. All three deacons were on retreat this past weekend. The retreat centered on the "pilgrim." Fr. Greg noted that the difference between "tourists" and "pilgrims" is that tourists "**demand**" while pilgrims "**give thanks**." Also pilgrims travel light. They do not "carry excess baggage" i.e. they let go of grudges, foul language, belittling remarks. It reminded me of a Max Lucado reflection when he was young. He liked Jerry. Jerry was a good second baseman. Max called Jerry to play ball. His father answered the phone and did not want Max to ever come back again to be with Jerry. He was puzzled until other kids told him that Jerry was the son of a drunk. He was like a leper put out of the village. He noted, "The divorced know this feeling as do handicapped, the unemployed and less educated, and we shun the single moms. There are immigrants, homes for the elderly, schools for the mentally challenged and prison for criminals, some we don't even know about who fear rejection.

Our baptismal calling is to reach out to all those who may be "put outside the village" those less fortunate, who remain in exile. And as pilgrims we are also called to get rid of this baggage of "quarantining," labeling and belittling comments. To be a pilgrim is to be led by the Lord, all of this is part of our seeking and finding the Kingdom of God. Then we will "find our way."

OUR PRAYER: Lord, each time I come to Mass, let me not ask, "What am I doing here?" When I receive communion, help me to understand that I am receiving Food for the journey and to a deeper understanding of the great gift of love that is the Eucharist. Amen

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!

Pro Life Corner - Lumen Entertainment, Inc., is sponsoring a Spiritual Adoption Campaign through December 25. The campaign to spiritually adopt and pray for an unborn child is free. For more information go to: www.lumen.tv. The goal is to spiritually adopt the 1,370,000 babies who are in danger of abortion this year. Please join us in prayer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

SUMMER HOURS: Our office will be closed until **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 have been mailed. 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.

Catholic Charities Regional Director - Long Beach/

San Pedro: The social services arm of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles seeks an individual to manage all aspects of Catholic Charities' programming, including program development, financial management, resource development, strategic planning, quality improvement, program operations, and assessment. Master's degree in social work, public administration or a related field and six to eight years of related experience required. Send resume to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 15095, Los Angeles, CA 90015, fax to (213) 251-3402, or e-mail to hrjobs@ccharities.org. EOE. No calls please.

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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Helen Ripley
Joseph Cantu**



Inner parking lot - If you park in the inner parking lot for the 5:00 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. Mass, please be aware that the gate behind the church will be closed shortly after the end of Mass.

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

Catholicism: The Series – The last five episodes will be completed in the fall. Stay tuned for dates.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss / layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Monday, September 17, at 7:00 pm (location to be announced) and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will offered to all parishioners free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information please call: Charlotte Morrison (562) 439-7733 or Pat Halliwell (562) 799-0921.

Theology On Tap Welcomes Young Adults 18 - 39 yrs. Theology on Tap is a program of the Office of Young Adult Ministry that reaches out to young adults who want to explore the role of faith in their daily lives. Created in 1981, RENEW International's Theology-on-Tap is a nationally recognized speaker and fellowship program that has been successfully bringing young adults to the church for more than 30 years. In this casual atmosphere, you'll hear straight talk and honest answers to your deepest questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. Theology on Tap provides an opportunity to not only learn about the Catholic faith but also meet like-minded people and make new friends. Further Info: <http://www.facebook.com/spyamregion> and <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/ore/yam/Pages/tot> or email spyamregion@gmail.com
St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Tuesdays at 7pm
July 24: Dr. Tammy Ichinotsubo-Ezzi; Wholeness & Holiness: Jesus, the Church, and the Embodied Brain
July 31: Fr. Alexi Smith; Catholics and Other Christians: Are We Getting Anywhere?



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Aug. 6 and 20 - Social/game gatherings

Aug. 11 - People for Cirque Du Soleil: Bus departs St. Joseph parking lot at 12:30, returns approx. 7:00. Upon arrival at the theater, you will have an hour to eat at the food venues or bring a lunch. Seating at 2:40, show starts at 3:00.

Sept. 10 & 24 - Social/game gatherings. **Please note: 2nd and 4th Mondays due to Labor Day Holiday**

Sept. 13 - Harrah's Casino, \$10/person, receive \$10 in casino play. Please provide player card number, if you have one. Open to all; invite friends and family. Sign-ups at July 16, Aug. 6 & 20, & Sept. 10 meetings, or call.

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.

Virtus Training at St. Pancratius in Lakewood, 562-634-6111, first come first served for what the rooms will accommodate. Classes are for those who work with our children but have not taken the Safeguard the Children classes or who need to renew:

Keeping the Promise Alive: Wednesday, Aug. 8, 6:30 PM

Protecting God's Children: Saturday, Aug. 11, 8:30 AM

Keeping the Promise Alive: Wednesday, Aug. 22, 6:30 PM

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

Aug. 1 - St. Mary of the Assumption, Whittier, 562-598-0107

Aug. 3 - St. John of God, Norwalk, 562-863-5721 x232

Aug. 22 - St. Gregory the Great, Whittier, 562-941-0115

Aug. 24 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A., 323-585-4485

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.

"The bread of charity is life itself for the needy." Sir 35:21 Our program activities, big and small, offer vital and fulfilling opportunities to support and bring hope to the less fortunate of our community.

Can you help? Call Tim, 431-4385. Blue

Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

Fair Trade - *"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply - economic act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise."* Pope Benedict XVI (Caritas in Veritate, no. 66)

How? Please see a website sponsored by Catholic Relief Services: <http://www.crsfairtrade.org/>.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, August 5 - *"I was astounded by the beauty, reverence and spirituality of the last Guadalupe Celebration in Phoenix in 2008."* St. Joseph visitor, June 2012. A celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Bus transportation from St. Joseph will be available. Questions? Bus reservations? Please call Mary Lou Clark, 431-4385. The event's website is www.GuadalupeCelebration.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners, 21 and older, to a 5 hour trip to the **Pala Hotel and Casino** in Temecula, Thursday, **Sept. 6**. Cost \$25 per person, including \$5 free play. For more information, call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

Did You Know? Report inappropriate or illegal content on the Internet - One of the main reasons that children do not report the inappropriate content they find online is fear of punishment from parents. If you let them know that it is not their fault if they come across an inappropriate site, they will be more willing to come to you when it happens. If your children ever show you a site that contains illegal behavior, such as pornographic images of children, contact your Internet Service Provider and the CyberTipline at: www.cybertipline.com. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 21

5:00 p.m. - † Martha Aimone

SUNDAY, July 22

7:30 a.m. - † Anthony Brodeur

9:00 a.m. - Lily Dang

10:30 a.m. - † Richard Woodard

12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

MONDAY, July 23

8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Goonan and family

TUESDAY, July 24

8:00 a.m. - † Rudy Bernardo

WEDNESDAY, July 25

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

THURSDAY, July 26

8:00 a.m. - † Louie Camus

FRIDAY, July 27

8:00 a.m. - † Cyril and Bernadette Bastable

SATURDAY, July 28

5:00 p.m. - † Mary Jane Merk

SUNDAY, July 28

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Halley, Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m. - Lily Dang

10:30 a.m. - † Linda Patrick

12:30 p.m. - † Joseph McGonagle

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 Kohnen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc 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, 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, Luis Arroyo, Aaron Richardt, Rosemary Stolinski, Don Pedneault, Dr. John Messenger, Ginny Foglia, Don Geldback, Nell Virgil, Sheila Corry, Marvey Watkins-King, Philip Sember, Gregg Davis, Ed Madrid & Carol Chick.

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	Margaret Alvarez
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	Michele Grubbs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	598-0519
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EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelley Padilla 594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
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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

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org