

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2012

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15

Fr. Jim Halley, Pastor

frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

Fr. William J. Connor, Pastor Emeritus

Fr. Harold L. Ford, Retired, In Residence

Deacon Shane Cuda

Deacon Don Gath

Deacon Tom Halliwell

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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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St. Joseph School: 596-6115

Religious Education: 598-0519

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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:

However small we are and however insufficient we think our resources are, we're all vital to Jesus and his plans, just like the little boy in the Gospel this weekend that has five barley loaves and two fish.

Of course, the fact is that we are never too small or insignificant if we're doing what God calls us to do. Like that little boy in the Gospel, Jesus takes what little we have and uses it for the good and benefit of all.

Jesus doesn't simply tell us these things through today's Gospel however, he also shows us at every Mass. He speaks to us through the words of the scriptures. He comes to us in the community of believers and he takes a little bread and wine; and then he does something much more miraculous than multiplying them. He changes them into his own body and blood and then shares his divine life force with each one of us in Holy Communion.

We have such a great God, such a loving God. May we always give him thanks and love in return.

Holy Day of Obligation The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 15

Vigil, Tuesday, **August 14**, 7:00 p.m.

Feast day, **August 15**, 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, August 2, 6-8 pm

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Both the first reading and the Gospel today tell stories of God feeding hungry people through the words and works of prophets. For the next five Sundays we will hear the Bread of Life teaching from John's Gospel. For John, all of Jesus' acts are "signs" - sacraments - that point to a deeper reality. It is clear that the people do not appreciate the deeper meaning of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The reaction of the crowd showed that they thought wrongly that Jesus was the triumphant and political Messiah. So Jesus goes "back to the mountains alone." The people had indeed misread the sign.

Life Focus: * Relate a time when you were so engrossed in something important that you forgot to eat.
* *Describe a time when you were surprised that your limited resources were sufficient.* * Relate a time when your prayers were answered on God's terms rather than your own.

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:

There are times when we need encouragement. Loss of a job or friend or family member. It's times like this we need prayer. Jesus says to "persevere in prayer. Knock and it will be opened for you." We sometimes feel our prayers are not answered, but it is not that God does not hear us. As Fr. Barron says, "God already knows our prayer. It may be that He is waiting for us to bring ourselves in line with His plan." First Peter 1:6-9: "There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Though you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing you believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with the glory because you are achieving faith's goal; your salvation."

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God; For the gifts of every nation, Thanks be to God; In the just reward of labor, God's will is done; In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done; In our world-wide task of caring, For the hungry and despairing, In harvests men are sharing, God's will is done. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, Most of all, that LOVE has found us, Thanks be to God.F. Pratt Green

OUR PRAYER: Father, You illumine the night and bring dawn to scatter darkness, welcome into the company of your saints our relatives and friends and benefactors who have died. May we share their happiness one day. We ask this through Jesus Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. 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 religioused@stjosephlb.org, as we will be checking for messages during the time we are closed.

REGISTRATION: Registration forms for the **Fall, 2012-13** school year 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.


Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Evelyn Sylvia
George Longaberger**

Stasha Daniels (mother of Richard Kallvy)



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.

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 31:** Fr. Alexi Smith; Catholics and Other Christians: Are We Getting Anywhere?

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice - "The Church makes a moral judgment about economic and social matters. . . She strives to inspire right relationships with respect to earthly goods and in socio-economic relationships." Catechism of the Catholic Church, Life in Christ - The Seventh Commandment, paragraph 2420.

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 **in the PAC chapel** 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.

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

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

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'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.

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.

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

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)

Example: 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:	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Did You Know? How is compliance verified regarding child abuse awareness and prevention training programs? It is important to do background checks and fingerprinting of all those who work with children in the Archdiocese of L. A. These background checks and fingerprinting are used in conjunction with abuse awareness and prevention training programs which help ensure that we create the safest possible parish and school environments for our children. VPIN (Volunteer and Personnel Information Network) is an Archdiocesan background information tracking system which tracks employees and volunteers regarding their assignment histories, compliance for fingerprinting, background checks, and mandatory VIRTUS sexual abuse prevention training and allows parishes and schools to adapt features of the system to fit their local needs and it assists the archdiocese to complete its audit reports. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, July 28**
 5:00 p.m. - † Mary Jane Merk
- SUNDAY, July 29**
 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
- MONDAY, July 30**
 8:00 a.m. - † Monica Conlon
- TUESDAY, July 31**
 8:00 a.m. - Deacon Jose Ramos and family
- WEDNESDAY, August 1**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests
- THURSDAY, August 2**
 8:00 a.m. - Dang family
- FRIDAY, August 3**
 8:00 a.m. - † John Christie, Jr.
- SATURDAY, August 4**
 5:00 p.m. - † Don Jendrusch
- SUNDAY, August 5**
 7:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving
 9:00 a.m. - Eileen Bentley, 90th Birthday
 10:30 a.m. - John and Elizabeth Allen
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

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, Gilbert Nevarraz, Jr., Yolanda Zito, Eva Arias, Dora Dominguez, Alice Delgado, Monica Cervola, & Elizabeth Alvarez.

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
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	598-0519
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
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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	430-0142
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	rely5@verizon.net 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
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE,
 to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org