

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2012

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life.

— John 6:27a

Fr. Jim Halley, Pastor

frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

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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:

In Egypt, the Israelites had been enslaved, exploited and oppressed. When they have the opportunity to gain their freedom, of course they take advantage of it, but they quickly begin to miss the food they received in Egypt.

But God gives them bread from heaven "Manna," a bread that far surpasses the bread they had in slavery, and this bread, in spite of being a blessing is still material and perishable. It is bread that cannot be saved from one day to the next. It nourishes the body, but does not give true life.

The bread of Christ in the Eucharist however, is very different. It is bread that feeds us forever, because by being the Body and Blood of Christ, it offers us a different and everlasting life; the life of the saved, the freed; the life of the children of God.

**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.

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus had just fed the Israelites of his day with "bread from heaven," but they saw only the "bread." They followed him back across the lake to Capernaum. They were hoping for more free food. Jesus uses their question to try to teach them the deeper meaning of the "bread from heaven." He reproaches them for being so concerned about food. They have missed the meaning of the feeding. They do not see this as a "sign" pointing to a deeper reality. When they ask what they must *do* to perform works pleasing to God, Jesus says, in effect, "nothing." They are asked simply to accept him as the one God has sent. This faith is a free gift of God. The mention of faith makes them impatient. They want action. The crowd is operating on the material level. They are hoping for an endless supply of food. Jesus startles them by saying he is bread which gives life. They must believe in him. He will satisfy them forever.

Life Focus: * In a society that offers instant gratification and the pursuit of comfort and convenience, what can you do to keep your focus on Jesus? * *Where have you seen Jesus this past week? What message did he have for you, and how did you respond?* * How has your attitude toward material things changed over your lifetime? Name an experience that shows this change.

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:

Most of the world is now caught up with the Olympics. It's exact origin is not known but most place it about 776 B.C. Even then it was expected that competitors and families, spectators, trainers and the judges take a solemn oath to keep the competition clean and fair, and give just decisions. All conflicts among cities and states were postponed. In 1894 Baron de Coubertin revived the Olympic games. He sought, "Every four years countries would get together on friendly fields of amateur sport, unmindful of national rivalries, jealousies and differences of all kinds including eliminating considerations for politics, race, religion, wealth and social status."

It was in L. A. in 1932 that the Olympic Village was established, and is where the seeds of friendship are sown. Different countries and competitors live and share their stories in one village, making friends.

I'm reminded of St Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 9:25). "They run in a race....they do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one." Keep the FAITH so as to win that imperishable crown.

OUR PRAYER: God our Father and protector, without You nothing is holy, nothing has value. Guide us to everlasting life by helping us to use wisely the blessings You have given to the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

SCRC CATHOLIC RENEWAL - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Anaheim Convention Center. Over 45 speakers scheduled. An event that will spiritually enrich participants of all ages. For brochure or additional info: 818-771-1361. Registration and info at exits of the church and www.scrc.org

St. Joseph Office Summer Hours (through 8/26)

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 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.

Jesus calls us to share His great love with others, especially little children!

We need adults (all ages) to help serve our community by teaching our little ones our beautiful faith and to teach them how much they are loved by God!

We need 3 volunteers for 1st year Sacrament Prep

We need 1 volunteer for 3rd grade

We need 1 volunteer for 5th grade

We would also like to start an RCIA for Children Team. (I would like a team of two or three to help start this!)

If you are feeling a tug in your heart, that's God calling your name! You can do this! We are aiming for team teaching, so that you are not alone! The commitment is on Sundays from 10:15 am until noon (that includes set up and clean up!) for the school year from September through May. Call Nancy Longo if you have questions, 598-0519!

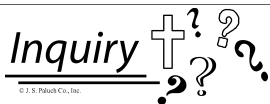
Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Bill Keckeisen
Philip Schember
Dolores Ramstead (mother of Kim Agee)



Save the Date! Precious Life Shelter Golf Tournament Sept. 19 at the Navy Golf course in Los Alamitos. For more information, please call Amelia Nunez, 889-0380, or Don Gath, 498-6701. Sponsors and golfers needed! More information to follow.



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.

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 - The St. Joseph Bereavement Team is beginning a new grief support group on Monday, **September 17**, at 7:00 pm in the **PAC chapel** that will run for nine weeks. If you have been hurt by the loss of a loved one and want an environment where people come together to share and support each other, please contact: Charlotte Morrison (562) 439-7733 or Pat Halliwell (562) 799-0921.

Eucharistic Ministers needed at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. Please contact Jake DeRuyter for more details at (562) 596-0122. There is no minimum required number of hours and this is a great way to give back to the community. Training will be provided.

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 Noon - 3 pm. Please bring lunch. Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

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

Sept. 28 - St. John of God, Norwalk, 562-863-5721 ext. 232

Sept. 29 - St. Mary of the Assumption, Whittier, 562-698-0107

Did You Know? How is compliance verified regarding child abuse awareness & prevention training programs?

Background checks and fingerprinting of those who work with children in the Archdiocese of L. A. are used with abuse awareness and prevention training programs to ensure that we create the safest possible 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.

August 25-26 Food from the Heart food drive. Please bring non-perishable food items to church. Donations will benefit St. Francis Center of Long Beach. Do you want to learn more about this and other ways to help us serve the less fortunate of our local community? Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40
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 <http://www.crsfairtrade.org/>.

Music Ministry News

10:30 Choir: Are you looking for something new? Join us! We are a wonderful, warm-hearted, group of people welcoming you to join us and help you realize your interest in choral singing. Must be able to sing on pitch. All other skills are taught. Open to adults and teens. Rehearsals on Wednesdays beginning 9/5, 7-8:30 p.m. in the church.

Children's Choir and Drama: Open to children entering 2nd - 5th grade. Registration begins during the month of August. Please pick up registration materials at the music area in the church during weekend Mass, or the bench outside the school office, or the rectory during rectory hours. First rehearsal is Sat., Sept. 8, 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass.

Youth Ensemble: Youth entering grades six - 12 are welcome to enjoy their singing/instrumental skills to provide music at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Practice at 4:00 p.m. in the church preceding Mass beginning Sept. 8.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † Edward Dondero
- TUESDAY, August 7**
 8:00 a.m. - Noel and Mary Devine and family
- WEDNESDAY, August 8**
 8:00 a.m. - † Mark Costello
- THURSDAY, August 9**
 8:00 a.m. - † Fay Welter
- FRIDAY, August 10**
 8:00 a.m. - Dang family
- SATURDAY, August 11**
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate family
- SUNDAY, August 12**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Harold and Mary Anne Ramsden
 10:30 a.m. - † John Fortier
 12:30 p.m. - † Juana Centeno

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, Gregg Davis, Ed Madrid, Carol Chick, Gilbert Nevarraz, Jr., Yolanda Zito, Eva Arias, Dora Dominguez, Alice Delgado, Monica Cervola, Elizabeth Alvarez, Dennis Richards & Carrie Collodel.

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
ADMISTRATIVE COUNCIL	Carole Dellavalle, Jaclyn Padgett & Erin Wright
SECRETARY	Julie Gianessi
PTO PRESIDENT	Javier Munoz

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
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