

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12, 2012

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51

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frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

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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.

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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:

Jesus is the bread of life. In other words, Jesus is the basic food in our lives. We all have certain basic necessities, such as oxygen, food, water and a place to rest and find refuge. The manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to survive. God provided them bread each morning, but they got just enough for one day.

Jesus is the Bread of life, but we're not offered a lifetime supply of blessings in one installment. We are offered enough to get us through the day. We need to learn to turn to God for sustenance, one day at a time.

For our lives to truly have meaning, we need more than just a piece of bread to survive each day, we need more than a roof under which we sleep. And the "more" that I'm talking about makes us feel alive, and sustains us in difficult moments, and helps us to celebrate the joys that we feel in life. The more that I'm talking about is our faith in Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life.

Jesus is the bread of life not only in the Communion that we receive at Mass, but also God, the source of all life, is present to us in our daily lives through Jesus. It is Christ who feeds us and who truly will make us feel alive, today and for eternity.

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.

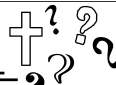
Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Mary Woods



Catholicism Series resumes **Sept. 18** at 7 p.m. in the hall. Future dates will be **Oct. 2, 16, 30** and **Nov. 13**.

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.

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!

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:

The ancient Greeks had a tradition of giving a meal to those setting out on a journey. In Greece it is called ephodium, Latin translation is viaticus, i.e. of or pertaining to a journey. We know it as viaticum, but rather than think of it as the last communion before one dies, we should think of it as giving food for the journey.

Speaking of food, Michael McGirr wrote, "It is unfortunate that family dinner table is not as common as it once was. Some people grow up learning to eat on the run. In some households the same meal can be eaten at the same time in five different parts of the same building: in front of the TV, beside the computer, Ipod, or on the back deck, etc. Creating a family table is easier said than done, but it's worth the effort. The table is the gathering place, the place to listen and talk. Food and stories sit down together. In the beginning Eucharist was first called Breaking of Bread. The meal table is a mirror image of the Eucharist, in which we hear stories from our faith tradition and are fed the Bread of Life. Grace before eating can help us to draw together some of the threads of the day, to give thanks for what each person has been doing, remember those who suffer hunger and remind us of the place where God sits among us; he is patient when we argue and laughs at our funny stories and knows whose turn it is to stack the dishwasher."

Wednesday is the solemnity of the assumption of Mary into heaven. She is the greatest person to be conceived through a human mother and father. Mary's death was a falling asleep in the Lord or dormition. She was immediately taken up to God. Today we use the term Assumption of Mary.

OUR PRAYER: All powerful and ever-living God, You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of Your Son, body and soul to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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

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

REGISTRATION: 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, 1 volunteer for 3rd grade, and 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 a.m. 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!

Confirmation - Registration packets were mailed out this week. Please contact the Religious Education Office if you did not receive one and are interested in signing your teen up for Year I or Year II.

Year II is in need of confirmed adults and teens to work with our candidates as catechists this year. Training and team support are provided throughout the year. Please contact Melissa Beach in the Religious Education Office at 598-0519 or email confirmation@stjosephlb.org if you or someone you know is interested in helping out. Thank you.

Adult Confirmation Course begins **Sept. 16** at St. John of God Church, Norwalk, Sundays, 9-noon, through December. Please contact our religious education department for registration, 598-0519.

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 - 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.

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**.

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The theme of "bread from heaven" is developed in many ways in this chapter of John's Gospel. Today's reading opens with the people murmuring. Since he was born in time, since the people knew his father and his mother, Jesus simply could not have come from heaven. Jesus does not meet their objection directly. He raises the discussion to a higher level. To understand him it is necessary to have faith. Only God can give faith. God holds out the gift to all who are open to receive it. Faith is acceptance of Jesus, and this faith in Jesus, eating the living bread, gives eternal life.

Life Focus: * Relate an experience when you had a difficult time seeing Christ in someone you know well.

* *Describe a time when you felt empty inside. What helped you through that empty period?* * Describe a time when you offered help to another and were rejected. How did you feel, and what did you do?



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Aug. 20 - Social/game gatherings

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51
Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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? The prevalence of abuse in society - In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of 10 men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the United States today. An estimated 9.6 percent of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34 percent of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16 percent of all males will also be victimized before they are 18. 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 to church. Donations to 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
CARGO VAN NEEDED - We are in need of a 10 foot cargo van for use three times per year to transport food to the hall for our Holiday Food and Gift Distributions.



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.

6TH GRADE CLASS GARAGE SALE – PLEASE COME BY AFTER MASS - The Class of 2015 and their families are hosting a garage sale to earn money for a student educational tour of Washington DC over spring break next year. More than 20 families participating. Too many items to list! We will also be selling baked goods, lemonade, home grown avocados, coffee and donuts, and more. Encourage our kids who are working hard to earn their way to our nation's capitol. Open **SUN Aug 12**, 8am - 2pm at the home of Dana & John Moler, 6270 E Stearns St, Long Beach 90815 (Stearns & Palo Verde) Questions? danamoler@verizon.net or (562) 431-5337. Thank you!

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.



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.

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, August 13**
 8:00 a.m. - † Larry Greene
- TUESDAY, August 14**
 8:00 a.m. - † Craig Perez
 7:00 p.m. - † Bill Keckeisen
- WEDNESDAY, August 15**
 8:00 a.m. - † Rosemary Doran
 7:00 p.m. - † Diane Radov
- THURSDAY, August 16**
 8:00 a.m. - † Rosemary Doran
- FRIDAY, August 17**
 8:00 a.m. - † Helen Ripley
- SATURDAY, August 18**
 5:00 p.m. - † Helen Luchaco
- SUNDAY, August 19**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Louie Camus
 10:30 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette
 12:30 p.m. - † Joseph McGonagle

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 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, 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, Daniel O'Donnell & Larry Shaw.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Enschede	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 COUNSEL	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
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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
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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	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
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