

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2012

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

— John 6:53

**Fr. Jim Halley, Pastor**

frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

**Fr. William J. Connor, Pastor Emeritus**

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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:

Each time we have a family event or any occasion to celebrate something we tend to share food. We make an effort to prepare the best dishes and go out of our way in their presentation. It has been said that we are not

friends with someone until we sit down and eat with them.

In the Eucharist, Jesus goes beyond that. It's not just about dining at the table of God's abundance, which in itself is plenty. It is also about getting to know God, and of entering in his wisdom and sharing in His very life. In learning about God, we discover who we are, because in dining at his table we become intimately united with Jesus, who is our bread.

Many times we live our life as if we were robots. We get up in the morning, go to work, return home exhausted, eat, and go to sleep. We need to take the time to nourish ourselves with God in the Eucharist and in His Word and in one another. The Eucharist gives us strength and reminds us of the community of faith and family, which we need to continue living.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

**Daniel O'Donnell**  
**Antonette Morrison**



**Catholicism Series - Sept. 18**, 7 p.m. in the hall. Episode VI: "A BODY BOTH SUFFERING AND GLORIOUS: THE MYSTICAL UNION OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH" - Clearly answering the question, "What is the Church?" Father Barron presents the reality of the Church as "one, holy, catholic and apostolic." The Body of Christ can be seen on earth from the Church's center in Rome to the cities of New York, Sao Paolo, Manila, Namugongo and Uganda, while still escaping total understanding as the mystical union between Christ and his Church.

Father Barron also explores the Catholic conviction that the life and presence of Christ continues to embrace humanity in all its joys and sorrows through the presence of the Church.

Future sessions - **Oct. 2, 16, 30** and **Nov. 13**.

### 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:

You have heard: "The **grace** and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." "But for the **grace** of God, go I." "Hail Mary full of **grace**." etc.

So, what is **grace**?

Our deacon formation group developed our own "dictionary" and we defined **grace** as "that free gift of love from God which causes us to love."

The dictionary has it as a verb, to do honor or credit by one's presence. As a noun, simple elegance or refinement of movement. Finally it states: a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine favor.

But I wanted more. The Catechism of the Catholic Church under "Grace and Justification" states: Justification is the most excellent work of God's love. A freely given act of God that takes away our sins and makes us just and holy in our whole being. Brought about by means of the grace of the Holy Spirit and merited by the Passion of Jesus Christ and given to us in Baptism. That grace is a **free** gift that God gives to make us part of the trinitarian life by the act of His love. It's supernatural because it depends entirely on God's free initiative and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and powers of us humans. There are other kinds of **grace**, i.e. actual graces and sacramental graces (proper to each Sacrament) and special graces or charisms (gifts for the common good of the Church including ecclesial ministries).

Suffice it to say: "Grace is that free give of love from God that causes us to love."

**OUR PRAYER:** Father God, You created us to glorify You through our deeds. Let us be fellow workers with You. May that work benefit our brothers and sisters that with them we may build an earthly city pleasing to You. Keep us faithful to Your law in thought, word and deed. Bring us to that kingdom where You live and reign with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals** - Beginning August 15, USCIS will start processing requests for consideration of deferred action, along with a form requesting an employment authorization document. Each request will entail a fee and will be approved on a case by case basis, if the client demonstrates that they have met the required criteria. If you are interested in getting more information about eligibility, processing and filing, contact Catholic Charities of Los Angeles (Immigration and Refugee Department) at (213) 251-3411.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - The St. Joseph Bereavement Team is beginning a new grief support group on **Sept. 17**, at 7 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 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. 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:** John's Gospel has no direct account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Rather, it includes this sermon on the Bread of Life that we have been hearing for the past several weeks. The statement of the opening verse, "the *bread* that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," is very close to the account in Luke's Gospel of Jesus blessing bread at the Last Supper and saying, "This is my body given for you." Accepting the teaching of Jesus, the Liturgy of the Word, important as this is, only prepares us to share his body and blood. Participation in the Eucharist brings present possession of "eternal life" and is thus a pledge of eventual resurrection.

**Life Focus:** \* Jesus puts great emphasis on the "flesh and blood" reality of the food we now call the Eucharist. Name other ways you "feed on" the "flesh and blood" reality of Jesus. \* *What have you done with this "life" received in the Eucharist?* \* Describe an experience when you have been the "bread of life" for others.



**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: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58  
 Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51  
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12  
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**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.

**Save the Date! Precious Life Shelter Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 19** at the Navy Golf course in Los Alamitos. Fee of \$170 includes BBQ lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, prizes, & driving range. For more information, please call Amelia Nunez, 889-0380, or Don Gath, 498-6701. Sponsors, volunteers & golfers needed!



**Make a Difference** in someone's life by becoming a **volunteer** at St. Mary Medical Center. The Spiritual Care Dept. is seeking professional individuals who would be willing to work a few hours a week as a Eucharistic Minister or in a patient visitor or clerical capacity. Training will be provided. Please contact Sr. Gerard Earls, 491-9837.

**Natural Family Planning** - Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. To learn more visit [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org) or contact Greg and Beth Gath at [bethandgreg@verizon.net](mailto:bethandgreg@verizon.net) or 562-377-5877.

**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:

<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Irene Avila</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Justin Ray</b>
<b>Timothy Ring</b>	<b>Adam Mariano</b>
<b>Daniel O'Connell</b>	<b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>
<b>David Waidelich</b>	<b>Timmy Allison</b>
<b>Michael Marchante</b>	<b>Jason Kaufmann</b>
<b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>	<b>John Landry</b>
<b>Jessica Landry</b>	<b>Russell Hodges, Jr.</b>

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 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
- MONDAY, August 20**  
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. James Martin
- TUESDAY, August 21**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Haydee Koppenheffer
- WEDNESDAY, August 22**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Linda Van Gaale
- THURSDAY, August 23**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Jean Libey
- FRIDAY, August 24**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Helen Ripley
- SATURDAY, August 25**  
 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests
- SUNDAY, August 26**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libey  
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. - † Ethel Taylor  
 12:30 p.m. - † Albert Maligie

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://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 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, Larry Shaw, Kennedy & Dawn Willey.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE		<b>594-4657</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang (sister & brother)	<b>493-2198</b>

## 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	<b>598-0519</b>
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>818-4249</b>

## ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Peter Baine	<b>598-4130</b>
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>714-761-4376</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	<b>594-4657</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	<b>594-7575</b>
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelley Padilla	<b>594-4657</b>
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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	<b>537-8210</b>
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	<b>430-0142</b>
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	<b>799-0660</b>
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	<b>596-8287</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b>
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

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