

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2012

As for me and my household,  
we will serve the Lord.

— *Joshua 24:15b*

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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 geometry class we learned that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. If that's the case, why are roads often filled with curves? They'd be more efficient if they planned them straight. So why do they build

them with curves?

We all know the answer to the question has to do with the many obstacles the engineers have to deal with when building a new road. Sometimes the best road, although not the fastest, is the one that will take us to our destination safe and sound. The road that we are called to take is Christ's. It's a road that isn't always the easiest to travel on. To follow Jesus requires us to have strength and commitment.

That's why it is not surprising that some of Jesus' early followers decided later on to abandon him and return to their previous, less challenging and more comfortable lives. To live a life according to the teachings and example of Jesus requires us to take the risks of not always being understood, of being subject to ridicule, of not having all that we wish, and sometimes not being considered important people. And it also complicates our lives by inviting us to give to others our precious time and resources,

The risks and challenges of walking in the footsteps of Jesus can be tiresome and might even tempt us to abandon the road and go on our own way. But we are not alone in the journey. We have the support of each other. We also count on God's love, which is present in the love of others.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Thanh Pham



**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.

**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 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:

As I was thumbing through John's Chapter 6, I realized that I was using a pocket-size "Good News New Testament" Bible that was given to me by St Joseph's first deacon, Lou Morrison. One of his ministries was to hand out these handy Good

News bibles. He gave me no less than 10 of these. I did hand some of them out but kept a couple. Lou's wife, Toni Morrison, passed away recently. I ask you to keep the family in your prayers.

We are still in John's Chapter 6. Jesus said, "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you will not have life in yourselves" (verse 53), and again Jesus says, "I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me." (verse 57). In the movie, E.T., one scene has the young boy leaving candy for E.T., and in another one E.T. is starved and raids the refrigerator! The message for us: without food we die, whether human or extraterrestrial. This holds true for our bodily life as well as our **spiritual life**. Question: How appreciative are we of the Eucharist as our **spiritual** food?

**OUR PRAYER:** Father, may we love You in all things and above all things and reach the joy You have prepared for us beyond our imagining. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity welcomes **Tina Gath** of St Joseph Church and four others who were professed into the Secular Franciscan Order on Saturday, August 18 at a Mass held in the historic Serra Chapel at San Juan Capistrano Mission. Our local fraternity offers congratulations to the newest Franciscans on the beginning of a blessed journey.

**Calling All Married Couples** - If you are married in the Catholic Church and would like to help prepare engaged couples for marriage for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, please contact Candy Metoyer at 213.637.7250; cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org. We Need 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](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.

**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.

**Small Church Community**

**Scripture Focus:** Faced with Jesus' claim to be the real bread from heaven, the truth, the revelation of the Father, his disciples had to make a decision. Today's Gospel gives their reaction to that claim. Many reject his words and refuse to believe that he "came down" from heaven. Jesus told them to "stop murmuring" and pointed out the need for that faith which only God can give. The Twelve remain with Jesus. They were the ones who would "remain with Jesus" once he ascended to the Father. Peter sums up their faith, accepting the revelation of Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The people who deserted him wanted answers they could understand. Their faith was weak. The apostles did not understand either, but because they loved Jesus, they believed and accepted without understanding. We, too, cannot really understand how Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We cannot know, intellectually, how bread and wine become his "body and blood." When we make our act of faith, however we become one with him in a special, life-giving way.

**Life Focus:** \* Describe how your experience of the Eucharist has changed over the course of your life and how this had affected you. \* *Describe a struggle you had which led to a deeper faith.* \* Relate an experience that has shaken your faith. \* *Describe an experience when you have taken a risk without fully understanding the outcome. What effect did it have on your life?*

**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**.

**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!

**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

**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.



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat  
God ♥ all**

**We always welcome new members.**

**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.

**Oct. 1 & 15** - Social/game gatherings.

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: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;  
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**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.

**Fingerprinting Schedule**

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

**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.

**Food from the Heart** food drive this weekend. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass for Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

**Sept. 8-9** - Homeless hygiene kit drive begins. Shopping lists distributed.

**Sept. 19** - Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program. Thank you!

**Cargo Van Needed** - We need a 10 foot cargo van for use 3 times/year to transport food to the hall for our Holiday Food and Gift Distributions. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, . . . naked and you clothed me."* Matt 25:35-36



**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:

**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 25**  
 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

**SUNDAY, August 26**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby  
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. - † Ethel Taylor  
 12:30 p.m. - † Albert Maligie

**MONDAY, August 27**  
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger

**TUESDAY, August 28**  
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger

**WEDNESDAY, August 29**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Helen Ripley

**THURSDAY, August 30**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Evelyn Sylvia

**FRIDAY, August 31**  
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger

**SATURDAY, September 1**  
 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

**SUNDAY, September 2**  
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. - † Piero Galvez  
 10:30 a.m. - † Antonette Morrison  
 12:30 p.m. - † Robert de la Cruz

**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, & Marlene Smith Rothshell.

## 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

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DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
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MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
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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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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>

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