

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2012

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

—James 1:21b

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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.

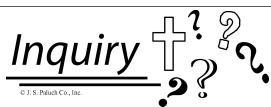


From the Pastor's desk:

When someone falls in love with another person, they don't wait for the other person to tell them how to love them. Doing things for those we love comes from our heart and even goes beyond what is considered to be our normal duty, to help, to support and to show kindness to others.

Today's readings say something similar. Deciding to follow God's law isn't so much an obligation, but it's a commitment that we freely enter. Our words are important because they can heal, they can show love or they can cause hurt. So we need to be very careful of the things we say that can hurt others, or help them or guide them along the right path. But we're not only careful because of what effect it may have on others, but also because what we say is a huge indication of what is truly in our hearts.

A healthy, strong and loving heart produces kind, comforting words that heal. A good heart provides support and often invites us to do good things in facing life's challenges. But we also need to know that a bitter and resentful heart, where there is envy, jealousy, and negativity, produces gossip, hurtful words, and sarcasm. This doesn't bring us closer to God nor do these kinds of sentiments come from Him. In this kind of heart, we don't leave much room for God.



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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.

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice - Pope Benedict XVI has taught that love for widows, orphans, prisoners, sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to the Church as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. (Deus Caritas Est, 22) "This . . . includes unborn children, people with disabilities, the elderly, terminally ill and victims of injustice . . ." US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 51.

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 Paulo, 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:

The feast day of St. Monica, mother of St Augustine, was Aug. 27. An Ignatian reflection on St. Monica shows the depth of a mother's love, "St. Monica knew the pain of dealing with her son (let alone with her husband)."

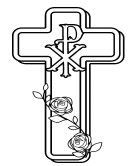
Who hasn't felt deep anguish about our loved ones' choices in life? Who doesn't feel like offering a little re-directive 'help' before hanging up the phone? Though concerns for their spiritual welfare have good intentions, wringing our hands and offering **unsolicited** advice rarely has the desired effect. It tends to drive one farther away, or worse, we succeed in 'guilting' our loved one into compliance. Catholics love phrases like, "I only say this because I love you...." This is guilt-inducing, conditional love to someone not quite ready for the gift of faith. Remember last Sunday's Gospel, "Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites." At the end of the day it was nothing Monica said or proposed to Augustine that brought his conversion. She loved him and prayed for him. God labored on Augustine on God's own time, not on her own time. It's good to remember this when we wring our hands over the faith lives of loved ones who stray. Let the grace today be to love **unconditionally**, and pray for those who stray. God calls others to Him in His own good ways and in His own good time."

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant us the gift of Your love, so whatever we do may be done out of that love. Teach us to love in deed and in truth. We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Bert Willis
Don Geldback**



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. 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

It's Not Too Late......to Register your child for Religious Education. The registration packets are at the entrances of the church and on the St. Joseph website. I would love to have the registration forms in by Sept. 9.

Religious Education is not just for sacrament preparation! Life-long faith formation is encouraged by our church and we have some wonderful catechists who will help your child to learn about their Catholic Faith! We also have some wonderful classes for parents as well! Watch the bulletin for future dates!

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.

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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Jesus' words are strong about getting caught up in what one does on the outside. Religion cannot be all externals. Jesus takes the offensive here. He adapts a quote from Isaiah about paying lip service to God with no heart. He warns them about insisting that human rules are God's will. In fact, the Book of Deuteronomy clearly says that nothing may be added or taken away from God's law. Deuteronomy speaks of God's law as a way to show gratitude for God's great love. God chose and formed people freely. These laws of God are not a heavy burden nor a way to win God's love; they are simply a way to respond with love to God's goodness. The Pharisees took God's law seriously and followed it with devotion. But a few Pharisees forgot the heart of religion - God's relationship with people - and got trapped in mere regulations. This passage can speak to our own lives in the Church today.

Life Focus: * Describe a time when your heart led you to do something good, but the "law" stood in the way.

* *Name an experience when "the way we (your Church, society, your small church community, your personal life) do things" got in the way of what's really important.*

* Relate a time when you judged a person unacceptable because of externals.

Calling all High Schoolers... Youth ministry is heading your way! Come join us for our beach-side "Kick-Off": Sunday, **September 16**, 4-7pm. Bolsa Chica, Lifeguard Tower 26 (near Jack in the Box). Grab flyers at the church exits for more scoop.

"**Middle School Madness**" kicks off another year of our Middle School Youth Ministry! All 6th, 7th & 8th graders, join us at the Bay for friends, food & fun. Sunday, October 7, 2-4pm, Bayside at the corner of Bayshore & Ocean. Grab flyers at church exits for more details.

*****Parents/Parishioners** interested in helping with our growing Youth Ministry, please contact Shelley Padilla at: 598-0519. Commitments are not big, but make a HUGE difference in the success of our program.

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.

Your Help Is Still Needed! 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 1 volunteers for 1st year Sacrament Prep 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!

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.

"Jesus is Lord"

Standing on the word of God. Let us learn together. St. Joseph Bible Study resumes classes: **Tuesdays 9 a.m. and Thursdays 7 p.m. starting the week of Sept. 9.**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philipians 4:13

To register, please call Rita Smith, 714-761-4376.



**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, bus departs church parking lot @ 8 a.m. & returns approx. 5 p.m. Seats still available; price \$10 each, and \$10 free play will be returned on player card.

Oct. 1 & 15 - Social/game gatherings.

Dec. 6 - Lawrence Welk Theater Christmas Show. Save the date. For show, transportation, and buffet lunch - \$95. sign-ups will begin at Oct. 8 meeting.

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.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18. Thanks for the many GOOD DEEDS. Last weekend's Food from the Heart drive collected 25 thirteen gallon bags of food and other cash donations 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.

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!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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 or contact Greg and Beth Gath at bethandgreg@verizon.net or 562-377-5877.

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.

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**.

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, 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
- MONDAY, September 3**
 8:00 a.m. - Carlos Delgado
- TUESDAY, September 4**
 8:00 a.m. - † Dorothy Jean Schellhorn
- WEDNESDAY, September 5**
 8:00 a.m. - Olga Kocevar, Thanksgiving
- THURSDAY, September 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger
- FRIDAY, September 7**
 8:00 a.m. - † Phil Schember
- SATURDAY, September 8**
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate families
- SUNDAY, September 9**
 7:30 a.m. - † Primitivo Chingcuango
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Evelyn Sylvia
 12:30 p.m. - † John De Ruyter

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, 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, 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	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	598-0519
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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