

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2012

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

—James 2:5

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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:

This week I get to share with all of you some wonderful news. Fr. Ford and I just got a new roommate. His name is Luis Estrada and he is a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles studying for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary. Luis has just completed his second year of theology at St. John's Seminary and is now beginning his Parish Internship Year.

During this academic year he will live with us here at St. Joseph parish and minister alongside the priests and deacons here at the parish. The purpose of the internship year is to allow the seminarian to actually experience the day-to-day life of a parish priest. You will see him working in different ministries of the parish. He will be ministering in our Religious Education programs, RCIA and also in our Elementary School. He will be involved in the liturgical life of the parish as well. As an instituted Reader and Acolyte he will assist the priests and deacons at Mass and give theological reflections on the scriptures.

During the coming year Luis will have periodic evaluations. The purpose of the evaluations are meant to help Luis come to know and embrace his strengths and also come to know areas that he may want to focus on for continued growth.

I ask all of you to join me in welcoming this wonderful young man, Luis Estrada, who is making a commitment to serve God and his people here in our Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Blessings, Fr. Jim

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Elizabeth Alvarez



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.

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:

An angel stood before the face of God, thurible in hand. The fragrant incense soaring aloft was the prayer of God's people on earth. (Rev 8:4)

"Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to You." The 1st Antiphon begins Week 1 Sunday

Evening Prayer

Our faith is full of symbols. For Christians today incense has ritual and symbolic meaning. It's sweet aroma symbolizes something pleasing and acceptable being offered to God. It is also a sign of reverence and dedication such as incensing the body at a funeral Mass. The body was once the temple of God. In a more solemn liturgy, incensing the Book of the Gospels reverences the word of God and Christ Himself who is the Word Incarnate. Incensing the altar shows respect for Christ whom the altar represents and His sacrifice made present upon the altar. Incensing the Easter candle is also showing reverence for Christ who is the light of the world. Incensing the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction is a sign of adoration and worship given to Christ, truly present upon the altar. It becomes a sign of our prayers rising up to heaven.

Our Prayer: Lord, from the rising of the sun to its setting Your name is worthy of all praise. Let our prayer come like incense before You. May the lifting of our hands be as an evening sacrifice acceptable to You, Lord our God. Amen

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.

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!

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 volunteer 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!

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 have been mailed out. 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.

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

High School Youth Group Beach Day! Calling all high school teens...join us as we kick off our new ministry. **Sunday, Sept. 16th, 4-7pm** at Bolsa Chica, near life guard station 26. Volleyball, swim & eat around the bonfire! RSVP by Sept. 14 to Shelley: youthministry@stjosephlb.org Flyers & Permission slips on parish website, Religious Ed. office or the back of the church. ***Volleyball is optional...Fun is not!***Bring a friend!***

"**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.

Virtus Training, here in our hall, for those who work with our children but have not taken the **Safe-guard the Children** classes or who need to renew. All teachers, catechists, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, etc. need to take the class as mandated by the archdiocese.

Protecting God's Children, for those who have never taken the class, **Sept. 11, 7-10 p.m.**

Keeping the Promise Alive, for those who need to be recertified, **Sept. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.**

"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." Philippians 4:13

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

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: The cure of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel points to a deeper reality. We are told that Jesus returned "into the district of the ten cities." This was Gentile country. The deaf-mute symbolizes the Gentiles who had to have their ears opened to God's word before they could proclaim it. For Mark's community, mostly Gentile, the man's cure dramatized their hearing the Good News. God draws near to all, Jews & Gentiles alike.

Life Focus: * Describe a situation when a gentle touch brought peace. * *Describe an experience when you were accepted or helped by a stranger. How did this experience make you feel?* * Recall an experience when you reached out to someone beyond your circle of friends. * *What do you need in order to hear life better?* * Who are the people in society or in the church that you have trouble hearing?



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.

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.

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.

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	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.

This Weekend and Next – Homeless hygiene kit drive. Please take envelopes with a shopping list from the cross at the back of the church. This drive must support two trips to feed the homeless. Please be doubly generous.



Sept. 19 – Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. Help us plan to support and improve our ministry to those in need.
Oct. 13-14 – Feed-a-Baby food drive for Catholic Charities.
Cargo Van Needed - We are in need of a 10 foot cargo van for use 3 times per year to transport food to the hall for our Holiday Food and Gift Distributions. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. **Skip-a-Meal** donations support our program. Thank you!

Bundle Sunday - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be here on **Sept. 23** to collect donated items which will either be given to the needy or sold in their thrift store to support their charitable activities.

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. 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 **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 p.m. in the church preceding Mass beginning **Sept. 8**.

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

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!



Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, September 10**
 8:00 a.m. - All Souls
- TUESDAY, September 11**
 8:00 a.m. - Florence Boyd
- WEDNESDAY, September 12**
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger
- THURSDAY, September 13**
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger
- FRIDAY, September 14**
 8:00 a.m. - † Daniel O'Donnell
- SATURDAY, September 15**
 5:00 p.m. - † George Longaberger
- SUNDAY, September 16**
 7:30 a.m. - Ellen Subia
 9:00 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette
 10:30 a.m. - † Bill Keckeisen
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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, 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 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 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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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
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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