

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2012

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

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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:


St. Francis of Assisi told his fellow friars to, "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words." I love this quote because it shows us that Jesus' teaching and message says that the way we live our lives shows us more about

our faith than the words we say.

In today's second reading, the Letter of James has strong words for those who try and separate faith from action, or good works. We're asked, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" We show our real faith by how we live our lives.

If our lives are dedicated to making, and saving and spending money, then our faith is in money. If we are dedicated only to beauty and appearance, then our faith is in our good looks. If we spend all of our energy trying to earn the admiration of others, then our faith is in success. But if we are truly dedicated to loving God and our neighbor, then hopefully our lives will show that also. St. James presents a challenge for all of us. I've always thought that it's much easier to talk a good game as a Christian rather than to consistently practice our faith.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to know more deeply that being faithful doesn't mean being perfect. Our "works," our lives, may not always be the example of God's love that we want them to be, but we can keep trying each day, to live what we believe with our actions and hopefully, over time, fewer and fewer words will be required.

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.

Bundle Sunday - Next Sunday the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be here in our church parking lot. Please bring usable items. Your donations will either be given to the needy or sold in their thrift store to support their charitable activities.

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:

Last Friday (Sept 14) we celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Cross conjures up many images. The Cross is a sign of God's infinite and some say foolish love for each of us individually. As a Jesuit says, "The Cross is a **summons** to love each other as Jesus loves us. Christ-like love is not sentimentality or infatuation, nor a mere emotion. Jesus asks for selfless, loving deeds as He did on the Cross, to His last drop of life's blood.

The Cross is a reminder for us to carry our own cross each day in union with Jesus. Jesus was not too proud to let Simon help Him carry the cross or to let Veronica comfort Him.

Remember what I call the "11th Commandment" i.e. Jesus' Commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you". (Jn 15:12) The Cross reminds us to "love others as He has loved us." Jesus, I know that means picking up my cross each day, but I ask Your help as Simon helped you. When I carry my cross I try to understand that I also help You carry Yours.

OUR PRAYER: We preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews and an absurdity to Gentiles, but to those who are called, we understand He is the power and wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:23-24). Help us to acknowledge the mystery of the Cross on earth and receive the gift of redemption in heaven. We ask this through Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Catechetical Sunday, celebrated this Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass, will focus on the theme "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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**Religious Education Program-1st-5th grades-**

begins next Sunday, September 23! Register today by going to the St. Joseph Website.

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 you! *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.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel is a key passage in Mark, a sort of hinge between the first and second parts of his Gospel. The first part is all about reactions to Jesus, looking forward to his final rejection in Jerusalem. Today we get the reaction of his disciples, a crucial reaction. Peter, who appears to speak for all the disciples, gives a clear and direct reply. Jesus is the Messiah. But Jesus suspects that Peter's idea of a messiah is off the mark. Jesus predicts the Passion that will be the backbone of the next section. The emphasis will now be on the suffering Son of Man. Peter's idea of a popular political messiah gets a public reprimand from Jesus. This leads to the first instruction on discipleship, following Jesus will mean suffering with him through a life of selfless love.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience when you were willing to pay a price to follow the Lord. * *Relate an experience that led you to a change of heart.*

High School Youth Group Beach Day!! Calling all high school teens...bring a friend and join us as we kick off our new high school youth group. TODAY! Sunday, Sept. 16, 4-7pm at Bolsa Chica, near lifeguard station 26 (look for RED flag). V-Ball, swim, & eat around the bonfire! Suggested donation \$7/Permission slip required & available on parish website or at the back of church. Hope to see you there!!!

"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, **Oct. 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 News

Year I - Registration is due. If you have not submitted your paperwork please do so now. Parent orientation Thursday, September 20, 7-8:30 pm in the hall.

Year II - Parent orientation Thursday, September 27, 7-8:30 pm in the hall.

Contact Melissa in the Religious Ed office at 598-0519.

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.

Information Meeting for Men Interested in the Permanent Diaconate, Sunday, Oct. 21, Glendale

- Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer any questions. Men must be between 30 and 60 years of age to enter the program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The information meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 - 4 p.m., Incarnation Parish Community Center, 214 West Fairview Avenue, Glendale, 91202. For further information, or pre-registration, please contact Ms. Silvia Esmeralda Hernandez in the Diaconate Formation Office, 213-637-7383 or at: SEHernandez@la-archdiocese.org

"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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Sept. 24 - Social/game gatherings.

Oct. 1 & 15 - Social/game gatherings.

Dec. 6 - Lawrence Welk Theater Christmas Show:

"Drinkin', Singin', Swingin' - Let It Snow, Let It Snow"

Save the date. Transportation, matinee show, buffet lunch:
\$95. Tickets limited; sign-ups begin at Oct. 8 meeting.

For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.

Social/game gatherings Noon - 3:15. Please bring lunch.

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

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

Oct. 3 - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes, 310-377-4573

Oct. 12 - Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach, 562-597-0819

Oct. 13 - St. Matthias, Huntington Park, 323-588-2134

Oct. 23 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hermosa Bch, 310-372-7077

Did You Know? Learn to "stop" inappropriate activity before it happens - Child safety tip: Teach your child to respect the word "stop!" Teach your preschooler that "stop" means "stop," and that your child has the right to stop people from touching his or her body. Obviously, exceptions will have to be made for doctors and parents, but even parents must listen when a child doesn't want to be tickled or hugged anymore. Reinforcing this excellent lesson gives your child the power to recognize -- and to stop -- "bad touching" by others if it should happen. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

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!



This Weekend – 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. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program. *"The bread of charity is life itself for the needy."* Sir 35:21

St. Joseph High School Carnival - Sept. 21 - 23
Games, rides, multicultural foods, music, etc. 925-5073.

Cub Scout Water Day - All first through fifth grade boys - come check out St. Joseph Pack 120 on **September 29** from 12 PM to 3 PM on the St. Joseph field. Pack 120 will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, plates, napkins and utensils. What to bring: side dish, chips, drinks or dessert to share, water guns and toys, towels, chairs, sun block, EZup, friends and family! Please RSVP by September 25, Moses Bass mosesbass@rocketmail.com

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 enjoin 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**.

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

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 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
MONDAY, September 17
 8:00 a.m. - † Robert Barone
TUESDAY, September 18
 8:00 a.m. - † Carolyn Marshall
WEDNESDAY, September 19
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger
THURSDAY, September 20
 8:00 a.m. - † Dan O'Donnell
FRIDAY, September 21
 8:00 a.m. - † Dan O'Donnell
SATURDAY, September 22
 5:00 p.m. - Milagros Chingcuango
SUNDAY, September 23
 7:30 a.m. - † Bill Keckeisen
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette
 12:30 p.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

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 Kohlen, 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 & Tom Korman.

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	598-0519
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