

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2012

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

—James 3:18

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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:

In the Gospel this weekend, for the second time, Jesus announces to his disciples that he has to suffer and be put to death. Jesus announced this same thing in last week's gospel and Peter wouldn't hear of it. Jesus says it again in today's gospel and once more the disciples fail to understand. They declared their faith in Jesus as the Messiah, and they committed to be his followers, but they don't realize the full meaning of what it means to be a true follower.

Jesus isn't speaking here about the kind of suffering that one might have because of a sickness or because of some natural disaster like a flood or an earthquake. Any person, Christian or non-Christian can have that kind of suffering in their life. Jesus is talking here about the kind of suffering that we will specifically have because we are a Christian and attempt to live a truly Christian life.

We will suffer because to be a Christian isn't a matter of privilege but a matter of service for others. This is the hard, demanding reality of the Christian life. It was extremely difficult for the apostles, and it is just as difficult for us as well.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that learning from the mistakes of the apostles, we are not afraid to question, we are not afraid to inquire more deeply and we are not afraid to face straight on what Jesus is telling us, and that we come to know more fully that we may suffer simply because we are his followers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Catholicism Series - Oct. 2, 7 p.m. in the hall. Episode VII: "WORD MADE FLESH, TRUE BREAD OF HEAVEN: THE MYSTERY OF THE LITURGY AND THE EUCHARIST" - Father Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God."

Considered by the Catholic Faith to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture. Father Barron describes all the parts of the Mass, and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith in diverse places as Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, Orvieto, Mexico City. 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:

Mark 9:37 "Whoever receives one child such as this in My Name receives Me and whoever receives Me receives not me but the One who sent Me."

There is a video by Fr. Kempf we used in our pre-baptism classes. I like his saying, "Children's prayers are **very** powerful with God." School is now in full swing. It's time for us as parents and grandparents to be reminded of that. And it means we need to pray as a **family** which **includes** our children. We are the best teachers of our children. Encourage them to pray. When we think about it we can understand that their prayers are more sincere than our own. Do you need a little **boost** for your "petition to God"? Ask your children to help **you** pray for that intention. God always answers our prayers. His answers may come in one of three ways, A: Yes or, B: Wait or, C: **"I have a better plan."** God's reality is different than our own.

We owe it our children to bring them up in the faith. We need leaders to bring our faith to all. It begins in the home and family. Our faith and ministry does not end when we receive Confirmation. Not unlike other professions that require "continuing education," it's an on-going process. We hear words like "catechesis" or "mystagogia." It boils down to instruction or continuing education. **"Liturgy"** first meant a "public work" or "service in the name of or on behalf of the people." In our Christian tradition it means the participation of the people of God in "the work of God." Through the liturgy Christ, our redeemer and High Priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with and through His Church. That's you and me! (Catechism of Catholic Church, page 278)

OUR PRAYER: God, Our Father, teach me to appreciate and be thankful for the wonderful things You have made. Grant me the grace to see You in each of them and give You the praise and glory due You. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Donald Pedneault



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- starts today. If you haven't registered yet...please come to the hall for orientation at 10:45.

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 would 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.

Congratulations to Shelley Padilla, Diane Ohde, and Rosy Anselmo for becoming Los Angeles Archdiocesan Certified Catechists. They will be receiving their certification at the Cathedral later today! They achieved this by taking a 40 hour basic faith formation class, 16 hours of specialized classes in the age group they are teaching and they observed two other catechists in the classroom, and finally they were observed by two master catechists! Congratulations!

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: After the second prediction of suffering, the disciples fail or refuse to ask about its meaning. Instead, they do the exact opposite of Jesus' teaching: They struggle with each other for position and power. Jesus answers with a symbolic action that is stronger than words. He embraces a child, a symbol of powerlessness. He directs them not to build up a power structure but to embrace powerlessness. In the same way, the power of the Christian community will be in powerlessness.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience when you gained insight from an experience of being defenseless and powerless. * *Why is it difficult for you to be last of all? Why is it worth it?* * Tell of a time when your life was enriched by a person who gave up power willingly. * *Relate a situation when you were tempted to try to control another's life or situation.*

High School Youth Group: We had a great time last weekend in Bolsa Chica! Even our seminarian, Mr. Estrada, joined us at the beach and showed the teens how to throw a v-ball! Thank you to all who made the day possible. Don't miss our "Bowling Bash" scheduled for Sun., Oct. 28 at Cal Bowl, 4-5:30pm.

Calling All High Schoolers...Want to be involved in the church? Plan & coordinate the high school youth ministry events throughout the year? Join us at our Core Team Meeting, Sun., Sept. 30 at 6:30pm. Be the leaders and the voice of the youth! See flyer at church exits or on our parish website.

Middle School Youth Ministry: Kicks off on Sun., Oct. 7 with "A Day at the Bay"! All 6th, 7th & 8th graders, join us for friends, food, faith & fun! 2-4pm at the corner of Bayshore & Ocean. Flyers/permission slips at the church exits, Religious Ed. office or on our parish website.

Confirmation News

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

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

40 Days for Life Kick Off Rally! Sept. 25 7 pm, St. Cornelius Church. Prepare for 40 days of prayer and fasting for our unborn brothers and sisters, and all those affected by abortion. Speakers: Fr. Mike Gleeson, pastor of St. Cornelius and a strong proponent of life, and Rev. Jesse Peterson, founder of BOND, which exists to rally Americans to greater involvement in the moral issues of our day. Rev. Peterson will speak on "*Abortion: Black Genocide.*" There will be info booths, refreshments, fellowship and sign ups for 40 Days for Life. No charge, donations accepted. For info: AudioGirlMinistries.com

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. 1 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? What is cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is bullying that happens online. It can happen in an email, a text message, an online game or on a social networking site. It might involve rumors or images posted on someone's profile or passed around for other people to see. Studies of Internet-using adolescents indicate that 20% of young people (more than five million) have been the targets of cyberbullying and more than 10% (almost three million) have bullied others online. For information on how to spot and stop cyberbullying, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website: www.npc.org/cyberbullying. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213)637-7650.

Ignite! Come Join Long Beach Young Adult Ministry (Long Beach ALIVE!) In Praise, Adoration & Fellowship 4th Thurs. of the month, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Next Ignite! **September 27** @ St. Cornelius Church

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.

MANY thanks to Mrs. Alvarez and Javier Muñoz for inviting us to represent Movement for a Better World at the Sept.13 PTO meeting, AND to the three new, active members that offered their services!



"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14

Oct. 13-14 – Feed-a-Baby food drive for Catholic Charities.

Nov. 3-4 – New Blanket Drive for Thanksgiving Food and Gift distribution. Can you adopt a family for the holiday season?

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.

Precious Life Shelter Volunteers Needed - Shelter in Los Alamitos for homeless, pregnant women looking for volunteers to share their time in their thrift & gift shop selling and sorting. All proceeds provide services for our women and their children. Contact Amanda, 431-3190. "It's the best little shop in town to shop till you drop."

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

St. Joseph High School Carnival - Sept. 22 - 23
Games, rides, multicultural foods, music, etc. 925-5073.

Music Mission of Love, John Angotti, award winning musician & inspiring speaker presents **Sunday is All About Monday, Oct. 7, 3:30-5 p.m.** at St. Hedwig parish, Los Alamitos. His music and stories will challenge us to respond to God's call with courage and compassion... to share our awareness of God's presence with every breath and in every moment of our lives! Presale: \$10, \$40 for a pack of 5, kids under 10 free. At the door: \$15. Contact the Family Life Ministries Office for more info and tickets, (562) 296-9040.

Claude Newman: A Miracle on Death Row - an inspiring play about the miraculous story of conversion on death row. **Sept. 28 - Oct. 21** at the Miles Memorial Playhouse in Santa Monica. For more information, please visit www.gkctheatre.org or call 310-462-5141.

Changes - Bereavement education and support for children, teens and their families. Tuesdays Oct. 2 - Nov. 13, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. Info: Pathways, 562-531-3031.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, September 24
 8:00 a.m. - Edward Broom and all priests

TUESDAY, September 25
 8:00 a.m. - † John Christie

WEDNESDAY, September 26
 8:00 a.m. - † Salud Garcia

THURSDAY, September 27
 8:00 a.m. - † John and Mary Lynch

FRIDAY, September 28
 8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang

SATURDAY, September 29
 5:00 p.m. - † Bernard McCune

SUNDAY, September 30
 7:30 a.m. - † Bill Keckeisen
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo
 12:30 p.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette

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, Chester Lizak, Barbara Gormly, Frances Esposito, Madeleine McCarthy, Gary Lyman, Alfredo Tan, Pauline Diaz, Josephine Rosello, Robert Burt, Kimberley Wilkinson, Kim Agee, Luis Arroyo, Aaron Richardt, Rosemary Stolinski, 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, & Kenneth Fong.

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