

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2012

The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8

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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:

Today we hear the Gospel words, "If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward." This seemingly small and insignificant act is, in fact, full of meaning and full of power. It speaks of our connectedness to one another.

We are all human beings, with the same flesh and blood. In another human being we see someone exactly like ourselves. We know the same joys and sorrows, the same peace and pain. We laugh and cry. We feel happiness and despair just like the other.

When we begin to know one another, it is then that we begin to accept one another. It is then that we begin to honor one another. The bonds of our connectedness are strengthened. It is when we do not know one another, when we choose not to know one another; it is then that evil things are allowed to happen.

Our power in this world is far greater than we think. It can be put to work every day and in every incident of our lives. We have been blessed with the Spirit of God, which revives the spirit and the soul. As people stumble along life's road, they are often desperate for a cup of cold water.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to know more fully that we are the people of the well, and we need to be prepared to give out that cup of water to those in need.

Together In Mission - We are still short of our goal of \$55,734. Our parishioners have always met our parish goal and we wouldn't want this year to be an exception. Please consider a donation for the inner city schools and parishes who depend on this help. Envelopes are in the church and the rectory. Thank you.

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. 16, 30** and **Nov. 13**.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, Oct. 4, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's desk:

The Gospel today is what I call "shock therapy:" Giving a cup of water to one in need is to be rewarded; that I can handle. But if my hand is an occasion of sin, "cut it off" shakes me up a little...maybe a lot! I like to think of Jesus as the "Lord of second chances." After all He did forgive

Peter who denied Jesus not once but three times!!

The Gospel has other messages within it. Example: John says, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name & we tried to stop him because he does not follow us."

We should respect and love every conscientious person no matter how different they may be. It seems to be an inborn instinct to mistreat and disqualify people who are different from us, whether it is a bearded, longhaired young man or a lady whose dress code is not ours. Some of you will remember the saying, "the wrong side of the tracks." Today it's the inner city versus the suburbs. This very thing happened to Jesus who came to His own, "But His own people did not accept him." (Jn 1:11)

I recall in one of our Small Faith Community sessions, when we came to the "So what?" part of the morning, we were asked: "How will this Gospel change us in the coming week?" One response came, "I will try to love the person not the action. I will try not to be judgmental which destroys love and clogs my spiritual arteries."

"When we Christians make Jesus Christ the center of our feelings and thoughts, we do **not** turn away from people and their needs. On the contrary, we are caught up in the eternal movement of God's love that comes to meet us. Pope John Paul II

OUR PRAYER: Grant freedom to our brothers and sisters who are enduring bodily or spiritual chains. May our young people imitate Your example, grow in wisdom and grace, and remain blameless in Your sight as they generously follow Your call. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

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 K. 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.

“Jesus is Lord”

Standing on the word of God, let us learn together. St. Joseph Bible Study has resumed classes: **Tuesdays 9 a.m. and Thursdays 7 p.m.**

“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: There is a temptation in Church communities to control and possess all the ways God works and not give credit to anyone who is not of our kind. In today's Gospel the apostles forbid a man from casting out demons because he is not in their group of followers of Jesus. The same narrowness shows up in the first reading. Joshua complains that two Israelites are speaking for God with the power of God's spirit. They were not part of the seventy helpers at the special ceremony. Moses answers much like Jesus. The disciples are told they belong to Christ. The phrase is literally, “in the name of Christ.” This name is powerful enough, not only to cast out demons, but to gather people into the person of Christ. Anything done for those who belong to Christ will be appreciated by God. Anything done to hurt or stand in the way of one who belongs to Christ deserves punishment. Any sacrifice is worth the effort to belong to Christ.

Life Focus: * Describe an experience in which a person was misjudged because he or she was not “one of us.”
* *Relate an experience when God's power or love came to you through an unlikely person.* * Name a time when your action became an obstacle to God's power working.
* *What do you need to cut out to be more fully alive?*

Middle School Youth Ministry: Kicks off on Sun., Oct. 7, 2-4pm with "A Day at the Bay!" All 6th, 7th, 8th graders are welcome to join us for friends, food, faith & fun! We'll be bayside at the corner of Bayshore & Ocean. Please RSVP by Fri. Oct. 5 for \$5 at youthministry@stjosephlb.org. Permission slips & flyers are available in the church, Rel. Ed. Office or on our parish website.

High School Core Leadership Opportunity: Calling all high schoolers who want to be a part of the planning of the high school youth ministry events throughout the year... help define the direction of our ministry while learning valuable leadership skills! Join us at our Core Team Mtg., Sunday, **Sept. 30** at 6:30pm. Be the voice of the youth! See flyer at church exits or on our parish website for all the scoop.

St. Joseph School Non-Discrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation, and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Paul Vadasz
Karen Mulligan
Antonietta Gigliotti



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



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

***Note: Change of time:** Starting Oct. 1, **11:30-2:30.**

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.

16th Annual Memorial Mass

The month of November has always been a special time for remembering in prayer our loved ones who have died. As this time approaches, we would like to support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We invite you, your family and friends to join with the Saint Joseph community, for our sixteenth annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated in our church on Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m.

The name of your loved one will be inscribed on our Scroll and in our parish "Book of Life" and each will remain on display, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for the month of November.

Following Mass, there will be a "potluck" in our parish hall. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately 6 people. We look forward to seeing you on November 4.

For further information please call Charlotte 439-7733 or Nancy 429-2546.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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? Talking to your kids about cell phone

safety - The more advanced cellular devices become, the more functions they have available. Sending pictures over the Internet is something that children do all the time. Photo-messaging on cell phones is no different. Children need to be aware why all pictures are not appropriate to send. They also need to know that if they receive a message or image that makes them uncomfortable, they should immediately tell you or another trusted adult. For a helpful pamphlet on cell phone safety, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at www.ncpc.org and click on "cell phone safety." For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213)637-7650.

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Mt 18:5

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

Nov. 3-4 – New Blanket Drive

Nov. 17 – Thanksgiving Food and Gift Distribution.

MANY opportunities for service! Distribute food and gifts to a family, fill family boxes in the hall, label mailing envelopes, provide hospitality on distribution day, telephone communication with distribution angels, collect school food donations, to name a few. Can you adopt a family for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.



St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day is Thursday, **Oct 4**, and in his honor Fr. Jim will be blessing all animals at 6 p.m. in the parking lot. Please bring your dogs on leash and all other animals in their proper containers.

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.

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, 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 moment of our lives! Presale: \$10, \$40 for 5, kids under 10 free. At the door: \$15. Contact the Family Life Ministries Office for more info and tickets, 296-9040.

Our Lady of Refuge Harvest Festival/Car & Bike Show - Oct. 6 & 7. There will be a craft fair, wine tasting, games and a \$1000 Prize Drawing. Harvest Festival hours are Saturday 12-9 p.m. and Car Show hours are Sunday, 12-6 p.m. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Refuge School. For more information call the school office at 597-0819.

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 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

MONDAY, October 1
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

TUESDAY, October 2
 8:00 a.m. - † Phil Schember

WEDNESDAY, October 3
 8:00 a.m. - † Dan O'Donnell

THURSDAY, October 4
 8:00 a.m. - † Edward Joseph Gervin

FRIDAY, October 5
 8:00 a.m. - † Maureen Moak

SATURDAY, October 6
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate families

SUNDAY, October 7
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger
 10:30 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette
 12:30 p.m. - † Dolores (Dee) Ramstead

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, Made-lyne 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 & baby Maddi Arnold.

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	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