

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2012

The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.

— Hebrews 4:12a

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frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

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Deacon Shane Cuda

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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:

Jesus tells us in the gospel that there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for his sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more.

As you know last week I wrote to you about the financial hardship that our parish community continues to face in meeting our everyday expenses. I also encouraged all of us to reassess our financial contributions to our parish. Thank you for considering seriously the appeal that we present to you today. I also thank you for what you have given to our parish: your time, your talent & your treasure.

Gathering together as a community, we worship, we deepen our faith and put our faith into loving action. These are the end results of our life as a parish community that trusts in God's providence to provide for what we need.

Catholicism Series - Oct. 16, 7 p.m. in the hall. Episode VIII: "A VAST COMPANY OF WITNESSES: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS" - The story of the Church is told in the examples of those men and women who dedicated their lives to knowing and serving Jesus Christ. The Catholic Faith is made visible in real human lives.

Father Barron gives consideration to some of the Church's greatest heroes, and demonstrates how their extraordinary examples display both the passion and creative potential of the Catholic Church. Highlighting Katharine Drexel, Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Father Barron tells the story of the Church as a vast company of witnesses who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

Future sessions - **Oct. 30** and **Nov. 13**.

Small Church Community

Scripture Focus: Today's Gospel illustrates the frequent conflict between wisdom and wealth. The man who asked the secret of everlasting life was clearly a thoroughly good person. But Jesus senses in this man an attitude of not needing anyone else. Jesus tells him, in effect, "All the resources on which you rely are useless. Get rid of them, trust in God, and follow me." The challenge here was not to *poverty* as such, but to trust. Salvation is God's gift, not a reward for human efforts.

Life Focus: * *Relate an experience when you had to rely on someone other than yourself. How did this make you feel?* * *When have you abandoned something or someone you valued in order to follow the gospel?* * *When have you worked too hard to earn respect or love?*

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.

St. Joseph School News

St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten and our new Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2013-2014 year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2013. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by Aug. 31, 2013.

Alpha-K:

Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum

Focuses on Kindergarten readiness

Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly

Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program

Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Please call our school office, 596-6115, or send an email to jgianessi@sjknights.net to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez, our school principal.



From Deacon Don's desk:

I summarize last week's Tidings article by Archbishop Gomez: "America's Catholics have been faithful citizens before this country had a name. Missionaries set up schools and basic services serving non-Catholics as well. Ursuline nuns ran orphanages, a hospital and a girls' school in Louisiana. Catholics were a force for social reform from anti-slavery to civil rights struggles. We're blessed to be in a country where religious values and faith-based contributions are respected and valued. Lately that relationship has been strained by secular thinking and politics. The basic question is: How are we to live and work and carry out our Christian mission in America where faith and conscience are no longer respected?" A further question: More important than religious liberty is, **what do we do with that liberty?** Our priority must always be to promote sanctity of life--especially for the unborn, aged and sick.

He urges us to read the USCCBs "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" see www.faithfulcitizenship.org. Also Archbishop's www.facebook.com/ArchbishopGomez.

OUR PRAYER: Father, help us to begin this day joyfully in Your name and spend it in loving service of You and our neighbor and recognize that all good things come from You who live and reign with Jesus Christ in union with the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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

- Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will explain the role of the deacon, the diaconate 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Join us for Fun and Fundraising at Ave #3 Pizza this Sunday, **Oct 14** from **4-8pm**. Bring the flyer (they are at the exits) or download it from the website! All proceeds will help Religious Education! Thank you in advance!

Our Annual CROP Walk will be Sunday, October 21!

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: Registration forms for ages 3, 4, & K are 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.

Middle School Youth Ministry: "A Day at the Bay" was a huge success last Sunday!! Thank you to all who came & made it such a great day---water balloons, sand castle building, prayers, ice breakers, swimming---just plain fun!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it happen, including Mr. Estrada who led us in our closing prayer!

High School Youth Group: Join our "Bowling Bash" on **Oct. 28, 4-5:30pm** at Cal Bowl. \$12 includes pizza, soda, shoe rental & 1 hr bowling. RSVP by October 21 as we need to reserve lanes! AFTER October 21, teens are welcome to attend for \$17 at the door. Flyers/Permissions slips available at church exits, Religious Ed. office or on our parish website. RSVP to Shelley at youthministry@stjosephlb.org

Missionaries of Faith - Today is World Mission Sunday. We are called to fulfill the call we heard at Baptism to share our faith. Today we are called in a special way to be "missionaries of faith" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection. Let us pray especially for all who long to hear the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus, and for the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that "Good News."

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 hall. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) for approx. 6 people. We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 4. For further information please call Charlotte 439-7733 or Nancy 429-2546.

Annual Crop Walk Sunday, Oct 21! What is a CROP Hunger Walk? CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The walk is organized by Church World Services (CWS), a Christian based organization that works "to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world." The majority of the proceeds raised go towards funding projects such as sustainable farming and generating safe drinking water. In this way, CWS empowers partners in the development of their own communities and nations, not with a hand out, but a hand up. In addition, 25% of the proceeds raised go to local charities, including a couple close to our own heart...Catholic Charities (who administer Project Achieve) and St. Francis Center in Long Beach. We will be having sign-ups after all Masses this weekend. If you can't walk, please consider donating to this wonderful organization! Flyers are at the exits of the church and at the sign up table!



Year of Faith - From October 11 through the solemnity of Christ the King in November 2013, Pope Benedict invites us to celebrate a "Year of Faith." This Year challenges us, disciples baptized into Christ and his Church, to move beyond routine to relationship; to "re-image" our Catholic faith not as an intellectual exercise, but as a personal encounter with Christ, an encounter that blossoms into a living friendship with Jesus and a loving relationship with our neighbor. Important as official teachings are - and this year we should rediscover these, too - the pope suggests that we begin this Year by looking at faith as a lifelong journey undertaken with a joy that inevitably attracts others. As examples of a personal faith whose authenticity and enthusiasm have an impact on others, Pope Benedict will canonize two saints with American significance on World Mission Sunday, October 21: Native American Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), whose short life was a journey of selfless love; and Mother Marianne Cope (1838-1918), whose love for Christ led her to share Father Damien's ministry to those afflicted with Hansen's disease.



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

Oct. 15 - Social/game gathering.

Nov. 5 - Social/game gathering.

Nov. 19 - **Thanksgiving Luncheon.** \$12/person. Turkey & trimmings. (Chicken available). Please sign up and pay by Nov. 14. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone welcome.

Dec. 3 - Social/game gathering.

Dec. 6 - **Christmas Show at the Lawrence Welk Theater**
Price **\$95** includes transportation, buffet lunch and show ticket. To sign up or for more info call Rosie or Barbara. For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Luncheon. More details later.

Change: Social/game gatherings 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.
Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]
- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

An enthusiastic group of 6th graders is working to pay for their trip to Washington DC during Easter break, 2013. They are holding two plant sales to brighten your home for the season. All plants are high quality, direct from a local grower. The **Fall Plant Sale** will be after Sunday Masses **Oct. 21** and Holiday Poinsettias will be sold after Sunday Masses on **Dec. 2**. In order to ensure we have enough plants, please fill out an order form and return to the rectory or mail to the address on the form. For questions, please contact Dana Moler: danamoler@verizon.net or 562.431.5337. Thank you for supporting our kids!

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:

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| 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 | |

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.

FEED-A-BABY - This weekend!! Baby food and products will benefit Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings.

FAMILY ADOPTION - Can you support a family for Thanksgiving, Christmas, & Easter? We will support you and coincide with our annual Holiday Distributions. Please let us know **by Oct. 21.**

NEW BLANKET DRIVE – **Nov. 3-11.** Blankets will be provided with our Thanksgiving food and gift distributions to less fortunate Long Beach families. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.

St. Joseph Elementary Fall Fundraiser October 20, 5:30pm in the hall. Come enjoy the **'Denim and Diamonds'** event - Dinner, Auction, Music and Dancing. Dinner prepared by the head chef of Gladstone's in Long Beach, Chef Pete Lehmar. Tickets \$30/person - on sale in advance, \$35 at the door. For tickets or more information, please call: Javier Munoz (310)993-9618 or Alicia Stevens (562)260-6791.

Faithful Citizenship - Jeanne Woodford, the former warden of San Quentin prison, writes, "My Catholic upbringing had great influence on my thinking about the death penalty. I was taught to have respect for God's creation. I have always been morally against the death penalty, but I was not passionate about my position. I carried out 4 executions. At the end of every execution a member of my staff would ask, 'Is the world safer because of what we did tonight?' We knew the answer was no." Join Jeanne and the Bishops of California in voting Yes on Proposition 34 to replace the death penalty with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Together In Mission Pledge Billing - Thank you to all who have completed their pledge for the 2012 Together In Mission campaign. We have met our goal of \$55,734. Envelopes are available at the church exits if you still need to remit your pledge payment. Thank you.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
Oct. 23 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hermosa Bch, 310-372-7077
Nov. 9 - St. Pancratius, Lakewood, 562-634-6111

Did You Know? Are you prepared for the "Big One"?

Are you and your kids prepared for an earthquake? Think about a communications plan. Choose someone who does not live with you (preferably an out-of-town relative or friend) whom you can contact to check on each other in the event that you are separated during a disaster. Carry that person's contact info with you. Make sure children know their last name, phone number, address, and number for the out-of-town contact person. Make sure every member of your family knows an alternate route home. If family members can't get home, designate a meeting place. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213)637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, October 13

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, October 14

7:30 a.m. - † Daniel O'Donnell

9:00 a.m. - † Daniel O'Donnell

10:30 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette

12:30 p.m. - † Daniel O'Donnell

MONDAY, October 15

8:00 a.m. - Olga Kocevar

TUESDAY, October 16

8:00 a.m. - Nalzira Neder

WEDNESDAY, October 17

8:00 a.m. - † Cyril & Bernadette Bastable

THURSDAY, October 18

8:00 a.m. - Tom Korman

FRIDAY, October 19

8:00 a.m. - † Don Geldback

SATURDAY, October 20

5:00 p.m. - † James Sullivan O'Donnell

SUNDAY, October 21

7:30 a.m. - † Daniel O'Donnell

9:00 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette

10:30 a.m. - Luis Estrada, Thanksgiving

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, 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, 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, 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 Colodel, 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 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