

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2012

The Lord keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

— *Psalm 146:7*

Fr. Jim Halley, Pastor

frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org

Fr. Harold L. Ford, Retired, In Residence

Deacon Shane Cuda

Deacon Don Gath

Deacon Tom Halliwell

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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email: stjoseph@stjosephlb.org

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Religious Education: 598-0519

email: religioused@stjosephlb.org

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:

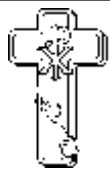
In the first reading we are told about a woman who had absolutely nothing. But her generosity and trust in God produces an abundant return for what she had given: the last drops of oil and the last flour she had for her and her sons sustenance. And in the gospel we see another widow. In the time of Jesus, widows were the most vulnerable and poorest of all the people. And yet this widow gives the very little that she has.

Was it imprudent for these two women to give away everything they had? Possibly. And yet Jesus praises the total generosity and the trust in God these women show. Maybe without reaching that extreme position of giving away what is necessary to maintain our lives, we can still think of situations where we might be asked to give away what we are holding on to.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we come to a fuller understanding in our hearts that we too are called to give to others not just out of our abundance, but from our need, giving all that we have for the good of the other.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:
Eric Plotner





Year of Faith - The Year of Faith, as the pope envisions it, is an invitation to rekindle the joyful enthusiasm of each disciple's personal encounter with Christ. This personal encounter should prompt us to renew our commitment to a selfless love of neighbor.

For this "journey that lasts a lifetime," as the pope describes it, the Church provides "travel companions," practical resources to inspire and inform. For the "heart" of faith, our personal relationship with Christ, needs also a "mind" well-formed in the truth that Jesus, Friend of our souls and Lord of the Church, has revealed to us. As this Year of Faith begins, each Catholic - individually or as a family - should acquire the Church's official resources, readily available at bookstores or online. If the full Catechism appears too daunting, consider the abridged Compendium of the Catechism featuring artwork selected by Pope Benedict and accompanied by his commentary, with an appendix of basic prayers. The bright yellow YouCat: Youth Catechism, written and designed especially for young people, features a format with contemporary graphics and writing style, as well as a library of quotes from sources ancient and modern, making it popular with the not-so-young, too.

Respect Life Corner - Pro Life Party, Dodger Stadium Go2bat4life on Sunday, Nov. 18, 1:00-4:30 PM. Pro life speakers, live music, food trucks, zipline, games and prizes. Tickets available online for \$10 or at the door for \$20. All kids 10 and under are free. Visit go2bat4LIFE.com

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 available until 5:30 pm.

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

For the **Patriotic Rosary** held last Monday, our most sincere thanks go to Dr. Frank Thornton for bringing it to our attention. Also to Tina, Judy & Jake, Pat Thornton, Pat and Deacon Tom, Phil Gray, Bill Smith, Mark Smith, our seminarian Luis Estrada, our uniformed Boy Scouts who presented the American flag saluting through the entire Star Spangled Banner, and Vivian Doughty whose selection of patriotic songs so enhanced the Patriotic Rosary to that next level. I counted 78 just after the Rosary as people were leaving and some had already left. There were just short of 100 in attendance.

November is the month of remembrance, where we recall and pray for those who have touched our lives. The greatest prayer we can offer for the deceased is the Sacrifice of the Mass. We offer whatever graces received at Holy Communion for their souls.

OUR PRAYER: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12, for the Veteran's Day holiday.

Thanksgiving Mass - Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m. Please bring nonperishable foods to be given to the poor as well as your Thanksgiving bread to be blessed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Substitute Teacher Needed: We are in need of someone who could be a substitute teacher when one of our teachers is unable to be here. Please call Nancy Longo if you could fill this need, 598-0519. Thank you!

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.

Catholicism Series - Nov. 13, 7 p.m. in the hall. Episode X: "WORLD WITHOUT END: THE LAST THINGS"

Explore the Church's conviction that life here and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come – a supernatural destiny. Father Barron presents the Catholic vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory as he journeys to Florence, Ireland and Rome.

The vision of the Church sees beyond this world and invites us to consider a world without end. Father Barron shows how this vision is supported by the mystery and truth of the Resurrection of Jesus.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES - Married in the Catholic Church? If so, we would love to have you help us prepare engaged couples for Marriage in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. For further Information please contact Candy Metoyer at 213.637.7250; cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org. We Need You!

The Parish Council is looking for new members. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, please call the rectory office, 594-4657.

Long Beach Young Adult Ministry (Long Beach ALIVE!) Monthly Gathering/Fellowship - Join other young adults to socialize and grow in faith Wednesday, **November 14**, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, St. Cornelius - Small Hall, 5500 E. Wardlow Road. Special Guest Speaker: Lisa Amorino. Topic: Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James). Meet other young adults (18-39 yrs; married & single), receive spiritual nourishment, enjoy snacks & refreshments. Invite a friend, spouse or relative! We will meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Long Beach ALIVE! longbeachyam@gmail.com

Stewardship Corner

Dear Friends, I want to take this time to **thank you so much** for your response to our stewardship campaign. I am very optimistic and we are beginning to make some headway. A few weeks ago I made a commitment to donate 10% of my income as an offering to our parish. I've followed through on that commitment. The amount that you feel you can give is totally up to you.

The best and easiest way for me to fulfill my commitment is to utilize my banks "bill pay" service. A check is automatically sent to the parish once a month. Most banks provide this service and it is usually free. I find it a convenient way to give. It also provides for a consistent way of giving.

Another option that we have just instituted here at the parish is an ACH transfer. Utilizing this program, you give your offering to the parish by an electronic transfer from your account into the parish account. I ask you to consider both of these options. If you would like to find out more about these options please contact your bank or Olga Cuda, our Business Manager, at the rectory.

Once again, thank you so much for your support. We appreciate whatever amount you can give. But what is even more important than a suggested "amount" is the consistency with which we give. Please call me if you have any comments, questions or suggestions. I appreciate hearing from you.

Trusting in God's providence, I remain faithfully yours in Christ. Fr. Jim

You can use this Offertory Commitment Form to change or establish your weekly pledge amount. Please bring the completed form to the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket.

Offertory Commitment - Commitment of Treasure

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:9-10

I understand that St. Joseph Church is asking all parishioners to review the amount that they give to the parish offertory and to determine whether that amount is enough, too much, or not enough. My/Our new average commitment per week for the next 12 months is:

\$150 \$125 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$40 \$35 \$30 \$25 \$20 \$15 Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Apartment number (if any): _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat
God ♥ all**

We always welcome new members.

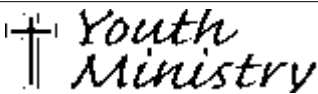
Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving Luncheon. \$12/person. Turkey & trimmings. (Chicken available). Please sign up and pay by Nov. 14. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone welcome.

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.



Thank you to everyone who so generously gave to our "Change for Youth" fundraiser. We collected \$647 towards our Middle School and High School Youth Ministry Program. A heartfelt thanks from all the kids to the St. Joe's parishioners!!!

High School Youth Group: On Sun., Nov. 25 we're hosting our first INTERFAITH CAFE!!! All high schoolers are invited to come meet and have round-table discussions with teens from other faiths. Find out what they believe, their traditions, religious life, afterlife, and more! Attend 12:30 Mass and then head over to the parish hall for a light lunch, discussions & ice cream bar! RSVP to Shelley at youthministry@stjosephlb.org. Flyers are at all the exits, Religious Ed. office and on our parish website!

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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.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:40



We offer many opportunities to serve our brothers in need this holiday season. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

This Weekend - Blanket Drive. New blanket donations for Thanksgiving holiday. Please bring to Mass or the rectory.

Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving food and blanket distributions to 65 local families in need. Delivery angels needed. Please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.

Washington DC or BUST! POINSETTIA SALES.

Please support 6th grade students working to pay for their educational trip to Washington DC during Easter Break, April 1-5, 2013. Consider buying for your home, gifts for co-worker, friend or hostess, or perhaps for your business. See insert in bulletin or at <http://www.stjosephparishlb.org>. Last day to order is Thursday, November 15. Your poinsettias will be available for pick up after Masses on Sunday, Dec. 2 (please ask about direct delivery if you cannot pick up Dec. 2). Thank you for making it possible for these students to visit our nation's capitol. For questions, please contact Dana Moler at 522-5832 or danamoler@verizon.net.

St. Joseph/St. John Bosco High Schools' Drama Production of Godspell, Nov. 10, 15, 16 and 17, with both a matinee and evening show on Nov. 10 and 17. It will be held at St. Joseph High School. Visit the website, <http://tinyurl.com/sjhsGodspell> for tickets and details.

"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, call Rita Smith, 714-761-4376.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Dec. 1 - Holy Family, Wilmington, 310-834-6333

Dec. 7 - St. Philomena, Carson, 310-835-7161

Dec. 12 - Beatitudes of Our Lord, La Mirada, 562-943-5678

Did You Know? Reporting child abuse - Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators, and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency. For information on responding to an allegation of suspected child abuse, please visit the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children webpage: <http://archla.org/protecting>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213)637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 10
 5:00 p.m. - All Souls Novena
SUNDAY, November 11
 7:30 a.m. - † James Sharp
 9:00 a.m. - Dang family
 10:30 a.m. - † Charles Thrash & daughter Paulette
 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
MONDAY, November 12
 8:00 a.m. - † Alexander Tang
TUESDAY, November 13
 8:00 a.m. - Lynch families
WEDNESDAY, November 14
 8:00 a.m. - Maddie Arnold
THURSDAY, November 15
 9:00 a.m. - † Mike Blank
FRIDAY, November 16
 8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger
SATURDAY, November 17
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families
SUNDAY, November 18
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Robert Fitzgerald
 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, 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 Klemmin, 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, Adrienne Reitz, David Dresnick, Jeanie San Jose, Noel Madrid, & Jeremy Bonas.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	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
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely rely5@verizon.net	430-0142
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
Website address: 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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	310-316-3477
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