

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6220 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2012

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

— Mark 13:31

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frjimhalley@la-archdiocese.org
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Deacon Don Gath
Deacon Tom Halliwell

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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:

If we literally look at the signs and signals given in the Gospel reading today, we could easily conclude that the world is really coming to the end. There are earthquakes, all types of catastrophes, destructive atmospheric phenomenon and wars. These are exactly all the signs that announce the end of the world.

If we are in a true relationship with the living Christ, however, we can interpret the reading somewhat differently. If all these signs are present, then maybe the old world must end and it is time to make a new world.

It will be a new world when we are attentive to the Word of God and to each other, and when we work for peace in our homes, when we pray together as a family, when we sacrifice ourselves for the good of others around us, and when our kindness brings joy trust and peace.

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.



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 vgianessi@sjknights.net to receive an application or set up an appointment with Mrs. Alvarez, our school principal.



From Deacon Don's desk:

You've seen the billboard in front of the rectory. Notice the symbol. It reflects the letters IHS. Symbols always point to a deeper meaning, so I have been told. My research yields the following: IHS stands for the first three letters of the name "Iesus Hemeteros Soter" (Jesus Savior of Humankind), title of Jesus Christ in Greek.

In Latin "In Hoc Signo (Vinces) means, "In this sign (you will conquer) from the vision Constantine received prior to his victory at the Mulvian Bridge (313 AD). He received a vision of a Cross and heard the phrase and then had it emblazoned on his soldiers' shields. He did conquer St. Bernadine of Siena in the late 1200's and made the letters I.H.S. popular as they were put on houses and businesses.

It has also been said IHS is translated into "I have suffered" bringing the reflection for us to recall Christ's love for us through His passion and death.

However you view the letters, it is a reminder for us to **Keep the Faith** alive in our hearts, and to share that **Faith** especially during this **Year of Faith**.

OUR PRAYER: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in Your name. Come to us, remain with us and enlighten our hearts. Give us light to know Your will. You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others so that we may please You and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. We ask this through You who lives with the Father and the Son, one God for ever and ever. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
	<u>Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:</u>
	Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that God has opened the door of faith for the early Church. But did you know that God has opened the door of faith for each one of us and he invites us to **step** through the threshold into a deeper relationship with him? This Year of Faith is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, encounter him in the Sacraments, taking time to continue learning more about our faith.

Let us take time to make this an Advent focused on bringing Christ to the world in simple and everyday ways. Join us for an **Adult Faith Formation Session - Nov. 29** from 7-8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the Religious Education Office: email at religioused@stjosephlb.net, or call at 598-0519. Childcare is available for \$5 a child.



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!

"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.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES - Married in the Catholic Church? If so, we would love to have you help us prepare couples for Marriage in the Archdiocese of L. A.. For further info please contact Candy Metoyer, 213-637-7250; cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org. We Need You!

Stewardship Corner

Dear Friends,

I extend a **BIG** thank you to all of you for considering and evaluating your commitment to financially support our parish. As I said last week, I am very encouraged by people's response. So far we have had 106 families make that commitment.

Your commitment tells me that you recognize the dignity and worth of each person here at St. Joseph Church. Your generosity insures that the people of our parish and others that we serve will continue to receive spiritual, educational, and social services from our parish.

If you are still discerning your financial commitment to St. Joseph Parish and you have any questions or concerns, please call me and talk to me about them.

Thank you for hearing, responding, and ensuring that the ministries of our parish are able to continue and that we will be better able to meet our expenses.

Thank you again for all that you do for St. Joseph parishioners. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones. Faithfully yours in Christ, Fr. Jim, Pastor

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). Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone welcome.

Dec. 3 - Social/game gathering.

Dec. 6 - Lawrence Welk Theater Christmas Show - The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, Dec. 6, and return at approximately 6:00 p.m.. For trip info, call Rosie, 425-4162, or Barbara, 430-5324.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Luncheon. \$12/person. Chicken and ham. Please sign up and pay by Dec. 12. Call Mary Lou Clark, (562) 431-4385 to sign up or at Dec. 3rd social gathering. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend. Please bring gift for Precious Life.

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

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens' Traditional **Las Posadas Procession and Fiesta**, Sunday, **December 16**, 1:30 - 7:00 p.m. Procession times: 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: on-line at www.rancholosalamitos.org or 562-431-3541. Adults: \$25, Children: \$15. Discount for groups of ten or more.

Rancho Los Alamitos invites family and friends to come together to participate in the festive celebration of Las Posadas! The lively procession recalls the journey of Mary and Joseph and their search for lodging in Bethlehem. Our visiting boys and girls, adults, actors and mariachi musicians enact the journey, singing traditional Posada songs. Upon reaching the front lawn of the ranch house a fiesta of traditional music and dance will entertain the Posada travelers. Guests are invited to participate in holiday crafts, enjoy refreshments and tour the ranch house and the Nacimientos (nativity scenes) exhibit. Plan approximately two and one half hours.

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	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.

THANK YOU!! The generosity of the parish was truly showcased this past week! Over 135 blankets were donated through our Blanket Drive. These were distributed along with a generous supply of Thanksgiving food, blessings, and HOPE this weekend to 79 local families in need! We wish you blessings and the peace of Christ this Thanksgiving.



Dec. 1&2: The Terry Tibor Memorial Christmas Trees will again adorn the church. They will be decorated by envelopes with information to provide a present for a child of one of our supported families. There are many fulfilling opportunities to serve. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.

Catholic Charities' Family Holiday Party Dec. 11 -

New, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, baby clothing, or small gifts for homebound elderly are needed. Contact Jon-Mike Reed, jreed@ccharities.org or 562-591-1641.

Sacred Heart Leadership Retreat - The Sacred Heart Sisters personally invite young women in their junior year in High School or older to enter into the Heart of God to discover His personal love for you, **Dec. 27-30** at Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake. The retreat will include communal and private prayer, Eucharist and Reconciliation. Donation: \$75. For information call 909-866-5696 or www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com - Events page.

Cornelia Connelly School Open House Nov. 27

8:00 - 10:30 a.m. Visit classrooms, meet teachers. RSVP: 714-776-1717 x221 admissions@connellyhs.org

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? Safety tips for parents traveling with children -

Traveling with kids during the holidays can be a challenge, especially with the added worry of safety thrown into the mix. Here are some suggestions parents can use to help ensure their children's safety while traveling: 1. Prior to leaving on your holiday, remind children about your family safety procedures for dealing with strangers and what to do if they get lost. 2. Keep a recent photo of children handy, also a photocopy of passports kept in a safe place or with a relative that can fax it to you in case of loss. 3. If you label children's clothing, make sure the label is inside so strangers are not able to learn your child's name. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213)637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, November 19

8:00 a.m. - † John DeRuyter

TUESDAY, November 20

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

WEDNESDAY, November 21

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

THURSDAY, November 22

9:00 a.m. - † Teresa Radov

FRIDAY, November 23

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

SATURDAY, November 24

5:00 p.m. - Charles and Anna Sees, Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, November 25

7:30 a.m. - † Don Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

12:30 p.m. - † Betty Galaz

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 Omopoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemm, 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 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
ADMINISTRATIVE 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
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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

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	rely5@verizon.net	
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	www.stjosephlb.org	
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