



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.
& 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.

CONFESSION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

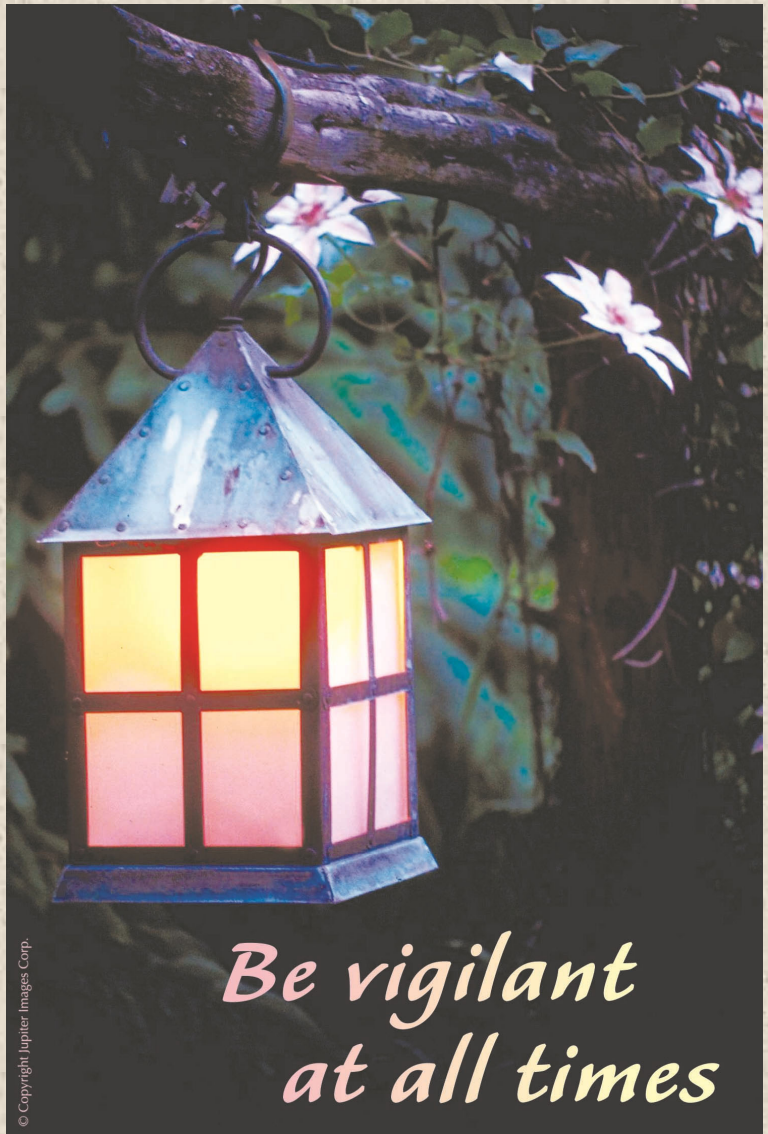
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTION after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

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.



*Be vigilant
at all times*

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012

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:

We've all experienced times when we have unexpected visitors who just show up not giving us any notice. But when people let us know ahead of time that they are coming, then we are able to prepare for them. We go shopping, we plan out

the visit, we clean the house, we think about what food we are going to prepare, etc, etc. Our actions show both our caring and our kindness for those who are preparing to visit us. They are expressions of our hospitality.

Today we begin the season of Advent. It is that period of time where we wait for the coming of the Lord. We start decorating the house. We hang up a Christmas wreath. We set up an Advent wreath and pull out the Nativity set, and we also decorate the Christmas tree.

But we're not just preparing for Christmas, because the readings today tell us of extraordinary signs which signal the coming of the end of times. How do we prepare for this coming of Christ? I don't think that we have to clean the house or try and prepare dinner for Him.

I think that the reading from St. Paul to the Thessalonians gives us a clue. He tells us to be compassionate with one another, to make love grow between us, to become holy and to do good until the day of his coming.

By doing these things, then we will be able to receive Him as our King and Lord. When our actions reflect the values of His Kingdom, then we truly will be ready for His coming among us again.

Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, December 8

Vigil Mass, December 7, Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Feast day Mass, December 8, 8:00 a.m.



Year of Faith - This Year opens the door of faith by inviting us to renew our friendship with Christ and rediscover the Church's teachings, and Advent opens the door of a new liturgical year. With these spiritual "doors" opening, consider what the physical

doors in our lives look like: our parish church, our home or apartment, even my room. What do people see, outside, before the door opens? Do branches, flowers, a seasonal wreath - adorned perhaps with ribbons or fabric in appropriate (liturgical?) colors - offer a wordless welcome that heralds a warm personal greeting? Christmas decorations, outdoors and inside, are already customary. Why not plan something similar for Advent, Lent, Easter, even Ordinary Time? Situate the family crèche in an honored setting just inside the door, so it can be the first thing that visitors see. Replace it during Lent with a treasured crucifix, then a Resurrection icon or Christ candle, an image of Our Lady during May, and so forth.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, December 6, 6-8 pm



From Deacon Don's desk:

At Mass listen to the words the priest says just after the Lord's Prayer, "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." That virtue, hope, is what we see in the Old Testament readings during the advent season. In these reading we learn what to hope for. Our Lord does not want us to just wait and occupy ourselves with other things. We are to occupy ourselves with the work of the Master, our King. One way is to Visit the Blessed Sacrament. We will have ADO- RATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT this Thursday from 6PM to 8PM followed by Benediction.

Come and visit for 15 minutes - don't know what to pray? Sit in silence and let Our Lord speak. He may just say, "rest in Me." St Ambrose said, ".....escape from your everyday business for a little while, hide for a moment from your rest- less thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labors. Make a little time for God and rest a while in Him." Want to read? There are Sunday missals in the pews and in the vestibule, there are "Living Word" Sunday meditations.

Have only a few minutes? Then sit quietly and look upon the Crucifix and see the arms and hands open wide for you. Now gaze upon the risen Christ and again see His arms opened to welcome you.

You will leave refreshed.

Don't forget IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to imitate Your Immaculate Daughter Mary in her love for You. Grant us the grace to love You as much as we are able throughout our lives. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Ed Beniof, Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

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.

Religious Education Congress February 21 (Youth Day), February 22-24 at the Anaheim Convention Center

In this Year of Faith, the Congress theme "Enter the Mystery," bids us to look with "new eyes" and discover God's creative presence woven into the fabric of our rich faith story: our beliefs, our rituals and our great spiritual traditions.

If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. All welcome! Congress offers 280 workshops covering topics from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis, as well as morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noontime and evening concerts. Come and be renewed! Don't miss out! Register now. You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a registration book, contact our religious ed office, 562-598-0519 or call the congress information line, 213-637-7348.

Date Night With God - Newlyweds 101: Keeping Your Marriage God-centric. A marriage enrichment program for couples married 0-5 years, Fridays, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 31, and June 28 at St. Basil Church, 3611 Wilshire Blvd, L.A., 7-10 p.m. To register contact Candy Metoyer, Office of Family Life, 213-637-7250 or cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org



Middle School: TODAY Sun., Dec. 2 - 5:00-7:30 pm all middle schoolers are invited to join us for our **Caroling & Progressive Dinner Party!** Join us as we carol through Belmont Shore for our dinner while participating in fun games, service projects and karaoke, too! Permission Slip required. Check out our flyers for all the scoop at the church exits, Religious Ed office or on our parish website. Dress in warm Christmas-spirited attire...See you there!!

"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!

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

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.

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.

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, 909-866-5696 or www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com - Events page.

St. Joseph Elementary School Fundraiser night at Fresh and Easy, at 6436 Spring Street, Long Beach, Thursday, **Dec. 6**, 4 - 8 p.m. All purchases made from 4 - 8pm will have a portion donated to our school. Receipts must be turned into the school office. Thank you for supporting our community.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

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


Jan. 16 - St. Joseph, Long Beach, 562-598-0519

Jan. 26 - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

Jan. 30 - St. Paul of the Cross, La Mirada, 562-921-4911

Did You Know? Ensure a safe road trip this holiday - Taking the kids on a road trip to visit relatives and friends is a holiday tradition for many of us. Here are two tips that can help you get there and back as safely as possible:
1. Ensure that all occupants are properly secured and that there are no large or heavy items in the vehicle that may injure the occupants at any sudden stops. 2. A single parent traveling with children should ensure that permission from other parent is readily available for authorities (this is to prevent one parent abductions). This is especially important for air/train or cross border travel. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

It's the most wonderful time of the year!
This Weekend the Terry Tibor Memorial Christmas Trees adorn the church. Please take an envelope with information to provide a present for a child of one of our supported families. **Then please return your gift to the church, no later than 12:30 p.m. next weekend, Dec. 9.**
Dec. 15 - Christmas food and gift distribution, 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. 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, baby clothing, or small gifts for homebound elderly are needed. Contact Jon-Mike Reed, reed@ccharities.org or 562-591-1641.

St. Hedwig's Annual Christmas Dinner, Christmas day, 1:00 p.m., 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd. Reservations required by Dec. 22, 598-7060. No charge. Do you know someone who will be alone?

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Jantz Gradzicki



Long Beach **Young Adult Ministry** (Long Beach ALIVE!) Young Adult Mass, **Dec. 9**, 5:00 pm, St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd, 90808. Attend Mass with other young adults in the area and get connected. The homily will be geared to young adults and there will be a time for fellowship after Mass. We are looking for young adults to help serve as lectors, ushers, musicians, and extraordinary ministers of communion. Please contact us at longbeachyam@gmail.com if you would like to help. Invite a friend, spouse or relative!

Lost and Found: There are many items in the rectory office - Amy Coe Pamper case, crucifix, rosary, lunch bag, glasses, etc. Please come by if you are missing anything.

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
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.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 1

5:00 p.m. - † Mary and Edward Dondero

SUNDAY, December 2

7:30 a.m. - † Mary and Edward Dondero

9:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

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

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, December 3

8:00 a.m. - † Leonard and Nina Berg

TUESDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

WEDNESDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. - † Phillip Schember

THURSDAY, December 6

8:00 a.m. - † Ariel Cuenca

FRIDAY, December 7

8:00 a.m. - † Julia de Guzman

7:00 p.m. - † Diane Radov

SATURDAY, December 8

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

5:00 p.m. - † Dick Kocevar

SUNDAY, December 9

7:30 a.m. - † Don Pednault

9:00 a.m. - † Helen Luchaco

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

12:30 p.m. - Katie and Alan Doherty

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, 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 Collodel, 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, Heather Dean, Larry Lyons, Chuck Almada & Alma Justice.

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	430-0142
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WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
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	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