



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

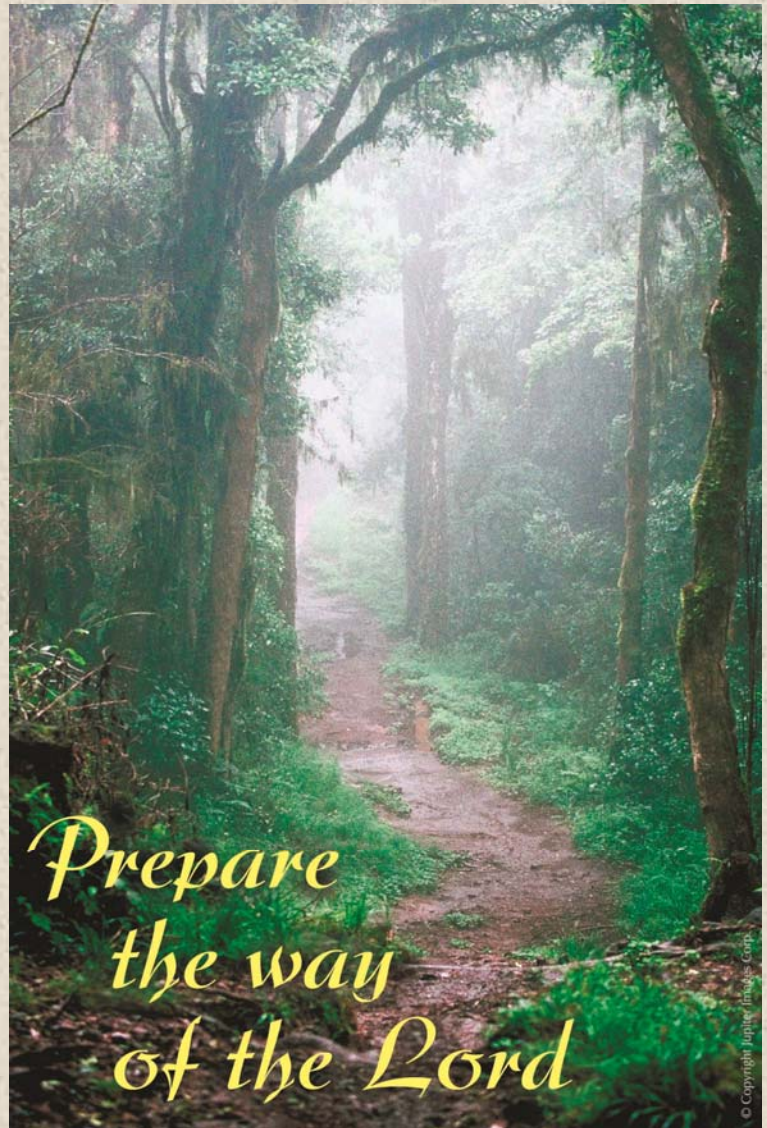
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 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:

In the Gospel reading this week, John the Baptist reminds the people, especially the Pharisees and Sadducees, that there has to be a connection between their rituals and their convictions. The baptism that John proclaims is an opportunity to reestablish the harmony between our words and our actions.

Being a Christian isn't magical. We aren't simply baptized as an infant or an adult and then not required to do anything else. Baptism may be a unique and one time event in our lives but it has everlasting consequences for our whole life.

We don't work for the advancement of our own kingdom or agenda. But we are called to help prepare the kingdom of God. We are not the main act, but we are the supporting group. We are not Messiahs, but by the way we live our lives, we can truly make straight the highway of the Lord.

Many followers left John the Baptist and followed Jesus. My hope and prayer for each of us here is that we also are able to lead others to follow Jesus, the Lord.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Farmers hope for lots of rain right after they plant their corn. Once it sprouts and gets a good start then they hope for a "dry period." The reason is to force the corn's roots to grow downward in search of water, rather than stay on the surface. Unless the tap root of the corn grows downward to the "water level" the corn will wither and dry when the heat of summer sets in, it will have no way to draw water up. Our prayer life is like that. God usually gives us a good start. Then God lets a "dry period" set in to force our prayer roots to grow downward to the **faith** level, rather than stay on the surface at the **feeling** level.

To paraphrase St Charles Borromeo: "Now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of peace and reconciliation, a time to train ourselves in right conduct, to plant the seeds of virtue to enrich us with the treasures of His grace. The Church shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing and to prepare us for the coming of Christ as if He were still to come into the world."

OUR PRAYER: Lord our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ Your Son. May He find us waiting, eager in joyful prayer. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

An Advent Prayer

Lord, I love you. I am so grateful that you came to us as a baby so long ago, and I can't wait for you to come again as Lord. But right now, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Come, and let my family know your presence. Come, and pour out blessings on your church. Come, and give us all a deeper yearning for you. Come, Lord, and be our Prince of Peace!



Retirement Fund for Religious Collection - Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to today's collection helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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.

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.

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 lecturers, 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!



Bereavement Ministry for Children - Children love Christmas! For children whose mom or dad has died, Christmas can be difficult. There's plenty you can do to help make the holidays a little easier for young families who have lost a loved one. With

tape, ribbon, and wrapping paper in hand, go to their house and wrap gifts. Put up their Christmas lights, or help decorate their tree. If you take your children Christmas shopping, take their children, too. Whatever the children will miss because mom or dad isn't there, fill the void. In every parish there are children living with profound loss - be a joyful presence in their lives and bring to them the spirit of Christmas.



Our middle schoolers' Caroling and Progressive Dinner was a huge success, bringing lots of Christmas cheer to Belmont Shore. Thank you to the St. Bart's families who opened up their beautiful homes to us. Another HUGE thank you to the parent volunteers, without whom our ministry would not be a success! Merry, Merry Christmas!!

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

"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.

Adult Confirmation - There are two adult Confirmation classes starting in January. If you would like to be confirmed, please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519, for information on how to register.

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 Nacimiento (nativity scenes) exhibit.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

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.

Jan. 7 & 21 - Social/game gathering

Feb. 4 - Social/game gathering

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.

Catholic Charities is seeking a Regional Director to manage all aspects of the programs in the San Pedro/Long Beach region. Qualifications: Master's degree in social work or related field, experience as a Director, etc. For more information, please email hrjobs@ccharities.org

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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? Tips for choosing safe toys for kids -

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit: www.kidshealth.org. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Thank you sooo much to everyone who is providing Christmas presents to the children of our 66 parish community supported families. Please return the gifts to church by 12:30 p.m. today! Thanks also, to the parishioner families and groups who are adopting 16 additional families on a personal basis. We are truly being instruments of hope to these 82 families in need!

Dec. 15 - Christmas Holiday food and gift distribution, 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. There are many fulfilling opportunities to become God's hands and feet this month. 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, jreed@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?

St. Joseph Elementary Class of 1965 Reunion

Are you a 1965 graduate or a friend, family member, team mate, teacher, coach of a 1965 graduate? **Pass the word!** We are planning a reunion of the Class of 1965 and friends on Saturday, June 22. Details to follow! Interested in attending/planning, please contact Pete St. Amour, 623-979-4495 pstamour@cox.net or Diane Cannon Robetcky, 951-302-8702 di.robetcky@verizon.net.

Cornelia Connelly School, All-Girls Catholic College-Preparatory High School, 2323 West Broadway, Anaheim, **Early Decision Applications Due December 14.** To be eligible for Merit Scholarships you must apply by Dec. 14 and take the Entrance Exam on January 26, 2013. For information call: 714-776-1717 ext. 221.

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
Obinna Ugochukwu
Timmy Allison
Jason Kaufmann
John Landry

Nick Compton
Irene Avila
Justin Ray
Adam Mariano
David Waidelich
Michael Marchante
Nicky Kaufmann
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 8

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

MONDAY, December 10

8:00 a.m. - Beata Garcia

TUESDAY, December 11

8:00 a.m. - † Peter Anselmo

WEDNESDAY, December 12

8:00 a.m. - † Primitivo Chingcuangco

THURSDAY, December 13

8:00 a.m. - † George Longaberger

FRIDAY, December 14

8:00 a.m. - † Zenon Popinski

SATURDAY, December 15

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families

SUNDAY, December 16

7:30 a.m. - † Don Pednault

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

10:30 a.m. - † John Anselmo

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

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 Kohonen, Joe Snider, Stephen Hutchings, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, 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, 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, Heather Dean, Larry Lyons, Chuck Almada, Alma & Leon Justice & Doug Houck.

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

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FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
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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