



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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## RECTORY

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### Office Hours

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.



The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 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 Christian family we are able to call many people brothers and sisters. We enjoy the benefit of the wisdom of earlier generations of the church. In such a family, we are given a sense of identity. We know who we are. We

know that God has endowed us with an innate dignity and esteem.

In today's gospel Jesus and his family become separated in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph looked for him for three days. Imagine the fear and distress that parents would experience if their child were missing for three days.

After finding him, Mary asked Jesus, "Why have you done this to us? We have been looking for you with great anxiety." Jesus on the other hand was quite laid back and he said, "Why were you looking for me, didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" Jesus exuded a quiet confidence because of his relationship with the Father.

And here is found a simple yet profound lesson for us. If our actions are motivated by a quiet confidence in the goodness and providence of God, then there is every reason to be hopeful that we can make a better today and hopefully a brighter tomorrow.

The gospel tells us that after the trouble at the Temple, Joseph and Mary settled in Nazareth with Jesus, where he grew in wisdom, age and grace.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we also grow in wisdom and grace. We are a family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. We are children of God. May this central message of the gospel find a home within each one of us.

The child  
grew to maturity



and was  
filled with wisdom

**The Rectory Office will be closed Dec. 31 & Jan. 1**  
May God bless each of you with a joyous Christmas season and a blessed new year!

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Ed Beniof,  
Holy Trinity Parish, San Pedro, 310-548-6535. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday, January 3, 6-8 pm



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Ten days ago we had the genealogy of the Lord. I recall the priest having some difficulty pronouncing the names. Scripture scholar, the late Raymond Brown once said whenever he had the opportunity, he made it a point of preaching on this Gospel. He said, "The stunned look on the faces of the parish when I launched into the solemn list of begetting is proof that one of the pre-requisites for effective preaching has been accomplished - attention has been caught." In the list of names, God's grace is at work in ways we might not expect. Not everyone in this list is noble or saintly, Jacob stole his father's blessing. Israel's kings make up the second group. The kings reflect the best and worst of Israel. Some unknown make up another group. Then the genealogy includes women with marital histories that include scandal or scorn. It's an interesting family tree that Our Lord has. Yet in all of this God's grace is at work through saint and sinner. If God can work through people like this, there is hope and a chance that God can work through us in unexpected ways.

**OUR PRAYER:** Oh Lord, may the celebration of Your Holy Family bring us closer to You and help us to be patient with one another; united in respect and love may it prepare us for eternal life. We ask this in Your Son, Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**May your new year be filled with prosperity, health and happiness.**

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Maryann Renteria**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 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.

**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](http://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.



**Year of Faith -** The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power to forgive offenses, life's victory over death's emptiness: all this finds fulfillment in the mystery of Christ's incarnation, in Jesus becoming human and sharing our human weakness in order to transform it by the power of his resurrection (see Benedict XVI, Door of Faith, 13).

This Year of Faith has opened wide the "door of faith." The liturgical "door" that opens every calendar year is the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Her Son is the Prince of Peace, thus her feast fittingly coincides with the World Day of Prayer for Peace, whose theme this year is "Blessed are the peacemakers." Peace, writes the pope, grows from deep within each human soul as God's gift. It flowers whenever we work to build peace in the world, as individuals and as members of the human family. As January unfolds, the Sunday Gospels proclaim Jesus' "manifestations" as Savior of the world: on Epiphany, to the Gentile nations, in the persons of the magi; on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, to the people of Israel listening to John the Baptist at the Jordan; at Cana's wedding feast, to the smaller circle of disciples, as Jesus changes water into wine; finally, in his hometown synagogue, as Jesus inaugurates his public ministry by proclaiming his mission of bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed.

**Adult Confirmation** - There are two adult Confirmation classes starting in January. Mondays starting **Jan. 14** in Lomita, and Sundays starting **Jan. 20** in Norwalk. If you would like to be confirmed, please call our Religious Education office, 598-0519, for information on how to register.

The **Diaconate Formation** Office will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the diaconate formation program, and to answer any questions that participants might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The next information meeting will be held on Sunday **January 20**, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. John Chrysostom Parish Church in Inglewood (530 East Florence Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301). For further information or to register, please contact Mrs. Claudia A. Ortiz in the Diaconate Formation Office at (213) 637-7383 or at: <mailto:CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org>.



**Give the Christmas GIFT you can enjoy all year long - a Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another, as well as a gift from God. Receive the tools to make the most of this precious gift. Nurture

your sacrament by deepening your communication, strengthening your relationship, and rekindling the romance. Attend a weekend as part of your **New Year's Resolution!** Weekends in the L. A. area for 2013 are **March 1-2, June 28-30, and Nov. 8-10.** Visit [www.ilovemyspouse.net](http://www.ilovemyspouse.net) for more details or contact Sarah and Jacob Flores, 562-923-7335 or Vinny and Tanya Calingasan, 424-777-9963.

**Santo Niño Grand Celebration** - Holy Mass, grand procession and luncheon, **January 19, 10:00 a.m.** Bishop Oscar Solis, celebrant, Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 1015 Lagoon Ave., Wilmington, 310-834-5215.

**"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.



**St. Joseph's Heartbeat  
God ♥ all**

**We always welcome new members.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!**

**Jan. 7 & 21** - Social/game gathering

**Feb. 4** - Social/game gathering

**Social/game gatherings 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.**

Call Betty 596-8287 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Holiday greetings to all! Here is a calendar of upcoming activities. Would you like to help? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.



**Jan. 23** - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the PAC.

**Feb. 9 - 10:** Homeless hygiene kit drive.

**Mar. 2 - 10:** Children's book drive

**Mar. 23** - Easter food and gift distribution

Lord, help us to move beyond the commandments of "shall not" to fill us with your commandment of love. Open our eyes to your love, so we may see the true riches in serving others.

**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 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.

**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:

**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? Teaching kids to be safe around unfamiliar animals** - We've all had the experience of someone else's dog approaching us. Uncertainty about the dog's intent can be frightening, especially to young children.

The ASPCA website provides parents with advice on teaching their children to read a dog's body language and to identify signs that it wants to be left alone. The website also helps parents teach their children how to protect themselves from an overexcited pet by demonstrating the basics of dog bite prevention such as rolling into a ball, protecting hands and face and calling for help, rather than running or screaming if chased by a dog. For more information, check out Dog Bite Prevention and Safety <[www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets\\_dogbiteprevention](http://www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_dogbiteprevention)>. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry, 213-637-7650.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. -- 1 John 3:2a

**Are You Prepared for 2013 Tax Law Changes?** The current estate tax laws will expire at the end of 2012. Unless Congress intervenes before that time, you will see significant changes. Here is a preview:

Gift and Estate tax exemptions drop dramatically: The gift and estate tax exemption decreases from \$5.12 million to \$1 million in 2013. This exemption is the amount you can pass to your beneficiaries without being taxed. The gift and estate tax rate applied to amounts transferred in excess of the \$1M exemption will increase from 35% to 55%. The annual gift tax exclusion - the amount you can give to anyone gift tax-free each year - is projected to be at \$14,000 (\$28,000 for married couples).

Capital gains and income taxes increase: Capital gains taxes will increase from 15 to 20 percent and the top income tax rate will be raised from 35 percent in 2012 to 39.6 percent in 2013.

Portability ends: For 2012, if one spouse died without using up his or her federal estate tax exemption, the unused portion could be transferred to the surviving spouse. This is called a portability provision. In 2013, however, portability between spouses ends.

If a new tax bill is approved before Dec. 31, you will need to be ready for the last-minute changes. Either way, you may want to talk to your estate lawyer and tax advisor.

**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 29**

5:00 p.m. - † Timothy Matthew O'Donnell

**SUNDAY, December 30**

7:30 a.m. - † Ana Greco

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

10:30 a.m. - † Teresa Anselmo

12:30 p.m. - † Donald O'Donell

**MONDAY, December 31**

8:00 a.m. - † Daniel Jara

**TUESDAY, January 1**

8:00 a.m. - † Pilar Liao

**WEDNESDAY, January 2**

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

**THURSDAY, January 3**

8:00 a.m. - † Frankie Jo Weaver

**FRIDAY, January 4**

8:00 a.m. - † Dan Foley

**SATURDAY, January 5**

5:00 p.m. - † Dick Greco

**SUNDAY, January 6**

7:30 a.m. - † Terry Tibor

9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett

10:30 a.m. - † Dolore Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault

**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 Kohnen, 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	<b>594-4657</b>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Enschede	<b>421-0147</b>
LECTORS	Bill Smith	<b>431-2495</b>
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE		<b>594-4657</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang (sister & brother)	<b>493-2198</b>

**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	<b>598-0519</b>
CONFIRMATION	Melissa Beach	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>598-0519</b>
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>818-4249</b>

**ADULT MINISTRY**

RCIA	Peter Baine	<b>598-4130</b>
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	<b>714-761-4376</b>
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
CENTERING PRAYER	Fr. Will	<b>594-4657</b>
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Ann Crowley	<b>594-7575</b>
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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Shelley Padilla	<b>598-0519</b>
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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	<b>596-8287</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	<b>310-316-3477</b>
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

**BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM**  
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