



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 Lent

February 24, 2013

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:

Events are often clearer after some time has passed and with the advantage of hindsight. Maybe that is why we aren't surprised when we hear in the gospel this weekend how Jesus, through his transfiguration, made himself

known to the apostles in such a unique and astonishing way.

And yet they don't know the significance of what they have just witnessed. But put yourself in Peter's, or James', or John's shoes. What would you have said and done? You probably would've reacted in the same way because the transfiguration doesn't cease to be an amazing event, even for us who believe in Christ.

In being a disciple of Jesus, we are required to be open to the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes God's presence goes almost unnoticed because we take it for granted, such as when we experience God's love for us through our loved ones or through the blessings that we receive, like our good health, or our talents and friendships. At other times the presence of God in our lives is more obvious, as when something good happens to us unexpectedly or we have a very unusual and powerful prayer experience.

One of the challenges we face as a people of faith is to live our lives in such a way that we recognize Jesus' presence not only in outstanding moments but also in our daily life, when it would be easy not to recognize his presence.

Our life of prayer, both private and communal, helps us maintain our faith which illuminates our lives. Our moments of reflection, supported by prayer, and a life of service, offer us the opportunity to recognize the active presence of God in our own lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters in faith.

At those times, when we truly realize how God has always been at our side, we can't help but be surprised, as the apostles were. It is possible to be tempted to want to keep Jesus all to ourselves, as Peter did. But Jesus reminds us that he came for all, and that we are called to share his message of love and peace, and to make him present to others through our own lives.

Fast and Abstinence - Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting on Good Friday for all who are 18 to 59 years. One full meatless meal, two others to maintain strength but together should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Nights

Fridays of Lent, soup will be served in the hall, 5-7 p.m. On Feb. 15 there were many delicious soups, more than seven varieties. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. in the church.

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.



From Deacon Don's desk:

In a few days His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI will step down and cardinals will begin seeking the 267th pope. I found a letter to seminarians of 10-18-2010 and part of it follows: "In December 1944 I was drafted for military service, the commander asked us what we planned to do in the future. I answered that I wanted to be a Catholic priest. He said, 'Then you ought to look for something else. In the new Germany, priests are no longer needed'. I knew the new Germany was coming.where people no longer perceive God, life grows empty, nothing is ever enough. People seek escape in euphoria and violence...these very things threaten young people. **God is Alive.** It makes sense to become a priest: the world needs priests, today, tomorrow and always til the end of time.it follows that the most important thing in our path towards priesthood is our personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. He is God's messenger to His people. The Lord tells us to 'pray constantly.' He is obviously not asking us to recite endless prayers but urging us to never lose our inner closeness to God, to share with Him our desires, hopes, joys and our troubles, our failures and our thanks for His blessings. He is the point of reference for our lives. At the heart of our relationship with God and our way of life is the **Eucharist**; celebrating it devoutly, thus encountering Christ personally should be the center of all our days. St. Cyprian interprets the Gospel prayer: 'Give us this day our daily bread.....the bread is the Eucharistic Lord Himself.' The proper celebration of Eucharist involves knowing, understanding and loving the Church's liturgy in its concrete form. In the liturgy we pray with the faithful of every age-past, present and the future...joined in one great chorus of prayer. I can state from personal experience it is inspiring to learn how it all developed, what a great experience of faith is reflected in the structure of the Mass, it was shaped by prayer of many generations. The sacrament of **Penance** is also important; it forces me to be honest with myself. It leads me to humility. The Cure' of Ars once said: 'You think it makes no sense to be absolved today, because you know that tomorrow you will commit the same sins over again. Yet God constantly **forgets** tomorrow's sins in order to give you His grace today.'"

For the full text go to www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/letters/2010 or, at your request, I will e-mail it to you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Early Childhood: No class today. Religious Education Congress in Anaheim Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend! **Community Helpers Alert!** Pick up Homeless Kit envelopes today.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY -

Understanding the Triduum, Thursday, **March 21**, 7-8:30pm.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

St. Joseph Feast Day is March 19 but we are celebrating on **March 16** with a pasta dinner for everyone at 6 p.m. On Sunday, **March 17**, we will have our ministry fair with a continental breakfast from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Come and see all the good work our parish is doing and where you might like to join in. Please contact the rectory office to RSVP for the dinner, 594-4657.

An Adult Appreciation of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ - Monday, **Feb. 25**, 6:45 to 9 pm at St. Bartholomew's Social Hall. Fr. John Cusick leads us into a deeper appreciation of the meaning and power of The Passion. Explore the Gospel of Luke (Chapters 22 - 23) and prepare for Palm Sunday and the Sacred Triduum. There is no charge for this workshop, but a "free will" collection will be taken. Reservations are required by calling (562) 433-2294 or emailing: stbarts_aff@verizon.net.

**Parish Lenten
Reconciliation Liturgy
March 19, 7 p.m.**



Year of Faith - Today the world has special need of people whose minds and hearts have been enlightened by the word of the Lord and who can offer a credible witness that opens the hearts and minds of many others to desire God and true life, life with-

out end (see Benedict XVI, Door of Faith, 15).

The Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving leads the catechumens to the life-giving waters of baptism and the rest of us to the renewal of our baptismal vows. Indeed, Jesus calls Peter to "catch" others so they can have life in all its fullness. Luke doesn't say "fish" for people, as Matthew and Mark do, but "catch," using a special Greek word that means "catch alive," that is, rescue from the wild for a new and better life. We who have been "caught alive" to enjoy "life in all its fullness" are sent to rescue our brothers and sisters, fellow sinners, from danger and lead them to fullness of life with Jesus.

Lent: Revisiting the Treasure of Vatican II During this Year of Faith and Living It - Parish Lenten Retreat **March 9, 9:00 a.m. - noon**, by Fr. Jack Stoeger.

This morning of presentation and reflection will enable us to pause in the midst of our busy lives and be renewed, rested and enlightened. Our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council calls us to revisit Whose we ARE and who we are called to be for ourselves and for others.



Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Walter E. Goodwin, Jr.
Constance Bruno**



Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Mar. 8 - St. Raymond, Downey, 562-923-4509

Mar. 9 - St. Joseph, Hawthorne, 310-679-1139

Mar. 16 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos, 562-692-3758

Did You Know? Archdiocese Abuse Prevention & Reporting Brochure Is Online - The Archdiocese of Los Angeles' "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse" brochure is available online. The brochure lists all of the Archdiocese's Safe Environment offices and contact information, as well as how and where to report abuse or suspected abuse to civil authorities. The brochure is available for download at: http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Documents/2012-0321_Working_Together_Brochure-EN.pdf.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36
 - Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 - Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 - Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 - Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 - Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 - Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 - Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
- Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Mar. 4 & 18 - Social/game gathering

Pala Casino Monday, March 11 - Bus is full, waiting list available. Bus departs church parking lot 9 a.m.; returns at approx. 6:30 p.m. Must bring valid picture I.D. More info? Call Rosie 425-4162 or Barbara 430-5324.

April. 1 & 15 - Social/game gathering

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

Call Judy 421-6863 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Attention: All St. Joseph Seniors including "Baby Boomers" are invited. Are you a senior citizen? Age doesn't prevent one from having your share of fun. Jazz up your life with some new and entertaining activities tailor-made for senior citizens. Come join us. (\$5 membership) Your ideas and input are important. Complete our survey. (Ph: Judy at 562-421-6862 or Barbara at 562-430-5324) We hope you will participate in our upcoming reorganization.

St. Joseph Parish Fair - April 19, 20 & 21

We need volunteers and we mean you!

Sponsorships available for as little as \$100, pick up a form at the church exits. Questions?

Email Kraig & Kim Jondle at sjparishfair@gmail.com.



Yes, I would like to sponsor our seminarian, Luis Estrada, by praying for the well-being of our school and religious education program as he runs the LA Marathon, March 17.
I Promise to Pray: Rosary [] Angelus [] Mass [] Prayer to St. Joseph [] Scripture Readings [] _____ []

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.

Three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Movement for a Better World: one stop shopping! Preparations for our Easter food and gift distribution are buzzing. Service Opportunities: Drivers for Easter, please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917. Assistant to our family adoption program coordinators. Grocery comparison pricers/shoppers. Mar. 2 – 10: Children's Book Drive, new or gently used. Mar. 23: Easter food and gift distribution. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program. Questions? Tim Clark 431-4385.
You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor 9:11.



Gambler's Delight - The Knights of Columbus invite all parish members, 21 years or older, to 5 hours of FUN at the Pala Resort and Casino, **Mar. 20**, Wednesday. Cost \$15/person. Casino will return \$5 on arrival. For more information, please call Manny Vieyra, 425-8811.

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to bring food and a friendly visit to homebound seniors once a month and to help those elderly who have no other resources. Must have valid driver's license and be available to pick up food and deliver to the senior's homes. Must complete application and background check.

Please contact Joan Dilig, 562-591-1351, Monday-Friday, 9:30-noon or 1:30-5:00 if you are interested.

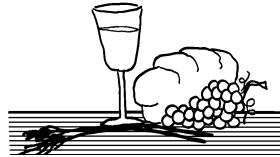
Companion Hospice Care in Downey is recruiting volunteers to be a needed friend to someone during the last part of their journey, relieve tired caregivers for short periods, or help with errands in your area. Become a member of a team whose goal is to promote quality of life and comfort measures. Receive 16 hours of training on four Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Mar. 9 - 30**. Help is also needed in the office. To learn more, call Rita, 562-944-2711 or email ritar@companionhospice.com

Affair of the Heart "Where Hope Happens..."

Dinner Dance Gala and Casino Night in support of the **Precious Life Shelter**. Enjoy complimentary champagne, commemorative photograph, hosted bar, silent and live auctions, dinner, speakers, casino games, dancing, and more. Event will take place at the Eagles Nest in Cypress on **March 2** at 6 p.m. Admission is \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. For more information or tickets, call 562-431-5025.

Tax Letter for 2012 - If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2012, please call the rectory office, 594-4657, and leave your name, phone number and email address.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, February 23**
 5:00 p.m. - † Anastashia Manabat
- SUNDAY, February 24**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - Dang family
 10:30 a.m. - † Steve Pumphrey
 12:30 p.m. - † Tess Wiater
- MONDAY, February 25**
 8:00 a.m. - † Susan Tokarz
- TUESDAY, February 26**
 8:00 a.m. - † Val Mohler
- WEDNESDAY, February 27**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Ed Broom and all priests
- THURSDAY, February 28**
 8:00 a.m. - † Frank Aimone
- FRIDAY, March 1**
 8:00 a.m. - Fr. Ed Broom and all priests
- SATURDAY, March 2**
 5:00 p.m. - † Stanley Ferdula
- SUNDAY, March 3**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests
 10:30 a.m. - † John and Annie McEville
 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini and all priests

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, Mickey Jorda, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohonen, Joe Snider, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Kathy June, Betty Klemin, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, Sheri Weber, Jarome Bartolon, 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 Rich-ardt, Rosemary Stolinski, Nell Virgil, Sheila Corry, Marvey Watkins-King, Gregg Davis, Carol Chick, Gilbert Nevarraz, Jr., Yolanda Zito, Eva Arias, Dora Dominguez, Alice Delgado, Monica Cervola, Dennis Richards, Carrie Collodel, Kennedy & Dawn Willey, Marlene Smith Rothshell, Tom Korman, Kenneth Fong, baby Maddi Arnold, Adrienne Reitz, David Dresnick, Jeanie San Jose, Noel Madrid, Jer-emy Bonas, Heather Dean, Larry Lyons, Chuck Almada, Leon Justice, Doug Houck, Karen Weiss, Don and Nancy Miller, Dr. Messenger, Helen E. Tyler & Colton Dorich.

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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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	421-6863
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

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 to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org