



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.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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:

It seems that with each generation our society grows more and more impatient. It seems that as technology allows for faster and faster services, the more restless we become when we have to wait for results. But if things don't seem to move quickly enough for us, we get impatient and often we move on to something else.

Yet we know that often, some good things take time, like a homemade meal, a friendship, a pregnancy, a trip, even our own life takes time. We grow with each passing day and with each passing year into the person we are.

We discover ourselves throughout our lives, through our relationships with our families, our friends, our community, our world, and also our God. Some of the lessons that we learn might be hard, or unfair or painful. But we don't give up at these moments because we know that there is more to life, there is more to us, than those difficult moments.

The support, the forgiveness, the concern that others offer us, helps us to get through it all. It's because they love us and trust in our own goodness that they stand by our side, helping us in the process to discover ourselves and each other.

If our friends do this, how much more does God do this for us, since we are his children? God who is, was and always will be, is always there for us. He patiently walks by our side, offering us His love that is always present in our lives in so many different ways. One way is through the forgiveness that we receive from others and another is from God himself in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our God is always ready to forgive and His love overshadows our faults and sins. The one who led the Israelites from slavery into the Promised Land, offers to lead us away from our sins to a life where the Reign of God always bears abundant fruit.

Just as God always invites us to walk toward him despite all of our bad choices and our wrong turns, our God also calls us to stand by others who are on their own journey, offering them the same forgiveness and love that we have received from Him.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Reflecting on the "Fig Tree" I recalled and found an old article - written by Bill Peatman (how's that for a gardener's name?) called "Tending our Inner Gardens." He reflects on how he tills the soil, fertilizes, then lets the weeds take over! Sometimes that's the way we are. Letting the sun do the work. Maybe we water some. We make our Lenten promises, letting the Son do the work. "God is eager to help us grow, to help us soften the hard places in our lives, remove the rocks that obstruct us and untangle the weeds that distract us." He promises that our lives will bear fruit. HE invites us to the EUCHARISTIC table that nourishes us. Our words are bold but our deeds are few. May the EUCHARIST be nourishment for the foundations of our Lenten journey and challenge us to take "stock" with honesty the fruitfulness of how we live our faith in our marriage, at home, work, and in the world. Wish I'd said that!

Help us Lord, in this Lenten season to listen more frequently and fervently to Your Word and let Your Holy Spirit be our teacher.

Let OUR PRAYER echo the words of Archbishop Gomez: "Let's thank God for the love and witness of Pope Benedict XVI. Let us entrust him to the Blessed Mother Mary and pray that he will continue to have joy and peace and many more years for prayer and reflection." Amen


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.

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.

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.



PARISH MISSION

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
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]
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY -**

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

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

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



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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Lucille Baren

**Catholic Relief Services Collection, March 10**

This collection helps exploited, disadvantaged, and poor families, women, and children around the world. Please visit www.usccb.org (search Catholic Relief Services Collection) to learn how funds are making a difference. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Year of Faith - March, in this Year of Faith, leads us by Lent's journey of conversion to the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday's foot washing and Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday's celebration of Jesus' life-giving passion, the Vigil and Easter

morning's joy at Jesus' glorious resurrection. In some parishes, especially those with catechumens, the March Gospels challenge us to join the Samaritan woman and the man blind from birth in deepening our understanding of Jesus as more than a prophet, indeed the Savior of the world. The Gospels invite us to let the Lord "prune" us of sin that we may bear fruit while there is time; to return as prodigals to our Father's house and ease the welcome home for fellow sinners; to embrace as our own the pardon Jesus so graciously offered the woman caught in adultery. These Gospels bid us open our hearts to God's gentle but powerful grace slowly purifying and transforming our thoughts and relationships, our mentality and conduct. But if at Easter we find ourselves disappointed at the incompleteness of our transformation, Lent's yearly recurrence reminds us: conversion, like the journey of faith, is indeed a journey that lasts a lifetime.



Middle School: Come share in a meal with the nations of the world! Learn about global poverty and what you can do about it. Our Justice Meal will be held Sun., **March 10**, 4-6pm. Please see our flyers or website for details.

"Change for Youth": The weekend of **March 9 & 10** will be our next "Change for Youth". Our ministry depends upon the generosity of the parishioners to help in our funding. Please, grab your piggy banks and see what you can do to help. **THANK YOU!!!**

Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent will be here on **Tuesday, March 12**, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. with handcrafted religious articles and souvenirs (embroidery, stone, ceramics and wood carving) to sell. The convent renders spiritual, social and financial help to the sick and suffering; runs a rehabilitation center for the homeless and addicts; provides help for the needy, etc.

Retreat Day for Young Women - March 10, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Ave., Los Angeles. Also, March 24 in San Diego. Please email Sr. Fintan at sfintan@nazarethhouse.org or call 310-614-9570.

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend** Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, **April 12-14**, Los Altos Hills, CA. For reservations and more information contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email SrLisaDC@aol.com www.DaughtersOfCharity.com

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 L. A.'s "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse" brochure is 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 can be downloaded at: http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Documents/2012-0321_Working_Together_Brochure-EN.pdf.



**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
Craft/Boutique Vendors Wanted: Are you a craft/boutique vendor? Do you know of anyone who wants to sell their goods/wares at this year's Parish Fair? If yes, please contact Sheila Vail at sheilavail@verizon.net
Parish Fair is April 19-21.

Madalynn Pelayo has earned Principal's Honors at Rosary High School for the first semester. We congratulate her on this accomplishment!

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:

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| 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.

"The bread of charity is life itself for the needy." Sir 35:21

Mar. 2 – 10: Children's Book Drive. New or gently used.

Mar. 23: Easter food and gift distribution.

Preparations for our Easter food and gift distribution are buzzing. Service Opportunities: Drivers for Easter. Please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917. Family food boxing Mar. 22. Assistant to our family adoption program coordinators. Support of special needs identified from our Easter food and gift distribution. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program. Can you help? Tim Clark 431-4385



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

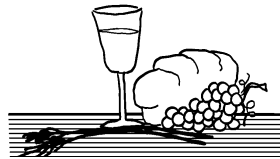


Yes, I would like to sponsor our seminarian, Luis Estrada, by praying for the well-being of our school and religious education program as he runs the LA Marathon, March 17.
I Promise to Pray: Rosary [] Angelus [] Mass [] Prayer to St. Joseph [] Scripture Readings [] _____ []

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.

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, 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 McEvelly

12:30 p.m. - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini and all priests

MONDAY, March 4

8:00 a.m. - † James Arthur Wright III

TUESDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m. - † James Halley, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m. - † Hugo Jorda

THURSDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Frances Young

FRIDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m. - † Bernie Hodowski

SATURDAY, March 9

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, March 10

7:30 a.m. - † Dick Koccevar

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - Aaron Richardt

12:30 p.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

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 Richardt, 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, Jeremy 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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
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Website address:		
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

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org