



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.

**Your Brother
was lost**

**BUT NOW
HE IS FOUND**

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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:

Sometimes we might think that life would be better if we could just pack up, get away and move somewhere else. But there is something about being far away from home that's not pleasant. And it doesn't matter whether we move or whether we're are on a business trip or even on vacation. We begin to long for what we have left behind.

At home we have what belongs to us, our memories, our loved ones, our roots. In our homes we find safety, comfort, and a sense of belonging. I think that's the main reason that we long to go back home.

In our spiritual life, we might feel like we would be better off if we move away. Move away from the church, which certainly has its human failings, or move away from a God who we don't see as being very present. But that is what sin wants to make us think, that life away from God and God's people will be a better life.

And yet when we let sin guide our comings and our goings, then we find ourselves in a place that is not our home. And eventually, we long to go back, back to the place where we feel welcomed, supported, and loved.

Sin might lead us away from our home in God at times, yet it can never remove us beyond God's reach and love. No matter how far we might walk to follow the false promises of a happier life and of a better future that we think sin might offer us, God always waits for our return and is ready to embrace us as a parent does a child.

In the same way a father and mother can see into the heart of his or her child, and see the goodness that is there, our God also sees us, in spite of our sins and faults.

During Lent, we listen in a special way to the continuous call of Jesus to have a conversion of heart. These forty days invite us to get on the road that leads us to our home that leads us to our God. The road might not always be easy, but we know that when we sit around God's table then we truly will be home.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Long, long ago I was given a Prayer to St Joseph from our good and faithful parishioner, Mary. Here is the prayer as we are coming upon the feast of St Joseph, March 19.

O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace for a happy death, and the special favor we now implore....Amen

A reflection from last week's homily: The Responsorial Psalm in part says, "Bless the Lord my soul and forget NOT all His benefits, He pardons our iniquities." He invites us to the Eucharistic table to nourish us on our Lenten journey through His Body and Blood. See the Christ behind the altar and His open arms that always welcome and forgive.

OUR PRAYER: May this Eucharist be our nourishment during this Lenten season and through Your Word make us one in love and prayer. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Stations of the Cross and Soup Nights

Fridays of Lent, soup will be served in the hall, 5-7 p.m. 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.

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$54,990
 Pledged: 31,978
 Paid: 26,770

Out of our 1288 parish families, 127 have participated.



ST. JOSEPH
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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 [] _____ []

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.

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: 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]
 Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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.

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.

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

**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.

March for Life - March 16, 9 - 11:30 a.m., St. Cyrils of Jerusalem, Encino. Info: www.lamarchforlife.org or call Bob Lombardo, 818-891-3239.



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" - this weekend after each of the Masses. Our Youth Ministry is not in our parish budget, so we depend upon the generosity of parishioners during these fund raising efforts. Your donations help with everything from butcher paper to refreshments to dynamic speakers for our youth. THANK YOU for your consideration!

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.

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 SlLisaDC@aol.com www.DaughtersOfCharity.com

You are invited to join Fr. Jose Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena for Pilgrimages to:
Our Lady of Guadalupe-Mexico: May 20 - 25, 2013
Footsteps of St. Paul-Turkey & Greece: Oct 3 - 15, 2013
Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

May 6 & 20 - Social/game gathering

June 3 & 17 - 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.**

The Theater Departments of St. John Bosco and Saint Joseph High Schools will be presenting the southern California high school premiere of the musical "IN THE HEIGHTS." Performances run **March 15-17 and March 21-24.** Tickets available on the St. John Bosco website www.bosco.org. Come and support the arts in Catholic schools.

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.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." MT 25:40



This Weekend: Children's Book Drive.

New or gently used.

Mar. 23: Easter food & gift distribution, 8:30 a.m. in hall.

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.

Can you help? Tim Clark 431-4385. Skip-a-Meal donations support our program.

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.

Rancho San Antonio - The Knights of Columbus will be selling opportunity drawing tickets **Mar. 16 & 17** in support of the boys. Donation \$2. First prize \$5,000. Your chances of winning are good - drawing on May 5.

"Walk in No Shoes" Fun 10K walk/run, 5K walk/run and 1K (barefoot) benefitting the Sudan Relief Fund. Our Sudanese brothers and sisters in Christ are being ruthlessly tortured and killed because of their faith. You CAN make a real difference. Help the Sudan Relief Fund bring water, food, shelter, clothing, medical attention and education to the suffering people of Sudan.

The walk will start at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, **April 7**, at Woodley Park/Lake Balboa in Van Nuys. Entry fees: 10K walk - \$45; 5K - \$35; 1K "walk in NO shoes" - \$25; and children under 13 (any event) - \$5. Entry fees will increase March 15.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.walkinno shoes.com/>. Invite everyone you know to come walk/run - and give hope to Sudan!

Fashion Day at the Derby, Parish Hall at St. Bartholomew, benefitting Harbor Area Half-Way House for Women, **April 21**, 2:00 PM Champagne & Shopping, 3:00 Luncheon & Fashion Show, \$40 Per Person includes Lunch, Wine, Champagne, an Opportunity Ticket, shopping and Fun! Jewelry, Scarves, Handbags, Accessories, Gifts, and more! Silent Auction! Amazing Fashions from Local Merchants! Models from the St. Bart Parish Family! And a Few Surprises! Menu: Cream of Broccoli Soup, Pepper Steak Salad with Blue Cheese Crumbles, Lemon Tart with Fresh Berries. For Info: Contact Christy Di Leo 562-597-6193 or Pam Luckey 562-307-4367. RSVP to Judy Houston 562-434-5011.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 9

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, March 10

7:30 a.m. - † Dick Kocevar

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

10:30 a.m. - Aaron Richardt

12:30 p.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

MONDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. - † Richard Carey

TUESDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. - † Giovina Anselmo

WEDNESDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. - † Annete Olazabel

THURSDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. - † Tim Spellicy

FRIDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. - † Jerry Miller

SATURDAY, March 16

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

SUNDAY, March 17

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Sullivan

9:00 a.m. - † Bob Maney

10:30 a.m. - † Eleanor (Tess) Wiater

12:30 p.m. - † Alma Justice

Meditation in the Parish Center chapel every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Information: Marie Gemma 310-490-4012



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Mary Mariano, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Mickey Jorda, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohnen, Joe Snider, Daylinda Ompoc Cui-zon, 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 Wil-kinson, 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, Ken-neth 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 & Val Raspudic.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Enschede	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	Rectory	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

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SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
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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
MEDITATION	Marie Gemma Fr. Will	310-490-4012

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley **594-7575**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Shelley Padilla **598-0519**

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Website address: MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
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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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