



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

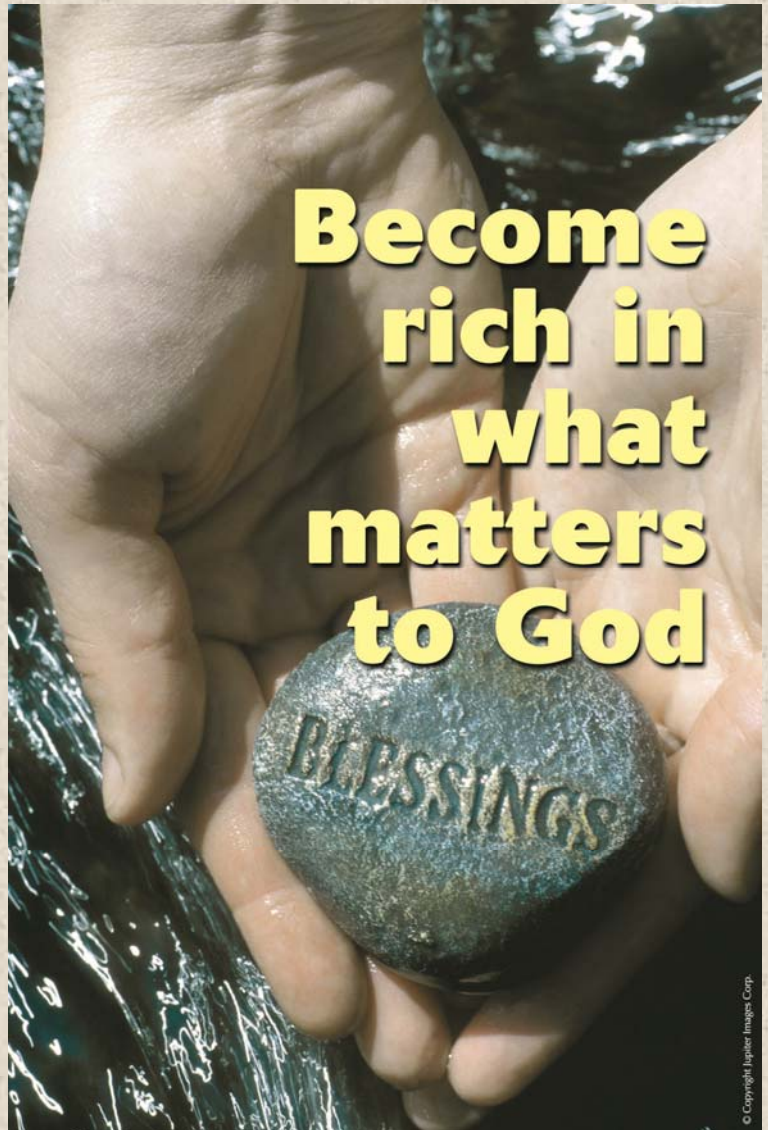
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**Become
rich in
what
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**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 4, 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's important to know that the only possessions that are worthy of our human efforts are those that death can't take away. The problem with material things is that we feel that they give us security. We want to live in a decent house, we want a pension for our old age, we want to provide for our children so that they can get through college, we want a good standard of living, and so on.

And all of these are good things. Possessions are necessary for life. But possessions can't become so important in one's life that they become obsessions. When we begin to acquire material things the natural tendency is to want more and more, and that's the danger point.

That's the moment when we as Christians need to see all these things as gifts from God. All that we have is not the result of our own efforts. Maybe we worked for them, but we didn't bring them into being. We didn't give ourselves our gifts and talents or any of the other advantages that surround us. All these are blessings from God.

All the good things that we have, come with responsibilities attached to it. And the responsibility we have is to care for those who do not have the same advantages as ourselves. Because, it is then that we are rich in what matters to God, who never forgets the love that we show to others.

St. Joseph Office/Rectory summer hours:
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm and Saturday 9-12noon.

The church hall will be closed from August 12-25.



Year of Faith - In mid-August, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, Blessed John Paul II's "Star of the New Evangelization." The Preface for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary extols Mary as the "image of the Church's coming to perfection." Thankfully, she is also a "sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people," for August's Gospels certainly challenge pilgrims on our journey of faith. How different from Mary's selfless service is the self-absorption of Luke's "rich fool." Though his fortune is the fruit of honest hard work, the "fool" mistakenly defines himself and his life's worth only in terms of his possessions. But Jesus' disciples should have a different, deeper perspective on life, remembering that one day their Master will suddenly return. Being vigilant for that unknown moment will make us diligent in serving Christ as he comes to us daily in the needs of neighbor and stranger, whom we must treat reverently as fellow servants of God. Bearing witness like this, in Jesus' image, is playing with fire. We may have to experience the burning anguish of choosing what is right rather than what is easy, even to the point of redefining our most personal relationships. This being so, how pointless to wonder, "Who will be saved?" Better to ask, "Will I complete my faith journey faithfully?"



From Deacon Don's desk:

Precious Life Shelter Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Sept. 18

Come have some fun golfing at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress. **New... Early Bird** registration until August 16 (**Save \$** on the golf fee), Women's Flight, Hole in One **European Vacation** including golf at St. Andrews, and **Celebrity Golfers...** "Stormin' Norman" Nixon, Ed Ratleff, and Rudy Tomjanovich, Jr.! To sign up please call Precious Life Shelter 562-431-5025 or Michelle Gath 562-498-6701.

Holy Day of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, August 15

Vigil, August 14, Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Feast day, August 15, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Together In Mission - We are getting there!

Thank you to all who have made a pledge. We are now only about \$5,000 short of our goal of \$52,990. If you haven't made a pledge yet, any little bit will help. The more who pitch in, the sooner we'll get there. The parishes and schools who benefit from this campaign will be most appreciative. You may pick up a pledge envelope in the church or at the rectory. We have met our goal every year, and we hope to meet it again this year as well.

Don't Take a Vacation from Mass

When you go on vacation, do you take a vacation from Mass? Do you make the days of summer lazy by staying at home on Sunday? Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills the commandment to keep the Sabbath a holy day.

To find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call 410-676-6000 or visit www.parishesonline.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Registration forms are at the exits of the church and on our parish website!

Save the date for next year's Vacation Bible Camp at St. Cornelius – July 7-11, 2014!

We are looking for 4th, 5th, and 7th grade catechists! If you are feeling that tug on your heart to share your faith with our children, this is your chance!!! It is a great opportunity to grow in your own faith! Free training! Fun Team! And the perks are Heavenly!

Sunday Nursery: Closed for the summer. Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses beginning September 1.

Hello St. Joseph parishioners: It is our passion and commitment to lead teens to Christ through youth ministry. We have been called and qualified by God to serve in this wonderful community as co-coordinators of Youth Ministry and Confirmation. Please know that we will do our very best to build upon the solid foundation that has already been established. We will provide an environment that is conducive to experiencing God through fellowship, faith, friendship and fun! — Marc Leon and Lydia Tovar

Confirmation News and Dates:

Registration - currently ongoing

Parent Orientation - **Sept. 22 and 29**

Confirmation starts - **Oct. 6**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Needs Your Help!

The process of welcoming new members into our Church is a ministry of the entire parish. In addition to catechizing (instructing) new members in the Catholic faith, RCIA needs faith-filled parishioners; 1) to provide hospitality and welcome new members into our community; 2) to walk with them on their faith journey as sponsors; and 3) to break open the Word and share their faith with them at Sunday dismissal. RCIA is an incredibly rewarding ministry - you truly receive far more than you put into it! If you feel called to participate in this wonderful ministry welcoming new members to our St. Joseph community, or would like more information, please contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com, or Olga Cuda in the parish office.

Women's Silent Retreat at**Sacred Heart Retreat House****September 6 - 8****Theme - "Year of Faith"**

"It should be obvious that no one is justified in God's sight by the law, for the just man shall live by faith."

This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality; a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. But don't delay, make your reservation today.

Call Madeline Majick, 596-6219, Marie Newton, 429-7939, or Tina Gath, 598-5202, to reserve a room.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?

Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **September 13-15** in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area). If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email us at StLisaDC@aol.com. You can also friend us on Facebook at: Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S., follow us at [Twitter.com/DofCharity](https://twitter.com/DofCharity) or read about us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss/layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Monday, **September 9**, at 7:00 pm in the PAC chapel and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered to all parishioners free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information please call: Deacon Tom or Pat Halliwell at 799-0921.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Glenn Schwarz

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice - Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable - "All members of society and society as a whole have a special obligation to poor and vulnerable persons. God's covenant includes a special concern for these persons. . . . The Christian faithful are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources."

Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*, 1891

Jesus said, "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14: 13-14

The Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Event details: Youth Rally with Matthew Kelly, Cathedral Plaza, Monday, **September 16**, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Free admission with ticket. Request free tickets at nora.trueblood@allenlund.com

Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 9:00 a.m., rosary, Mass, breakfast & Matthew Kelly, speaker, 9:00 book signing.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

We always welcome new members.

Aug. 5 - Social/game gathering - brown bag lunch, ice cream social, invite your friends.

Aug. 19 - NO SOCIAL/GAME GATHERING - Hall unavailable due to maintenance.

Sept. 9 & 23 - (2nd and 4th Mondays due to Labor Day Holiday) 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.

San Diego day trip, Aug. 15 - a guided historical tour with culinary delights and a visit to Seaport Village brewery. Sample San Diego's best margaritas. Sign up to reserve seat, call Gerry, 562-420-3220. Departs 8:45 am and returns around 6:30 pm.

The 42nd Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place **Aug. 30-Sept. 1** at the Anaheim Convention Center. Over 40 Speakers! Spiritually enriching for all ages! FREE John Michael Talbot arena concert Aug. 31. For info, contact spirit@scrc.org or 818-771-1361. Online info and registration: www.scrc.org

St. Linus' 50th Anniversary Celebration - Sept. 22
Looking for all St. Linus School alumni to join us for our Mass of Thanksgiving, 2:00 p.m. at St. Linus Church, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk. Reception following Mass. RSVP by Sept. 15, schooloffice@linusions.org or 562-921-0336.

Did You Know? Never leave your children in a hot car

Did you know that it only takes ten minutes for a car to heat up by 19 degrees? Every so often we hear news stories of parents forgetting infants or leaving a sleeping toddler in the car, and tragedies that ensue. Never leave a child alone in a car, even for a minute. Degrees can be deceiving. Fatalities can occur at temperatures as low as the mid-50s because a vehicle heats up so quickly. Children are at a great risk for heat stroke because their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's does. Cracking a window? Not a solution. Some advanced technologies are still being developed that may help prevent heat stroke deaths in vehicles, but nothing has been proven effective yet. For more information visit, www.care.com/child-care-summer-safety-tips-a-guide-to-protecting-kids-when-activities-heat-up-p1017-q6731064.html

August 10-11 - Food from the Heart family food drive. Please bring non-perishable family food items to church. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities of Long Beach.



Would you like to learn more about this and many other opportunities to help us serve the less fortunate of our local community? Please call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program. *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* Mt 25:40

Project Achieve - Like to cook? Want to serve? We need your help! Project Achieve is a homeless shelter in Long Beach administered by Catholic Charities. Twice per month we prepare and serve dinner to the residents. Pay It Forward and be part of our team. All talents appreciated. Please contact Olga Cuda, 594-4657.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES - The St. Mary Medical Center Guild will be holding their 12th annual Night at the Races on Saturday, **August 10** at the Los Alamitos Race Track. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will go toward the Guild's pledge to the Medical Center for the **WOMEN'S BREAST CANCER CENTER**. The cost of the event is \$75 per person which includes a full service buffet dinner and a no host bar. It will be held in the Finishline Room overlooking the finish line with private betting windows. We hope you will consider joining us. Please contact the Gift Shop at 562-491-9230 or Rose Lozano at 562-596-9191 for information or tickets.

Knights of Columbus Council 3629 **Blood Drive and Membership Drive** will be held Sunday **August 11** in the parish hall from 8:15 - 2:15. Sign up online at: red-crossblood.org sponsor code: josephlb. For more information contact Pat Murach, 343-1594.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Aug. 7 - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-548-6535 x324

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, August 3

5:00 p.m. - † John Christie, Jr.

SUNDAY, August 4

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini and all priests

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

10:30 a.m. - † Dolores Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Connie Bruno

MONDAY, August 5

8:00 a.m. - † Toring Moody

TUESDAY, August 6

8:00 a.m. - † Edward Dondero

WEDNESDAY, August 7

8:00 a.m. - † William Carroll

THURSDAY, August 8

8:00 a.m. - † Dan O'Donnell

FRIDAY, August 9

8:00 a.m. - † Faye Welter

SATURDAY, August 10

5:00 p.m. - † Bunny Eckholdt

SUNDAY, August 11

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Michael Martin

10:30 a.m. - † Frank Devine

12:30 p.m. - † Juana Centeno

**Meditation in the
Parish Center chapel
every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

"Be still and know that I am God"



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Mary Mariano, Patricia Morand, Michelle Smith, Merinda Bradshaw, Dave Gallagher, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Milton & Joyce Frugoli, William Cervola, Tatum Gumps, Gerry & Celeste Kohonen, Joe Snider, Daylinda Ompoc Cuizon, Fernando Montoya, Mike Dresnick, Betty Klemm, John, Spencer, & Helen Baca, Jarome Bartolon, Tim Ginnett, 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, 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, Tom Korman, Kenneth Fong, baby Maddi Arnold, Adrienne Reitz, David Dresnick, Jeanie San Jose, Noel Madrid, Jeremy Bonas, Larry Lyons, Chuck Almada, Leon Justice, Doug Houck, Karen Weiss, Don & Nancy Miller, Dr. Messenger, Helen E. Tyler, Colton Dorich, Val Raspudic, Heather Dean, Mary Beers, Ron Hill, Kris Bednarz, Marlene Sargeant, Donald Wilkinson, Charlotte Morrison, Karen Muccino, Adelaide Rocha, Karen Weiss, Marian O'Donnell, Mary Jane McCormick & Elise Peltzer.

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	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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon & Lydia Tovar	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	Shane Cuda sfcuda@yahoo.com	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
MEDITATION	Marie Gemma Fr. Will Connor	310-490-4012
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely rely5@verizon.net	430-0142
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
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 www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	310-316-3477
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