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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 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.

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From the Pastor's desk:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus' followers express their pride in the beauty of the Jewish temple. They might feel that the very existence of the temple is a sign of God's favor on the people of Israel.

And when the people remark on the beauty of the temple, Jesus issues a warning: "All that you see here, the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

The temple is not God. But, is built to symbolize the presence of God amid the people of God. It exists at God's pleasure like everything else in this world.

The fact that one religion has grand buildings and another does not, is not to be taken as a sign of God's favor on one or the other. The more telling sign of God's favor on a community is not the size of the building, but the faith of the people.

And I think that we can all be happy in the knowledge that this is something that we try to foster everyday here in our parish community of St. Joseph.

Churches for many years have been called the House of God. And so they are in many ways, but just as importantly, let's remember that buildings are meant to inspire us and assist us in faith, not to replace it. The house of God is ultimately found in our parish community, and not our four walls.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Vincent Labor Lolita Green





YEAR OF FAITH

Year of Faith - The Year of Faith's final month opens with All Saints and All Souls. We hope that one day, like Zacchaeus, who tried to see Jesus only to discover that Jesus had come looking for him, we may hear Jesus say, "Today salvation has come to this

house!" November's liturgy and Lectionary bid us reflect on life's end and the judgment that follows. Luke, by tradition an artist, concludes this Year of Faith by presenting a unique portrait of Christ the King. "Enthroned" on the cross, the dying Jesus welcomes his kingdom's first citizen, a criminal who requests neither deliverance from suffering nor forgiveness—not even salvation; only, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus' response promises far more: "Today you will be with me in Paradise": peace and plenty, consolation and contentment, all creation in harmony with itself and its Creator. This is our faith, and the faith of the Church. May it also be our future. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

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:



Just a couple of notes: A week ago, Nov. 9 was the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Did you know this is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, aka "mother church" of the Catholic Church? It is the parish church of the Holy

Father, Pope Francis. St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican gets most of the "press" but the cathedra (the Chair) is at St. John Lateran. Vatican I taught that the pope is infallible as the Church's supreme pastor and successor to Peter when he reveals a truth about faith or morals "ex cathedra" ('from the chair'). He must intend to teach infallibly and make it known at the time of that teaching. Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in 1950 that belief in Mary's Assumption is part of Catholic faith. That teaching has long been reflected in the Church's liturgy. The debate goes on about the canonization of saints. See americancatholic.org. for more.

Going back to last Sunday's Gospel: A priest once said that after proclaiming "A woman had seven husbands, who all died. Whose wife will she be when she dies?" He said, "I don't know, but I do know she will have a lot of explaining about her cooking!!"

Now that I have your attention: a hymn for you and me: Lord Jesus, once You spoke to men upon the mountain, in the plain; O help us listen now, as then, and wonder at Your words again. The Gospel speaks, and we receive Your light, Your love, Your own command. O help us live what we believe in daily work of heart and hand.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father; Your Son became the price for our salvation. May we be united with Him in His suffering so that we and our loved ones may experience the power of His resurrection in the kingdom where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. - We are asking St. Joseph parishioners to share their bounty with the less fortunate this Thanksgiving. Please bring your non-perishable food offerings to Mass on Thanksgiving day. All food items will be donated to St. Francis Center here in Long Beach. You may also bring your Thanksgiving dinner bread to be blessed.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development -

CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Please give generously to the CCHD collection next week. Please make your checks to St. Joseph Church.



Spiritual Bouquet Christmas Cards are available this year for your loved one. With your spiritual bouquet you send the gift of prayer and love during this Christmas Season. Please stop by the rectory office to pick up a card.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

<u>Still time to register for Religious Education</u> - Early Childhood at 9:00am, Elementary at 10:30am.

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

Adult Confirmation - If you have not been confirmed and would like to be, please call our Religious Education Dept., 598-0519, for information on how to sign up. Classes will be held on Mondays at St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita, beginning on **Jan. 13**, 7-9 p.m. Another class will be held on Sundays at St. John of God Church, Norwalk, beginning **Jan. 12**, 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Adult Faith Formation

Everyone is invited to join our St. Joseph Book Club!

Book: "Left To Tell" by Immaculee Ilibagiza

Date: Thurs., Jan. 9 (Moderator, Cindy Rodriguez)

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph (Refreshments will be served)
Stop by our table after all the Masses on Nov. 16 & 17
to purchase a book and sign up for the discussion. Information will also be available for a retreat given by the author on Jan. 31– Feb. 1 at St. Dominic Savio.
Questions: Religious education office, 598-0519.

St. Hedwig Church is hosting Frank Runyeon as he presents a one-man theatrical performance, **Sermon on the Mount** followed by his talk on Hollywood vs. Faith. All are welcome on Monday, **November 25**, 7:00 p.m., St. Hedwig Church. Admission is free. Donations accepted.

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



"In Meditation we seek to <u>be with</u> God, to <u>be with</u> Jesus, to <u>be with</u> His Holy Spirit; not merely to think about them." John Main, OSB

Simbang Gabi and Santo Niño Celebrations - We are planning the traditional Filipino celebrations of Simbang Gabi and Santo Niño to be enjoyed by our entire parish community. If you would like to help in please contact Ms. Cynthia Pagtalunan, 714-527-9487.

"Jesus is Lord"

Standing on the word of God, let us learn together. St. Joseph Bible Study has resumed classes: **Tuesdays** at **9 a.m. and/or Thursdays** at **7 p.m.**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

To register, please call Rita Smith, 562-533-1243.



So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Men and women of St. Joseph Parish - 2014 is fast approaching. Don't make a resolution, like dieting, that will be broken before the BCS Bowl is played. Don't buy a treadmill - you will just hang laundry on it anyway.

Resolve this year to do something that will forever change your life! Give yourself the gift of a Cursillo; a retreat unlike anything you've ever experienced. Become the person you've always wanted to be...the New Creation in Christ that St. Paul talks about; become the person God dreamed of when He created you!

Cursillo retreats run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. The next men's Cursillo retreat begins Jan. 2. The women's retreat begins a week later Jan. 9. For more information, contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or call the rectory office. Make 2014 the Best Year of Your Life!

Stealth Euthanasia Symposium - Is your loved one dying . . . or being killed? What is stealth euthanasia? Can it really be happening here? Learn how to protect your loved ones and yourself. National and international experts discuss healthcare, hospice, palliative sedation, assisted suicide, advance directives, and end-of-life issues.

WHEN: 8 am to 5 pm, Saturday, Nov. 23

WHERE: Biola University, 13800 Biola Ave., La Mirada COST: \$35 -- Includes lunch, parking, materials, &CEU's

\$25 -- Students or persons with disabilities

\$45 -- At the door

REGISTER: On line: www.InternationalLiifeServices.org By mail: Checks payable to Scholl Institute of Bioethics 18030 Brookhurst St., PMB 372, Fountain Valley 92708 Questions? 714-963-4753 or Info@SchollBioethics.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12;

Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;

Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the

Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;

Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12;

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40 Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;

Lk 23:35-43

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St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Luncheon.

<u>Dec. 2</u> - Social/game gathering/Business meeting. Sign up for Christmas Luncheon. \$12 per person due at sign up.

Dec. 11 - 13 - Christmas Party at Laughlin. See below.

<u>Dec. 16</u> - Christmas Luncheon. Gifts - Precious Life Shelter. <u>Membership dues</u> - \$10 due on <u>Jan. 6</u> social/game gathering/Business meeting. To pay, please see Jean Longaberger, Membership Chairman.

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

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

Trips - Trips - More Trips

Dec. 11-13 - Christmas Party - Laughlin. \$10 deposit/person due now. \$112/person for dbl room. \$132/person for sgl.

Jan. 8 - Lion King at Pantages and lunch at Capital Grille. Deposit of \$10 due now. \$120 per person for trip.

June 26 - The Jersey Boys at Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa with dinner @ Bucca de Beppo. \$100 per person. \$5 deposit due now.

More trips to come. For information/reservations, contact Gerry Seckington 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark 431-4385.

People for Others, **St. Cornelius**, invite you to their pre-Christmas trip to Riverside Hotel & Resort, Laughlin, **Dec. 2-5**. For info, please call Tom or Alice, 425-2636.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment: **Dec. 4** - Holy Family, Artesia, 562-860-5973 x443

Dec. 14 - St. Peter Chanel, 562-924-7591

Did You Know? Winter months are the peak time for sudden infant death - The number of infants who die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) increases in the cold winter months, according to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. During these colder months parents often place extra blankets or clothes on infants, hoping to provide them with more warmth. The extra materials may actually increase infants' risk for SIDS or other unsafe sleep practices. Never let your baby get overheated. Dress your baby in light sleep clothing and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for you. Do not bed-share. Place babies on their backs to sleep safely. To learn more about SIDS/Safe Infant Sleep Practices, please visit: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/sids/sids.htm.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11 St. Joseph Movement For a BETTER WORLD

<u>Blanket Drive</u> - Thank you for your generous donations. We collected over 200 new

blankets! Most were distributed this weekend, along with a generous supply of Thanksgiving food, blessings, and **hope** to 81 local families in need! Some of the blankets will be distributed by our homeless ministry, Dec. 29.

<u>Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution</u> – Thank you to about 200 volunteers, school family food donations, and Skip-a-Meal donors who contributed to make this weekend's Thanksgiving Food and Gift Distribution a success.

We wish you blessings and the peace of Christ this Thanksgiving season.

<u>Dec. 7 & 8: Christmas Gift Envelopes</u> - Christmas trees will adorn the church. They will be decorated by envelopes with information to provide a present for a child of one of our supported families.

Fulfilling opportunities to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters are plentiful during the holidays. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

Concern America - November 24 - the opportunity to purchase gifts for special events, holidays, or to brighten our homes. Many new crafts inspired by nature, these beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products honor indigenous traditions. When a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, (714) 953-8575. You may view a selection of their crafts at: www.concernamerica.org

Marie Callender's Pies for the holidays! Purchase vouchers for \$12/pie, redeem at the Seal Beach location for a pie of your choice (up to \$13.79). No expiration – use for the holidays or any time of year! Vouchers sold after Masses this weekend and through the school office until Nov. 22. Proceeds support 8th grade class. Questions? Call Angela Chavez (562) 397-6477 or Tiffany Hughes (949) 933-5198.

St. Joseph High School

Open House - Come visit and have all your admissions questions answered! Tours and information sessions begin at 5:00 p.m., Monday, **November 25**, 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, 562-925-5073.

Cornelia Connelly School, a Catholic independent high school for girls, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 714-776-1717, www.connellyhs.org Fall Open House, **Nov. 17**, 12-3 p.m.

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 16

5:00 p.m. - † Charles G. Griffin

SUNDAY, November 17

7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby 9:00 a.m. - † Hank Koetsier 10:30 a.m. - Penny Carey

12:30 p.m. - † Antonietta Gigliotti

MONDAY, November 18

8:00 a.m. - † Rogelio Razon

TUESDAY, November 19

8:00 a.m. - † Eliseo Valle WEDNESDAY, November 20

8:00 a.m. - † Benjamin Razon

THURSDAY, November 21

8:00 a.m. - † Ruth Quinn

FRIDAY, November 22

8:00 a.m. - † Paolo Aquino

SATURDAY, November 23

5:00 p.m. - † Paul Laureta

SUNDAY, November 24

7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby

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

10:30 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

12:30 p.m. - † Valerie Christine Gutierrez

Together in Mission

Parish Goal: \$54,990 Pledged: 48,707 Paid: 47,770

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 **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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Frances Esposito, Kim Agee, Marlene Sargeant, Mary Jane McCormick, Elise Peltzer, Pat & Sheila Corry, Dr. Cyril McNulty, Shelley O'Neil, Karen Weiss, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Suzanne Wilhelm, Gene Adam, Carlito Siagon, Robert Young, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Margaret Reily & Karen Muccino.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	594-4657
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of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensch	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
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ALTAR CARE	Rectory	594-4657
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL Margaret Alvarez
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Sonia Yurak

ADMISTRATIVE COUNSEL Katie Mais, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak

OFFICE MANAGER Julie Gianessi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo		598-0519	
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CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon & Lyd	ia Tovar	598-0519	
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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo		598-0519	
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo		598-0519	
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpen	ter	430-6840	
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY				
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Ann Crowley 594-7575

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Olga Cuda 594-4657
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