



# 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.

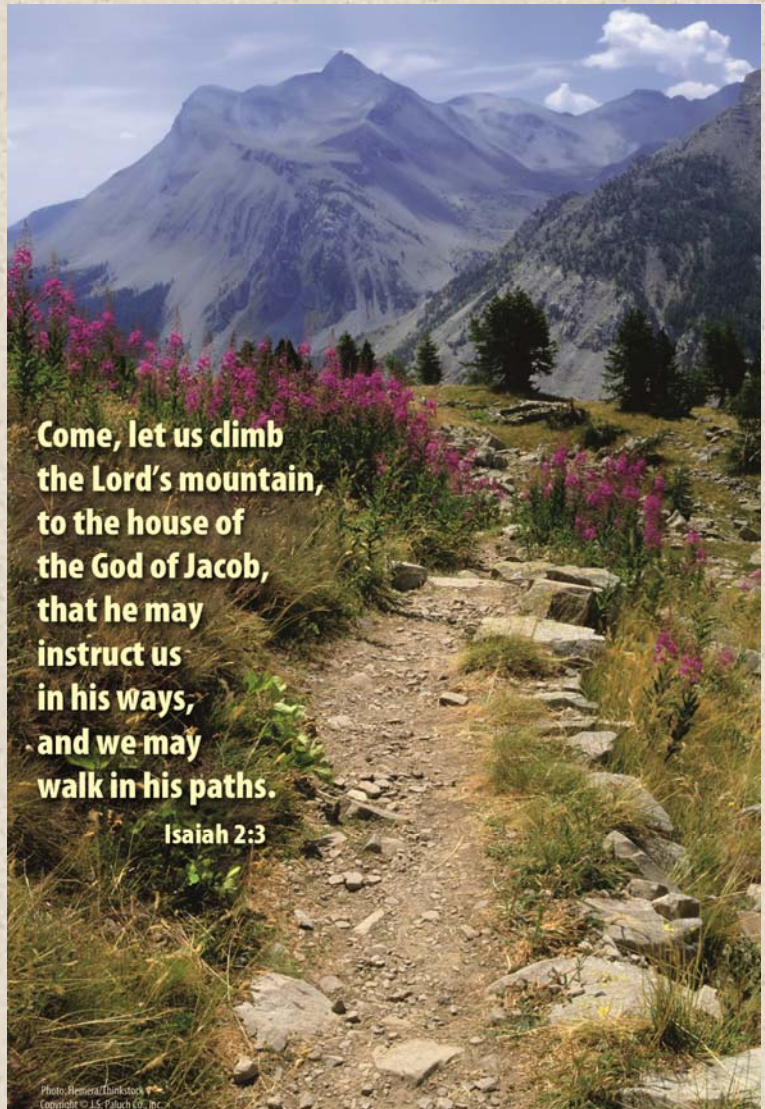
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



**Come, let us climb  
the Lord's mountain,  
to the house of  
the God of Jacob,  
that he may  
instruct us  
in his ways,  
and we may  
walk in his paths.**

Isaiah 2:3

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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 1, 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:**

During advent we look back in time and we see Mary and Joseph at the birth of their child and share the joy of the shepherds and the magi. Then this ordinary child began his adventure as our savior.

During Advent we also look forward in time to Christ's future arrival to close out human history. It is hard for any of us to wait and hope for a long time. Remember when we were kids, we excitedly counted the days to Christmas with all the gifts, holidays and parties.

Today's scripture readings, however, remind us that the final Advent will come unexpectedly and will be decisive for all of us. We need to prepare for it now. The readings today tell us that we are to be awake and alert for this final coming of Christ.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday, December 5, 6-8 pm

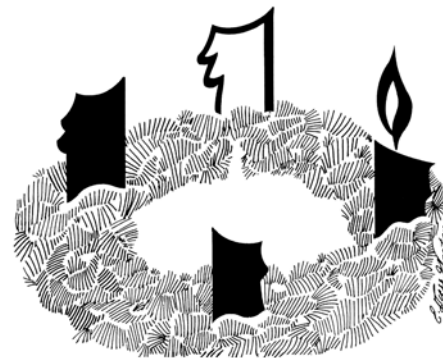



**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Last week we closed "Year C" with Luke's Gospel of Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King sums up the Church year by proclaiming Jesus is the central mystery of our **faith**. He told us to keep His presence alive in the world by bringing His compassion to others, especially the poor, sick, abused as well as helpless babies born and yet to be born. We now mention those afflicted by natural disasters. A sacrifice we can make is to forgive those who have hurt us just as He forgave those who plotted against Him, the soldiers who beat Him, and His disciples who deserted Him. He embraced the cross to show His love for you and me. On the cross He forgave the criminal, the mockers and even His executioners! He calls us to follow Him.

We now transition to **Advent**. The vestments are now violet in color. We prepare for the Coming of Our Lord, the Nativity of the Lord. Next to the pascal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestation (ORDO).


OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to prepare for what really matters and grant that Your Holy Spirit may inspire us to be true followers of Your Son Jesus. May He dwell in us always and keep us ever on the path of holiness. Amen





**Advent Penance Services**  
**December 10, Tuesday**  
 - St. Joseph Church, 7:00 p.m.  
**December 9, Monday**  
 - St. Bartholomew Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**  
**December 11 - 7:00 p.m. and December 12 - 8:00 a.m.**  
 Save the date and plan to attend!



**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](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or call the rectory office.

Make 2014 the Best Year of Your Life!

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Francis Ilano  
 St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).



**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.



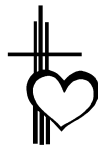
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**

**Still time to register for Religious Education** - Early Childhood at 9:00am, Elementary at 10:30am.  
**Sunday Nursery:** Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

**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.

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



**"Be still. There is no longer any need of comment." Thomas Merton**

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44  
 Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1  
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**"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.

**Youth Ministry Announcements and Events**

\*Change For Youth!!! Today, Youth Ministry will be collecting donations for our upcoming events which include: NY Times best-selling author Immaculee Ilibagiza, Youth Day in Anaheim, and Revelation Youth Nights! Please support our youth!  
 \*Next Revelation is on Thursday **December 5, 7 - 8:30 pm** in the hall.  
 \*Caroling and Progressive Dinner for "high school" teens and "middle school"! Only a \$5 dollar donation. Please RSVP before Nov. 30. Please contact Marc Leon for details.

**Dear Confirmation students!**

Reminder! **Confirmation year 2** class next Sunday **Dec. 8** at 10:30am. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!  
**Confirmation year 1** class is **Dec. 15** at 10:30am.  
 Remember Movement for a Better World is looking for volunteers! Teens, what a great opportunity to serve our community and also earn service hours. They will be putting boxes of food together for families on **Dec 20** for Christmas in the hall. Please sign up if you are interested with either Marc or Lydia or contact Tim Clark. Remember you will need to do 3 service projects a year; this can be one of them!

**Support Elderly Religious** - Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development -**

Thank you for your contributions! Your generous gifts will help end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and overall economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

**A message of Love and Hope...** A Retreat with Immaculee Ilibageeza! Rwandan genocide survivor and author of the bestselling book "Left to Tell" will be in our area on **January 31-February 1** conducting a retreat at St. Dominic Savio Church in Bellflower. This is a special opportunity to see her in Southern California, so don't miss out! All are welcome! To register go to <http://www.immaculee.com/> or call/email Cindy Rodriguez (562) 756-2791/ rodsquad12@msn.com for more details. (The church is located off of the 105 freeway and Bellflower Blvd.)



## St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

**Dec. 2** - 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.

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Luncheon. Gifts - Precious Life Shelter. **Membership dues** - \$10 due on **Jan. 6** 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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Parish Fair will be **May 2-4**. Rides, games, food, live bands, craft faire – do we need to go on?! Save the date. If you're interested in helping to plan/organize the Fair, please contact [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)

### 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 winter months, according to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. 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. 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>.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Luke 4:18.

**Next Weekend: Christmas Gift Envelopes**



- Christmas trees in the church will be decorated by envelopes with information to provide a present for a child of one of our supported families.

Please take an envelope and return your gift to church by 12:30 Mass, Dec. 15.

**Dec. 21: Christmas Food and Gift Distribution** - Can you help us distribute food and Christmas gifts to 66 Long Beach families in need? Please call Amy McKenna at 427-5917.

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

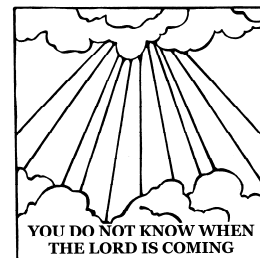


**Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum**, 18127 S. Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, 310-603-0088.

**Volunteer Open House Dec. 7, 11-1.** A chance to learn about the adobe. You can choose from all kinds of volunteer opportunities.

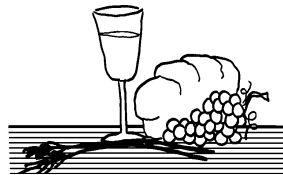
**Holiday Living History Dec. 14, 8-5.** Explore the museum, enjoy tours led by the Dominguez sisters, appetizers and desserts, holiday craft making, dancing and music, toy drive. At 5 pm the holiday lights are turned on as the choir performs in the front gardens. Donation of \$4.

**Holiday Boutique at Our Lady of Refuge - Dec. 8, 8:30-2:30.** A variety of vendors offering quality items, food items for sale, hand made jewelry and accessories, holiday decorations, unique items. Please contact 562-597-3102 for questions.



**Typhoon Haiyan** has struck the very heart of the Philippines. The death and destruction are indescribable. Once again our hearts have been touched just as surely as they were in the aftermath of the earthquake which so recently struck essentially the same region. The Archdiocese is recommending a call to action sponsored by the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**. Donate directly to Catholic Relief Services with a credit card by calling 1-877-435-7277 or by accessing their website at 'Catholic Relief Services' where you will quickly and easily be directed to the process for helping the victims of the typhoon.

# Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, November 30**

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

**SUNDAY, December 1**

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Dondero

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

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Edward Broom and all priests

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

**MONDAY, December 2**

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Larry Darnell and all priests

**TUESDAY, December 3**

8:00 a.m. - † Carol Chick

**WEDNESDAY, December 4**

8:00 a.m. - † Jonathan Valdez

**THURSDAY, December 5**

9:00 a.m. - Milagros Chingcuangco

**FRIDAY, December 6**

8:00 a.m. - † Bobby San Jose

**SATURDAY, December 7**

5:00 p.m. - † William and Dorothy Burfield

**SUNDAY, December 8**

7:30 a.m. - † Don Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - Ruth Passavant, 100th Birthday!

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - Randy Woods

**Together in Mission**

Parish Goal: \$54,990  
 Pledged: 48,982  
 Paid: 48,292

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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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Glen Warren</b>      | <b>Nick Compton</b>      |
| <b>Joseph Comfort</b>   | <b>Irene Avila</b>       |
| <b>Scott Williams</b>   | <b>Justin Ray</b>        |
| <b>Timothy Ring</b>     | <b>Adam Mariano</b>      |
| <b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b> | <b>David Waidelich</b>   |
| <b>Timmy Allison</b>    | <b>Michael Marchante</b> |
| <b>Jason Kaufmann</b>   | <b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>    |
| <b>John Landry</b>      | <b>Jessica Landry</b>    |

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 Reilly & Karen Muccino.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

LITURGY COMMITTEE	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
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USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	<b>425-0621</b>
ALTAR SERVERS	Dcn. Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	<b>422-5430</b>
ALTAR CARE	Rectory	<b>594-4657</b>
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang (sister & brother)	<b>493-2198</b>

**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**

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon & Lydia Tovar	<b>598-0519</b>
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	<b>598-0519</b>
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	<b>598-0519</b>
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	<b>430-6840</b>
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	<b>818-4249</b>

**ADULT MINISTRY**

RCIA	Shane Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
BIBLE STUDY	sfcuda@yahoo.com	
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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
MEDITATION	Dave Desmond	<b>429-3316</b>
	Marie Mitchell	<b>310-490-4012</b>
	Fr. Will Connor	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Ann Crowley	<b>594-7575</b>
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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	<b>537-8210</b>
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	
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	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	<b>431-4385</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	<b>421-6863</b>
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	<b>431-7703</b>
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Tom & Diane Krause	<b>310-316-3477</b>
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	<b>377-5877</b>
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Munoz & Julie Gray	<b>598-0519</b>
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	<b>598-5202</b>
	Olga Cuda	<b>594-4657</b>
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Greg Shea	<b>221-8673</b>
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	<b>420-1877</b>
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	<b>496-4223</b>

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 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)